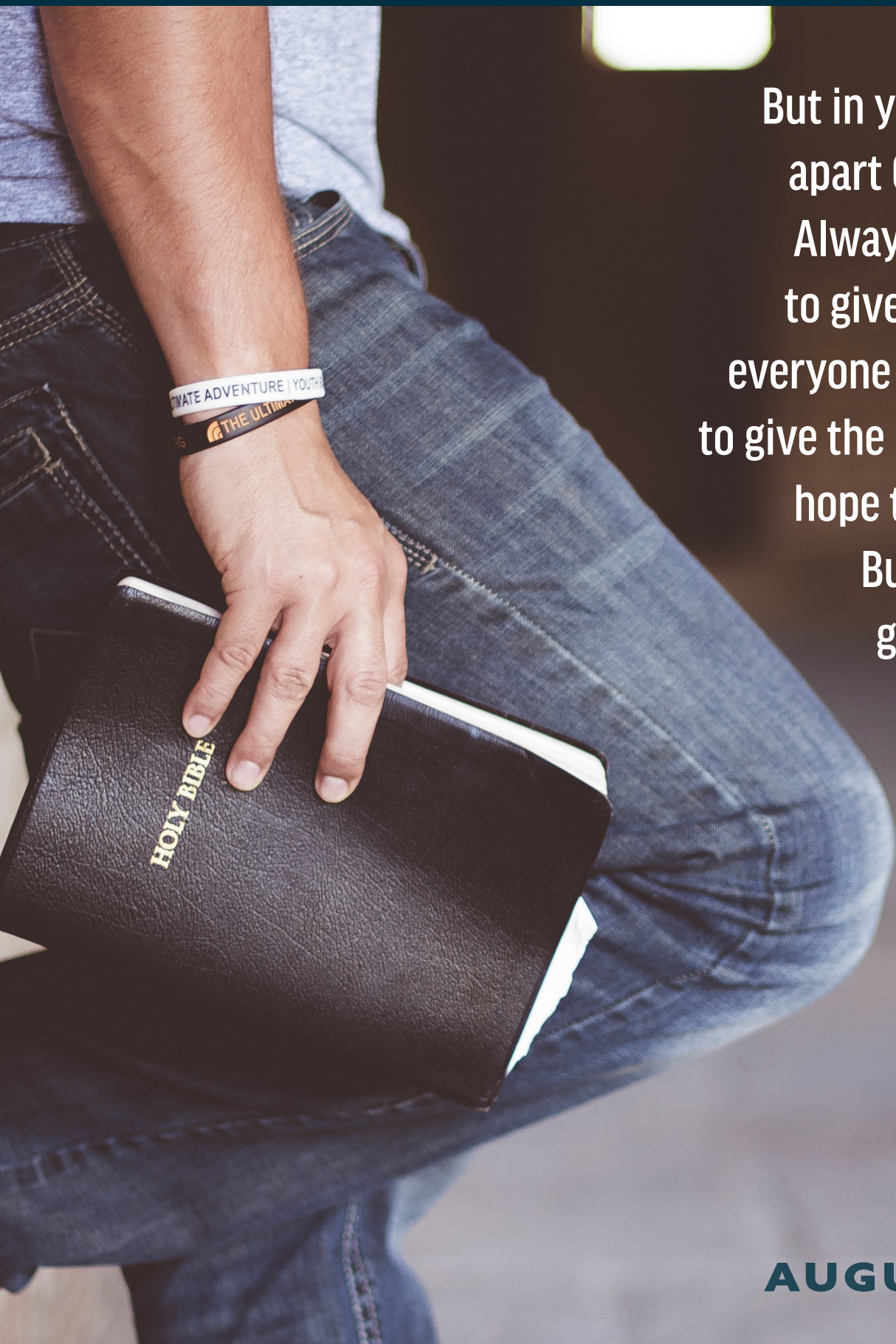


PARTNERS



But in your hearts set
apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared
to give an answer to
everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the
hope that you have.
But do this with
gentleness and
respect.
1 Peter 3:15



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Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel this years Evangelist Fellowship Conference. But, we are already planning next years. So get ready, it's going to be good!



SAVE THE DATE

12-15 AUGUST 2025





Kia ora koutou

The Gospel is the power of God for the Salvation for all those that believe.

Recent media events highlight the chaos and evil that seems to be going on in the world today. It can be easy to feel anxious and become discouraged about our futures. However, scripture reminds us that we have a hope that is not dependent on the news events in our communities and around the world. Christ is the hope of glory not anything else.



