

Open Air Campaigners Feedback June 2020

Trusting God in America

Even in these unusual times, God is opening doors of ministry. Our Southern California branch director, Frank Baldus, shared with us that at their final open-air outreach meeting before the shelter-in-place order was issued by the state of California, co-worker and former branch director, Russ Hodder, spoke with a couple named Stephen and Michelle. They admitted that the Lord used the virus to draw them back to Himself! Since then, the majority of our OAC staff have adjusted to how they minister the Gospel during these unusual times. Some are initiating for the



first time or ramping up their efforts of sharing online in the form of video Bible Club programs, interviews, Zoom, and FaceTime meetings. Frank shared that as he ventures out to the grocery store, he takes a special DVD on the life of Jesus and offers this to folks (at a safe distance with gloves on, of course). At one store, there was a young woman at a table obtaining voters' signatures for ballot initiatives. Frank spoke briefly with her, and she wound up helping him by changing her music from secular to Christian! At another location, a man who initially rejected the DVD came back to take it. He came back again and told Frank about his wife, who was at home sick, so Frank prayed for her. Then, the man came back a third time, using his phone to introduce Frank to his wife!

Trusting God Overseas

Here is a good word from David Wilson. "We are living in troubling times, but if our trust is in the almighty God,

there is nothing to fear. He is our refuge and strength. When we sailed from New Zealand in 1967 to attend Columbia Bible College in the USA, we were given a scroll by the Director of OAC (I was a voluntary worker). Written on the scroll were these words: 'He has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee' (Heb.13:5). Now in our 50th year as missionaries, we can say He has NEVER left us. Even when we lived in India, and I ended up in ICU with Malaria, and Elaine became paralyzed through calcium deficiency, He NEVER abandoned us. Now with the Coronavirus pandemic, we who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ can hold onto the same promise. In life or death, He will never leave us. He also said, 'My peace I give you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (John 14:27). We are immortal in God's will on earth until He calls us home."



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