



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 year...

The Gospel Changes People!!!



This is Quincy and Charlie, who self-identify as a "Pansexual" and a "Transsexual." They chatted civilly for more than half an hour about God and sexuality and salvation. Quincy and Charlie really believe that Christians hate them and want to harm them. Mark assured them that they're made in God's image and are loved. He also lovingly shared from the Scriptures God's true design for gender and sexuality and salvation. As you can see in the photo, they both took gospel booklets! Mark even ran into Quincy a second time since then and it went great! God saves heterosexuals and non-heterosexuals the same way: repentance and faith.



This is Derek, a 14-year-old who Mark met **7 years ago!** Mark shared Christ with Derek back when he was only 7-years-old. Derek made a strong impression on Mark by how genuinely he said that he wanted to follow Christ and how tender he was. Great news: Derek is still following Jesus and going to a solid Bible Church and Youth Group in the City!

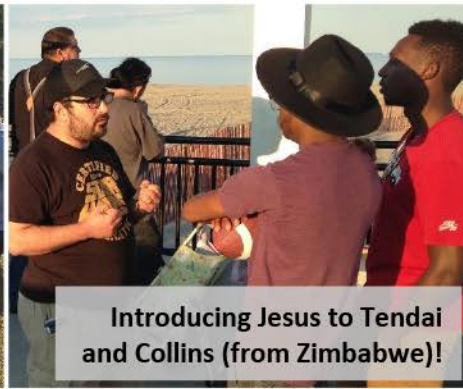
- ✝ Please continue to pray for us. The work we do is exactly what the devil hates. We go to people who might not otherwise hear the saving plan of our Great God and Savior. Spiritual attack is real, and we plead for your prayers.
- ✝ Our monthly support has been healthier (Praise God).
- ✝ Your giving is critical and makes a big difference.
- ✝ Would you please prayerfully consider making a monthly commitment to help fund the ministry work?
- ✝ And please pass this on to others you know who might want to fund effective evangelism work. Thank you!
- ✝ Our New Van Fund to purchase a ministry vehicle is hovering at approx 25%. Would you consider making a one-time gift to fund a ministry vehicle to get the NH Branch of OAC off the ground? <http://Van.Luke-15.org>

Ways God Worked This Year:

- ✝ We trained Missions Teams from Michigan, Pennsylvania, 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!!!
- ✝ Mark has connected with a number of Christian Schools to train Next Generation Evangelists through Classes, Chapel Services, Retreats, and Lectures.
- ✝ Working with local Churches: Mark preached Sunday-morning sermons, trained Youth Groups in Evangelism and Apologetics, Preached at Sporting Events, VBS's, and any way we could be of help.



Reaching kids (and parents) at a Soccer Outreach.



Introducing Jesus to Tendai and Collins (from Zimbabwe)!



Eric opening the Scriptures with a woman from the Bahamas.



Teaching at Special Events, like this Indian Fellowship, is a lot of fun!



Catherine and Octavio are in a Cult, trying to recruit other College Students. Our blue sign grabbed their attention to come and open the Scriptures with us.



One of the teams that spent a week with us this summer.



Mark got to teach at a Teen Snow Camp. Many of the Teens do not normally attend Church.



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!



Reasoning with John, a Mormon.



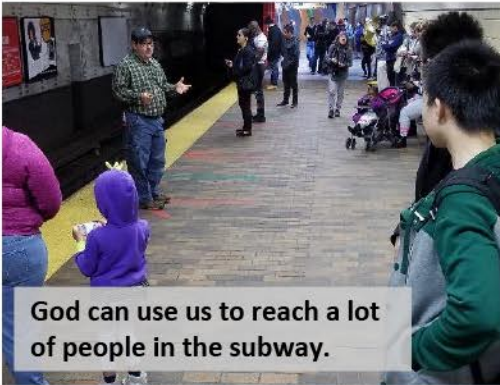
Reaching a neighborhood with a local Church.



Shaking hands with a friendly listener.



Greg got to share Jesus with a whole Muslim family (and show them phone apps to learn more)!



God can use us to reach a lot of people in the subway.

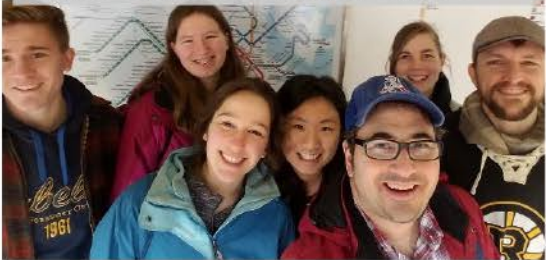


Evangelizing at a Christmas Event in Concord, NH, our State Capital!



It's terrific that Teens often talk with us about the gospel!

Mark taught an 8-session Evangelism class at a High School & brought them into the subway to practice their new skills!



Mark got to preach a 6-part series at a Basketball Outreach. With 3 age-groups, 150+ kids & parents were reached every week!



Partnering with a Local Church on their VBS.



Wayne patiently sharing Jesus on the streets.



Teens reasoning with a Muslim young man.



The gospel transcends race and age.



It's a lot of fun to be a Chapel Preacher!



Teaching a Sunday School class.



Opening the Scriptures with a Jehovah's Witness.



Tyla insisted on sharing the gospel with her friend, Roman.

Personal Happenings...

- † Vivienne (18), graduated from High School and is working full-time to save up for school. When not working, she's still dancing (of course.)
- † Juliana (16) continues to grow as an Artist, and is amazing everyone with her skills. Here's a fun fact about her: she's teaching herself Japanese to fulfill her dream to go to Japan as a Manga Artist.
- † Caleb (14) just started High School, and enjoys photography, birds, and of course, computer games. And he was very good in a play, so perhaps Drama Club will be in his future?
- † Gabriella (12) is our only child still homeschooling. She joined 4H and has been learning how to take care of dairy cows (and won awards for it.) She was cast as Clara in her Ballet Studio's upcoming *Nutcracker* performances this Christmas!



Our family at Vivienne's High School Graduation ceremony.

- † Shelby enjoyed volunteering with the Horsemanship Program at the Camp where Mark preaches. In addition, she stays really busy homeschooling the kids, chauffeuring the kids, being artsy, and riding horses.
- † Mark's Mom was diagnosed with Cancer, but is doing terrifically. Thanks for all the prayers! Shelby's Dad is still struggling with COPD and could use continued prayer.

2 Ways We Need Your Help:

God is doing great things through the Missionary work, but **we need your help to continue.**

Monthly Support:

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.

One-Time Support:

We are raising funds for a ministry van, an investment for **10+ years of Effective Evangelism Ministry!**

All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

To give by check: Please make check out to "Calvary Bible Church" with a note in the "memo" section that says "OAC NH Branch Fund." **Please mail check to:** Calvary Bible Church, ATTN: OAC NH Branch Fund, 145 Hampstead Rd, Derry, NH 03038.

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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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