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'Orb' Outreach

Interest in orbs is leading to discussions about Christ

When New Age spiritists gather for the Orbs Sedona Prophets Conference in Arizona this month, Christian sculptor Max Greiner believes the talk will eventually turn to Jesus. That's because he has been witnessing to spiritual seekers who happen upon his Web site, *maxgreinerart.com*, while searching for information about orbs.

Since Greiner began buying the search term "orb" from Google each month, he says hundreds of people have clicked on his site. There they see Greiner's own photos of the translucent



MAX GREINER

» Max Greiner, shown with his *The Coming King* sculpture and an orb hovering over his head

circles that last fall began appearing in photos taken during services at the church he attends in Kerrville, Texas. He says he now finds them in photos taken at Christian events nationwide.

Some view orbs as reflections of dust in front of a camera. But Greiner says the orbs in his photos are supernatural signs of God's presence, and he believes they will lead people to salvation.

In addition to the orb outreach, Greiner is building a 23-acre prayer garden near the interstate in Kerrville that will present the gospel to visitors as they walk through viewing replicas of Greiner's famous bronze statues. When the Kerrville project is complete, he hopes to build similar gardens worldwide, including in Las Vegas; Washington, D.C.; Jerusalem and Sedona, Ariz.

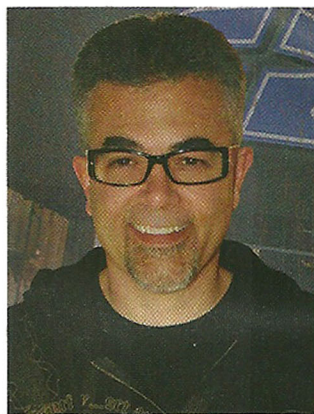
—ADRIENNE S. GAINES

CHANGED LIVES

In the eyes of the world, Cuba-born businessman Aurelio Barreto had it all. But three months after a business deal left him \$20 million richer, the 37-year-old multimillionaire wanted to end his life. "I realized for the first time in my life that money couldn't buy me happiness," Barreto says. "That sent me into a spiral of depression that I had never known before. ... I was ready to commit suicide."

Money also couldn't buy him hope. So Barreto hit his knees. "I prayed: 'God, if this is all You have for me, then I want out of here,'" he says.

He says God answered through a man who shared the gospel with him. "I couldn't believe that there could be more to life than what is right in front of us," he says. "I began praying, 'Lord, whatever gifts and talents that You have given me, can You use them?'"



» Aurelio Barreto

Barreto says a vision for a new business began to blossom with that prayer. Today he has infiltrated malls across America with a Christian clothing chain called C28 (*c28.com*), which stands for Colossians 2:8. To date, the business has netted \$400,000 in profits and led to 7,849 decisions for Christ. He recently opened his 10th store in Florida, but Barreto says the merchandise is just a tool to achieve a larger objective. "Our goal is to send millions of messages every year because the majority of the world has no clue."

—SUZY RICHARDSON



» Barreto's company uses T-shirts, jewelry and accessories to spread a message about Christ.