



# The McKinley Family Open Air Campaigners

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**D**ear family in Christ, thank you so much for your prayers and support of our ministry! We couldn't do what we do without you! Here's a few highlights from the last few months of ministry. I hope they are a blessing to you.

We ran into Ami and some friends of his again! They had such awesome questions! "How can you believe in one God," they asked sincerely, "yet three at the same time?" We gave some examples, like how water can have the same substance yet appear as water, ice or vapor, even in the same location at the same time. We shared how in the beginning God said "Let US make man..." indicating a plurality or Tri-unity right from the very beginning, and how the Hebrew word "echad" for "one" also indicates a unity of plurality in the same sense as a husband and wife.

They asked how Jesus could be the Messiah if He broke the Sabbath. (Excellent question, as He did have a habit of healing people on the Sabbath). We shared how even the ancient Qumran Essenes believed that Messiah would be God incarnate, and therefore was the One who created the Sabbath. He taught that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath and that it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

After we shared just a few of the 300 Messianic prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, they asked my favorite question of the day. "When Jesus came, he left many Messianic prophecies unfulfilled. Why should we believe He is the Messiah if He didn't fulfill all of the prophecies?" Everyone in the group agreed that this was a very good question!

I responded, "The one's who gave us the Dead Sea Scrolls, who believed that Messiah would be God incarnate, also believed in one Messiah with two comings, unlike the Pharisees and Sadducees who believed in two Messiahs. Archaeologists, Dead Sea Scrolls scholars, and even the Israel antiquities authority have come to the conclusion that Qumran was the school of John the Baptist. His group of Essenes claimed to be the original form of Judaism, and accused the Pharisees and Sadducees of apostasizing from the written word and getting into oral tradition. This is confirmed by the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament. So Jesus IS that one Messiah with two comings. He came the first time to take away our sins and to pay the debt of our iniquities through his shed blood on the cross, fulfilling the prophecies of the suffering servant. He will come again the second time to bring about the kingdom age. At that time He will fulfill the prophecies about Messiah the conquering King, Under his rule, His followers will experience Heaven on Earth like it was in the Garden of Eden before the fall."

Ami said, "That is a very interesting answer. I hadn't heard of the Essenes believing in one Messiah with two comings. From a Christian perspective, that would explain why you believe what you believe. I actually really am very interested in Christian theology...as an intellectual exercise of course...as I am Jewish. I have found that Christians I've spoken with have been very knowledgeable of the Bible. In fact, more knowledgeable of the Bible than my Jewish friends. I find this quite unfortunate, and think that we should have a much greater understanding of our own Scriptures."

I tried giving Ami and his friends a copy of the Gospel of John but he said they couldn't take it because it was a Sabbath. I encouraged them to pick up a copy of the Gospel of John when they got a chance and to read the teachings of Jesus for themselves. Please pray that the Lord would grab a hold of their hearts and that they would come to know their Messiah, Yeshua, the suffering Servant and soon coming King.



A highlight of our summer ministry is when we brought a team from our church to Chelsea for a week. It's so good to be with people who have a passion to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ! We helped a local church with a daily kids club, and also shared the Gospel daily in downtown Boston, handing out tracts and initiating one-on-one conversations with locals, students, and tourists.

Check out some pics from our Boston mission trip!



I'm so proud of everyone who contributed to the outreach with their paint board messages, object lessons, puzzles and songs. It's so worth it when we let our love for the lost conquer our fear, step out of our comfort zone, and share the hope of everlasting life available through Jesus Christ!



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Never a dull moment in street evangelism! One day at Keene State a skateboarder stole one of the 10 Commandments tablets from our display and cruised off across the campus. Eric yelled, "Hey! He stole one of the tablets!"

When I heard that and saw the guy I took off running after him. It must have been the Lord giving me strength, because I ran fast and actually caught up with him. When he got to his dorm and turned around he was shocked to see me. He said, "Wow! if you ran fast enough to catch up to me, then you deserve this back," and handed me the tablet.

Winded, I said, "I just want you to know," ...deep breath... "that Jesus loves you man."

"No he doesn't," he scoffed. "I'm queer!"

"Hey man," ...gasp... "I was a witch," ...deep breath...

"You were a witch?" He asked, even more shocked.

"Yup," ...gasp... "and Jesus loved me enough to die for me, His enemy," ...deep breath. "He loves you just as much," ...breath...

"and died for you too," ...gasp... "God bless."

And that's all the words I could get out.

Please pray for the random skateboarder thief. This is a day he will certainly never forget. (Nor will I). Pray the Lord covers him with His convicting love and draws him to repentance and faith in Jesus. (Picture taken 2 minutes before it happened).

Here are some ways you can pray for our family and ministry:

Pray for Chloe as she is away at college studying Christian counselling.

Continue to pray for amazing Divine appointments as we carry the Gospel to the streets and campuses of New England.

Pray for our ministry team as we have recently lost a very dear friend and ministry partner.

Pray for our financial support to increase so we can expand this vital Gospel ministry to the most unreached region of our nation. We are so grateful for those who support us in prayer and monthly giving.

Pray that the Lord would provide a low-mileage ministry vehicle with four wheel drive. It gets treacherous up here in the winter.



"I just don't believe in things I can't see," said Cheyenne, a nice student at USF. I pointed at the leaves moving on the tree behind her and asked, "Can you see those leaves moving?"

"Yes," she replied. I asked her, "Can you see the wind that's moving them?"

"No."

"It's the same with God. He's the wind that moves us. You might not be able to see Jesus, but you can see His effects in the lives of His followers. So, if there is a Heaven, how does someone make it in?"

"Believe in God. Be a Christian?" she said.

"That's true. Jesus said that what we need to do is repent and believe the Gospel, that means to turn away from sin and trust in Christ. That's what I did when I turned away from being an enemy of God and asked Jesus to save me. When I did that, His Holy Spirit came in like the wind and changed my life."

Please pray for Cheyenne that she too would allow the Lord to change her life as she seeks Him in His word.

Had some wonderful conversations at Northeastern! I saw this beautiful "Sukkah" set up by the students for the Festival of Booths, so I went in and sat down and chatted with a nice Rabbi and some Jewish students, asking them about the significance of the festival to them. I explained that I was a Bible nerd and was curious about what the "four species" of plants symbolized, that every booth had. It was fun dialoguing with a group who, before October 7th, was not as open to talking with us Christians. It's amazing how tragedy can bring people together. I asked if they had experienced any anti-Semitism since October 7th, and they said it was not nearly as bad as it was in the weeks and months directly following the attacks. Then the nice Rabbi asked, "How did you become a Bible nerd?" "I wasn't brought up this way," I replied. "I was involved in New Agism and witchcraft in college..." "Really? Actually there's a little bit of that mixed in with what we practice in Kaballah," said the Rabbi. I shared how I didn't realize that my glorious spirit guides, who presented themselves as beings of light, were actually fallen angels. "I didn't realize that I was serving the enemy of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Bible says that Satan can manifest as an angel of light. So that's when I cried out to Jesus to save me. And He did." I shared how ever since that day, I had an instant love for God, His word, and His people Israel. Please pray for the kind Rabbi and our Jewish friends as they celebrate the remembrance of their desert wanderings. Pray they encounter the Fountain of living water, Jesus the Messiah, repent of their sin, and have their spiritual thirst satisfied.



We go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are because **people matter to God!**

With love in Christ, *Chris, Bonnie, Chloe & Bella*



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