


OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS

OUR CASE FOR SUPPORT National Operating Fund 2012

Open Air Campaigners Preaching Christ - Seeing Lives Changed Our Case for Support

Presenting Christ by All Means Everywhere Since 1892

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

People just don't get it. Everyone cries for change. Billions of dollars have been thrown into our cities and still crime is up. Drugs are ruining our children. Teens seek suicide as the "only way out."

Change does not come through programs or circumstances, and it certainly does not come through money. Permanent change comes from the heart. The prophet Jeremiah states, "The heart is desperately wicked who can know it?" Who can know it? Our government, our culture, nor our scientific community can know it. Only Jesus Christ can change a heart. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new" 2 Corinthians 5:17.



The Open Air Campaigners preach the life-changing message of the gospel to people where they are. ***"Open Air Campaigners is an evangelistic ministry of preaching the gospel to lost people and mobilizing the body of Christ primarily through effective, open-air outreach."***

NOW AS THEN

In 1892, Mr. E.P. Field, criminal lawyer in Sydney, Australia, and son of General Sir John Field, was converted to Christ. Field immediately began to preach in the open air and gathered around him a group of like-minded men and women. Regular meetings were held at Moore Street in the center of Sydney and elsewhere.



Coogee Beach became a center of concentrated effort and the team there was known as the Coogee Open Air Mission. Under the direction of Mr. Field, the New South Wales Prayer Band commenced in 1895. The name was enlarged to the New South Wales Evangelistic Prayer Band in 1912 and in 1922 it was named Open Air Campaigners with W.R. Angus as Honorary Secretary.

For many years, OAC confined itself to Sydney and the state of New South Wales, but after World War II, under the leadership of Les Werry, expansion into the other states of Australia commenced. In the year 1954, the first branch was started in New Zealand.

Dr. Paul Smith of the People's Church in Toronto, Canada, visited Australia and challenged OAC to come to North America. He said that God had given him a vision for open-air work which should be

shared on that continent since very little open-air preaching was being done there. 1956 saw a team of six men visit Canada and the United States under the leadership of James Duffecy. They brought a gospel van with them and combined a heavy program of open-air preaching with indoor campaigns, spending seven weeks in intense evangelism at the People's Church in Toronto.

The first OAC branch in North America commenced in Chicago on September 22, 1956. We currently have officially recognized ministries in over 25 countries around the world. Ministries in Uganda and the Bahamas are scheduled to open in the near future.

PICTURE THIS

Nine hundred school children, book bags by their sides, standing at attention, in uniform, for over an hour in a Jamaican school courtyard listen to the gospel message.

A slum in north India with no running water or electricity, where houses are made of sticks and plastic and dried water buffalo dung is used to cook over, has the gospel preached to them by our OAC team through a movie and sketch board message. Scores of Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs respond; a preaching point is started, and a church is born.



Russian soldiers pack a small room. The gospel is preached. Repentance and faith in Christ takes place. Men are saved.

Boston, Massachusetts, 12:00 noon, the team sets up the sketch board, crowds gather, the cross is preached. A Muslim girl comes to Christ.

The piers in Los Angeles, subways in Boston, neighborhoods in Philadelphia, college campuses in Baltimore, Indian reservations in Wyoming, these are places where people gather, and these are the places where we go to reach them.



HOW

Over 80% of everything that we learn comes through our eyes and our ears. This is why we share the gospel visually. The sketch board presentations allow people to see and hear the message of the Cross. These presentations create curiosity and hold the attention of the viewer. The object lessons that we use allow us to visually present biblical truth. After each presentation our team members personally talk to those who have responded to the invitation.

OUR VISION

OAC USA is trusting the Lord to use this ministry to impact 25 cities in America with the gospel through open-air evangelism and other ministries by means of the strategic establishment of branch ministries by the year 2025. A branch ministry consists of several staff, ministry vehicles, office space and evangelistic supplies.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Open Air Campaigners, USA, Inc. desires to be a good steward of the financial resources entrusted to it by the Lord and is accountable to the government and to the supporters of the mission, whether they be churches, foundations or individuals. OAC is considered a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization; namely, it is a tax-exempt corporation. This status requires strict compliance with the laws and regulations governing such a responsibility. The mission must be able to demonstrate that all funds for which a tax-deductible receipt has been issued are funds given for the work of Open Air Campaigners, USA, Inc. and are completely under the control of its National Board of Directors.



All financial needs of the Corporation are laid before the Lord in prayer and before its constituency through normal channels of publicity. Open Air Campaigners, USA, Inc. will conduct all financial matters on a cash basis only. We are members in good standing with the Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability which requires a full financial audit of our books annually by an outside CPA.

SEND US

Few people in our targeted cities will attend a church of any kind. They will not listen to Christian radio or television programs. Will you help us to reach them in their neighborhoods, business districts, playgrounds, college campuses, or wherever they are with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15a

Will you send us? We need financial partners to stay at our posts and to move us ahead. I would like to ask you to be a part of this life changing ministry as we preach in the open air.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our projected national operating budget over the next three years will require:

2012	-	\$ 162,250
2013	-	\$ 170,362
2014	-	\$ 178,880
TOTAL		\$ 511,492

The following is a three-year table of gifts for 2010 - 2012.

Number of Gifts	3 year Level	Total	Cumulative
1	50,000	50,000	50,000
4	25,000	100,000	150,000
5	15,000	90,000	225,000
13	10,000	100,000	355,000
16	5,000	80,000	435,000
18	2,500	45,000	480,000
21	1,000	21,000	501,000
105	100	10,500	511,500

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CURRENT USA LOCATIONS:

Indicates future locations

