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January/February 2017 Ministry Report

Hello all! Thanks for following our ministry. Here is our update from the first quarter of 2017. There is much to be thankful for, and also many items to keep in prayer. Please take a few minutes to read through, and to pass this on to anyone who might be encouraged, or who might be interested in supporting us.

The Next Year for OAC Bay Area: An update – Several months into the new year, future plans are continuing to gel. Here are some directions I believe God is leading me and our local ministry:

Continued Adult Street Ministry – Our street ministry has been going very well, and I'm planning to keep our current monthly schedule more or less consistent. Pray God continues to work.

Youth Group Ministry – I've had several recent opportunities, and I'm working at putting together an outline for youth evangelism and apologetics training. More to come, but I'm getting excited!

Neighborhood Kids Ministry/VBS – I have been convicted about this type of ministry for some time. I'm working with our church's Family Pastor on setting up our Vacation Bible School, and I'm also working on putting together training details, potential locations and a team to help with kids clubs. Pray God continues opening doors for summer ministry and kids clubs during the school year, and that our church is able to reach out to the families in our local community.

Stanford University Ministry – I'm very excited about how this opportunity is working out, including the opportunity to work with members of a local Christian club on campus. Pray for this ministry in general, and a specific upcoming outreach where we will be giving away Gospel DVDs.

Abortion Ministry – I've been convicted about this for quite a while as well, and I'm hoping time and finances will allow me to spend at least a morning a week out at the local clinic. Please pray God provides, and also that He gives wisdom on how to communicate with those I meet.

Norcal Fire – We will NOT be holding Norcal Fire this year. Striving for Eternity is doing some reorganization, so we're taking a year off. We may consider local evangelism training, so pray for wisdom on this.



TOP: Preaching near the Ferry Building in San Francisco. MIDDLE: Talking to a student at Stanford University. Bottom: Brothers Tim and Adam outside Planned Parenthood.



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Divine Appointments:

Paul from South Korea (San Francisco) - Near the end of a slow day on the San Francisco waterfront, when I was starting to take the table down, Paul came up. He was visiting from out of country on business (though he was born in the States), and we had a very good talk. He was clearly struggling with some things, and was very open to the Gospel. Before he left he prayed to receive Christ! What a joy!! I'm hoping and praying we can stay in touch. Please pray God continues to work in his life, and that he is able to find a good, Bible-believing church when in arrives home.

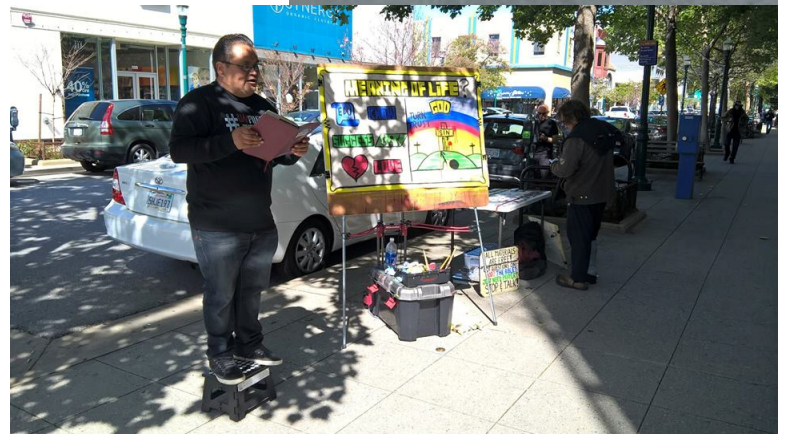
A Rainy Night at the Coffee Shop – On a rainy Friday evening James, Tim, and I decided to get together at a local coffee shop for fellowship. The rain was too heavy at our planned outreach spot, and we thought a busy coffee shop might provide a chance to share the Gospel as well.

