

"May the God who gives
endurance and encouragement
give you the same attitude of
mind toward each other that
Christ Jesus had."
Romans 15:5

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Mauri ora i te whanau

As the year rocks on with what seems to be ever increasing momentum our Lord is at work building His church.

Jeremy & Vicki-Lee Dempsey



I was challenged by the words of the Prince of Preachers C.H. Spurgeon; "If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies, and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms bout their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

In our time we seldom hear things like this anymore. Yet, it is as true today as it was back then. "How can they call upon the one they have not believed and how shall they believe if they have not heard..." Romans 10:14-15

Throughout the country our OAC Evangelists are passionately sharing Jesus with those that need it most. In one encounter on the streets a group from the LGBTQA+ community engaged with our team. They were passionate about their views and they had a strong distrust of the church. But, with gentleness and wisdom we were able to answer the questions and direct them to Christ and show them that through Christ we become reconciled to the Father and in Him we find purpose and identity and true values. Some weren't interested but others were thankful and challenged. We experience opportunities like this all the time.

After our recent SOE in Hawke's Bay, Kevin Simpson has joined our team as an intern. In Hamilton Eric Kawayia has also expressed a desire to start an internship. Please pray that as these men trust the Lord and take this step of faith they will grow and see many lives impacted with the gospel.

Mahitahi i te hauhake

Jeremy Dempsey



SOE Class

REGULAR MINISTRY

Preaching
 Personal Evangelism
 Highschool & Kid's Programmes
 Prison Ministry
 Street Work & Door to Door
 Youth Groups
 Chaplaincy
 Discipleship

WHAT'S COMING UP?

SEPTEMBER

- 2-17 SOE Christchurch
- 10 CC Training Auckland
- 10-22 Franklin Graham Tour
- 25-30 Global Strategy Forum

OCTOBER

- 2 CC Training Wellington
- 3-15 Holiday Programmes
- 11 Marty & Roy speaking at Southwest Baptist Church
- 29 CC Zoom Training

NOVEMBER

- 8 OAC Evangelist Conference



Lew Meyer, Philip Booth & Philip Williamson

AUCKLAND

In spite of the winter weather, we have kept outdoor evangelism going. Britomart Square remains our favourite location with so many now coming back to town. We still use our survey approach with chocolate bars as incentives. On a recent Friday, Philip Williamson and Stephen Meyer (volunteer) had 104

people willing to do surveys. They were thrilled with the resulting spiritual conversations as they sought to lead people a step or two closer to Christ, or, if they are saved, a step closer to maturity in Christ.

Covid hit near the end of a Community Chaplains training event as Lew tested positive for Covid. The following week was school holidays and Lew was booked to speak at a Kaueranga Valley camp for trainee leaders. Praise the Lord for Zoom technology. He taught the six sessions from the comfort of his heated office.

Franklin Graham Tour Robert and Lew have been trained to teach Christian Life and Witness classes in preparation for the Auckland event on the 19th of November. This is a great opportunity to serve churches in training.

Auckland forum of Evangelists hosted by OAC recently looked at the Crafter Current Cults. Philip Williamson presented a well-researched seminar on the beliefs of two relatively new South Korean cults very active in New Zealand.

Beach Mission planning is underway and Lew is excited about the keenness of significant leaders to get back into it after cancelling the outreaches last year.



WAIKATO

Hi from Hamilton and thanks to all who've prayed and supported the ministry in some way. Joanne and I are both well.

Street work Our "table evangelism" is going well. Every time we set up, almost instantly we have people who are keen to do the questionnaire and receive a free chocolate bar or a drink. We let the participants know we're Christians and that the "spiritual survey" is about their beliefs. We then talk with them about their answers, pointing them to Christ. Recently six of us worked two tables in Hamilton's town centre. Three of these men had taken part in the OAC Waikato School of Evangelism. That day, two of them connected with two other young men who asked for a Bible study, leaving their phone numbers.