Jeremy & Vicki-Lee

Over the last couple of months, I've had the privilege of being reminded about this firsthand. In Ecuador I met a man named Meniwa, a third generation Christian. His grandfather, Mincayani, and his warriors killed Jim Elliot and four other missionaries. A period of time later Mincayani found Christ. His life, his whānau, his tribe were completely transformed and through the Gospel's power and that power is now impacting the third and fourth generations of the Waodani people.



I was preaching in a local church in Puyo, Ecuador. After the service a man spoke to the congregation. He explained how he was a faith church goer, but he hadn't trusted Christ fully for salvation. He always believed but felt he had to do his part. He also confessed that as a self-focused man he always treated his wife badly. In the service the Lord convicted him, he confessed his selfishness and pride and trusted Christ fully. He now says he is a new man. He was going home to his wife to tell her what had happened and ask her forgiveness and share his desire to become a man that puts Christ first. The Gospel has the power to restore families.

I had the privilege of training leaders in Savusavu, Fiji. In Fiji crime is increasing, hard drugs are coming into the country and corruption amongst authorities means they turn a blind eye. The church is struggling to adapt and be a central voice in the consciousness of the people. I got to spend three days with young men and women that want to live their lives for something greater than themselves, "Christ".



These are our leaders, now and in the future, seeking to glorify Christ, be like Christ and share Christ. Through these experiences and more our Lord has reminded me that despite our challenges we have hope because the Gospel truly is the power of God. And His power is more active now than ever before.

Mā te Atua koutou katoa e manaaki.

AUCKLAND



Lew & Philip

The Auckland team has been continuing its outreaches in the city. The team of about six volunteers continues to gather on Fridays to share the Gospel with surveys, chocolate, and gospel literature. Two of our volunteers, Hans and Isaac, also run

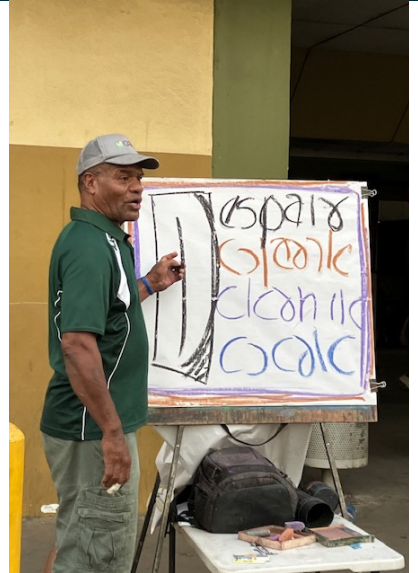
similar outreaches near their church in Blockhouse Bay.

The new evangelism wing of Laidlaw has asked OAC to lead outreaches in Henderson that their students can participate in to gain evangelism experience. We are thrilled by this co-operation and its potential to develop more evangelists. We also expect to be participating in outreaches in Technical Colleges in Auckland in the coming weeks.

Paul Tabrum has retired from OAC work, but not from evangelism. With Philip well able to lead the Auckland CBD outreaches, Lew has been able to work fortnightly in the Waikato with a former OAC man, James Hay, and a voluntary team. They hold outreaches near Centre Place Mall. Other events that bring evangelists together are planned for the coming months.

Lew is currently taking some time out for writing. He has three projects, one on 'Current Korean Cults', (first draft done), one called 'Great News for Jews' (writing under way) and one called 'Has Hell gone out?' (in research phase).

Lew has also recently been lecturing in Fiji at the OAC School of Evangelism, doing outreach in the streets of Lautoka and speaking at a home church. The other picture is of Samu Civo of OAC Fiji preaching at the Open Air Meeting near the Lautoka Mall.



WAIKATO – FAREWELL



Paul & Jo Tabrum

OAC had the privilege of welcoming Paul into the ministry in 2010. Over this time the Lord has used him to reach many men in the prisons. He has worked closely with local churches leading in various evangelism outreaches, regularly preaching and providing evangelism workshops. At the end of March Paul resigned from OAC after 14 years of ministry. He is still involved with OAC

relationally and with different outreaches.

Paul has impacted each evangelist within OAC in significant ways through his love of the Word and his incredible compassion and love for people. He has been there for so many demonstrating unconditional love when all others have given up or failed them.

Please continue to pray for Paul as he will be continuing with his prison ministry twice a week as well as continuing to preach, teach and be involved in a variety of outreaches with OAC and local churches when able. Currently, Paul has finished his latest Gospel booklet for farmers, "Something's very wrong". He will be conducting a rural delivery to over 8000 houses in the farming community.