When we arrived we found the shop almost completely empty, very unusual since it is often very full. But while we were getting our drinks, I noticed one of the few customers had a book on hypnotism and a stack of Tarot cards next to him. I asked the young man, Farzine, how he gotten into them, and told him my friends and I were Christian evangelists. And he recognized me! Apparently we had talked once at San Jose State when I was there

preaching with the sketch board, and he remembered talking to me and enjoying the conversation. I shared some verses from Deuteronomy that talk about the occult, and asked him to consider the danger of what he was doing. He said he would, and took my card. It was a good reminder that God always has divine appointments waiting.

Crossroads Youth and Sharing With a Pagan – About a month ago a sister in Christ connected me with a local youth pastor. The pastor was planning on taking his teens out to share the Gospel in Santa Cruz, but wanted to get better Gospel tracts, and wasn't sure where to find them. So I gave him a call, provided some tracts, and ended up speaking at his youth group that week! It was particularly special, since back in the 80s I had been invited to that same group, and it was in that church that I was saved, and met my wife.

Alphonso and I arrived in Santa Cruz early on the morning of the outreach. It was quiet, but we had a few conversations, and the students seemed encouraged by the sketches I presented. Then, at the end of the second or third sketch, a tall young man came up to talk. He had walked by and refused a tract earlier, but stopped when he heard the Gospel presentation. It turned out he had "tried" Christianity at one point, but had been raised at a Pagan, and was currently practicing that faith. It quickly became clear he had never understood the Gospel, and he listen and asked many questions. At the end, he said he would have to re-evaluate what he had been believing. What a great way to end a conversation!





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Outreach Encouragement – Don't Quit Yet – Recently during another slow ministry night, this one in Redwood City, I was reminded that God has His timing, and it's frequently very different than ours. This night I was out solo, which is unusual, and can be difficult. I was planning to spend about three hours on the streets, and at well over two hours I had had no conversations, and was having trouble even passing out tracts. I was getting discouraged, and was even thinking of packing up a bit early, since I had an early morning the next day. But I decided to stay, and just give it to God. So I stayed, kept passing out tracts, and prayed.

At about the two and-a-half hour mark I had a couple young men come up, and I was able to go through one of my sketch board presentations with them. They clearly had not heard the Gospel presented Biblically before, and payed very close attention. At the end they were really happy, and excited. They even bought me a cup of coffee as a thank you! And while they were getting the coffee I had another group come by. And then another. And another. At the end I ended up staying almost an hour later than I had planned! It reminded me a bit of my journey into ministry, and how God worked there. When I came to Christ I almost immediately felt called to full-time ministry. But it took almost 20 years before God made it clear that my ministry was to be in evangelism (the last thing I would have expected up to that point), and another 6 years before I was able to join with Open Air Campaigners. It was a wonderful reminder that God's timing is not ours, and if we are patient and trust, the result will often be much better than we expect.

