



## July 2017 Ministry Report

# Open Air Campaigners Bay Area The Beaudoin Family

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Hello all!! Thanks for being part of our ministry. Yes, if you are reading our newsletters and praying for us, you are part of this ministry. It is the prayers and support of believers like you that make it possible for us to go the streets and share the Gospel. I pray the highlights and article below will be an encouragement, and that you will not only continue your support, but that you will be encouraged to share the Gospel yourself. God bless you!

### **Outreach Highlights – Some highlights from last month**

**Pleasanton – Mamoud** – There are some conversations that are particularly sweet for me, and among them are those with older folks. This is because many people become so set in their ways once they reach retirement age, or close to it, that they are very hard to speak to about spiritual things. Mamoud was not only an older gentleman, but

also one who came from a Muslim background. While many of similar background would have walked away, Mamoud stayed and we had a wonderful conversation. At the end, he took a Gospel tract and some literature about the Qur'an. Please pray for him.

**San Jose – It's Not Just About the Crowds** – We have had several really good days ministering in downtown San Jose recently. It's a big city, but it's very spread out, and there aren't a lot of high foot-traffic areas, like many other big cities. Still, it's my home, and I want to share the Gospel here as best I can. So we've been going downtown, and even without crowds big enough for the sketch board, God has really blessed the time. So if you live in a city for town without much foot traffic, be encouraged. What the crowds are doing doesn't have anything to do with what God is doing, and God will provide opportunities. So don't give up. Find the best spot you can, and see what God does! He will honor your obedience.



*Speaking to a minister and his family, who stopped by to watch a presentation in Santa Cruz*



*Our first kids club at Starbird Park*

### **Kids Clubs – Looking Long Term–**

Running local kids Bible clubs has been a desire of mine ever since I started with Open Air Campaigners. An excellent way to reach families for Christ is through their kids. But actually getting the clubs started has been a challenge. Finding the right neighborhoods and faithful volunteers can be tough. Still, we have now had our first couple meetings at a local park. We're not sure it's the right location yet, so I'll be spending more time looking for locations. If you know a neighborhood or park with a lot of kids, and particularly if you are part of a nearby church that would be willing to help, let me know. Also, I've met with a local pastor recently to talk about a club near his church, and it's looking good. Pray God blesses that ministry partnership!



*Alphonso and Eka, two of our faithful volunteers, at the tract table in Pleasanton*





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**Witnessing Tip – One on One is Where the Work Gets Done!** – There are a wide variety of responses to public evangelism, some good, some not. But frequently believers are impressed that I am able to preach in public the way I do. Yes, being a street preacher is a special calling, and I am privileged to be called to it. But it's generally not the preaching that makes the impact, but the conversations that follow it. One-on-one conversations, whether they're following a preaching session on the street, or over a cup of coffee or a meal after work, or between classes after school, or over a back fence, are where the work gets done. As an evangelist, I believe my primary job is to plan seeds through preaching, and to encourage and equip believers to share the same Gospel, watering the seeds that have been planted so there can be an increase. Don't make the mistake of thinking your evangelistic efforts are less important than mine. They're not. We are both tools God can will use to draw people to Himself, and both are equally necessary.



### **Praise and Prayer :**

- We've finally held our first two kids clubs, and I just met with a local pastor about running a regular one out of a park next to his church. Pray God shows us the best locations and times so these will be successful.
- I was blessed with a new laptop and a preach-o-matic (a sketch board attached to a rolling cabinet) this month. Two Christian brothers saw our needs, and filled them without being asked. Both of these will be tremendous ministry tools, and I am very thankful to God, and to these two brothers.
- We had a couple more people sign up to support us monthly, which is a huge blessing. We are praying for more individual, and churches, to partner with us so I can start doing ministry full time.

#### **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](http://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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