

Charis said, "I was encouraged by the whole team and their excitement to tell people about Jesus. I gained so much wisdom from the leaders and grew in my personal walk with the Lord. Sharing the gospel is something I've always struggled with. I know as believers we are called to make disciples, however it still can be a scary thing for me to do. I saw God work every single night as we were evangelizing. God gave me peace as I talked, and He provided so many divine appointments. It always amazes me the number of strangers that are willing to talk about what they believe about eternity, and who are willing to hear the gospel. This trip reminded me of the power of the gospel, and that I should not be ashamed of it. We live in a broken world and people need the hope of salvation. The Holy Spirit was working and I learned how to better rely on Him for strength and for the words to say."

Hannah B. wrote, "Working with the children's ministry opened my eyes to so many things I had never considered. The ability to show love to those hearts and receive it back felt like more of a gift to me than them. The street ministry was something I was very nervous about. However, it gave me so much more perspective than I could have imagined. I learned so much by being questioned by others, and hearing their perspectives. God allowed me to meet so many people who were already searching for him. There were so many divine conversations and purposeful moments that it would take many pages to write them all down. On this trip, I saw God's hand still reaching. The ability to experience what we did renewed and strengthened my faith, and left me with a desire to pursue him and future ministry."

Continue to pray for the University ministry in the Boston area. As a result of preaching the Gospel at Northeastern this fall and winter. I got a text on December 13 that read, "Eric, before meeting you I had no Bible, used to use nicotine and weed EVERYDAY, and I also was watching porn. I can't believe I'm saying that I was able to quit all three. It's never too late which is beautiful - I have been saved. I'm reading the Bible front to back. I am up to Genesis 32 and have accepted Jesus into my heart. I will certainly look into the passages you have pointed out to me. I would love to see you this week and would love to do any community service that your church does while I am in Boston (family is in NY so I will be there for holidays)." I have met with Joe since this text and he is growing in his faith.

Diane and I are encouraged by all you who pray and give. Thank you.

In God's Grace,
Eric & Diane
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Daily: That Diane and I would be Christ-like examples to our children and their families.

Sunday: For God's anointing on our pastor, Cody Busby.

Monday: Continued seed sowing at Northeastern U, Boston U., UMass, Bridgewater State U.

Tuesday: Salvation for university students Thomas, Hepeng, Ryan, Tawfiq, Aboud, Abdi, Almedar, Samin, Peyton.

Wednesday: Our children and their families, Mathisens, Schliefs, Briscoes, and D'Erricos .

Thursday: Potential new churches to labor with Marsh Corner Community Church and Charles River Church.

Friday: Spring Transit locations: Roxbury Crossing T, Quincy T, Jackson Square T, Ashmont T.

Saturday: OAC staff Chris and Bonnie McKinley and volunteers Rick, Joey, Tim, John, Miriam and that God would raise up an evangelist for the Boston Branch.



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"For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

Dear Praying Partners,

The Bible is a powerful weapon. It is meant to be spoken by those who have been pierced by it. It is not a club but a sword, and like a seed that penetrates the hard ground, it can penetrate a hard heart in the hands of those who look upon their faces with compassion. This month's letter is a testimony of how college students from Liberty University used God's sword during spring break and were amazed by the impact it had not only on the hearers but also on those who spoke it.

Gretel said, "This trip truly taught me what it meant to depend fully on the Lord for strength. I particularly enjoyed how our leaders encouraged us to ask them questions first and answer them according to what they say. It reminded me of how Jesus communicated with people and spoke according to where people were at while discerning their intentions too. Even though I had some difficult conversations that left me speechless, I learned to surrender these people to the Lord and trust that my job was solely to sow the seeds while the Lord produced the growth."

