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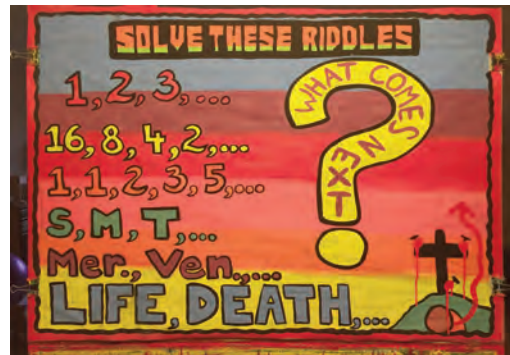
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Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to have the opportunity each day to share the answer to everything, for such a time as this: The Lord, His Word, and His Glorious Gospel! Although there are many adversaries, there are also many open doors. Here are some of the happenings from the past several months:

TAMPA, FLORIDA

In February, a team from Rochester and I, along with OAC's Florida director, Richard Burley, were doing a night outreach in the St. Petersburg area, using the sketchboard riddle, "What Comes Next?" (pictured above). I had a brief conversation with a small group of teens, and when we got to the last question – Life, Death, what comes next? – they decided to keep moving down the walkway. But then a woman standing nearby (I hadn't noticed her listening) called out, "What's the answer?" And it was a golden opportunity to share the gospel to an open heart. The Lord gave us a spectacular time in Tamps: kids' club meetings at a trailer park, campus ministry, assisted living facilities, youth meetings, street and beach evangelism.



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

After Tampa, I drove over to Louisiana to visit a supporting church, The Cornerstone Church of Baton Rouge. I was very blessed to join them in their ministry: children's church, assisted living outreach that they do monthly, and a neighborhood children's outreach in a community where the church has done ministry for a number of years. It was heart-stirring and encouraging, and I was richly blessed in every way.

ECUADOR

In May, OAC held its international conference in the Amazon region of Ecuador, followed by a week of ministry up in the Andes with our international director, Ecuadorian native David Proano and his team. For more details on this precious time, please see the insert, "The Ecuador Report."

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON

Each year, OAC has an annual "Sketchboard Evangelism Training (SET)," and we had a wonderful group of nine students. We taught object lessons and paintboards for children's ministry, and then we joined up with the Graffiti Church in Washington DC, presenting the lessons live to the kids in their summer camp ministry. We also did an open air kids' meeting at a large apartment complex, mostly Spanish-speaking families. Similarly, after learning adult paintboards, we headed out to the streets at Lexington Market and the Silver Spring downtown area; our students did a great job at effective open air preaching and had many opportunities on the streets to share the gospel.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

I was invited by Ministry to Muslims Network again to help out with the Bible lesson portion of their VBS in a high-density Muslim area. The demographics in Dearborn have changed since my first time of ministry there, as now there are many Afghans and Yemenis, whereas before it was more Lebanese and Iraqis. We had some lovely Afghan children attend the VBS, and by the end of the week they answered perfectly that Jesus was our substitute, giving His life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin. For a moment, I thought they were church kids! Also, one of our SET students happened to be from Michigan and was able to join me for part of the outreach; she was a kindred spirit, as they say, and we had a great time together in fellowship and ministry.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Each year, I join our Boston director and OAC veteran, Eric Briscoe, for a 5-day kids' club sponsored by a local church and street ministry in the Boston area. This year, we worked alongside Calvary Chapel in the City, presenting a series of lessons on "The Last Week of Christ on Earth." Another student from SET was able to join me there, and she did a phenomenal job as well, and has since done several sketchboard messages in her own area, youth outreach and chapel meetings at the Christian school where she works. The Lord also gave us clear, divine appointments at the downtown area, Roxbury station, and Revere Beach.

AND, OF COURSE, ROCHESTER, NY

Weekly Bible clubs wrapped up at the end of May and restarted in mid-September. One club is small, with the same group of children each week, and the other is a wild ride, with different kids and a different experience every time we go. But it's a great privilege to reach children with the Gospel in the final hour. This past week, I joined a family that hosts a neighborhood Bible Club, and our time was deeply encouraging; the children have so many questions and a hunger for the Lord – I can't wait for our next one! Campus outreach is ongoing; I rotate among local campuses, and the Lord always gives divine appointments. I'm also able to do beach ministry at Lake Ontario in the summer and street ministry in other parts of the city. As this letter goes to print, I am involved in an outreach with my home church which will be followed by a second one with another local church.