FRIDAY OUTREACH

The work in the Waikato is not over! Please pray for James Hay. Lew Meyers has assisted James to start a fortnightly Friday outreach in Hamilton city center where they are having great Gospel conversations over a four-hour period. A nice team is building in the region and there is great excitement and encouragement for all involved. Paul recorded in his last update from one of these outreaches that a man named Brody came to Christ. And he has not been the only one. If you are available and would like to be involved in this outreach please contact us for further information.



Glen & Mark

BAY OF PLENTY

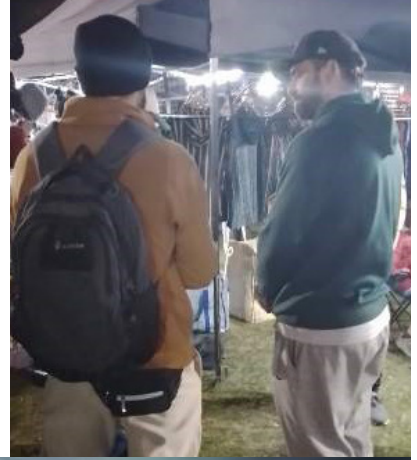
Recently, at the Rotorua Ministers Association, Mark was able to give a 5-minute presentation outlining what OAC can offer to the local churches of Rotorua. Afterwards several ministers spoke to me about events that are coming up that we might assist them with. Our hope is that we can make ourselves more visible as evangelists and trainers for the churches of Rotorua.

On the 11th May, 2024, Glen, had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with some young people named John* Jared* and Jessica *

I asked them; "Have you ever told lies?" and they said, "Yes." I asked them, "What does that make you?" They said "Liars." I told them; "Jesus died on the cross, taking the punishment you and I deserve for our sin. On a scale of 0 being not important to 10 very important, how important do you think it is to trust in Jesus?" They said "8,8 and 10"

"Would you like to trust in Jesus now, or do you need more time?" Jessica and Jared put their hand up and said; "Yes." however, William said he needed more time. Jared and Jessica prayed to the Lord Jesus asking Him to forgive their sins.

It's such a joy to share the Gospel with children because they are so open and receptive. **their names are changed for privacy*



Kevin & Maria

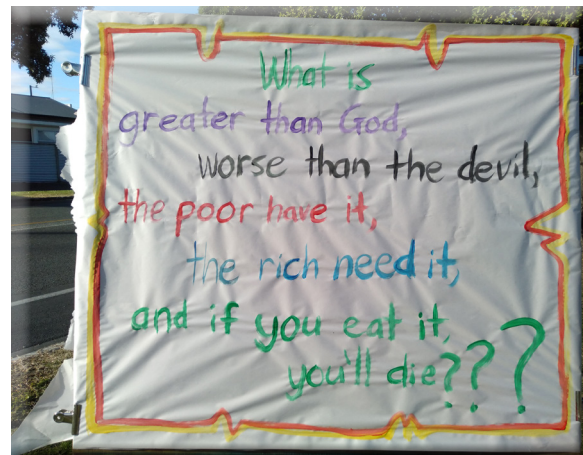
HAWKE'S BAY

Maria has a growing group of young people who have attended the 5-week Dare To Be A Daniel course and are keen to put what they learned into practice. Whether it's a teachers-only day at school or a road trip in the holidays, they have eagerly joined in with outreach. Several youngsters have had good spiritual conversations with people on the streets. One highlight has been watching one of them, Izzy, learn and use a "gospel magic" tool to engage the audience and then capably share the Gospel.

There were many Matariki celebrations on in our region so we attended a few in order to share the Gospel and give away the much-loved bilingual posters and other resources from Māori Postal Aotearoa.

It has been exciting to see some specific answers to prayer recently. One man we met earlier in the year during our Friday morning street outreach found us back again and was keen to tell us he now had accommodation as we had prayed for. Another lady we prayed for during a difficult time last year recognized one of us from that and told us how she is now a Christian.

Teenagers have enjoyed engaging with us after school hours. Sometimes we use riddles or puzzles to engage with them – these have proven to be popular. Recently, we have also taken a 1:87 scale model of Noah's ark out with us which has drawn much interest and opened doors to further conversations.





