



The Sohmer Family Open Air Campaigners

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Dear friends and family, we want to share some of the exciting things God has been doing lately...

Subway ministry has been fantastic!



Mark is using a "rope illusion" to illustrate the gospel of Jesus Christ! **God sends thousands of people from all over the world our way!**

- ✦ **We are currently at 50% of our monthly financial support needs.**
- ✦ We thank God for the many new commitments to support us financially, as well as the generous end-of-year gifts.
- ✦ **We can't reach people with the gospel without you. Please join with us by giving a monthly donation. When you give, you promote change for Christ in our culture.**
- ✦ We hope this newsletter is an encouragement to you! We thank God for you!

The subways continue to be a very fruitful mission field. It's been a bit "unusual" this winter. Mark had a **knife pulled on him**, a **fist-fight erupted** between a man who didn't want to hear us, and a man who did want to hear us. Much more common was people listening to the gospel message and chatting with us about salvation. We talked with people from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Vietnam, Africa, China, and many other hard-to-reach areas.

This is Why We Go to the Subways...

A man in his 20's came up to Mark speaking Spanish. He was sad. He said, "Me llamo **Frances**." Mark said, "Me llamo Mark." He looked down and said a sentence, and all Mark got out of it was "mi corazón" (my heart) and "mi familia" (my family). Mark said, "Do you want me to pray for your heart for your family?" and he said, "si" (yes). Mark said, "**Frances**, I promise I will pray for you, your heart, and your family." He walked away with a Spanish gospel tract and said "gracias!" And he was smiling.

Here's a man having issues with his wife or kids or someone in his family, and he sees Mark, a stranger, but sees that he's handing out literature about Jesus, and asks Mark to pray for him and his heart. He gets our prayers (and yours too please) and he receives the gospel message in his language!

And **THIS IS WHY WE GO TO THE SUBWAYS** because **God has us reach people who don't come to church.**

This is just one example of people being reached who otherwise would not have a gospel witness.

It is very common to see people, like this man, reading and considering the gospel literature we give them.

Often we get into a fruitful discussion.



Little Sohmers:

We love it when our kids can visit the Mission Field. Juliana (11) is on the left, and Vivienne (13) is on the right.



Lots of Ministry!

Here's a montage of some of the many opportunities God has given to evangelize and teach:



Sharing Jesus at a Drug & Alcohol recovery group



Ministering to families with a Dad in Prison



A child wanted to keep Mark's painting after Children's Church



Reasoning with skeptical college students



Proclaiming Jesus at a Youth Group



Preaching at a Church



Sharing with a Hare Krishna

Vivienne's Bat Mitzvah!



We had what might be the world's first Homeschool Messianic Bat Mitzvah!

Vivienne learned Hebrew prayers and did a great job reading from God's Word and explaining the meaning. It was a very special memory for all of us, and Jesus' name was lifted high!

You can see videos from this at:
<http://Luke-15.org/category/blog/>

We have a number of Church Teams coming to Boston for Evangelism Training over the next 6 months. Please keep those Christians in prayer as they step out in faith to reach the lost! And keep us in prayer as we teach them.

Since we are at 50% of the support level we need, we are living on our savings to fill the gaps, *but it won't last much longer*. We need to be at 100% to continue to share the gospel.

We need people like you to give so that we can continue to reach out to the lost and equip the saved.

Please make us your own personal missionaries to support financially. Whatever your role, whether it be going or sending, you are an essential part of the work that God is doing. Your reward in Heaven will be beyond what you can imagine!

<http://Luke-15.org/how-to-donate/> has instructions on how to join our ministry team.

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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