



OACI UPDATE

Preach The Good News!

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT LINE MINISTRY OF OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS INTERNATIONAL

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the very strong and important challenges that I believe GOD impressed clearly in my heart in the past few years and specifically in the recent 12-24 months is **'Preaching His Word' by Faith** and doing it **Faithfully**. Paul instructed Timothy in **2 Timothy 4:2** to **'Preach the word, be prepared in season and out of season...'** (NIV) This same instruction is for us today. We must preach the Word of GOD in every opportunity that we have today. We must **prepare** well to preach the Word of GOD at any given time. We are living in a time where so many things are changing every day and very fast, but we must remain true in our faith in GOD who never changes and remain faithful in preaching the Word of GOD. We must continue to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to a world that is changing in terms of their **thinking** and **values**. The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ (the Living Word of GOD) is for the young and the old and for people from every nation, language and culture. It is the only message that brings **hope** to a hopeless society and **life** to dying people. As I continue to read and study the book of Ezekiel there are two very important points that stand out in relation to what I mentioned above, and they are (1) **'The word of the LORD came to me'** and (2) **'Son of man prophesy'...**(speak, preach). My simple understanding of what GOD said to Ezekiel is this, his message came directly from GOD, and he was clearly commanded by GOD to prophesy or preach His Word to the people of Israel. I strongly believe that this is what we need today. We must hear directly from the LORD and receive directly our message from Him, and we must obey without hesitation His command to preach/prophesy His **CHRIST-centred** and **life-related** message to the lost people of today. GOD has already promised that His Word will not return to Him void (**Isaiah 55:11**). my fellow preachers, get to know GOD'S message by reading, meditating and studying the Bible; take a step of faith and obey His command to us all to preach/prophesy His Word (gospel) faithfully.



May the LORD bless you as you obey His command and preach His message where He has placed you. Preach faithfully even though you may not see open and direct results from your preaching. We obey the LORD by preaching His Word, and He will take care of the results and fruit.

Robert M Siakimotu
OACI President.

OAC GREAT BRITAIN

John Wesley's Chapel in the Horsefair, Broadmead, is the oldest Methodist Chapel in the world built in 1739. It was in that year, at the invitation of George Whitefield, that John Wesley first came to Bristol.



Whitefield asked Wesley to take over his work of preaching to the open-air crowds which he had gathered. John Wesley gave his first sermon to a crowd of 3,000 people in the open air. Now in 2007, within 50 metres of the chapel, we set up our sketch board with the same heart, to 'Reach the City' for Jesus. There is something of a sense of history and of continuity to be preaching in the place where Wesley once stood. Reach the City this year attracted delegates from the USA (a team of 12), Spain, Slovakia, Austria, New Zealand and Uganda. Together we had a team of over 60 which included the bulk of the GB staff team. For some of the delegates this was their first experience of street ministry and the first time that many had preached in the open air. It was a thrill for me to listen to them preach. At the other end of the scale church ministers were rediscovering the thrill of getting back out amongst people. Pete Hodge and Steve Gurnett drew the largest crowds of the week with an amazing escape routine that had people on tip toe as they strained to get a better view!

OAC PARAGUAY



A few months ago, Juan (OAC Paraguay Director) returned to a school in a town outside of Asuncion where he had taken an American mission team last year for a day of campaigns. It was encouraging for him to see that a brother from the church, who had been involved in setting up the school campaign, had begun three or four Bible studies a week with students. These studies are continuing today, and much growth has been seen in the students. The picture shows school students after the American team had given them pencils, notebooks, and a poster with John 3:16 printed on it. Last year, OAC Paraguay reached over 50,000 in the harvest fields of the public schools.

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OAC LATVIA



O.A.C. Latvija continues to be pioneered with two highlights from the summer months including a training course in Evangelism & Creative Communication. This 12-hour course was run in the Riga International Bible Institute and open to all Christians. We had about 20 people from a good cross section of denominations, some of whom are now interested in more advanced training courses.

We also had Open Air Evangelism Missions (see photo). In conjunction with the Riga Festival, we ran a series of open air meetings using sketch board and gospel magic. Preaching were Stuart Burnside (O.A.C. Latvija director), Geoff Beckingham and Pete Hodge (O.A.C. G.B.), and the team consisting of Latvian Christians, many of whom were first timers. Over the 11 meetings we averaged about 50 people stopping each time, many taking leaflets, and a good number of in-depth, one-to-one conversations.



