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Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16



Crown of thorns object lesson at Hopewell Playground with Winthrop St. Baptist of Taunton.
Look at the faces of the children on the mat!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Daily: That Diane and I will grow in our faith and our love for one another.

Sunday: Diane's brother Bobby should be moving into our basement apartment in September.

Monday: Still in need of office space for the Boston Branch.

Tuesday: Ministry at Bridgewater State University.

Wednesday: Ministry at Northeastern University.

Thursday: Ministry at Boston University.

Friday: That Boston staff John and Tiffany Copell would be able to raise up a good support team.

Saturday: Saturday September 26 - October 1, Evangelism training and outreach with God's Bible College in Cincinnati.

Dear Praying Partners

This great truth that the Lord God revealed to Peter concerning the true identity of Jesus Christ would become the foundation God would build His church on. So much so that "the gates of hades would not prevail against it." Matthew 16:17,18. It was an awesome summer to see seven churches take this truth and the good news of the Gospel out to their communities for a week. The key to these outreaches was the church's involvement. Throughout these seven weeks pastors, elders and other church members got involved each day with the various tasks that create an atmosphere of excitement and a loving concern that the local church cares for the community. Most weeks we had mission teams from other churches partner with these local churches.

Various comments were made by parents and children during these weeks. Our first day in Mission Hill in Boston a lady opened up her third story window and said to us, "Does this have anything to do with God?" She came down to talk towards the end of the meeting and finding out that she was not confident of going to heaven, started crying. A female member of the church came over and we talked and prayed with her. One young man and his sister bugged their dad so much all day that he left work early and they skipped supper so they wouldn't be late for the Bible club. Another mom said her daughter decided to skip soccer rather than miss a day of Kid's Club then she added, "And she LOVES soccer!" One mom said, "You need to be down here every day. These kids need this!" Even one of the parents said, "Thank you for setting me on the right path." One mother who came to the closing program because her son and daughter had to be at a function with their dad said to me that her children had always been bored with church. When they came home on Tuesday after the kids club and told her they had gone to a "Bible study" and wanted to go again tomorrow, mom was surprised! We talked and she said she would take 16 days and read through the Gospel of Mark, reading a chapter a day.

At the end of June, we were able to celebrate our twelfth family consecration week, this year in Maine. Aidan Mathisen had just turned 13 and gave a good defense of some key bible doctrines each night. All family members were able to attend. Diane and I finish up the summer with a week in Maine ending September 7th. Please continue to pray for us. There is still a harvest to bring in and the Lord continues to use us. Thank you all for praying and giving. Consider bringing a missions team to Boston next summer.

In God's Grace,

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OAC/USA is trusting the Lord to use this ministry to impact 25 cities in America with the Gospel through open-air evangelism and other ministry by means of strategic establishment of branch ministries by the year 2025.

On the web at: oacusa.org

This team from Michigan and NH worked with Mayflower Congregational and Winthrop St. Baptist. Five OAC evangelists and family members are in this picture in front of what used to be a shoe store where evangelist D.L. Moody was converted to Christ. Years later Moody would recall the day his S.S. teacher (Ed Kimball) visited him here and would say, "I had not felt that I had a soul till then."



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Pastor Pete of Winthrop St. Baptist, hands in pocket, overseeing the kids club meeting.



These five teens with skateboards came out of the Roxbury Crossing subway station and took an I.Q. test. After failing, they let me share the Gospel with them for five minutes. Finally one of the teens said, "What is one suggestion you would like to leave with us before we go?"



Family consecration week. Aidan is in the back row, third one in from the left.



Pastor Anton of Mayflower Congregational, in blue shirt with baseball cap, helping a child with their Bible lesson.



Pastor Pete of Calvary Baptist Dedham, walking in red shirt, and his wife Marta sitting on the mat. The children and adults always pay great attention to the sketchboard Bible story.



Erin Chervenak, OAC Rochester, doing an object lesson at our kids Bible club with Second Church of Dorchester.



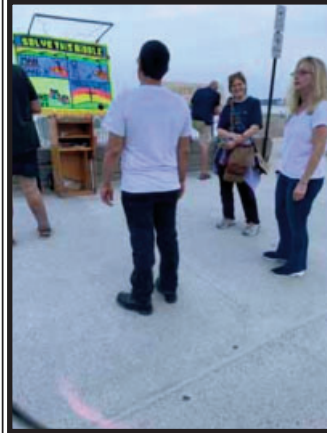
Adult meeting at the Old State House. Just around the corner is the site of the Boston Massacre.



Pastor Sam Cruz (green shirt) of First Baptist Chelsea helping children with their lesson after the Bible story.



Pastor Steve Cole (blue T shirt) of Calvary Chapel in the city listening to John Copell give the Bible story.



Adult meeting at Revere Beach. Pray for Charlie. I am talking to him in the background. He was ready to leave as he did not want to talk about anything negative. After an hour of talking about sin and death and the judgment to come, he became weepy and was overwhelmed with gratitude that I had talked to him. He took my contact information.



Closing program in Brockton with Trinity Baptist Church, John Copell preaching. Many volunteers from this church and the youth group from Forked River Baptist labored together.