Prison work I've been locked out of the prison for a year but last Monday I received word that the doors have opened and I'll be allowed back for two days a week.

Discipling Since the prison lockout I've been journeying with a number of men who made decisions for Christ whilst inside. Two of these men have discovered that their Lord is faithfully delivering them from their very difficult circumstances. Please pray for Justin and Joey.

Preaching and Evangelism workshops I've had a number of doors open with churches and groups to encourage and equip in the work of evangelism and Bible teaching. Maintaining connections with these is vital as theory needs to become practice. We're planning to do some "table evangelism" with them. Taking the gospel to their communities.



Paul teaching at the SOE Waikato

BAY OF PLENTY



Gary Scoggins

I have had some great opportunities in the Bay of plenty to follow-up folk who have made a response to the Lord. Encouraging and helping people to grow in their faith is a very important part of evangelism. I also had two opportunities to share the gospel with two large groups of a Ni-van RSE workers who were rained off for the day. This was a great time sharing with people who are very open to hearing the message of Jesus. There's still quite a bit of work to do in the Bay of Plenty and as I am able I will continue to travel up to the region.

Some great opportunities for evangelism and discipleship

I had a good opportunity to connect some people together in the BOP. Glen Kriel has been training people in the Bay of plenty region to do evangelism using the card table which is a tool for reaching people with a survey and a free chocolate bar. He connected with Graham Taylor from Te Puke who went with Glenn to the shores of Lake Rotorua and had an amazing time sharing the gospel, testimony below Graham writes:

Glen and I met to share the gospel at the Rotorua lake front recently on a Saturday afternoon. I was a little apprehensive as to how we were able to share to the general public who were enjoying their time at the park with their families. On past occasions I had found this experience quite intimidating for me and also the people I would approach. This was not so on this occasion. Glen set up his table with his survey and with the incentive of a free chocolate bar people rocked up with no pressure and ticked the boxes on the survey that they agreed with. Shortly after we got so busy that Glen was unable to keep up with the demand. As he became caught up with sharing the Good Person Test I found myself following Glen's lead and forgot about my own anxiety, instead was eager to share the good news of the gospel. People were eager rather than defensive and were open to receive Jesus as their saviour and they went away excited and so did I. Thank you Glen for sharing your day and teaching me the ropes. We are planning to go out again soon to a different location.

On the 10th of September I will travel to Vanuatu to be involved in some evangelism in a water aid project with Icare this will be the 14th trip that I've taken to Vanuatu. Ni-vans are always very open to the gospel and getting training in evangelism so I would appreciate prayer for this.



Jeremy Dempsey - SOE



Maria Henderson

regularly in Hawke's Bay and it is a privilege to serve alongside them and encourage one another.

In July we welcome a new intern on board, **Kevin Simpson**. He

handed his notice in at the orchard and jumped into a full-on school holidays with a road trip and kids' program. So far he is surviving well and enjoying the new experiences. He is passionate about getting more people in his church active in evangelism.

As well as helping to organise training for the adults, I have been running another Dare To Be A Daniel course with about a dozen children who are keen to grow in the Lord and share their faith with others. Several of the children have shared how they have attempted to share the gospel with family members or strangers – their courage and commitment is inspiring.

HAWKE'S BAY

We ran a regional School of Evangelism in May which was much appreciated by all who attended, so much so that we ran a repeat of one block in August for those who missed it. There is a growing team of people out on the street



Kevin at Kids' Programme



MANAWATU

In the last few months we have been engaging in some community outreaches in Palmerston North.