Evan Kangisher

MANAWATU

Steve is an earthworks contractor I met on a drain-laying job. He thinks a lot about life and recently, we have been working together again. He was thoughtful when I suggested that peace, and loss, discomfort and pain can be compatible. He is thinking about how we can sustain hope and peace in difficult and painful circumstances. Steve is a self-made man and self-reliant, but appreciates our conversations on important matters, like righteousness, judgment, and self-control.

Jennifer takes my blood. I took time to ask her questions and she talked about making sure she works safely. I asked her where we can find a place of safety in life, with all its unpredictability. She was thoughtful and I left my number for further conversation.

Another woman I support is unable to talk and shows no signs of understanding me. I read to her a children's book on walls. I ask her why so many people create walls in their lives and about whether we can live without them securely.

I have been attempting to work at three part-time jobs as I find a new way to make some income for our family after a long period off work. I find the opportunity to talk with people in a variety of settings and they are often willing to talk, with the appropriate question and time, and if I am thoughtful with my words.

I still also continue with chaplaincy work in the transitional housing area, and occasionally attend a Church hosted community meal.



Steve, Andrei, Marty and Roy

CANTERBURY

Roy has taken some time out since his dad passed away. He has been getting back into prison ministry and had a great time at Rolleston recently. Another time only one guy turned up, but they still had a precious time. Roy has also been getting out on the streets. He shared with a Hari Krishna and another time a JW lady. Roy has also been helping with Hope for Kids at Hillview Christian school. His mum's health is not great so please keep praying.

Steve has also been getting out on the streets. He had a good conversation with a guy in the mall that Marty had spoken with in the square previously. Steve challenged him to make a commitment to Christ and he did. Steve shared with two brothers and encouraged them to come to church which they did and are now involved in a young adult's group.

Andrei came into the square with Steve a few weeks back and set up the flip chart and they had some great chats. Andrei has been helping Maria in the Hawke's Bay with a holiday program doing memory verse, story and puppets. He is enjoying himself and is encouraged with the way the kids have been eager to get into the Bible.

Marty has been involved in two camps at Woodend. He spoke at Rally camp with Josh Booth a few weeks ago. The theme was David the shepherd, soldier and king. CDN kids camp was during the first week of the school holidays. The kids got into the songs and teaching at adventure time and enjoyed Marty's puppets. 22 kids responded to the invitation to begin to follow Jesus.



DUNEDIN



Shane Louie

We had a great start to the second week of the school holidays with 35 children on the first day at our holiday program at Wray Street Youth Hall. It's always good to see new faces and of course the regular kids that come each term. The kids were right into the program joining in on the singing and activities. Our theme is Ark and Artifacts. Bethany did a great job with the artifact's activity demonstrating the need for eye witness accounts and how they relate to the Bible.

I am teaching on the flood all through the week with an emphasis on Jesus our savior on the last day. The craft today was making Noah. I taught on creation and why God chose to flood the earth.

Our young helpers are a real blessing and its good to see them wanting to help out in different areas from teaching memory verses to helping serve morning tea. These young leaders are our future and children gel well with teenagers.

Street work has been hit and miss with some very wet and cold days. I went out for four afternoons last week as we got a fine spell. It was still cold though. I had some good conversations on the street in the Octagon with new relationships being strengthened. Sometimes you have to gain peoples trust before they open up a little about themselves. I purchased a Bible for a young man named Dylan who seemed very open to the Gospel. Hoping to see him again so that I can offer him the New Testament.



OVERSEAS MISSION BRANCH



Robert Siakimotu

Laisa and I had a great opportunity to attend the OAC International Conference in Ecuador. The conference was well organized and run by David and Monica Proano and their OAC Team and volunteers. It was a real blessing to meet the OAC staff from different parts of the world and to fellowship with them and hear encouraging reports of God's gracious hand on their lives and ministries where they are.

We stayed in Ecuador for a few more days after the conference to work alongside the Ecuadorian OAC Team and other OAC staff who chose to stay and be involved in the outreaches in the open air, in schools and in the communities of the indigenous people. The Gospel was shared with a lot of children and adults. Several people, especially children were counselled when they responded to the invitations to trust and follow the Lord Jesus.

We also had the privilege of visiting the house of Nate Saint, one of the missionaries who was killed in the Ecuadorian jungle in 1956. We also meet Meniwa, the grandson of one of the men who killed the five missionaries who visited us at the conference and shared the story of his grandfather. We saw him again at Nate Saint's house answering questions relating to the work of the five missionaries and their families. He is now a missionary to his own people.

It was a real privilege to work together for the sake of the Gospel.





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