Also we had outreaches to Families/Orphanages (see photo). A team of volunteers has now completed their first six months of training and practical evangelism experience, culminating in the summer with an all-day, open air outreach in partnership with others. The whole team has developed their gifts and are excited about the openings for outreach over the coming year.

OAC RUSSIA



The greatest highlight of the ministry was a wonderful time spent in evangelism with a team from Canada (Prairie Bible College). The team was very well prepared and presented a short drama called The Redeemer at the outreaches. It worked out very well and attracted

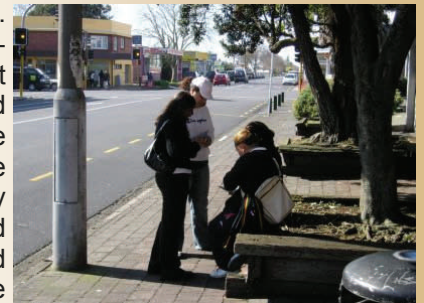
a lot of people wherever we would do the open-air meetings. After the drama, somebody from the team or I preached a clear gospel message illustrated on a sketch board. With such a program we visited several cities located on the shore of the Black Sea, and every time God allowed us to see crowds of people listening to the gospel. Also, at the Area Baptist Youth Conference we shared about our ministry to over 1,000 young people from many churches. Many asked us to come to their places for training and open-air evangelism. David Wilson.

EQUIPPING THE PREACHERS



Paul, specifically mentioned the importance of preachers being sent to preach the word (Romans.10:14/15). It has been a real joy for me to train many Christians in the past few years on **Practical and Effective Evangelism**. I meet

some of these people on a regular basis and I have seen them talking to someone about the gospel of Christ. I receive phone calls and emails from some of them asking for more resources, especially gospel booklets and simple tools for sharing the gospel with others. Recently I trained a group of students from a college here in Auckland and then took them out to the streets. Most of them have never shared the gospel with anyone before let alone going out to talk to people on the street. Some of them were nervous as they went out but they returned rejoicing and excited because of the opportunity to share the gospel with people they met. Some of them prayed with some people, and led them to Christ. Praise the LORD.



MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE USA



Looking back on the past six weeks and particularly several months has been awe-inspir-

ing. This week put a perfect book-ending to our six-week adventure. We had open-air meetings every night on the boardwalk in Ocean City. Several crowds grew very large (70 or so) and the gospel went out to receptive ears. On one occasion Ben and Christine entered into a gospel conversation when one individual began "hitting" on three girls who were a part of the audience (they happened to be Christians). He confronted him in this act, and the six of them sat down for at least two hours of conversation about God. Ben said he seemed quite affected by the conversation. His name was Buddy. The team has been bold and loving in their presentation of the gospel. There is now an excitement about God and His message that was not evident at the beginning of this trip. Again, words do not describe the change I see in these teens. Our hope is that they will endure, persevering in what they have grown to know. Please keep the teens in prayer that their love for God would only grow. Thank you so much for your prayers as this summer unfolded. I am grateful! Please keep me in prayer as well as I eventually will finish out my last year at Moody. Pray for direction. Grace, Tim Hanlon

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ALBANIA Summer Project

We wanted to share some pictures from the summer project. The focus of this summer has been Jr. High age (11-13), and we've been working in Korca and several of the villages and towns. We did a big event last week where we gathered them all together; we had over 250 kids and about 50 youth staff!! They all gathered in the beautiful village of Voskopoja and were divided into teams, "Indians" and "Angels." We had relay races, obstacle courses, and fun games with a meal and devotions. It was a really successful day; we've had lots of positive feedback. So, we praise the Lord! We are very proud of our youth leaders for putting it all together and are very grateful to many of you who have been praying and supporting. Annie Davey.



