

## **My outreach report for 2011 includes:**

In January **an expo was held in San Diego** and a large turn out of readers were there to tell people about the book. About 25 books were sold or given away and people were told how to find a study group.

A **Portland expo weekend** that began with a [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) group that netted 5 new readers, **including the mayor of Portland!** Existing Urantia book readers were invited out to re-ignite new friendship, strengthen bonds and welcome the new readers into the existing network. The expo drew about 10 of the Portland readers out to help us run the booth. Many books were sold or given away. Follow up was done by a reader in Portland to help welcome these book purchasers into the existing study groups. Readers from as far away as 150 miles came out to join in the fellowship lasting into Sunday making this a **very successful 3 day process.**

In June I attended the **Wild Goose Festival** with Paula and Pamela and told many people about the book. Most importantly we learned about the culture of the emergent Christian movement.

In July I was able to **speak about outreach at the conference** and hold a **2-day RUN workshop with Thomas and Aurora.** Many readers are interested in doing outreach and we were able to provide them with techniques and tools that facilitate their efforts.

In August Aurora and I attended a retreat where we were able to meet up with about 40 other readers and tell them about the outreach work we had been doing. **We provided them with tools and techniques for their outreach ministry.**

We also had an **expo in North Carolina** that had very poor participation from the local study groups but we managed to put it together. It became apparent to us how important it is to have a warm, welcoming study group for these new readers to attend once they have the book. Without that many readers will never start or will fail to thrive in their relationship to the book because there is no nurturing and stimulation for them.

While in North Carolina we experimented with **another [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) group** where we helped a fellow Urantia Book reader start a local Cosmic Cafe (open discussion group) with the hopes of introducing people to the book. That was met with some success and **she continues to have an impact** on her local community with these outreach efforts.

August thru October I **traveled around the country** and met with readers and did outreach in Utah, Minnesota, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New England. This was basically just one on one ministry or attending the study group. I also put books in libraries, bookstores or public places and placed hundreds of pieces of literature about the book as I passed by.

I was able to **speak at my local Unity church** twice this year and discuss topics from the Urantia book and I continue to be very **active in my local society, UBLA. Andrea Barnes :)**

