



Open Air Campaigners

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Feedback

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Open-Air Team Outreach - USA

We are thankful for our OAC leadership. One of our board members, Joe Toy, recently headed to Ocean City, Maryland, for an annual open-air outreach. Other outreach venues such as the Kentucky Derby and Indy 500 were cancelled due to COVID-19, but the Maryland outreach was still on. The team consisted of men from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and North Carolina. Each day they preached, witnessed and passed out tracts. Well over three thousand tracts were given out in five days. At first, Joe wondered if there would be crowds of people; if so, would they want to talk or keep their distance? Would people



receive gospel tracts? To his surprise, as they hit the boardwalk on Sunday night, the place was packed with people. It was as if COVID-19 was ancient history! People were not social distancing, and ninety percent of people were not wearing masks. They set up the sketchboard to proclaim the Gospel ... a man in a wheelchair listened to the preaching and was engaged in conversation with a co-worker, Mark Johnson. He confessed to drifting away from God and began to cry. Before he left, he thanked the team for being out there and even prayed for them. Later that night, a young man named Todd said, "I was meant to talk to you. Thanks." A few minutes later, Joe was engaged in conversation with a couple. The woman told him that she appreciated his non-antagonistic approach, as others she has talked to had been cruel. The team experienced a genuine openness in the people to converse about spiritual matters.

Open-Air Team Outreach - India

Last year, before COVID-19 hit, David Wilson and his team conducted extensive ministry with our open-air workers in India. On one particular outreach, they went out to a remote village where the people were animists. A group of women sang and danced for the team as they worshipped the sun, moon, and trees as their ancestors have done for thousands of years. Then, they came with a bowl of water and washed the hands of our team, their traditional way of making visitors welcome. Then they watched our film on the Bible, showing creation to the second coming of Christ. One of our evangelists preached about the Creator who became flesh, died for them, rose again, and can wash away their sins if they trust Him. It was wonderful to see how the children and adults listened in rapt attention to every word of this Good News! A local pastor with our team invited them to a Bible study each week and has plans to start a church in this location.



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