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<u>Open Air</u>

Hello all! Thanks for following our ministry. It's been a good couple of months, with lots of new opportunities. I pray this update is an encouragement.

Festivals and Fairs – I had some great ministry time at local fairs and festivals this last two months. Art and Wine festivals are great spots to share with people. They are there to relax, so they have the time to stop and talk. For many festivals, we also end up in the Free Speech section, which means a chance to talk to people at other booths, often from other faiths. At the Santa Clara Art and *Wine Festival* we were able to talk to several groups, and had a particularly good conversation two men sharing about Islam, and with a couple young agnostics who stopped to participate in that discussion. We also attended the *Milpitas* Christian School Race for Education. I presented two sketchboard messages, along with sharing many one-on-one object lessons. It was a very fruitful time. We also attended the *Campbell* **Oktoberfest**, and though the weather turned bad, we were still able to hand out a fair amount of Gospel tracts. Next year should be even better.



Our outreach booth at the Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival



Sharing at the Milpitas Christian Race for Education festival



Cathy & Susan sharing one-on-one Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival A

At the Campbell Oktoberfest, selling drinks & sharing the word

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Halloween Outreaches: Although I don't like the holiday at all, I always look forward to the opportunities to share the Gospel that Halloween provides. This year, God provided a couple of brand new opportunities, which were a great encouragement to me.

Crosswalk Community Church Festival – I found out about this event through a friend, a teacher who hosts a kids club run by a pastor from Crosswalk. The church had a community festival on the Friday before Halloween, and it was very well attended. I completed one sketch, and so many people were interested I must have presented that one message 10 times! I was also able to give out tons of tracts, and a half dozen Bibles as well. It was a great event, and I hope to go back next year.

Home Church Harvest Festival – This was the first year of our church harvest festival, but despite that, there was a pretty good turnout! We had a tract table and the sketch board, but the object lessons (particularly the Chemical Cross) seemed to be a hit. It went well, and I'm excited to see this event really take off in upcoming years.

Downtown San Jose Bar/Club District – This was our eighth year preaching to the Halloween weekend party goers, and though the traffic was lighter than previous years, there were still plenty of people. We had a good sized team, including several other good street preachers, and plenty of good conversations. I need to preach there more. I used to be there weekly, and I've missed it.



Set up at Crosswalk Church



Adam preaching at 2nd and San Fernando in San Jose



Sharing at the Home Church Harvest Festival

Good street preachers are rare. I'm blessed to know many!

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Not Everyone is Seeking God – This is

Francisco. Tim Nunes and I ran into him on a blustery afternoon in San Francisco in September. We talked for quite a while, and he seemed to understand much of the Gospel already. Some might have pushed him to repeat a sinners prayer, and likely would have proclaimed him saved if he did. We certainly wanted to see him saved, but there was something preventing it. Repentance.



Speaking with Francisco near Union Square

Some will say everyone is seeking God in

their own way, and in a sense that is true. The problem is that that often involves those people holding onto their sins. It is this fact that leads to much of the idolatry we see around us. People say they want God, but more often than not, they want a God that smiles at their sin, one who will let them keep living as they want. But faith without a repentant heart is not possible. We have to come to God on His terms, not ours. Francisco walked away knowing exactly what he needed, and choosing to remain in his sin. Many others do too, so keep that in mind when you share your faith. Your job is to faithfully share the truth, not to close the deal. That's God's job. And do pray God grants Francisco the gift of faith, drawing him to Himself. God is good, and there is still hope.

Praise and Prayer Report :

- I mentioned in our last update that one of our cars was totaled. By God's grace, we got a very good used car, and were able to buy it for less than the settlement the insurance company gave us. More than that, it is in better shape, and has substantially less mileage than our last one. Praise God!
- God has continued to provide for our daily needs through extra work for both Becky and I, and generous gifts from friends and family. Please pray God will continue to provide, and that He will provide more ministry support, so I can shift more of my time that direction.
- God has also provided more ministry opportunities to work both with my own church, and other local churches. Pray He continues to do so. The more local believers and congregations we can partner with, the better. I hope to see many more harvesters out in the fields soon.
- Our family has been struggling with some health issues. Please pray for healing.
- Christmas is coming up, and Christmas in the Park, a local holiday event that runs from Black Friday through New Years, and which will draw hundreds of thousands of people, is coming up quickly. It's my favorite outreach of the year, and I want to spend as much of December as possible sharing the Gospel there. Please pray God opens the doors for this to happen.
- I'm still praying for kids club opportunities. Pray I can get one or two started soon, possibly by the beginning of the year.

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Pictures from recent outreaches. I am blessed to have this ministry, and good ministry partners

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- OAC has been at the task of evangelism since 1892!
- Our ministry is to the lost in the open air, to those who will not or cannot come into our churches
- Our staff minister as a family. We help one another and work together for the Lord
- As OAC missionaries, we are not in this alone partners of all kinds are needed.
- Full-time OAC staff can currently be found in 1 states and in over 30 countries around the world! See oaci.org for more information

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