OAC BRAZIL

Near Campinas is a poor city called Monte-Mor. We went there to hold an open-air movie meeting with a pastor. Around his church were many houses that the people use for Spiritism. It is a very difficult place to work and a real war against Satan. The pastor has two women working there week by week for preaching the gospel to the kids, but the spirits have been trying to impede the kids from hearing the gospel. It is a hard work, but we went there and invited the people during the afternoon to see an open-air movie. And the people came! I preached after the movie, and when I invited the people to accept Jesus, approximately 25 people came and prayed with us! The Pastor has been visiting these people in their homes to give continuous follow-up. It was a hard war there, but Christ gave us the victory.



Bruno & Camila

OAC FIJI

Our beloved country has been going through some real challenging times politically in the past few months and also facing some tough times economically. A lot of people are finding it hard to meet their basic needs BUT the doors of opportunity to preach the gospel in the open air and in the schools is still there. There is a real hunger and thirst amongst the people for GOD, and many of them are searching for reality and hope. Our OAC staff continue to have good crowds listening to the gospel in their open-air meetings. Those who respond openly and seek counselling are asking really deep and meaningful questions about GOD and eternity. A good number of them trusted Christ as their LORD and Saviour. In the schools and children's clubs, children eagerly listen to stories from the Bible being told by our staff, and so many of them willingly participate in the programmes. **The harvest is certainly ready and plentiful.** Please pray with and for us so that GOD will release more workers and resources in order for us to gather in the harvest more effectively.



Open-Air preaching continues to be held on Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting. Listeners are challenged and led

to pray and receive the Lord Jesus as their Savior and Lord. They are, also, encouraged to join a Bible-believing church/fellowship in order to help them to grow spiritually.



In schools, we are taking weekly Scripture lessons in each of the four classes [1 – 4] in one of the primary schools in Suva. We are praying that there will be

more workers and more primary schools opening their doors for this arm of the ministry.

Thank you,
Tevita W Tamani and the OAC Fiji Team

OAC Australia



OAC Ministries seeks to partner with local churches to reach out into their communities through primary and secondary school ministry, church-based outreach activities, seniors programs, holiday activities and training seminars. In all of these activities the goal is to proclaim the life-transforming good news of the gospel. During the recent school holidays, the OAC team held a holiday program with a rural church for the third year running. A seven-year-old boy went home and said, 'I've got to go back again tomorrow to hear more about God.' The team was amazed to hear some of the questions the children asked during ministry sessions like: "How can God be all over the world?" and "Does that mean there are lots of gods?" Local Christians have been encouraged to persevere - all with one goal - to see seeds planted and watered in the lives of local children and families. Another team spent a few days in rural Victoria where over 500 people attended various meetings. Their ministry generated many questions about the deep

issues of life. The team used interactive, computer generated games, personal testimonies and Bible stories to present the gospel of Christ. Another branch of the work of OAC in Australia is amongst senior citizens in retirement villages. A lady who had recently had a stroke was really struggling came to the chapel service for the first time. When she heard the reference to 'One day at a time', she said she 'felt like he was talking directly to me.' What an encouragement!

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OAC ECUADOR



Recently we had the opportunity to present the gospel of Jesus Christ at the Police Department, and Air Force & Navy bases in Manta (see photo). Another part of our ministry is

neighbourhood film meetings. In one place called "Circunvalación," around 30 people prayed to receive Jesus in their hearts. We invited them to a home Bible study, and Edwin and his wife came. Jackeline, the hostess of the Bible study, discipled them for almost two months. Recently, Edwin had an accident and passed away. We couldn't imagine that the Lord was giving Edwin that night, his last opportunity to receive the Lord and be saved. Last Sunday, Edwin's wife and mother came to our church. As evangelists, we do not know what the Lord is doing around us, but if we are just obedient to His command to proclaim the gospel everywhere to everybody we can, the Lord will use us for His purposes and His glory.

