

Catching Up – Hello all, and thanks so much for your interest in our ministry. It's been quite a while since I've been able to send out a full ministry report, so it's time to play a bit of catch-up. The delay certainly hasn't been due to lack of things to talk about. Life and ministry have been very busy. So busy, in fact, that it's been tough to sit down and put it all into words. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read through the summaries below, take a look at the pictures, and pass them along to anyone who might be interested or encouraged. As always, we'd love to talk to you, and I'm easy to reach via email or our blog contact page (yoursoulmatters.org).

If you or your church would like to know more about how you can get involved, or how your can be trained to share your faith boldly and Biblically, we'd love to partner with you. Let's talk soon!

New Locations – As always, I've been looking for new outreach locations. The Bay Area is a big place, and I want to add as many good preaching spots to my regular rotation as I can. That not only helps in reaching more people, but in encouraging believers as well. As great as it is to be out on the streets sharing the Gospel, the work of an evangelist is as much the training and encouragement of others as it is doing the work of evangelism. In Ephesians chapter 4 it says:

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"

As I visit more communities and am able to make contacts in more churches, I'm praying I will have more opportunities to do just that.

Two of the spots I've added are Mountain View and Redwood City. Both have downtown



Preaching on Castro St. in Mountain View

Set up and ready to start in the Redwood City Theater District

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New Locations (*Continued***)** – areas with good foot traffic, and both have ended up as really good spots to share the Gospel.

I've shared the Gospel in Mountain View in the past, and even open-air preached there, but I'd never used the sketch board. I was able to find a good spot for it, and it drew people in pretty well. We also had several folks who live in the area join us in Mountain View, and the conversations were really good. Missionary Benjamin Candee was travelling through the area, and also came out, which was a blessing.

I've also been to Redwood City twice in the last couple months, and was very encouraged. Grace Bible Church, which hosted our local evangelism conference, Norcal Fire, is close, and for both trips we had congregation members join us. Pastor Steve Converse also stopped by to say hi, which was a huge blessing!

I'm planning to visit both again soon. If you are local, please consider joining us. To follow our outreach schedule visit:

http://yoursoulmatters.org/blog/outreach-schedule/

New Methods – Thought the Gospel message never changes, methods of sharing it can, and creativity can be a good thing (as long as truth is not watered down). There are some venues where the sketch board doesn't work, such as a mall, or areas with lighter foot traffic. So I've incorporated a couple new methods for sharing the Gospel and drawing people in.

The first is the hand-held sketch board. This is another standard OAC tool, but one that doesn't seem to be used as much. I've had one for a while, but had never used it in public. I modified a few of my sketches and brought it to the Norcal Seedsowers tract table at a local mall. What a great tool! I can't open air preach in a crowded shopping center, but the board drew people in and I ended up with large groups stopping to watch. I also brought it to the San Francisco waterfront (where high winds can blow over the sketch board), and to Walnut

At Eastridge Mall with the mini sketch board



In Campbell with the Prayer Stand



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Creek, another spot where I don't preach often. It worked very well there too.

My church also recently bought a Prayer Stand to use in our local community. Downtown Campbell is pretty small, but busy, and we've had the stand out a couple times now. It will take some time for people to get used to seeing it, but so far it has been a great attention-getter. We've handed out a lot of tracts, and have had people stop for prayer as well. It also partners well with the mini sketch board. It will be interesting to see how this tool works over time. You can find out more at **prayerstand.com.**

Finally, we've started a Coffee and Questions night at our church, where un-churched folks and non-believers who have questions about the faith can come and talk over a cup of gourmet coffee. Prayers are appreciated for this, and particularly that we'll find good ways to get word out to the community.

Praise and Prayer Report :

- I have a new (used) car! I was able to get a good used car from a family member. It is larger, much more comfortable, and in much better shape. God is good!
- Our expenses have gone up, because of the car and other issues, and I would like to spend more time on the street, particularly during the summer months. We are praying for God's provision and additional support. Please pray with us.
- I would like to partner with more churches for summer camps and for kids clubs during the upcoming school year. Please pray God opens those doors.

I love talking to students! Praying I can visit more college campuses





Preaching outside San Jose Comic Con



San Francisco, in the rain and in the sun.



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Tim, the tracting machine!

Don and James, two faithful ministers of the Gospel I am privileged to call friend.



Gino sharing with a young Muslim man.



Missionary Ben Candee in Mountain View.

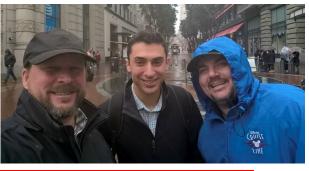
Friends in ministry are a blessing! I'm am thankful to these, and many others, for their partnership and fellowship.

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



Debbie, joins us on the street for the first time.



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- Spread the word! Pass on this information to friends, family, and your church leadership.

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