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Open Air Campaigners International is an interdenominational ministry of evangelism committed to preaching the gospel to the unreached through open air and other outreaches in partnership with the Church.

HEADLINE NEWS: NEW YEAR – RENEWED LIFE

Well, 2025 is in the books, as they say. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness in helping us through all things, including all the expenses/bills were taken care of for the year. Also, both Renae and I are starting the new year cancer-free – HALLELUJAH, THANKS & GLORY TO GOD (and thanks to all of you who prayed us through and moved the hand of God to heal us – I am moved to tears even as I think & write of this!!!!!!!). However, I (Mike), am not completely out of the woods yet. My doctors are saying it could take 6 months to a year to fully recover and get back to normal. I still have chronic fatigue and some brain fog issues. Thankfully, since I started my furlough year last May then I still have through April to keep working on the recovery protocols of my Oncologist (Dr Salib), and my primary care Doctor (Doc G.), is applying functional medicine and using various supplements & meds & IV chemical treatments to help clear up some of the mild brain dysfunction (incidental memory lapses), and the Diabetes & Anemia & weight-gain issues (who knew that the liquid steroids treatments as part of the chemo treatments, and the insulin treatments, cause one to gain weight). Anyway, now that the chemo is over and the cancer gone, they can focus on treating some of the side-effects. Another challenge related to that is that none of the supplemental stuff is covered by our Medicare/etc insurance, and so is out of pocket to the tune of some \$10 thousand more in this new year. Also, we are just now finding out that Medicare did not cover all of the chemo-treatment things either, and we are presently in negotiations with our Oncologist about what is going on with that, and how much is that going to be (we saw a list of charges adding up to tens of thousands). Again, we have always gone by faith in our missionary life, trusting God's faithfulness as our provider, through moving His Churches & people to be gracious & generous on our behalf (and blessing them back accordingly in earthly ways, as well as the promise of eternal treasures – **see Mark 10:21**). So, if God blesses and leads any of you to cheerfully want to get in on helping us through this year's extra budgetary challenges, we will be eternally grateful (and share some of our heavenly treasures with you all). We are already bursting full with gratitude towards those of you who helped us through all the bills of 2025, and we pray that our BIG GOD will bless you back even BIGGER (as per **Acts 20:35**).



My cancer care heroes!



On the missionary front - Jesus' command to "Preach" the Gospel, can include Publicly Proclaiming such to a group, OR, Privately-Personally Presenting such truth to individuals, OR, by Printed (or other published media) presentations passed on to multitudes. Our OAC evangelists employ all of those, as we go to where people are (where the fish are, to be fishers of men & women). We go to elementary, HS, college schools, camps, marketplaces, malls, beach-boardwalks, prisons, nursing homes and of course Churches, etc. etc. etc. **Well, I say GLORY TO GOD, as the tally is in for OAC USA in 2025:**

*Open Air and other **Gospel meetings totaled 5379 across the Country** throughout the year (averaging over 448 Gospel proclamations per month) – PTL & GTG (Glory To God)!!

*Total attendance of **people of all ages hearing the Gospel was around 86,765 (and average of over 7230 per month)**

*There were some **947 professions of salvation decisions**, but multitudes more will be discovered in eternity - GTG!

*Also, **around 64,000 Gospel tracts were distributed widely** (and including to multitudes of homes that can affect numerous people each – so you can multiply that number by several). **We ourselves gave out over 10,000**, did various ministry outreaches proclaiming the Gospel to hundreds, and **seeing near 50 professions of saving faith**, giving all in Heaven, especially God/Jesus, much joy & rejoicing (as per Luke 15:7)!!!!

*Of course, there was much follow-up and discipleship ministry, and much training ministry helping Churches & Christians all across the country fulfill their responsibility to be faithful-fruitful witnesses for the Lord.

***All glory goes to God, who graciously allows us to work with Him** (as a young ox is yoked with a Big Daddy Ox, just to go along for the ride, and get in on the harvest - as with Jesus in Matt. 11:29).