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THANK YOU for all of your prayers and support for the ministry!

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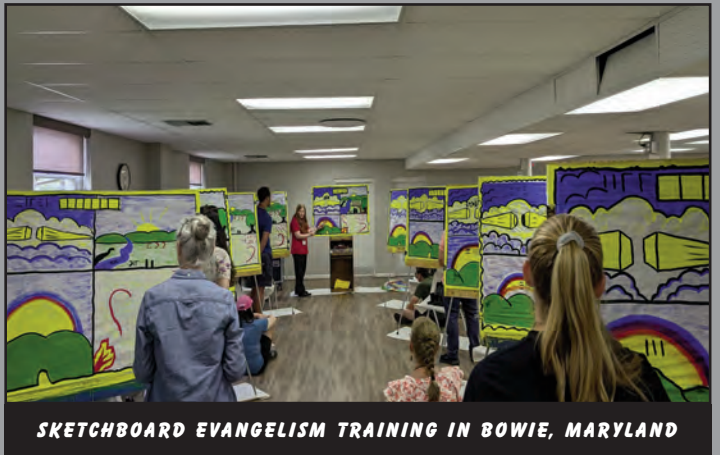
5-DAY KIDS' CLUB AT MISSION HILL



ASSISTED LIVING MINISTRY IS A GREAT BLESSING



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA WITH CORNERSTONE



SKETCHBOARD EVANGELISM TRAINING IN BOWIE, MARYLAND



OPEN-AIR MINISTRY IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON



KIDS' CLUB CONDUCTED IN A TRAILER PARK



OBJECT LESSON DEMO AT GRAFFITI CHURCH'S KIDS' CAMP



YOUTH MEETING AT CALVARY CHAPEL BRANDON



DIVINE APPOINTMENT AT ROXBURY CROSSING



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



ROCHESTER TEAM HEADED FOR FLORIDA



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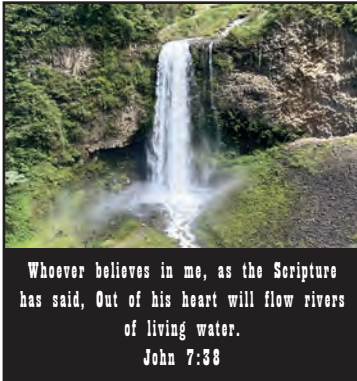
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Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.
John 7:38

This past May, about 80 OAC workers from 26 different countries descended upon Ecuador for our International Conference in Puyo, a city in the Amazon region. Not everyone



was able to make the journey, but some far-flung places were still able to attend, including a couple men from our OAC Branch in Russia! (Yes, you read that right!) It is wonderful to experience how the Lord unites people from every nation, tongue, and tribe in His kingdom.

We heard reports from every branch, as well as messages on perseverance in ministry and developing teams of evangelists for the streets. We visited a museum about Nate Saint and had an opportunity to meet some of the Huaorani people, including the grandson of Mincayani, a member of the raiding party that was later saved.



Children's Meeting in the Amazon

Dividing up into six different teams, we were able to do outreach in indigenous communities in the Amazon as well as ministry in the schools. At one school, where I had the opportunity to present the message, the number of children was overwhelming (probably close to 1000), and poor acoustics, various disturbances, and inattentiveness from classroom groups seated farther away made for a discouraging experience. But as we were exiting the building, a tiny child ran up to me and handed me a seed as a gift – she had found it on the ground. It was a reminder that no matter the situation, His Word will not return void!



Middleschoolers



Chimborazo, highest mountain in Ecuador

After our time in Puyo, a small group of us headed up to Riobamba in the Andes. The local team worked tirelessly, making all the arrangements, translating, and serving in every capacity. Our team in Ecuador is truly phenomenal! Once again, we had several opportunities to reach out in the schools, but we also did a park outreach and a couple outreaches to indigenous communities in the mountains, with one of them on Chimborazo, Ecuador's highest mountain (volcano, actually), at about 14,000 feet.



OAC with the Huaorani



Elementary School near Riobamba

My favorite outreach was presenting the message "Lord Save Me" (Senor Salvame) to a group of around 100 elementary school students. The children were thrilled and attentive to every part (puppet show, chemical cross object lesson, songs, and the sketchboard message), and at the end, the teachers asked us for gospel tracts to pass out to the children!



Object lesson with young boy



Fascinated with the Object Lesson



Passing out tract at an indigenous community



Large school in Puyo

Thank you so much for sending me!

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Small children listening

