



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 done this summer!

God Cares about Reaching the Lost!



Beach Evangelism is always outstanding! We had a superb summer where **God sent lots of people from all over the world** to listen to the gospel message!



Please continue to pray for our **inner-city weekly Kid's Bible Club**. We'd like to start that up again as soon as our Deputation period is over.



This is **Abdel**, a Muslim who recently came to the US from the Middle East. He said the Bible is corrupted. I showed him in the Koran that Muhammad trusted the Bible, so he should too. **Abdel** and I have been emailing. Please pray that God saves this young man.



It still amazes me that **complete strangers** will stop what they're doing and **listen to us talk about Jesus!**

✚ The work God is doing through us is important and is changing lives and bringing people to Jesus. Please consider giving to this essential work.

✚ **We are currently at 72% of our monthly financial support needs!**

✚ We thank God for the many new commitments to support us financially, as well as the generous one-time gifts.

✚ **We can't reach people with the gospel without you. Please join with us by giving a monthly donation.** Since we had so many months where we were not receiving enough support, **we are accruing debt every month.**

✚ **Please consider a monthly donation to allow us to continue to reach out for Jesus Christ!** Even a small amount helps so much.



Summer means that Churches send **Mission Trip Teams** to spend the week with us for **Evangelism Training** and **Real-Life Experience on the streets!** This Church Team helped run a 5-Day Bible Club in this neighborhood!

Why do we do **inner-city Kid's** ministry?

Kion, in this photo, is showing exactly why!



Big Announcement: We Are On Deputation...

Because we're at 72% support, nearly a third of our bills are not being paid every month. As a result, **we have been placed on "Deputation"** full-time to raise more financial support. All of our financial counsellors have concluded that our budget is not extravagant, and that our donation level needs to be higher.

Please see the attached sheet for more information about what "Deputation" means. And please keep us in prayer! Thank you so much!



Lots of Ministry!

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



Showing a Jehovah's Witness the Trinity in the Scriptures.



Sometimes A LOT of Kids come to our Bible Clubs! (And Parents come too!)



Giving Evangelism Tips to a local Church.



Sharing the gospel at a local Church's *International Festival* that reached a lot of their neighbors.



Please pray for Eren here. He was Muslim when Mark met him. Through email he told us he became a Christian! But then he sadly recanted and claims to follow Islam again.



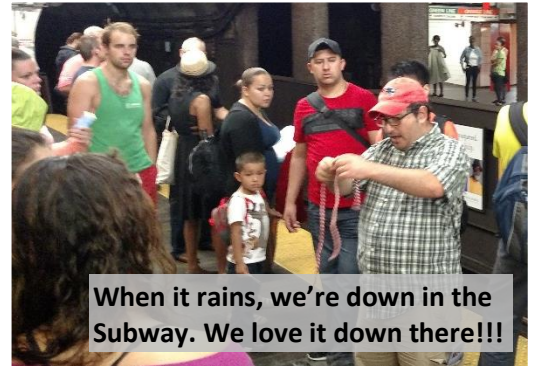
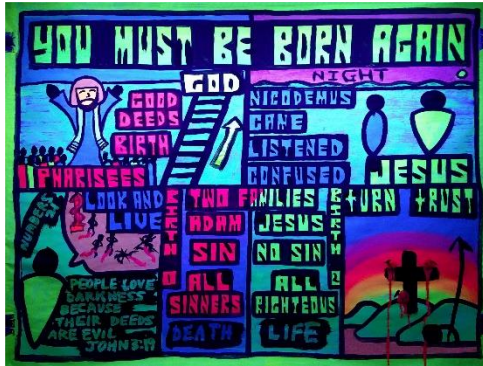
Mark got to be Youth Pastor at a Camp for two weeks, preaching 22 messages! Many kids came from unchurched homes.



This wood display is an effective catalyst for fruitful evangelism.



Look how excited Nane was to get her very own Bible!!!



When it rains, we're down in the Subway. We love it down there!!!



