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August/September 2017 Ministry Report

Hello all!! The last couple months have been so busy, with ministry, work and school, that I haven't had the time to do a report for each month. So, this will cover August and September. Also, I'm trying to be a bit more consistent with the format. I want each report to include a couple particularly encouraging witnessing encounters, reports of special events, a witnessing tip or two, and finally praise reports and prayer requests. I've love to get your feedback on the format. As I've mentioned previously, this is meant to encourage all of you, so let me know what you think. And, as always, please pray for us, and pass this along to your friends and church family. Thanks, and God bless!

Divine Appointments

John in Palo Alto - John (in the top picture) is a non-religious Jewish gentleman who lives in Palo Alto. We've spoken at least 5 times on the street, each at some length. John is very bright (and knows it), and works hard to ask and answer questions carefully and intellectually. I enjoy our conversations, but am trying to focus less on intellectual sparring, and more on Gospel truth. I'm sure I will see him again. Pray God gives me wisdom in our upcoming conversations.

John in Downtown San Jose - I met John (in the red jacket) on one of our San Jose trips. He started out argumentative, but softened when I responded politely, and we had a great talk. He is a very devout Roman Catholic, and knew their theology well. However, he didn't know scripture as well, and had to really stretch the meaning of the verses I gave him to make them fit his beliefs. He was getting ready to go out of town, but took my number and said we should get together when he got back. Pray that happens.

Ben and DeJon in Oakland - Ben and DeJon both stopped to watch one of my sketches (during which I talked to a very verbally aggressive young man), and both stayed to talk for a long time afterwards. Ben talked with Steve (lower right), and DeJon spoke with Tim and I. Both conversations were very fruitful, and I think God was really working. Please pray that Ben, an Agnostic, and DeJon, who has a spiritual background & seems to be searching, come to Christ.





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OAC Director's Conference:

At the end of September, I got the opportunity to travel to Boston and spend a week with other Open Air Campaigners evangelists at our bi-yearly Directors Conference. Last year was our all staff conference, which I wasn't able to attend due to some personal issues going on, so I was very excited to go this year. It's amazing to spend time with so many Godly men, several of whom have been in ministry work for decades. The three members of our management staff alone have more than 100 years of combined ministry experience. It's a huge privilege to be able to work with, and get advice from them, and the others there as well.



Our ministry team, just before taking a tour of Old Ironsides (the USS Constitution) in Boston.

We spent time in fellowship, in prayer, hearing reports from our branches around the country, and in discussing new challenges to and opportunities for the work. I was very encouraged to talk about outreach techniques in area where using the sketchboard is difficult, and in hearing reports from one of our directors on openings in public high schools. He works will student-run lunch-alternative Christian clubs in many high schools, and is so busy he has a waiting list! At the end of the week a group of us were able to help a local church in Plymouth pioneer a kids Bible club at a local housing project (below). It was very encouraging to me, and reminded me of how much I'd like to start similar clubs in our area. That is starting to move along finally, but more on that later!

Witnessing Tip – BE FLEXIBLE!

As mentioned above, one of the things we talked about at our Directors Conference was outreach options for areas where our sketchboards don't work as well. We discussed banners, object lessons, and other options. The bottom line is not the method, but doing all we can to share the Gospel in the public square. "Our ministry moto, Presenting Christ by all means, everywhere!", captures it well.



So my question is, what means are you using? Gospel tracts? Open-air preaching? One-on-one conversations? Do you wait for people to ask you about Christ, or are you intentional about finding and making opportunities for Gospel conversations? Whatever you are doing, I'd encourage you to try something new. Don't get stuck in a rut. Be creative, and see what God does.



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Praise, Plans and Prayer

There is a ton of stuff I could include here. Life has been so busy, and God has blessed us so much. I'll try to keep it short and concise. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Praise:

- **Preach-o-Matic** – A friend I only know through Facebook bought me a Preach-o-matic (see to the right). It's a sketchboard and supply cabinet built onto a heavy-duty hand truck. It will make setup much easier, and I look forward to hitting the streets once I have a vehicle that can carry it.
- **Laptop** – A brother from church, who has been very supportive of my ministry, gave me a new laptop! My previous one was very old, and making it difficult to keep up on paperwork and school, so this was a huge blessing.
- **New supporters** – We had a couple new supporters join us recently, as well as getting a few large one-time gifts. Thanks to all of you!
- **More work** – God has given me several great opportunities to work part-time, high-end and well paid security details, which has helped our finances a lot. Praise God!

Plans and Prayer Requests

- **Support** – I have, so far, largely neglected this area, and have recently been convicted on it. We need supporters. God has continued to make sure our bills are paid, but I'm spending time in the secular workforce that I should be spending in ministry. God is opening more ministry opportunities, and I don't want to miss them. Please consider supporting us prayerfully and financially, and let me know if you have questions. I'll love to chat on the phone, or meet for a meal or a cup of coffee. And please let others know!
- **Ministry vehicle** – Because of the Preach-o-matic, and because we have two rather old vehicles and three drivers, we are looking for new family/ministry vehicle. Specifically, we need a used minivan, preferably an American brand (that's what our mechanic works on). If you know someone trustworthy who is selling, please let me know.
- **Kids Bible clubs** – I will be giving Gospel object lessons at a local school club starting this week, and am working with two pastors on setting up more clubs too. Things are looking very good with all three. I just need the time, support, and volunteers to do them right. Let me know if you can help!
- **VBS and 5-day clubs** – I want to start planning now for Vacation Bible Clubs and five-days clubs for next summer. If you would like to help spearhead one of these in your church, please contact me.
- **Special events** – Special events provide fantastic opportunities for Gospel outreach. Whether it is a neighborhood festival, church holiday event,
- **Church ministry** – I love working with local churches, and want to do so more often. As an evangelist, equipping and encouraging the Body of Christ is my job as much as sharing the Gospel in the public square, but it's very hard to get in without an advocate. If your church needs help with evangelism training, or encouragement in sharing their faith, contact me and let's work something out soon!





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Ministry around the Bay Area. Clockwise, from upper left: downtown San Jose, downtown Campbell, Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival, Palo Alto, San Francisco, downtown Oakland.

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 15 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.
 - 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.
- For more information on the above, please contact us at dan@yoursoulmatters.org or 408-768-9262