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November/December 2016 Ministry Report

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. Please pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested or encouraged as well.

Christmas in the Park - This is my favorite outreach location every year, and this year didn't disappoint! I had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with CITP visitors three or four days a week (mostly in the evenings), from Thanksgiving weekend through New Years. We always pray for large crowds at our presentations, and got plenty of those. But sometimes our we had an audience of only a few people. And that's OK. I've gotten used to the idea that what God is doing is not always what I have planned. Though we want to see many people hear the Gospel, there are some times where it is very clear that God sent us to speak to a specific person, couple, or small group. And very often, it's those conversations that last longer, go deeper, and I believe have the greatest impact. I had many of those conversation this year, and so did our volunteers. We had many good friends join us in the park this year, which is fantastic. If there are only one or two of us on an outreach, there are always conversations that get away. We need volunteers to tract, to pray, and to start conversations after the presentations. You are very important! So if you are local, please make time to join us soon. You will be encouraged, you will certainly encourage us, and God may use you to change someone's life forever. And what could be better than that!



With Emmanuel, so was also passing out tracts



Tracting the crowds on Black Friday



Oswaldo and I sharing at CITP



Talking with a new believer



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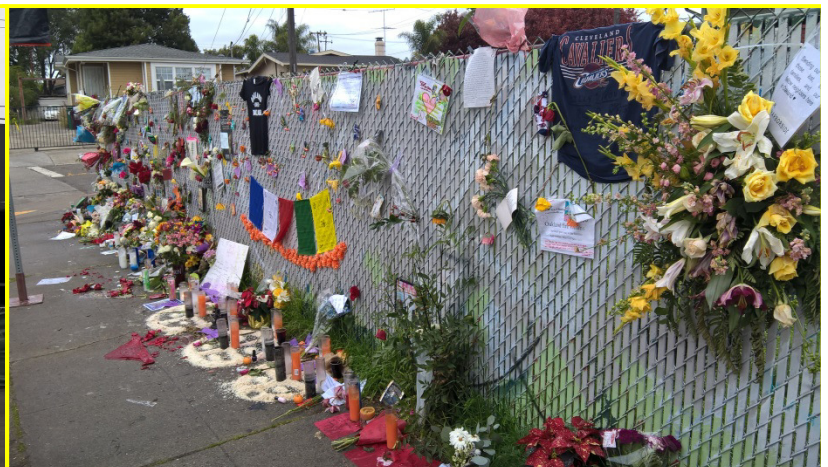
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Outreaches and Opportunities: Once again, I'm looking to expand our outreaches, God willing. When Eric Briscoe, our Open Air Campaigners Field Director, came to visit in early December we spent a fair amount of time talking about new opportunities, and scouting some local areas for kids club locations. I've done some additional scouting and praying since then as well, and I'm excited at the directions God is leading.

I'm particularly excited about the possibility of ministry on the Stanford University campus. A local church where I have some good connections sponsors an on-campus Christian club, and it sounds like I will be able to partner with them for some outreaches there in the near future. I've had the chance to meet a number of members of the club, and one of the leaders even hosted an open forum on campus for students to discuss who Jesus was and to ask questions. It was an excellent event, and I'm hoping for more similar events soon.



A Stark Reminder – Life is Short – The pictures below are of a building commonly called the Ghost Ship. It's a warehouse that was converted into a residential building and artist collective. It became headline news recently when it burned down during an electronic dance party, killing 36 people. Because it wasn't zoned for residential, it had no fire warning or prevention systems, and the fire spread unchecked. It is located in Oakland, so last time Tim and I preached there, we stopped by to take a look. It was sobering, to say the least, and a stark reminder of how so many people flirt with death. I know nothing about those who lived there, but I do know that they took their lives in their hands by doing so. But so do many people you and I know. And unlike the Ghost Ship residents, who may have had no other place to go, you and I do. We have a means of escape in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we need to share that truth with anyone who will listen. No one is promised tomorrow, and our lives could be taken just as unexpectedly as those in the Ghost Ship. If you stood before God today, would you be prepared?





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The Next Year for OAC Bay Area – It's a new year, and I'm thinking and praying about which directions to go with ministry. Much of this is dependent on additional support, so please pray God provides it. And please pray that He will give me wisdom in approaching each opportunity.

Continued Adult Street Ministry – Our outreaches have been going very well, and I'm praying we will be able to continue at each street location regularly, so we can do follow-up as well. There have already been many times when we're had repeated conversations with people, and we're praying for more.

Neighborhood Kids Ministry – I have been convicted about this type of ministry for some time. Pray God continues opening doors, both for summer ministry and kids clubs during the school year.

Stanford University Ministry – I'm very excited about this opportunity! Many Stanford graduates go on to impact our society. What better place could there be to share the Gospel?

Abortion Ministry – I've been wanting to get involved in ministry outside abortion clinics for a while too. I have friends that are involved in this type of ministry, and another friend just called to ask about working together. I'm praying God will grant me this opportunity.

Summer VBS – Our church Vacation Bible School went very well last year, and I'm praying that we will be able to run another one this year. I'm also open to help teaching with the sketch board at other local churches this summer. If you know a church that might be interested, let me know.

Norcal Fire – It's still early, but I'm hoping to get a jump on Norcal Fire, our local evangelism and apologetics conference. I should have more info on speakers and topics as soon, and I'll share as soon as I hear.

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 are getting 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 last week. 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!
- Our kids are back in school from Christmas break, and 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, 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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Pictures from this year's Christmas in the Park Outreaches

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.
 - 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!
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