



The Sohmer Family Open Air Campaigners

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Dear friends and family, Don't be discouraged by what's going on in the world. Jesus is still seeking and saving the Lost, and that's exciting! Please let this newsletter fill you in on some of what's happened over the past few months...

Reaching the World with the Gospel!



Evening Beach Evangelism is AMAZING! People really do gather around and listen to the gospel message, and many take booklets and chat one-on-one. We thank Jesus for this tremendous mission!



What's the best way to show the love of Jesus to Muslims? Tell them about the True, Biblical Jesus! God opened the door for a Kids' Bible Club in a Muslim neighborhood. A bunch of kids and their Moms all attentively listened as we taught that Jesus is God, was crucified, dead, risen, and the only way to God, all truths that Islam denies.

Tereese listened to Mark open air preach and had lots of questions. She cried and told him that she prostitutes herself. Mark explained that she could be born again and forgiven by repenting and believing. Tereese wanted that and gladly took a Bible. We recommended a good Church for her.



- ✝ Please continue to pray for us. The work we do is exactly what the devil hates. We go to people who might not otherwise hear the saving plan of our Great God and Savior. Spiritual attack is real, and we plead for your prayers.
- ✝ We have lost some monthly financial support. Four donors had to stop their monthly giving. The loss of these four donors comes to a loss of \$484 every month.
- ✝ Would you please prayerfully consider making a monthly commitment to help fund the ministry work? Every bit helps. If just 20 people decide to give \$25/month, that will make up for the sudden loss we've experienced.
- ✝ And please pass this on to others you know who might want to fund effective evangelism work. Thank you!
- ✝ Your giving is critical and makes a big difference.

Ways God Worked This Summer:

- ✝ We trained Missions Teams from Michigan, New York, Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. More than 60 Christians spent a week with us and are more effective ambassadors for Christ!
- ✝ Evening Beach Evangelism continued to be an amazing place to reach the unreached. Thousands of people listened to the gospel, took literature, and chatted with our team one-on-one.
- ✝ Mark was the Youth Pastor at a Camp for a week this summer. He got to share the gospel with over 80 kids, with many commitments for Christ!!!
- ✝ Working with local Churches: Mark preached Sunday-morning sermons, trained Youth Groups in evangelism and apologetics, taught at a Missions Conference, and preached at Chapel Services
- ✝ God used us to reach people from all over the world on the Streets and in the Subways. Praise God!
- ✝ We had a number of great 5-Day Kids Bible Clubs right in peoples' neighborhoods!



Reaching strangers on the streets.



When you reach children, you reach families, neighborhoods, and then the culture.



Adults learning to use the sketch board.



Matt sharing Jesus with a Police Officer.



Eric opened the Scriptures with the President of the Muslim Student Association.



600 evangelistic DVDs were donated to us and 40+ Christians successfully handed them out on campus. Exciting!!!



Jesus gave us tremendous Kids' Bible Clubs all summer.



It's an honor to pray with people on the streets.



Mark got to be the Youth Pastor at camp again this summer. These are the amazing kids he got to teach the Bible to 11 times in one week!



This family from China eagerly read the literature we gave them in Chinese!



Reaching students on campus.



Please pray for these 8 Adults, who were trained in Evangelism, as they share Jesus in their home towns.



God sends lots of open people to us.



This Missions Team was trained in evangelism and apologetics and made a real difference in this neighborhood!



When it rains outside, the subway is a fantastic place to reach the Lost.



Object Lessons can be a powerful tool to teach Biblical Truth.



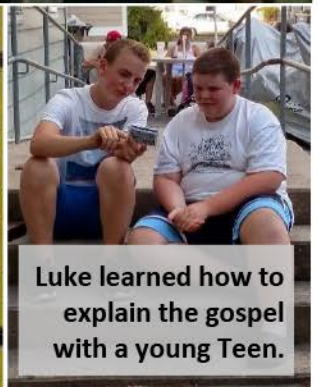
Look at how focused the kids are at listening to Seth.



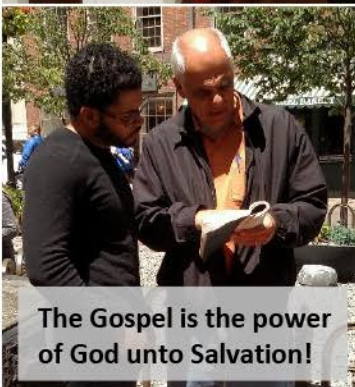
Evening Beach Evangelism is a GREAT WAY to reach the unreached with the gospel!



It's great to be invited to speak at Chapel Services.



Luke learned how to explain the gospel with a young Teen.



The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation!



Chris is a gifted Evangelist who clearly cares for people.



University ministry is outstanding!

Personal Happenings...

- ✠ Vivienne (17), has been helping out with the driving, which is a huge help. And she was a Counselor at Camp for the first time. She has her first paying job watching kids for a local Church.
- ✠ Juliana (15) continues to grow as an artist, and is amazing everyone with her skill. She volunteered for a number of weeks as Kitchen Staff at Camp. And she loves the Art classes she's taking at a local Homeschool Coop.
- ✠ Caleb (13) enjoys computers, reading, lego, and is growing in Christ. He is an active young man, and we were happy there were no Emergency Room visits this summer!
- ✠ Gabriella (11) is our piano wiz. She won 2nd place in a piano competition. She continues to dazzle and amaze us. She is enjoying AWANA at Church and memorizing lots of Scripture.
- ✠ Shelby enjoyed four weeks serving in the camp's horsemanship program... staying really busy homeschooling the kids, chauffeuring the kids, being artsy, and riding horses.

- ✠ Sadly, Mark's dad, Leonard "Papo" Sohmer, lost his fight with Dementia. He passed away the way he would have wanted,



surrounded by family. Mark had the privilege of officiating the Funeral, which was an honor, but very hard to do. Thankfully Jesus gave him the strength, and we are thankful for the time we had with Papo. We also appreciate the many cards, phone calls, and emails expressing love and condolences.



Shelby snapped this photo of our kiddos at the beach. (Juliana – 15, Gabriella – 11, Vivienne – 17, Caleb – 13)



15-year-old Juliana made this amazing sketch of our family. I suspect Art School will be in her future!

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.

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.

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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