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Jehovah's Witnesses Skipped My Home Again Today

Jehovah's Witnesses (JW) were in my neighborhood today. I saw a large group of them visiting homes on my street as I came home from running some morning errands. They were probably telling people that Witnesses don't like Christmas. Did you know they don't celebrate the birth of Christ?

Knowing they were headed my way, I started praying for my visit with them and made sure my *Bible* with large print was available.

I watched patiently as they drifted in pairs down the street and gathered in a group across the street from my home. While what appeared to be one of the Elders of the group was talking, I noticed several of them glance at my home. "Oh no" – I thought to myself, "they're going to skip my home again" – just as they have done since 1981.

"Why do they skip my home?" you may ask. It's quite simple...because their organization has marked my home as a place they should not visit. They know that I know what they believe and teach

and that I will strive to witness to them when they come to my door. They know that I am equipped to answer any question they may throw at me and am prepared to point out the errors of their cultic beliefs. That's why.

Why did I think they would come this time? I had some hope because over the past year three Jehovah's Witnesses have stopped at my home to visit with me. I guess they had forgotten to check their marked homes list. When Witnesses come to our home, I strive to ask questions that make them think and often bring up some of their false prophecies. They don't like talking about predictions their organization have made that didn't come true. It upsets them.

I am the author of *Mission Field on Our Doorstep: Jehovah's Witnesses* and have witnessed to hundreds of active Jehovah's Witnesses over the years and met many who have left this organization because they came to know Christ or learned about the false prophecies. Through the Family Shield Counter-Cult

Ministry (which grew out of my work in evangelism at Ascension Lutheran Church in St. Louis) we have assisted and equipped thousands of family members and friends of Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons to cope and witness to their family members and close friends.

I continued to pray as several stood looking at my home and talking to each other. I prayed, "Lord, bring someone who is questioning the teaching of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society to my door. In Jesus name. Amen."

I know those who have questions or doubts won't reveal them to me. If active Jehovah's Witnesses reveal their doubts about the organization to elders or other active JW's they will be disfellowshipped. This means active Jehovah's Witnesses will not be allowed to talk to them. So they normally will keep their questions to themselves.

I remember doing a presentation at a conference organized by Personal Freedom Outreach in St. Louis a few years ago. My topic was

"Responding and Witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses." After my presentation I met two Jehovah's Witnesses who had attended my presentation. They explained that they were getting ready to leave the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and had come to the conference to learn more about Christianity before they resigned. They told me that their teenage daughters, their own children, had turned them in to the JW's elders for reading counter-cult literature. Can you believe it?

Some years ago I interviewed an ex-Jehovah's Witness whose wife turned him in to the elders because he was questioning the JW's teachings against blood transfusions. He told me that when he took his *Bible* and tried to show his wife verses about why he had questions regarding their teachings, she put her hands over her ears and ran out of the room. Eventually the elders told her to divorce him. She did! It's a fact—cults divide families! Especially during the holidays.

Jehovah's Witnesses will

probably continue to skip my home, but may not skip yours. Will you pray for the next Witness that comes to your door? Pray that they will come to know the true Christ of the *Bible*.

Family Shield Ministries offers complimentary tracts to help equip Christians to witness to Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. Call or e-mail us to request a packet of information so you can learn more.

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