

The Beaudoin Family

Missionaries with Open Air Campaigners, Bringing the Gospel to the San Francisco Bay Area

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HELLO FRIENDS! It's great to have the privilege of sharing a bit about our family, and our work with Open Air Campaigners. God has done amazing things with the ministry over the last 100+ years and we are excited to see what plans He has for us here in the Bay Area, and Northern California. We hope you'll consider joining us in our journey.

WHAT IS OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS? - *Open Air Campaigners (OAC) is an evangelistic ministry of preaching the Gospel to lost people and mobilizing the body of Christ to do the same, primarily through effective open-air outreach.*

Our mission is to take the gospel of Christ out from the church and into the public arena. Day in and day out you will find our evangelists proclaiming Christ on busy city sidewalks, in marketplaces, in parks, on college campuses, and in neighborhoods. Anywhere that people move and gather, you will find our 'pulpit.'

OAC began in 1892 when a lawyer in Australia named E. P. Field, began preaching the Gospel in Sydney. He was concerned that the majority of Australians did not attend church. ***If someone did not take the Gospel to them, how would they ever hear?*** The group of people who came to help E.P. Field first called themselves the New South Wales Prayer Band. Later, the name Open Air Campaigners was adopted.

OAC has always followed the principle of taking the Gospel to where the people are, rather than waiting for them to come to us. OAC's evangelists have always been innovative. Early in our history, we adopted visual techniques, including using sketchboards to illustrate our messages. The sketchboard continues to be our primary outreach tool, and continues to be very effective in reaching people with the message of the Gospel.

In 1956 Open Air Campaigners came to North America. Jim Duffey, who had been converted to Christ at an OAC meeting himself, led the initial team and had a profound impact upon the entire history of the work in North America. He was appointed International Director at the first International Conference of Open Air Campaigners in 1966 and in 1978 became the International President.

Today, the legacy E.P. Field started, and Duffey carried on continues. **OAC operates in 13 states, and 30 foreign countries,** and is continuing to expand. Our current goal is to impact the 25 largest metro areas in the US by 2025, and the Bay Area Branch is the most recent step toward that goal. God has been very faithful, and we are excited to see what else He has in store!



ABOUT THE BEAUDOINS - Dan was saved in his teens, and from early in his Christian life has felt a desire to be involved in full-time ministry. He was called to street evangelism in 2008, through an evangelism boot camp run by Living Waters. Since then, it has been his passion, and his primary activity when not working. ***Dan has been involved in many types of outreaches, from tract distribution to open-air preaching, mall ministry, teaching evangelism classes, organizing conferences, leading outreach teams and individually mentoring others in sharing their faith.*** More recently, Dan was accepted as a full-time missionary evangelist with Open Air



Campaigners, and tasked with planting a mission branch in the San Francisco Bay Area, to raise up additional full-time evangelists, and to equip and encourage Christian believers and churches in the area to share their faith.

Dan has been married to Becky for almost 20 years, and they have two daughters, Naomi and Melody. Becky was raised in a strong Christian family and came to Christ early in life. Since graduating college with a teaching degree, she has worked teaching preschool, kindergarten and children's music. She also works homeschooling Naomi and Melody. Both girls are very active in church, and like their mom and dad, love music!

OUR FUTURE PLANS – There is so much to do, and so many opportunities for ministry, it's almost difficult to know where to start, but here are some more immediate goals:

- **Continue to expand our outreaches across the Bay Area** - We currently have regular outreaches in San Jose, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, Oakland, and San Francisco. Think there is a good spot for ministry near you? Let us know!
- **Set up kids Bible study meetings** - Very often the best way to reach a family for Christ is through the kids. Let's talk about starting a club in your school!
- **Partner with local churches** – Being an evangelist is also about equipping the saints for the work of service. Let us know how we can help your church!

How can you be part of this ministry? Lots of ways!

- **Pray!** - This must be God's work. Lift it to Him.
- **Donate!** - We are able to continue due to your gifts. Visit yoursoulmatters.org/blog/donate
- **Join us!** - We can't do this alone. Come out and minister with us. You will be encouraged!
- **Spread the word!** – Pass on this information to friends, family, and your church leadership.

You find out more at OACUSA.org, or contact the Beaudoins at dan@yoursoulmatters.org or 408-768-9262. We hope to hear from you!



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