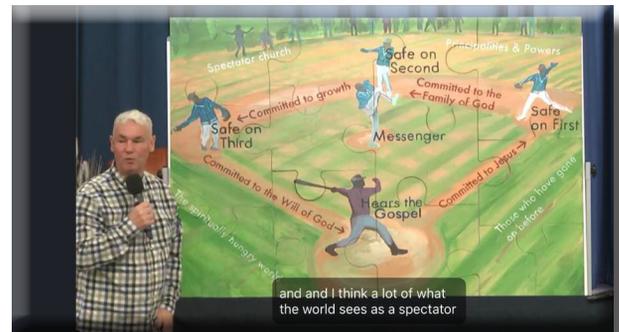
Evan Kangisher One of these is a community meal I attend where I sit alongside people and try to engage with them in what they are doing and experiencing and where possible to share spiritual concerns. Another is in two houses that serve principally as transitional accommodation but also allows for some longer term stay. These houses I visit with a meal, offer some chaplaincy, and also make myself available for a Bible study.

At least once a week I make a trip into town to have conversations with people. Sometimes I am met with resistance but often people will engage to some degree, and sometimes are even quite appreciative that I stopped to talk with them. My aim, notwithstanding any other activity, is to try to have 4-8 engaging conversations a week.

One of my yearly highlights is when I assist with the facilitation of Christianity Explored at another church. We have just finished session one. Though people's backgrounds and experiences are so diverse I have seen that as they engage with Jesus and the Christian message for themselves it always brings a response.

Prison volunteer work is still on hold but should be opening up again soon. There are three of us in our team to facilitate two Sunday services a month. Also, in the first week of October, I will look to taking a small team to Waikanae for the Spirituality Fair that is going to be happening there.

Gary has also been involved with Gateway Christian Fellowship for three of their morning services with some training in the afternoon and also some meetings on Wednesday nights. He has also had an opportunity to share his testimony in a homegroup which has led to him being able to share testimony at an outreach dinner in Palmerston North.



CANTERBURY



Roy, Marty and Steve

Open Airs is something OAC is known for and we continue to get into the Christchurch square to preach and share the good news of the gospel. It is different to speaking in a church in that we are regularly yelled at, interrupted, and called morons and much worse. Recently, Roy had breadcrumbs thrown in front of him to attract seagulls to put him off. The abuse we get is nothing compared to what Jesus went through for our salvation

and we pray that those who stop to listen will be drawn to the cross. We also pray for those who heckle, that they will swap sides. We now know that two of them used to go to church.

Steve has recently completed the Caleb Leadership Course and said it is well worth doing. He is processing what he has learned and has recommended it to two young guys in his church. Steve has been involved in a retirement home next to his church and after he spoke there recently, he invited them to his church, a few took him up on his invitation.

Roy is working on his open-air ministry, he says he is a student of the open air. He did a recent message on bullying that is on the news and how we all have things in our past we are ashamed of. Roy continues to help Tania with her kid's club and says it is a haven for the kids they get along regularly.

Marty recently spoke at family services, and one kids church. They were happy to have a clear presentation of the gospel at a level that the kids could understand.





DUNEDIN

Shane Louie

750 flyers were hand delivered to letterboxes in the Brockville area advertising the Empire of Rome Holiday Program. We would spend five mornings covering the whole armor of God - Ephesians 6:10-17

Each day's theme was a different part of the armor introduced by our Roman Centurion Servantus. Servantus would come out each day and enlighten the children on why Roman centurions wore different parts of armor. Each day the children had an activity making a shield of faith. They would make a different piece of the armor each day according to the theme. We had an average of 25 children registered over the week. Cornerstone are currently meeting at Wray Street Youth Hall on a Sunday morning and the Tu Kaha Youth Group meet there on Friday evenings. Some of the older kids from the Holiday Program will be followed up to come along to the Friday night Youth Group which has a range of kids 11yrs and up from different churches around Dunedin.



Street work has been a bit slow due to sickness and bad weather. Some one-on-one conversations were had but not many open-air presentations. The focus for the new term will be to get out on the streets more with more open-air presentations and conversational evangelism.

A letter box drop will be done to hopefully pick up new kids for the Caversham Community Church Rally on Wednesday evenings.

I will also be assisting the Japanese Christian Fellowship with their Sunday School Sunday afternoons. Please pray for the ministry as it continues to develop.