Kacie said, "I am so grateful that this was my first mission. It was so inspiring to see the kids so receptive to the gospel! I was also very moved by the father and daughter that returned the next night with the girl's sister to talk to me again. They were so interested and respectful. I could tell they were curious and thinking about what I was saying, but they were still very firm in their Catholic beliefs. I know the Holy Spirit was moving in them, I saw them thinking and questioning. I hope I planted a seed. I am so grateful for every conversation I had. It allowed me to see what I need to gain more knowledge on to be able to answer more questions and it showed me different ways to share the gospel. I am very grateful I got to have this experience. I will never be the same."

Hannah K. wrote, "I had never been on a mission trip until this one and I was new to doing street evangelism. At the beginning of the trip I was nervous to do things that I had never done before, it was definitely out of my comfort zone but being able to see how intentional the Lord was with bringing people that were hungry for the gospel was truly so impactful. I also loved being able to get closer to the team we had. getting to walk through this experience with other believers helped me grow in my faith, through conversations and getting to hear testimonies of people on the team it really helped bring the team closer together."

Ruthie wrote, "The trip was an eye-opening experience and helped me realize that to grow closer in my relationship with God and challenge my faith, I would need to do things like this. Working with the kids in the poorer inner-city neighborhoods was very fun but it saddened me to see the life that they were living. The very last day of the kid's ministry was the best in my opinion because I got to share the gospel with a group of kids that were attentive and listening and seemed receptive to the message. The adult ministries were a whole different ball game and I think every Christian needs to be put in this kind of challenging situation to grow in their relationship with God. I had to solely rely on Him to know what to say to people when I got into a conversation and I relied on Him for the courage to hand out tracks. Rejection was a major fear, but each night, I got a little bit more confident. I know that He was able to use me to plant seeds in everyone that I talked to, even if I stumbled through my words or wasn't able to give a solid answer."



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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OAC/Liberty team picture at Calvary Chapel Miami Beach where we stayed.



LU student Kacie teaching a Bible lesson at Buena Vista Homes in Miami.



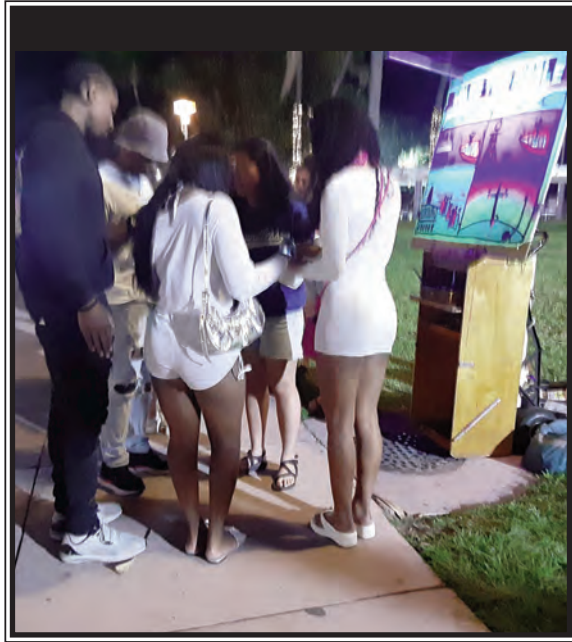
Students from Northeastern Univ. hearing the Gospel. This is the same location I met Joe. He has been going to church every Sunday.



Volunteers Joey and Rick witnessing at Quincy T station.



OAC staff Richard & Diane Burley, Eric & Diane Briscoe, and Rick & Dovie Moore in Nassau Bahamas on a cruise immediately after spring break week.



Gretel praying with students on Ocean Drive having been impacted by the gospel message.



Using object lessons in the subway is a great way to get attention and communicate the Gospel.



Chris McKinley and I did an outreach in the Stoneham Town Hall organized by Bonnie and John Giglio. 140 people attended over a four-hour period.



Children from Buena Vista giving a Liberty student a hair make-over.



Liberty students were in constant conversations like this every night.



Tawfiq and Aboud from Jordan. Both are students at Boston Univ. They were wanting to give up on "religion." When I put Christianity in the context of relationships, they stayed and talked for 20 minutes.



Without these three ladies in Miami, we would have been up a creek.