David & Monica Proano

OAC INDIA



In our West Bengal Branch, our OAC evangelists have seen a number of churches and small house fellowships started from those who have come to Christ through their ministry. In one village, where there

was only one Christian family and a newly converted pastor, a church was planted after an open-air film meeting. The picture shows some of the congregation, as they came to help on another open-air outreach. In another area, a pastor planted a church from 15 families that had come to Christ after hearing our evangelists proclaim the Good News. In another village, where the people did not allow our evangelists to do ministry, they returned one year later to try again. This time they were not stopped, but showed a film and preached. Now there is a church with more than 30 families. Christ is building His church in India. David Wilson. (George Oommen Driector)



OAC U.S.A

Mark Kennedy and Paul Adams shared the gospel recently at the Baltimore Juvenile Prison. After Paul shared his testimony and a short message, he approached a young man with a gospel of John. He asked him his name to which he responded, "Satan." Paul told him that God loved him and that he, too, was once a scoffer but was now a believer. Paul then went to another table and talked with some other youths. As he was talking, the young man who said his name was Satan came over and said, "I want to listen to what you have to say." Paul shared the gospel with them all and at the end asked if they had any prayer requests? This same young man responded, "Yes, I want to pray to be saved." Paul explained to him, for a good ten minutes, the cost of his request - that he would have to turn from his own way and to God and to trust Jesus, His shed blood on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead. Paul asked, "Is this what you want to do?" The young man said, "Yes." Paul then instructed him to pray in his own words confessing his sins and placing his trust in Jesus and His work on the cross. Praise God, the young man bowed his head and prayed to trust Jesus.

Blessings, John Cutlip

OAC DENMARK

Jesus changed my life.

Every summer we are a team of about 20 people doing a two - week outreach at the biggest camp site in Denmark. The camp site is owned by a Christian couple who wants us there to share the good news about Jesus amongst



children and youth. One of the activities is a youth café every night, where we are talking and witnessing and drinking coffee. At midnight we are preaching a short message. There was a message this summer was very encouraging. One of the young guys, who visited us several times in previous years, became a Christian during the last year. He gave his testimony: "Some of you know me. I lived my life far away from God, but I became a Christian, because Jesus changed my life." It was wonderful to hear it. And the others listened very carefully. We are looking forward to next year. We hope and pray that some of them will receive Christ during the next year. Greetings, Torben

OAC CANADA

Canada's newest OAC missionaries are located in the Maritimes: Kirk Hubick lives in Nova Scotia and Todd Nielsen lives in New Brunswick. They have been busy preaching together in Charlottetown, PEI and Pugwash, NS, on Canada Day (July 1st), Halifax, NS, for the huge biannual gathering of the Tall Ships (July 13th and 14th), St. John, NB, for "St. John Idol" (a live vocal contest on Wednesday nights), outside the Aerosmith concert in Charlottetown, PEI, on July 21st, as well as four Bible camps. God has been gracious to allow them fantastic opportunities to preach the message of the cross to many people this summer.

UKRAINE

The small town called Katuzhanka lies in the Chernobyl zone. Two years ago, one of the Kiev churches sent a missionary there, and he started a new church. He wrote to many missions for help in carrying out evangelistic programs, but all were afraid to come because of the radiation. When he asked us to come, to be honest we were afraid, too, but nevertheless we resolved to go. At one program, after the message of the gospel, many people lifted their hands expressing their desire for Christ to change their lives. After the program a man approached us who was 47 - 50 years old. He told how four months ago, after he had drunk plenty of vodka, he had severely beaten his wife and children. We saw how heavy and ashamed he was to tell us about his deeds. Now, having prayed to accept Christ into his heart, he told us that he really loved his wife and children very much and wished to ask their forgiveness. Our task as evangelists is to carry the Good News to people everywhere, even if it's in the Chernobyl zone. Anatoly.

OAC REPS UGANDA



The OAC Team in Uganda takes tents to live in when doing the village evangelism in order not to be a burden on the local community. They start the Jesus film session off by showing clips of

Manchester United football, with a promise of more the following evening. They then show the Jesus Film followed by direct gospel preaching. Many people respond, and in one Muslim village the son of the Chief was the first to the front to commit his life to the Lord, followed by many of the villagers who hadn't really dared to do so until they saw him at the front. I think about 600 were converted that time, which presented problems for the little local pastor in follow-up!

OAC NEW ZEALAND



We are constantly amazed at people's openness to hear about Jesus. I was speaking to a man the other day, when he asked what I did. I told him, and he was most surprised that people were receptive, and they are! We have been doing a

"Good Person Test" in Auckland, New Zealand, which is a flip chart on the sketch board where people come to us to do the test, a mixture of open-air preaching style and personal evangelism. We have found that it is received well in New Zealand. We continue to do personal evangelism and children's programmes, not to mention rest homes, hostels and other outreaches. God Bless. Tania.



