



**Jan Markell with Olive Tree Ministries**, which focuses on clarifying the end times, says this about all of the things we are witnessing here, in the rest of the world and especially Israel. She says, "The world is not falling to pieces, but the pieces are all falling into place." God is aligning His supernatural set-up for what he has prophesied for the end times. Even a casual observer can see unusual things are happening! It behooves us to be ready, and to help others get ready.

**Be ready, because Jesus ( the Son of Man) is coming at an hour that you do not expect**  
**Luke 12:40**

**Hello all! Touching base with the first ministry report of 2024.**

**We closed out the year** with ministry at local colleges until the Fall Semester ended and then we transitioned to other opportunities. We shared the gospel on the sketch-board with the parents and kids of the Buckner Baptist Foster Care Program. We were also indoors for presentations at Dallas Life Recovery Center and Beautiful Feet Church for the Homeless in Ft. Worth!

**In January we did** an outreach to carnival workers at the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. We were also invited down to Elkhart, Tx to speak to their children's program. The children really enjoyed the sketch-board as we did a presentation on Genesis and the creation account.

**As I write this** I just returned from a long, long week-end at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. It was a crazy time and I had to fight some sickness the entire time I was there, but the other guys watched out for me, A lot of gospel tracts went out and we had many great conversations. It is amazing to see God at work in the middle of all that chaos.

**College ministry** has resumed and is already proving to be fruitful. The students ask good questions and listen to our responses .Its very rare that we run across one who is completely hostile toward the gospel but most are willing to listen and generally refuse politely when disinterested. We are grateful for all these opportunities! We are also **grateful** and **humbled** by your continued support and prayers and we covet them both!

Please enjoy a pictorial summary of the last several months and please pray for these things mentioned!

**PRAISES:**

- \*Dovie's issue with her heart has been properly diagnosed and isn't as serious as we were told initially.
- \*We celebrated 49 years of marriage on January 31! All agree that Dovie is one tough woman!
- \*God as always, has given us abundant provisions in the last 14 months. He is so gracious and faithful to keep His word to meet all of our needs and even many of our wants. God continues to open doors for ministry in various places.
- \*We praise God for a strong marriage and the fact that He would use a couple like us for eternal purposes.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- \*Spring Break Sketch-board training with Liberty U. students in Miami, March 8th-16th. Pray for the students and the OAC trainers .
- \*Rick has blockage in his carotid artery. He will have a CT Scan on March 3, to determine the exact extent of the blockage and whether surgery is necessary at this time. I know I have 70% blockage,
- \*They don't attempt surgery unless it's 80% or over. Praying for under 80 right now until I get back from our Miami trip.
- \*Please pray that our ministry reaches many more people with the gospel than we did last year.
- \*We feel the hour is urgent and we want to be as effective as possible while we can!

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.

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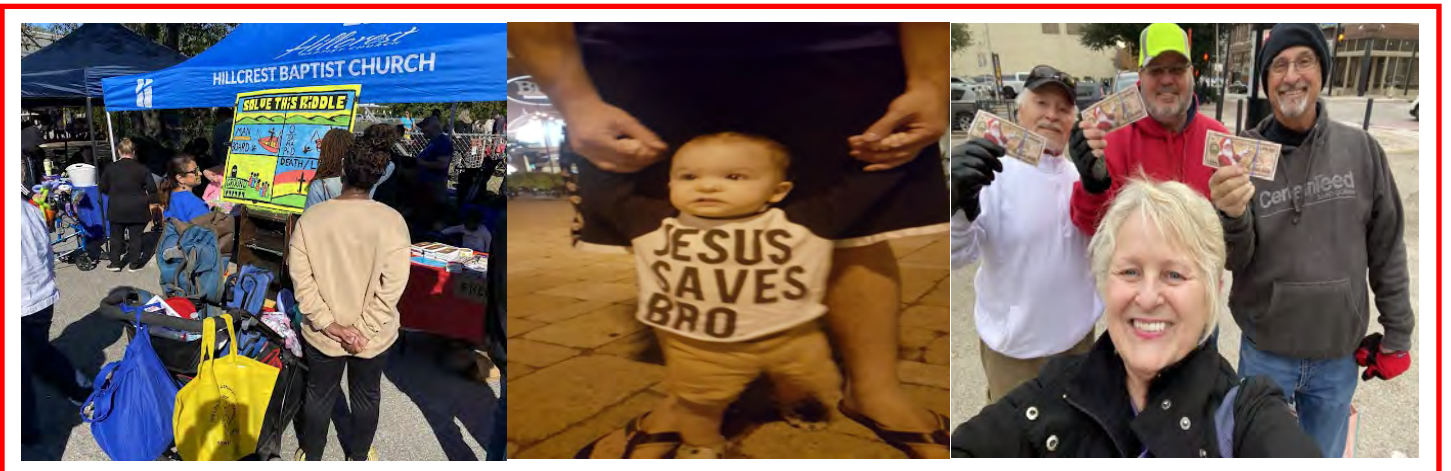
Each year for the last three, we have an old retired NARC ( narcotics officers) evangelistic reunion where a few of us hit the Strand in Galveston to give the tourists a good dose of the gospel while they are on vacation. So here's my good buddy Kelly (in the hat) sharing with a tourist .



Later he and Duaine posed for a pic after we had celebrated what the Lord had done with a great late night seafood meal near the beach! It's a great way To serve The Lord!



Steve, one of our church members , shares the gospel with the man in the sunglasses at our local festival.



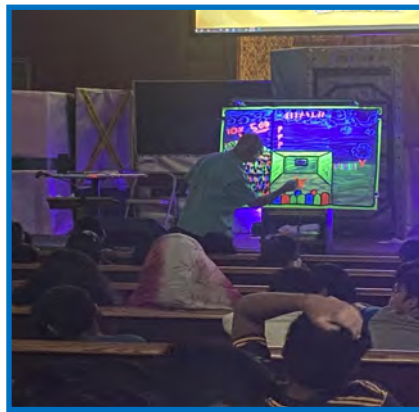
Each year we partner with our home church to do evangelism at the local festival in Cedar Hill. We always have scores of conversations and hand out four or 500 gospel tracts, books and Bibles. We also invite people to our church and any upcoming events we have. It's a great way to share the good news and to make our presence known in the community.

Here's a young, bold evangelist who is not ashamed of the gospel. I think there's a place in OAC for his future. We've been looking for some young blood.

Here's Miss Dovie, Steve & James from our church, and me. We are getting ready to hand out 5,500 Santa Million Dollar Bills at the Christmas Parade in downtown Dallas! Each one had the gospel message on the back and also a candy cane attached to make the Good News even sweeter!



This is Michael Clark who has a tremendous heart for the gospel and especially college students .Here he is talking to a group of Muslim students and he held their attention for at least ten minutes while he shared the gospel of Christ and explained the differences between Christianity & Islam.



I'm doing the closing VBS message for children and their parents at a church in Carrollton which has all Indian believers. Dovie and I had done some sketch-board training there previously and they really love the effectiveness of it.



**THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US  
AS WE TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE STREETS**  
*Rick and Dovie*