Anyway, as supporters of our ministry, you are a **HUGE** part of all the above. You help us to help our National Office HQ ministries, which helps to facilitate all of the above taking place. Thus, all of us get in on a fraction of all of that Kingdom action (and the Eternal Heavenly Reward Treasures of it all) – WOW!

As our cancer challenge ended near the end of the year, so we took the opportunity to get the Gospel out for Christmas & beyond, locally, and with a 3000 + mile road-trip to Canada and Minnesota, giving out Christmas Gospel and other tracts by the hundreds as we went. Also, as part of our furlough we visited all 4 of our main supporting Churches (though a blizzard in MN cancelled one of those - but we did meet with an elder and missions committee leader there, for lunch) – so all went well.

Giving out Christmas lollipops and Gospel tracts to families as old St. Mick (old Saint Nic's real brother, in Christ) at a local Christmas tree lighting festival – spelling out the true reason for the season – **CHRIST!**



Got to spend Christmas celebrating with and ministering to my 95 yr old Mom



Also had a great visit with my 95 yr old OAC friend (Chuck) who brought us into the Mission, 40 years ago. Also saw his daughter & son-in law who are also OAC missionaries in Minnesota



And, my great brother Pat took us to a Vikings game, and they won – AWESOME! Renae & I had our first date (ca 1979) by going to a Vikings game – so this was our 2nd date I guess, ha ha! Great memories...., then & now!!



Renae is a big help in the OAC HQ support services office operations, and my outreach ministries, besides being my BFF sweetheart!!!!!!



Also, got to visit and have great fellowship & blessings in several of our supporting Churches (like Cornerstone in Minneapolis, above), and with supporter-friends (no pics) along the way. God is good!



BACK IN THE SADDLE – YAY!!! My health & energies are good enough now that we are able to join back in doing a winter Good News Club with CEF, at a local public elementary school – giving the Gospel creatively to eager kids, which is very dear to the heart of King Jesus. God is super good!

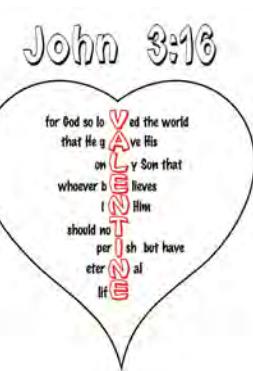
Happy Valentine's Day coming up, and Happy 45th Anniversary (Feb. 28th) to my dear sweetheart and bride, Renae!



THE CHURCH IS ON FIRE – THE CHURCH IS ON FIRE!! Our house is right next to it (less than 10 feet away, as the old parsonage). It was 6 am-ish – thankfully a friendly neighbor banged on our door shouting for us to wake up and run! Prayers went furiously up, and God came through and delivered our house from destruction – PTL! I got to give out the Gospel to a multitude of firemen from all over the area! May we ever be on fire for Jesus!!!



Also got to celebrate an early Christmas with our Canada fam, and our Canadian Church fam (no pics). Then on to fun but short visits with Renae's side of the fam in Wisconsin & Minnesota. What a blessing they all are!!! Thank you Lord!!!



PRAYER CONCERNS

- Please PRAISE & THANK the Lord with us for His grace & loving faithfulness that has gotten us through all life's challenges to date (and which we can depend on to get us through the rest of the way)!! Please pray for a faithful-fruitful year of serving the Lord through OAC ahead!
- **Please pray for our kids & Grands to all get on board and go all out for King Jesus!**

Still going with the Gospel for the Lord and the lost With LOVE in the Lord, Michael & Renae

For those whom God is leading to partner with us in helping us keep the bills paid, so we can keep going with OAC and the Gospel, thank you so much - you are much needed & appreciated!! Please send funds written out to "open air campaigners," as a tax-deductible support donation (with a note designating it as Bussen family support – even little amounts by many add up and are helpful, and are always very much appreciated):

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