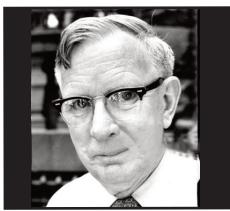


Chapter 46

OAC International



Open Air Campaigners International is an association of evangelists serving in multiple autonomous OAC national branches. Each branch/country has control over its selection of staff, leadership, areas of ministry emphasis, etc. The preceding chapters have been a detailed account of the development and progress of these evangelists and individual countries. It's exciting to realize that this ministry of reaching out to the lost with the message of salvation is in action around the globe 24/7. At any given time during the night or day on planet earth, OAC staff are out in the open air proclaiming Christ. The preceding chapters have given testimony to this fact, and we are grateful to God for our faithful staff who do this to His glory.



Jim Duffeey (Australia)
1966 - 1983

We are also grateful for the godly leadership within our mission on the International level, which supports and strengthens each national and local ministry. Every four years, an international president is elected from among our evangelists. He must be a godly man and seasoned evangelist with at least 10 years of full-time OAC ministry. The purpose of our international president is to fulfill many duties. Some of these include giving leadership oversight to the work, encouraging, guiding, and giving godly counsel, maintaining regular communication with all our staff, publishing written communication to inform both staff and non-staff how God is at work among us around the world, and physically visiting each branch periodically to encourage, minister in the open air, and intervene as a mediator in international and national disputes when necessary. We also have an office of the vice president and an international administrator, if desired, who assist in managing a wide range of tasks.



Tom Swan (Canada)
1983 - 1988



Bob MacArthur (Canada)
1988 - 1995



David Wilson (USA)
1996 - 2004



Robert Siakimotu (NZ)
2004 - 2012



Rob George (Australia)
2012 - 2020



David Proaño (Ecuador)
2020

To date, God has given us seven international presidents from diverse backgrounds and locations. We find it encouraging to reflect on how God prepared, gifted, and equipped each of our previous and current presidents for the ministry to which He called them. Our

leadership needs have been met over the years through the unique abilities of these men. We are grateful for the sacrifice in time, effort, and finance each expended to serve us.

A statement of faith, a statement of purpose, a written policy, fellowship, and trust unite all OACI member countries. The work around the world is divided into "zones," geographical areas where two or more OAC national branches minister. As of this writing, our OAC zones include Southeast Asia/Pacific, North America/Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, and Africa. A zone council is composed of national directors or their delegates within the zone, and one of them is elected as the zone's chairman every two years.

Today, our worldwide staff and leadership attempt to gather about every four years for an international conference. This time is open to all staff, board members, and guests and is dedicated to encouragement, prayer, planning, reporting, and ministry in the host country. We desire to hold these conferences in different locations each time to be a help and encouragement to the host country. It's a great blessing to be in one another's company and share face-to-face how God is at work in our spheres of influence.

Our first international conference was held in February 1966 in Australia. Since then, host countries have included the following:

1971 Canada

1974 Germany - Lake Starnberg, Bavaria

1977 England - Uckfield, East Sussex

1983 USA - Schooleys Mountain, New Jersey

1984 England - Fittleworth, West Sussex

1988 USA - Schooleys Mountain, New Jersey

1992 Australia - Sydney, New South Wales

1996 England and Belgium - London & Liege

2000 Brazil - Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro

2004 USA - Lancaster, Pennsylvania

2008 Canada - Jackson's Point, Ontario

2012 Mexico - Guadalajara, Jalisco

2016 Germany - Diez, Rhineland-Palatinate

2020 Scheduled for Jamaica - cancelled due to COVID

2024 Ecuador - Puyo, Pastaza

2028 Scheduled for Australia, Mount Tamborine, Queensland

The following group photos are a sampling of our international conference gatherings through the years. They include some but not all of our conferences up through 2024.



1983 - Schooleys Mountain, New Jersey



1992 - Sydney, Australia



2004 - Lancaster Bible College, Pennsylvania



2008 - Jackson's Point, Ontario, Canada



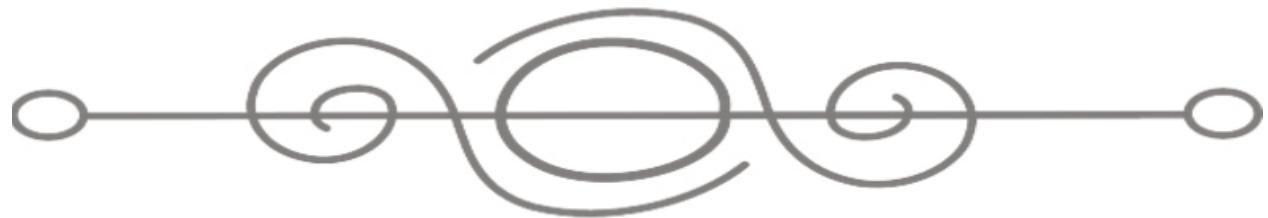
2012 - Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico



2016 - Diez, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany



2024 - Puyo, Pastaza, Ecuador

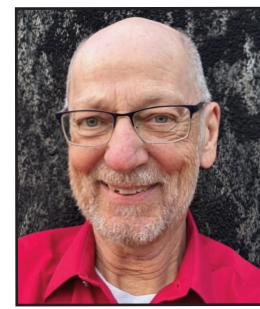


The international advance and coordination of this ministry requires more than just meeting every four years. Some of our more experienced staff have been appointed to explore and begin development in new fields. We are thankful for veteran staff members like Korky Davey, Rob George, Uli Hofius, Robert Siakimotu, and David Wilson, who serve in OAC as international evangelists. Over the years, these men have been instrumental not only in coming alongside our staff in multiple countries to encourage and assist, but also in opening up numerous new fields to the ministry of OAC. Such nurture has led to the expansion of our work across all our zones and laid a solid foundation for future ministry to flourish and multiply.



Chris Mathieson

To help our worldwide endeavors operate smoothly on a day-to-day basis, it's essential to have consistent communication and administrative support in place. Chris Mathieson (see chapter 38) and John Cutlip (see chapter 1) not only serve the OAC countries in which they live, but also provide crucial administrative support that benefits all of our staff around the globe.



John Cutlip