This is a first! A heckler used a mega-phone to stop Mark's preaching. The crowd yelled at the heckler, making him leave!



Teaching at Kid's Church.



EVERY time the Police were called they sided with us! Praise God!!!

God is doing great things through the Missionary work, but we need your help to continue. **Please make us your own personal missionaries to support financially.** Please look at the attached sheet on "Deputation."

<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.

We go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are 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 **Big Announcement** We're on Deputation



October, 2015

Please read this important update on the change in our ministry status, and what it means.

Dear friends and family, would you please take a few minutes to read a short update on how our ministry status has changed? This is really important and my family and I appreciate your prayers more than we can say.

Five years ago my family and I stepped out in faith, leaving a lucrative job in the Financial Sector, to bring the gospel to strangers wherever they are.

It's been an amazing journey, and I've had the privilege to share Jesus with Adults, Children, University Students, Muslims, Hindus, Atheists, Cult Members, and people from countries all around the world!

Open Air Campaigners does not pay us. We depend 100% on the generosity of people like you who believe in the work we do to bring the gospel to the lost. The first year we were Missionaries, our support percentage was 30%. The second year it was 50%. *We made up the difference by liquidating our retirement savings.* But our retirement savings ran out a few years ago.

I'll come right out with it: we're struggling financially. On a good month we're now at 72%.

That means that nearly a third of our bills are not being paid every month. We have been in prolonged financial strain.

We have sought out financial counselling from a number of people who have all concluded that our budget is not extravagant, that we have made significant cuts in spending, and that the solution is for our donation level to be higher.

As a result, we have been placed on "Deputation" full-time to raise more financial support.

Being on "Deputation" means that instead of being on the field, sharing Jesus with unbelievers, I'll be spending my time developing new supporters and new supporting churches.



While I understand that just about all Missionaries have to do this from time to time, it makes me personally sad because I'd much rather be out among the people talking about Jesus.

The Missionary work we do in Boston is important. People are hearing and responding to the gospel. Christians are being edified and built up to be better evangelists. Kids in the inner city are learning about Jesus. Lives are being changed for the better! **But we need your help to continue.**

Might I please ask you to consider giving even a small monthly gift? Some people give a lot. And we're thankful! But no amount is too small. Even \$10 per month would make a HUGE difference and help bring the gospel to the unreached. Any amount is truly significant.



If you currently give to our Missionary work, thank you! *Would you please prayerfully consider increasing your giving by \$10 (or more)?*

Please pray for us as we make tough decisions about our budget. We are even considering selling our home if it will save some money every month. (It's hard for us to know if that will save money because of the market.)

I'm also thankful that God has provided some side-jobs for me to work on computers. This has been a great help, but it keeps me off the Mission field and makes it hard for my team to plan outreaches.



Please prayerfully consider joining with what God is doing by donating. Instructions can be found at: <http://luke-15.org/we-need-your-help/>.



Please please please share this letter with friends you know who care about evangelism. **Please share it with your Pastor or Missions Committee.**

Would you ask them to watch a 5-minute video that shows what my family does to reach the lost? This short and informative video is at: <http://movie.Luke-15.org/>.

I'm willing to travel and *I'd love the chance to come share the ministry with your Church or Bible Study.*

Sometimes Pastors tell me, "Mark, I love what you do, but we don't have the budget to bring your family on as supported Missionaries right now, so you shouldn't come to our church."



I take Ephesians 4:11-12 very seriously where it says that Evangelists are given to the Church "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (verse 12).

If your church is not in a position to support us financially at this time, *I'd still appreciate the chance to come and minister.* It's an honor for me to be a "cheerleader for evangelism" and help the body of Christ be more successful at reaching our lost world with the message they so desperately need.

So please give this letter to your Pastor and tell him about us. Personal recommendations from Christians like you are the best way to introduce us to Churches! You "vouching for us" to your Pastor or Missions Committee gives us a chance to build the Body of Christ up for evangelism at your Church! Thank you so much!

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