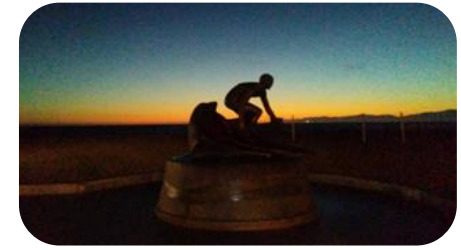




# Frank's Update

## Open Air Campaigners (OAC)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH



**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” - 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3**

*Hi! Some years back, I heard of an experiment where they took some rats and put them in water. The rats swam for 17 minutes before they began to drown. After that, they placed another group in water for only 10 minutes and then they removed them from the water to eat and rest. The same rats were returned to the water and were able to swim for 37 hours before they began to drown! Why? - they had hope that they would be removed again. God's word gives us real hope that we all need in these difficult days. He has been faithful to all His incredible promises over the millennium and He will continue to be. My prayer is that this hope's already yours; if not, let's talk. Enjoy these recent ministry stories and pictures:*



Russ leading the kids in praise songs

**Kids Bible Club:** We restarted our Wednesday club in mid-June and although it looked dismal when we arrived, 11 little ones eventually came! Little Jackie ran and gave me a hug to welcome me back and her brother brought his Bible lessons from three months prior! At a different Bible club, I noticed a boy interacting well with the other children. This encouraged me because I'd been close to asking the same boy to leave a previous kids club due to his disruptive behavior.

**Stats** (since April 11<sup>th</sup>)  
 We shared the Gospel **26 times** with just over **1,400 people** and we witnessed **42 profess Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior!**  
 I also went out **13 times** and handed out **376 JESUS DVDs.**  
*“...they reported all things that God had done with them...” - Acts 14:27, 15:4*



Jack and I

**Redondo Pier:** One evening at this great ministry spot, I saw three boys dressed in Muslim garb and rushed to our tract box to grab a JESUS DVD. My intent was to give it to one of the boys, but as I did the others excitedly ask for one too! On a different night I met Jack, a young, Christian man who admitted that he had strayed from his faith during the shut-down. I happily prayed for him and encouraged him to stay Acts 2:42.

**Public Baptism:** I was blessed and honored to baptize one of our volunteer team members just before an outreach. Many witnessed her act of faith and obedience.



**Newport Night:** I met Emmanuel (means 'God with us') a young, Hispanic man. He was jamming his old-school, club music and had a beer in his hand. He admitted being afraid, because he knew he wasn't walking right with God. He also told me he had a relative who was pastor. I pointed him to the Prodigal Son story (Luke 15:11-24) and told him the Lord's hands would be spread wide when he repented and returned to Him. I also spoke to a couple visiting from Arizona (*funny, because it seems most people are travelling or moving in the opposite direction*). The husband thought that being baptized was the way for someone to go to heaven. I shared with him about the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), explained the true Gospel to them, and passed on books of John and a JESUS DVD.



Ed from our Pittsburgh, PA branch, ministering with us at Newport pier

### Thanks and Praises:

- Ministry schedule's back to normal, for the most-part
- His amazing and sufficient grace
- Many people open to reasonably discuss eternal things

### Prayer Requests:

- Me to keep a guard over my mouth
- Protection for and unity of our team
- To remain in the Spirit, especially when warfare ramps up



Another Huntington pier discussion

**Knowing the Most High:** At Huntington pier, I met a woman experienced with Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). She said her faith was her 'higher power'. I instructed her that the Bible enabled us to know the true God and that it directs us to grow from the basic topics of the Lord onto the deeper things (*milk to meat*).



Me, Brittany, and Brian, before the gust

**Hermosa Engagements:** Seven year old Marcus approached our glowing paint board on his skateboard. He showed me his music on his phone and demonstrated his hilarious break-dancing skills. We talked and I gave him a JESUS DVD. He skated back a short time later with some **money**. I asked him to keep it and to buy himself something. On a different evening I met Brittany and Brian, a couple who were primed for spiritual discussion, because a friend's boyfriend recently died in a car accident. We conversed for about 40 minutes, then a sudden, strong gust of wind blew our board and full paint kit down to the ground. The couple stayed to help us clean up the mess.



### **More Ministry:**

- At the end of the shutdown, I joined a prayer walk in Watts. After realizing we were about JESUS, some protesters left
- I was stoked when I offered JESUS DVDs to people waiting for **weed** and a few took them, including the guard!
- I assisted a ministry reaching out to Muslims at a mosque. At one point, their leader came out to "bless us" (*smh*) >>
- We ran into a big, disrespectful group of teens, which included some lesbians, and I nearly had to call the cops
- I offered a DVD to a young man in his car, with an older woman. He said no but returned for it, as the lady wanted one

**“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Spirit.” - the Apostle Paul, Romans 15:13**

*His gracious Spirit and your support enables me to tell others of this incredible "hope" - **Thank you** very much!  
My next update should be out in November...*

*Please take care, **frank***

**Financial Support:** My latest monthly support was 36% of my OAC goal. To help, please make your check out to "OAC" and address it to OAC, P.O. Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. Also, include a note stating that your gift's to go to my account. To donate securely on-line, go to **oacgive.org**. When there, click on the appropriate responses and find me under "Donation Details" as Baldus - Frank. All donations to OAC are tax-deductible. OAC is also in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) - **ecfa.org**.







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# Feedback

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## Trusting God in America

**Even in these unusual times**, God is opening doors of ministry. Our Southern California branch director, Frank Baldus, shared with us that at their final open-air outreach meeting before the shelter-in-place order was issued by the state of California, co-worker and former branch director, Russ Hodder, spoke with a couple named Stephen and Michelle. They admitted that the Lord used the virus to draw them back to Himself! Since then, the majority of our OAC staff have adjusted to how they minister the Gospel during these unusual times. Some are initiating for the



**FRANK BALDUS**

first time or ramping up their efforts of sharing online in the form of video Bible Club programs, interviews, Zoom, and FaceTime meetings. Frank shared that as he ventures out to the grocery store, he takes a special DVD on the life of Jesus and offers this to folks (at a safe distance with gloves on, of course). At one store, there was a young woman at a table obtaining voters' signatures for ballot initiatives. Frank spoke briefly with her, and she wound up helping him by changing her music from secular to Christian! At another location, a man who initially rejected the DVD came back to take it. He came back again and told Frank about his wife, who was at home sick, so Frank prayed for her. Then, the man came back a third time, using his phone to introduce Frank to his wife!

## Trusting God Overseas

**Here is a good word from David Wilson.** "We are living in troubling times, but if our trust is in the almighty God, there is nothing to fear. He is our refuge and strength. When we sailed from New Zealand in 1967 to attend Columbia Bible College in the USA, we were given a scroll by the Director of OAC (I was a voluntary worker). Written on the scroll were these words: 'He has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee' (Heb.13:5). Now in our 50th year as missionaries, we can say He has NEVER left us. Even when we lived in India, and I ended up in ICU with Malaria, and Elaine became paralyzed through calcium deficiency, He NEVER abandoned us. Now with the Coronavirus pandemic, we who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ can hold onto the same promise. In life or death, He will never leave us. He also said, 'My peace I give you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (John 14:27). We are immortal in God's will on earth until He calls us home."



**DAVID WILSON**

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