



## First Quarter 2018 Ministry Report

# Open Air Campaigners Bay Area The Beaudoin Family

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Hello all!! We've just finished the first quarter of 2018, and ministry continues to be good. I pray the stories, pictures, and witnessing tip will be encouraging, and that you will read our praises and prayer requests, and keep us in prayer regularly.

### **DIVINE APPOINTMENTS**

**Eric (Mormon)** - Eric is an older LDS (Latter Day Saint) gentleman I ran into in downtown Campbell. He stopped when I handed him a tract, and we had a short conversation. Then, about 30 minutes later, he came back, with a bunch of comments and questions. I LOVE it when people come back for more! It means God used something I said to get under their skin. Eric stayed for quite a while, and I think one of the reasons he did was my knowledge of Mormonism. I'm certainly no expert, but I knew Mormon theology well enough to represent it accurately, and that surprised him. I think that respect for truth and accuracy is part of the reason he stayed so long. It was a great chat, and I'm hoping to talk to him again.

I hope you will keep this in mind when you share the Gospel. Treating other faiths with fairness and accuracy can open many doors, so be careful when talking to someone from a religious group you don't know well, and try to ask questions rather than just making statements. And although the Word of God must be our first and primary area of study, it can be useful to spend some time learning the basic beliefs of other faiths.

**Mabahta (Hari Krishna)** - Mabahta is a Hari Krishna missionary who I have met at various places around the Bay Area over the last few years. I gravitate to public areas with good foot traffic where people are relaxed enough to stop and talk, and he does as well, for the same reasons. The picture above shows him, and us, on Pacific Ave in Santa Cruz. He was leaving as Steve and I were arriving. We've had a few short, polite conversations in the past, but he generally wants to focus on simple conversations and literature distribution. He has invited me to come to their local temple some time to talk about spiritual truth, which I plan to do, possibly with a couple friends he has also invited. Please pray as I prepare for this. He is a very sweet man, and I would very much like to see him come to know Christ.





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**With SOS Ministries in San Francisco** – On a recent trip to San Francisco I was able to join with SOS Ministries in preaching the Gospel. I did not purposely go on the same day. Our outreach schedules just happened to overlap, and I'm glad they did. Larry Rosenbaum, who runs the ministry, has been involved in street ministry for over four decades, and seems to know almost everyone in the street preaching community. There were several other independent missionaries that joined us, as well as other believers who were handing out tracts and sharing the Gospel one-on-one. It was great to see such a large group of believers and Biblical street preachers proclaiming the truth, particularly in a spot like downtown San Francisco!

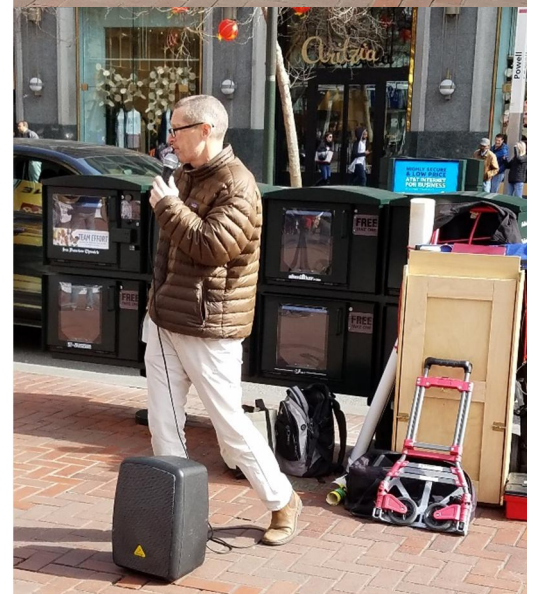
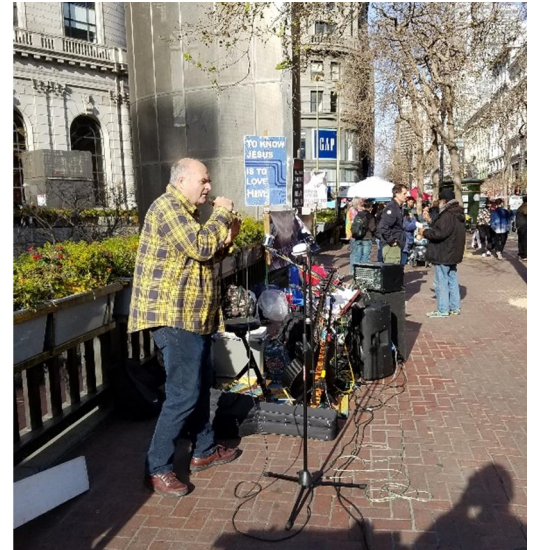
### Witnessing Tip – Be Intentional!

