



The Sohmer Family Open Air Campaigners

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That wasn't at all what I was expecting...

In just one week, two different people told me, "That wasn't at all what I was expecting." One was an unbelieving friend I have been witnessing to for years, and another was my own Jewish mother! Each of them decided their curiosity was too much and clicked onto my website to watch YouTube videos of me preaching in the open air.

What do you think of when you hear "Open Air Preacher?" My friend told me he expected me to be yelling at people and "raging like a lunatic." My Mom told me she expected me to be like "one of those people who scream and rail against people." Each of them told me they were really surprised to find that it was, in their words, "personable, friendly, funny, and compelling." If you want to watch the open air preaching, go to <http://Luke-15.org> and click on "Videos."



Let's back up nearly 8 years. I was working in downtown Boston, and one afternoon a man caught my attention by setting up a large sketch board. A crowd quickly formed to see what he was going to paint. As he painted, he shared the gospel and his colorful painting matched what he was talking about. I immediately loved the creativity of the paint board, and how so many were naturally interested to listen to him. His message was Biblically sound, persuasive, and he effectively shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a large number of people.

Well, I'm writing to let you know that my wife and I have recently been appointed as Missionary Evangelists with the exact same organization I saw so many years ago in downtown Boston. Funny how God works!!! I am a husband and a father of four children (soon to be five), so it is a bit scary to leave my comfortable job with Fidelity Investments to live by faith as a Missionary. I am comforted to know God is calling us to this, and the harvest is plentiful!

The Mission Board is called "Open Air Campaigners," an Evangelical organization that has been "presenting Christ by all means everywhere" since 1892. We have Missionaries in over 25 countries, and it is our goal to go to where the unsaved are to Biblically, respectfully, and unashamedly share God's amazing message of salvation.



But we can't do this alone. We need prayer. Would you please pray for me and my family? OAC is a non-profit organization, and they don't pay us. My family and I depend on donations from people like you. We are eager to leave the business world and begin full-time missionary work, but we can't do that until we are fully supported by givers. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our team to reach the lost by contributing regular financial support? I'd be happy to meet with you, your small group, or your church, to share the ministry of OAC and what we do. I'm willing to make a road trip if you're far away. Please call me at 603-244-6292, or email mark@Luke-15.org anytime! Thank you for

praying about partnering with us to reach people from all over the world in Boston and New England with Open Air Campaigners. Fidelity Investments helps people with their financial retirement, but I'd rather help people with their eternal retirement!!!

With love in Christ, *The Sohmer's*

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The Sohmer Family ~ Mark, Shelby, Vivienne, Juliana, Caleb, and Gabriella

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