On July 12, one of our young people who is a member of our team, Mariel Babor was requested by his values teacher to handle the class for one hour during two classes.

He used the giant Evange Cube to present the gospel. The attendance of the two classes was 120 students and almost all responded to the invitation. Glory to God! This happened because inside the campus seven of them were using the small Evange Cube for their one-on-one soul winning and thrice already they have used the board painting to preach in the school. So the teacher saw that these young people has courage to share and one was given a chance to do so for just that time in two class rooms. The head teacher knew it, and she called Mariel to her office she told Mariel that she is going to arrange the time that our team members could have the privilege to share with all the high school students. Praise God! Bless ya! Rob.

OAC JAMAICA - A TESTIMONY



Sharlene Sutton is a pastor's daughter. We both attend the same church. At our 35th wedding anniversary last December, she shared in the programme. She said that as a young girl she

went to summer camp, where I was the speaker. When I gave the invitation, she gave her heart to the Lord. Then she said it was my wife, (Auntie) Bev who counselled her. Sharlene is now a brilliant school teacher and is very skillful in special education, including sign language. I have ministered in the school where she previously taught and also in the school she is currently teaching. She is, also, quite active in our church. Sharlene is now married to a young man that loves the Lord. They have two young, lively boys, ages 5 & 2 and a half. "Bring the children to Me, for of such is the Kingdom of God." Keith Phillips.

HIGHLIGHTS:

OAC INDIA

God gave us many blessings through open-air meetings and school programmes. We saw around 3000 school children in our school meetings. Our evangelists taught them the word of life in open-air meetings at the school campus. Many students responded. OAC Assam did some evangelism work at rural places. In some places we had to carry our materials on foot for the open-air meetings. Many people received the Gospel after seeing our programme. S.K.Soothing

OAC SLOVAKIA

We have had a very busy few months with camps for all ages from 7—21. With all the camps, we have seen some great things, and we hope to see their faith stronger the next time they come to camp. We will continue to pray that they will come to know Christ in a deeper way. I wish you God's blessing and His strength in all the work you are doing for Him. Katka Bencova

SINGAPORE

Gayle and I were in Singapore recently where we had been speaking to primary school groups of up to 800 kids. Gayle, as Chloe the clown, was the star! There were also quite a number of training events with a larger group of teachers at a church where I was bringing a brand new topic ("Maintaining the Passion"). May I ask you to not only remember us, but also my NSW co-worker, Neil, who recently had heart by-pass surgery. Also, that we might have some of the Singapore rain in Aussie! Thanks so much! Rob and Gayle.

OAC Boston

Eight out of ten people we speak to here in Boston are from a foreign country and are now living here in the States. It is so exciting to witness to Muslims from Africa, people from the Middle East and the Far East, Europe, Central and South America right here on our own soil. In our subway ministry, we have the privilege of sharing the Lord with a new group of people every 10 minutes. A new group of 40 to 50 people file in and sit down to wait for a train each time. We preach the gospel approximately every 10 to 20 minutes making sure we leave time to counsel one-on-one. This means that over 1,000 people hear the gospel every week. Please pray that we may continue to have freedom to do this type of preaching without problems from the subway security personnel.

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Please pray for...

- All the OAC staff and their families around the world.
 - For God's covering and protection over them all.
 - For God's provision of resources needed for effective ministry and family needs.
 - For fruitful ministry and lasting results from their ministry opportunities.
- For all the OAC leadership teams in each country where OAC is now established.
- For more countries to be opened allowing OACI to start a new branch in the next five years.
- For more people to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ in the next 12-24 months in each of the OAC branches around the world.
- For more supporters (prayer and financial) to join the present support teams in all the OAC branches worldwide.
- For the next OACI conference in Toronto, Canada, May 22-30, 2008.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Never before have there been so many opportunities to be involved in missions with so many open doors and so many people coming to Christ. Is God calling you to become involved?

Consider the following opportunities on the front line of evangelism with OAC:

- Overseas mission trips
- Summer and short-term missions
- Career ministry as an evangelist

If you can't be involved directly, prayerfully consider helping to support an OAC national evangelist, who is reaching his own countrymen for Christ. For details contact one of our offices.



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