



The Sohmer Family Open Air Campaigners

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Dear friends and family, we are delighted to share some of what God has been up to this summer...

The fireworks in Heaven are MORE amazing when the lost are found!



We love to bring church teams out for Evening Beach Evangelism!

Hundreds of people hear the gospel, stop to ask questions, and the Church team gains confidence in sharing their faith!

The fluorescent paint under the black light is an effective and non-confrontational way to draw a crowd.

- ✚ We are currently at 50% of our monthly financial support needs.
- ✚ We can't reach people with the gospel without you. Please join with us by giving a monthly donation. It is truly an investment in God's kingdom.
- ✚ We have been busy fulfilling our call to ministry: reaching out to the world with the gospel of Christ, and training and encouraging Christians in evangelism.
- ✚ We hope this newsletter is an encouragement to you.
- ✚ We thank God for you!



100+ campers and staff met twice each day for worship and hearing God's Word.

Camp Ministry!

Mark was invited to be the Youth Pastor at a Christian Camp for a week. What we didn't know was that 25% of the campers were on scholarships reserved for kids who do not have a church home!

So 10 times in one week, Mark got to share the gospel with 100+ kids, about 25 of which have **never heard the message before!** What a privilege!

We were absolutely overwhelmed with what God did that week. Counselors came up to us to tell us that 5 or 6 campers in their bunk repented of their sin and trusted Christ. Kids came up to us to tell us of their new faith. In total we heard of about 20 campers who received Christ.

Additionally, campers who already knew Christ renewed their resolve to follow Christ and turn from sin. It was truly astonishing.

This is our message: **Christ crucified and risen from the dead!**

We must "repent" and "believe."





Sal Responds to the Gospel on Sunday; is Dead on Monday!

The man on the left is Sal. Sal came to a “Block Party” that our church sponsored. That was Saturday. He heard the gospel a number of times as it was preached throughout the event.

Then Sal came to church the very next day, where he heard the message of salvation again. After church, our Pastor talked with him for quite some time and said that Sal appeared to be genuinely repentant, sorry for his

sins, and a new believer in Christ!

The very next morning, **less than 24 hours after receiving Christ as Savior, Sal died unexpectedly of an aneurism.** God saved this man right in time!!! There is great rejoicing in Heaven because of Sal (and great rejoicing on earth too), and Sal is in the presence of Jesus Christ! **This is why we go out to where people are to share the gospel!!!**

This photo, taken at the Block Party Sal attended, made the local newspaper, and some affiliate papers as well! The caption in the paper was, “Mark



Sohmer, a missionary and member of LifeWay Church talks about the word of the lord using art.”

Christians Trained in Evangelism!

According to Ephesians 4:11-12, Evangelists are commissioned “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” We love to do just that!



Mark has spoken, preached, and taught seminars in a number of churches this summer. Also, Church Teams from all over the country came to the Boston OAC office for a week at a time for evangelism training. Mark was an Instructor during those weeks. Amazing times!

Sharing the gospel in the open air can be powerful. Many people listen, and many people stick around for good conversations afterwards!

We need people like you to give so that we can continue to reach out to the lost and equip the saved. Every bit helps and is so appreciated. Since we are at 50% of the support level we need, and since we no longer receive any pay from Mark’s old job at Fidelity Investments, we are living on our savings to fill the gaps, but it won’t last forever. We need to be at 100% to continue to share the gospel.



Please make us your own personal missionaries to support financially.

<http://Luke-15.org/how-to-donate/> has instructions on how to do that.

Or please contact us (**603-244-6292** or **mark@Luke-15.org**) if you have any questions.

Why do we go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are? We do it because **people matter to God!**

We thank God for you! With love in Christ,

Mark, Shelby, Vivienne, Juliana, Caleb & Gabriella



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