Be Intentional - This is one of those phrases that has been very over-used. However, it is also very helpful and accurate. It would be nice if God would regularly drop perfect witnessing opportunities into our laps. Sometimes he does (particularly with a dedication to prayer for the lost), but that's not always the case. It's not even frequently the case for most of us. Evangelism, like prayer and Bible reading, is a spiritual discipline. We must DECIDE to make sharing the Gospel a priority. That's hard, and that's OK. You will sometimes be frustrated and discouraged (often with yourself, for not stepping out in faith). That's OK too. Use that discouragement as fuel to drive you to prayer. It may take time, but God WILL use you. And there is no greater privilege than being used to impact someone for God's glory.

### Praise, Plans and Prayer

#### **Praises:**

- God has continued to bless our **adult street ministry**. We could easily spend all our time in public evangelism. It is a blessing to have so many good outreach locations!
- I had the opportunity to teach **basic evangelism training** at two local churches, including my own. I used a new evangelism outline I'm developing myself, and although it still needs some polishing, it went very well. If your church is interested in evangelism training, please let me know. I'm happy to provide it for anyone interested.
- A local neighborhood association (from a neighborhood near the church that we have been working at reaching) is now meeting at our home church once a month, and we will be working with the kids during that meeting. Some of these kids attended our **kids club** last year, and there were many more kids as well, so this could be an amazing opportunity. Please pray God uses it for His glory.





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### Praise, Plans and Prayer

#### Praises (continued)

- We just finished a week of **family time in Washington State**. We have not been able to visit my family there for almost 15 years. Some have visited us, but not all have been able to. I have a 3-year-old niece I had never even met. What a blessing it was to see everyone! We are also very thankful for the Christian families who hosted us for several of our days there. Without them, I'm not sure the trip would have been possible.



Outside the Museum of Pop Culture in Seattle

#### Prayers:

- Our greatest need is still **ministry support**. God continues to provide through side jobs for both Becky and I, but giving for the last couple months in particular has been low, so things are tight. I think things are compounded by the fact that I'm not very good at fundraising. I don't like to talk about myself, and I don't like to ask for money, which makes it difficult to ask for support! Please pray for me in this area. And, of course, if you are able to support us financially, please consider doing so, and letting other like-minded believers know about our ministry too.
- I've been re-thinking strategy for **starting local kids clubs**, and will be trying some new ideas. I've continued recon trips, and have several neighborhoods I'll be visiting soon. I'm also learning Spanish, since most of these neighborhoods are primarily Spanish-speaking. Thankfully, I have a faithful ministry partner who is bilingual and will be helping me with my Spanish. Pray God blesses this work.
- I'm starting to plan for summer Ministry, including VBS planning for our church. Please pray for wisdom in what and how much to do.
- I am continuing my schooling (I'm studying through an online seminary), and also have been taking a course in Biblical Counseling. It's a lot to be doing at once. Please pray that God gives me strength, and that I have the wisdom to not try to do too much.





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***There is nothing quite like the fellowship of the Gospel!*** It is so encouraging to be joined by other believers on the streets! Thanks to (clockwise from the upper left) Dave, Wilson and Jasmine, James, Don, Nick, Joel, Dave A., Brian, Scott, Judy, Paige, Angela, Brian C., Tom, and all the other faithful believers who make the time on the streets so much easier and more rewarding!

### 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](http://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](http://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.
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