OVERSEAS MISSION BRANCH



Opening of Borders – Open Opportunities

Robert Siakimotu

A few weeks ago, I was in **Fiji** working with our OAC Fiji staff and committee. It was good to be back in Fiji after 27 months of being absent due to the pandemic. From my personal perspective, the people of Fiji are still very receptive to the gospel and still a sizeable number of people are open to the gospel and respond openly to the invitation to trust and follow Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Samu Civo, our OAC staff, and I conducted training seminars for Sunday School teachers and church leaders in Lautoka and Ba. The responses of the participants were a real blessing as they shared how the training encouraged them to be effective in their teaching and preaching ministries.

The real highlight for me was the open-air meeting in Ba Town. A particularly good crowd gathered as we started the open-air meeting. Most of them were students heading home from school. Thank God for the people who were led to Christ by the volunteers from the local churches.

Our OAC Team in **Rwanda**, that OMB is working closely with, report of the opening of the borders in Rwanda. They are back doing open air meetings in the villages using the Jesus film. In their recent meetings a sizeable number of people gathered to watch the film and hear the gospel preached by the OAC team. Thank you for praying.



Open Air in Fiji



Training in Fiji



"Last week Gary and I met agencies operating in our area, including the Town Centre Manager for both Clendon and Southmall, Police, Transport, and other neat people from other businesses at a community meeting over coffee and cake that happens once a month. They are so open to Community Chaplains."



This enthusiastic report is from Eseta and Gary, two of our newest Community Chaplains in South Auckland. There have been ten training days so far with 96 people participating. Of these, 24 have applied or are in the process of applying to be Community Chaplains. Not everyone is suitable or available to carry the application through. Unfortunately, we cancelled the Taranaki training day as there were just not enough people registered But we are planning to have an online training day later in October to provide an opportunity for people who were unable to attend in-person training days this year. We continue to be amazed at the calibre of the people who we meet at training days. When people introduce themselves at the start of the day, a common comment is *"I am now in a different phase of life and I wonder what God has got for me to do now."* The different phase could be retirement, job loss or children leaving home, but people are available and want to continue to serve God. Becoming a Community Chaplain is just one way they can do this.

<https://www.communitychaplains.org.nz/about/>

SKETCHBOARDS WANTED!

Do you have a sketchboard you no longer use?

Would you consider donating it back to OAC for our new interns and trainees?

If so email jem@oac.org.nz



WELCOME – KEVIN & PHILIP



Kevin Simpson was born and brought up in the small east coast town of Wairoa. He still remembers when God broke into his world one day out of the blue while working on a Hawke's Bay orchard and he's never been the same since. Lead to Oasis, now the Napier Elim Church, 15 years ago out of the wilderness by an evangelist of all people to be given position of evangelism leader a few years down the line. Kevin loved completing the OAC School of Evangelism Foundation Course recently held here in Hawke's Bay. It strengthened what he already knew to be true about evangelism and the beautiful gospel message, and yet it broadened his viewpoint beyond his thinking. Kevin is excited about the O.A.C internship pathway that lies ahead, hopefully it will sharpen and

broaden him in different areas yet untapped and help him to keep focused coaching, inspiring and encouraging others to share and proclaim the gospel as well. Looking forward to meeting and working and running with OAC.

Philip Williamson's passion is to help people worship the Lord by understanding the Bible and proclaiming the gospel. He has been volunteering with OAC outreaches in Auckland since Spring 2021 and has an interest in apologetics.

Philip grew up in the small town of Thames, then shifted to Hamilton where he grew to help out with youth group, kids outreach, Bible studies, and preaching at Hukanui Bible Church, as well as Bible in Schools, and attending student life at Waikato Uni. After his MDiv in Biblical Studies at Singapore Bible College, Philip married Susannah in 2014. They led the youth group at Hukanui Bible Church, then moved northwards to manage Coopers Beach Christian Youth Camp before joining Waitakere Bible Church where Philip has been Associate Pastor since May 2020.



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