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# Open Air Campaigners (OAC)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

### Frank's Update

**GOSPEL OUTREACH**

- Il-Ħamis, 16 ta' Novembru - hdejn il-Teatru Rjal, il-Belt, fl-6:30 pm
- Il-Gimgha, 17 ta' Novembru - hdejn il-Teatru Rjal, il-Belt, fl-5:30 pm
- Is-Sibt, 18 ta' Novembru - Is-saq ta' hdejn il-knisja ta' San Bastjan, fl-10 am. (Bus 61 jew 63).
- Il-Ħadd, 19 ta' Novembru - Marsaxlokk, waranofsinhar.

Inti mistieden tattendi ghal xi waħda jew aktar minn dawn il-laqgħat.



*Shalom! As promised, my Malta trip report's here, along with other ministry stories, prayer requests, and praise reports. Thanks so much for your support!*



The US seven, just in front of where Paul was shipwrecked nearly 2,000 years ago

Maltese ad about our outreach

**Ministry on Malta:** This island nation is mentioned by name in Acts 28:1. The Apostle Paul, on his way to Rome, was shipwrecked onto it ~61 AD. Our evangelism trip there was originally intended to happen in May of 2020, but was delayed until last November due to covid. I was praying and seeking someone, who also knew how to share the Gospel from the paint board, to serve with me on the trip. To my pleasant surprise, Brian, one of our OAC US leaders, and Tom, his father, were led to go. Our full team consisted of seven of us, all from the US, with only three of the seven having been to Malta previously.

Prior to arriving, we gathered that our ministry would be mostly to the Catholic Maltese, but that wasn't the case. I now understand that Malta's a popular holiday (AKA vacation) destination for Europeans. It's also a desired place to go to in order to find work for people from Asia and Africa. I was told that 100,000 of the half-million people on Malta were immigrants who were there to work. So, we actually ministered to **people from nearly 40 nations** with various belief systems! It was wonderful seeing the Holy Spirit use our team to His glory, especially Julia and Tom, who were probably the least-seasoned evangelists.

The trip was also difficult for me because I was on fumes for most of it. Good sleep was hard to find, on the planes and at our hotel, but the grace of the Lord sustained me. My fatigue likely contributed to me nearly losing my phone twice and my passport holder once. Losing, then finding my passport holder on a bus, only ~13 hours before our scheduled departure, was **a miracle**.

Overall, the ministry on Malta was great! We presented the glorious Gospel 17 times, to about 350 people, plus we witnessed **25 souls profess Jesus as Lord and Savior**, including two Muslim women and a Hindu man, who was studying to be a doctor! We left the ministry equipment in the hands of a couple from our team, who stayed a bit longer than us. They intended to train some Maltese saints and then give them the gear, with the hope that the Kingdom work would continue...

Brian preaching



Me preaching



Valletta harbor



*“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.” - The Lord Jesus (John 15:13-14)*



Four of our kids wearing beanies donated by an OAC Sister in Arizona

**Santa Ana Kids:** One of our Wednesday afternoons with the children was a wild one. I played some soccer with ~eight of them, which was fun, but there was some dog poop in the grass. To remove some from a boy’s leg, I used a plant leaf. I had to direct a couple of boys to watch their mouths during the games. The play hyped them up and they were disruptive during the praise songs and for some of the message. Plus, during the teaching, a scaffolding near by fell down. Thankfully, no one was hurt and that during the heart of the Bible teaching, the kids settled down and paid closer attention.

**Quad Squad:** On a slow, chilly night at Seal Beach pier, I saw four kids running around and playing. I jokingly called them *the quad squad* and prayed that they’d come my way, so I could share the Gospel with them. Not long after, my prayer was answered! Their crew consisted of **Levi**, two other boys and a girl. They enjoyed the riddle painting and were especially stoked when I showed them my three-ropes Gospel illusion. They gladly took DVDs about the life of the Lord Jesus with them.



Ministering at the Mission Inn in Riverside

**Some Stats** (since 7 Nov)  
 We shared the Gospel **35 times** with  
 nearly **1,100 souls**. Of those, **40**  
 professed Jesus as their Lord and Savior!  
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*“...they reported all that God had done with them...” - Acts 14:27*



Sharing the Gospel as the sun sets at Newport Beach

**Thanks and Praises:** \o/

- ❖ Safe and fruitful Malta trip
- ❖ My Mom’s health is better
- ❖ His mercy that’s new every morning
- ❖ The Lord’s protection and provision

**Prayer Requests:**

- Comfort for the Toledo and Johnson families
- Safe travel and good fellowship in Tennessee
- To be strong in the Lord and the power of His might
- Help to love the Lord and my neighbors more



**Snow + Evangelism:** After snowboarding with a pastor friend and his family, I headed to Huntington pier for some ministry with my 3-Doors tool. I shared it with **Curt** and **Michael**. Although Michael knew some of the Bible, he was surprised to find out that his name was in it--especially as an angel. Curt was quieter, but did say his grandma went to church. They took books of John and Jesus DVDs. I also met **Ross**, who surprisingly asked for prayer for protection from suicide!

*Thanks for helping to make this ministry happen! My next newsletter should be out in May. - His grace and peace, frank*

As OAC missionaries, we depend on the Lord to provide financially through His people and church fellowships. My recent financial support was 144% of my monthly goal. Donations are tax-deductible when made out to “OAC” and mailed to OAC, P.O. Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. Please include a note stating that your gift is to go into my account. On-line giving can be done at OACUSA.ORG. When there, click on “Giving” at the top and then on “United States click here.” Under “Choose A Designation - Fund,” you’ll find me listed as “Baldus - Frank.” -- Thank you!  
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