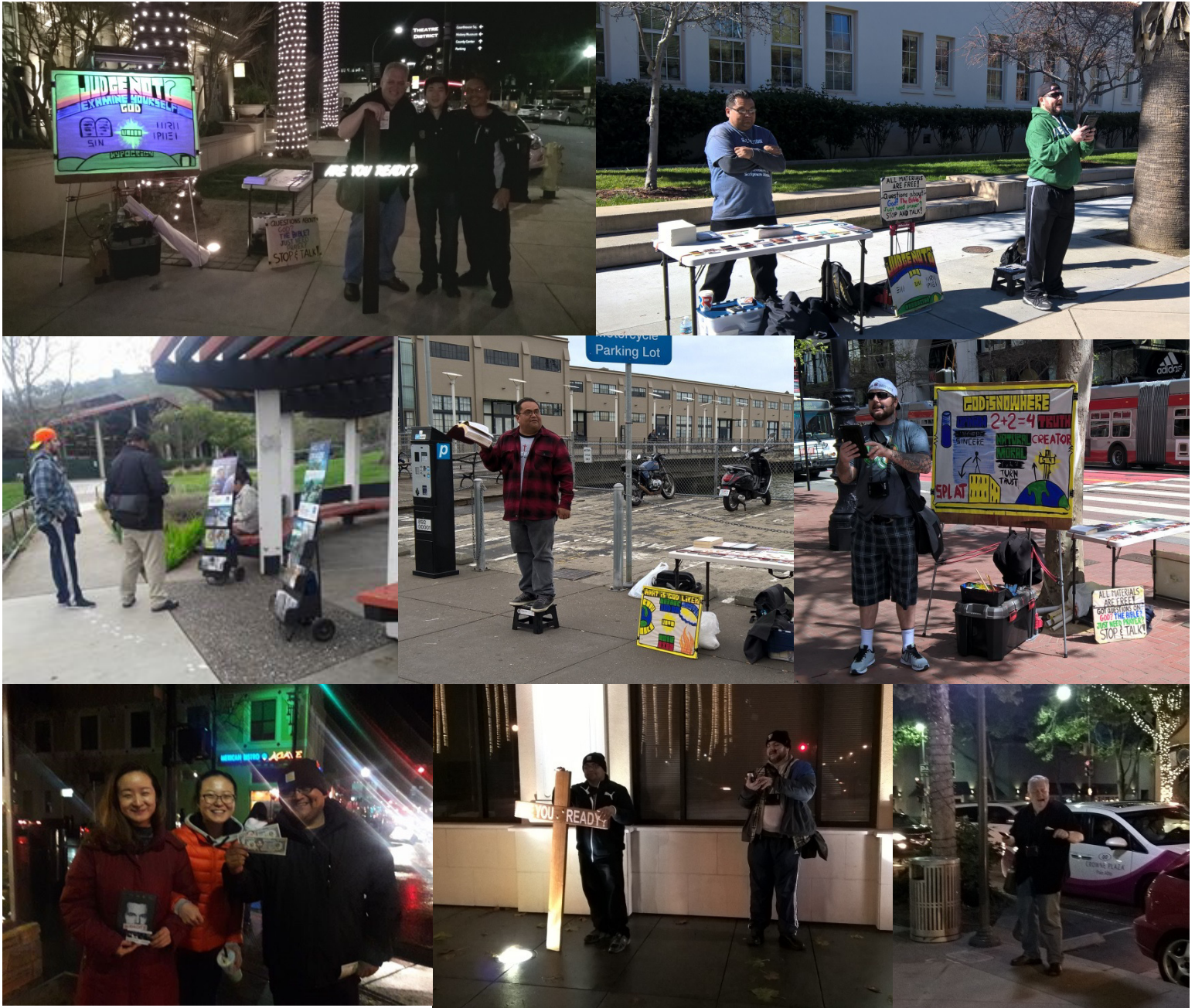
Praise and Prayer Report :

- Holiday ministry, and particularly Christmas in the Park ministry, was very good. Pray for all those who heard, received tracts, and who we were able to talk to one-on-one.
- God has continued to provide for our daily needs and ministry opportunities. I'm continuing to pray that He will allow us to shift more focus and time towards ministry, so we can take full advantage of those opportunities
- Our family has been struggling with some health issues, but things have gotten better, praise God. The one area we are still lacking is health insurance. Please pray God provides in this area.
- Thanks to the generosity of some family friends, we were able to spend several days in Lakeport and several days in South Lake Tahoe recently. This was rest and family time that we really needed, and the time was wonderful. And, despite traveling during one of the worst storm seasons of the past decade, the trip was relatively calm, and there were no safety issues (though we spent a lot of time on the road in slow traffic). Praise God for His protection!
- This is the LAST semester of high school for our oldest, Naomi. She is trying to decide between college right away, working for a while first and going to community college, or possibly spending some time on the mission field after she graduates. Please pray that God leads her, and shows her what He has planned.



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Partners in ministry and a variety of outreach methods. God can and does use all of them!

OAC Quick Facts:

- 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

To support the ministry, you can:

- Pray! - This must be God's work. Lift it to Him.
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