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Generational Movements

Welcome to the second edition of PM (Proclaim Magazine), the new national magazine of OAC Ministries Australia. PM is a project designed to help create a dynamic and innovative conversation about how local Aussies can fulfil God's mission in our current culture.

This edition of PM recognises the fiftieth Anniversary of the first Lausanne gathering in 1974. Lausanne is a global gathering of missionaries and evangelists working together to preach the good news worldwide. Billy Graham and John Stott founded Lausanne to reframe Christian Mission in a world of political, economic, intellectual, and religious upheaval - a task even more important in 2024 than it was fifty years ago.



Billy Graham Opening the First Lausanne Gathering in 1974

The first congress gathered over 2400 missionaries and evangelists from more than 150 countries. This year in September 2024,

5000 missionaries and evangelists will gather in Seoul-Incheon in person, and another 35,000 will join them online.

Lausanne is a generational movement that has shaped and driven global mission for 50 years. OAC is also a generational movement that began in 1892 and continues today in the most challenging season the Australian Church has faced for 150 years.

OAC believes that everyday Australian Christians have the ability to share the gospel with their friends, neighbours, and workmates as effectively as the early church did. As John Smith said:

"Throughout history, God has used ordinary people in extraordinary ways to grow his church. They didn't need impressive qualifications or praise sessions well-crafted for Sunday church. They held prayer meetings where they cried out to God, sometimes through the night, until the Spirit fell. That passion and willingness to follow the promptings of the Spirit, whatever the personal cost, is at the heart of healthy church growth."

(John Smith, Eternity Magazine, 2019)

We must focus our energy and time on the people God loves and take the gospel where they are. It is why we have called this edition "Communities of Hope". Jesus is the Hope of the World; churches are where the people who know this, understand it and live it, gather to pursue the mission of God together.

We are called to establish Communities of Hope wherever there are lost people who need to hear the good news about Jesus.

We are all called!

Jason Potter



COMMUNITIES OF HOPE

God says that it isn't good for man to be alone (Gen 2:18) - it is why He gave us families and communities.

Human Beings have been created for relationships. We are made in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27), and God is a relationship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is so profoundly true that if you separate even the healthiest person from human contact for long enough, they will lose their mind.

We have clear evidence for this from a range of sources, from studying the effects of solitary confinement in prisons to the orphanages in Romania, where 40% of teenagers who grew up in those orphanages have been diagnosed with significant psychiatric conditions and developmental disorders as a result of the lack of human contact they experienced as infants and toddlers.

God designed the family to meet this basic need for every individual. Families are

By Jason Potter
National Director OAC

foundational to our mental, spiritual, and emotional health. They are the safest place for raising children and are designed to be a place of love, security, and belonging for every individual. Of course, not every family is like this because we are all broken, as creation itself is broken by sin. This is one reason God has also given us communities to participate in.

What is community?

A community is a place where we can also find belonging, love and security. A place of growth for our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. While communities can't replace a family completely, a community is a place where human beings can join together and pursue a purpose, build things, advance our understanding of the world, learn together, and create a place centred around a common vision and a set of beliefs. Community is central to the Christian faith, just as important as family, in fact God

describes the church as Christ's bride; that's how important community is to God.

What does the Bible teach us?

A Christian community isn't a club, a bunch of people who have found their answer to salvation and are just sitting around waiting to go to heaven (and enjoying themselves in the meantime). (Matt 28:16-20)

Christians are designed to be a task-specific weapon, designed for smashing the gates of enemy strongholds (Matthew 16:18). Christian communities are meant to be purpose-built to disciple the nations (Matthew 28:18-20) and the vehicle through which God displays his purposes to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 3:10), and we are called to testify in every generation to the entire Gospel we have received through Jesus (Ephesians 4:12).

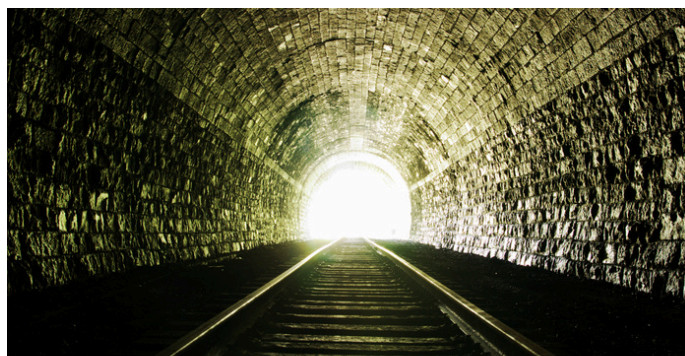


Christian communities are not a haven or a refuge from the world, although we do love and care for each other. They are not about self-fulfilment or self-indulgence. They are the engine room of discipleship.

All discipling activity hinges on the strength and depth of our relationship with Jesus (cp. John 15:3) and the spiritual and emotional maturity we develop through our relationship with the Holy Spirit in community (Ephesians 4). The longer we follow Jesus, allowing ourselves to be immersed in His teachings, the more we love what He loves. It's the natural outcome of committing ourselves to become more Christlike, to allow God to work on us (Eph 2:10).

To follow Jesus means to join Him in the task of reaching the lost and growing His Kingdom, according to our individual calling, gifts, talents and maturity in community together.

Christian Communities are not designed to be a club of safety. They only operate effectively when their focus is external to themselves. Navel-gazing churches full of people meeting their own needs will never change the world.



What is Hope?

Hope is an English word that can be hard to define. Its meaning can be quite nebulous: Is hope a feeling? Is it an outcome or result? Is it looking ahead to the potential fulfilment of a deep desire? Is it based on facts, or is it emotions-based wishful thinking? The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel?

The word we translate as hope in the New Testament is the Greek word *Elpis*. *Elpis*, literally translated, means "anticipating something with confidence". A person with New Testament hope confidently looks forward to what is coming.

In Romans 5:1-5 Paul gives us a profound insight into hope. Hope for the Christian is in God's glorious plan and promises. God's glory manifests itself through His plan for salvation and the reconciliation of all of creation to Himself. Hope is the oxygen our hearts need to keep on loving others as part of participating in God's plan. Hope is the confident anticipation of the fulfilment of all that God has promised, and hope begins in suffering.

Paul writes that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. The Elpis (hope), in the fulfilment of all of God's promises and plans, is founded on suffering, perseverance and character.



What is a Community of Hope?

A Community of Hope is a place where people find belonging, relationship and hope in the biblical sense. It is a place where suffering is shared, and people are supported to persist through the character-building journey that leads to the ultimate hope we all find in Jesus, a hope validated and promised through His resurrection. In Communities of Hope, disciples are forged and strengthened to stand against the enemy's schemes. They are a cove of safety where a follower of Jesus is changed and sent out to change the world.

But none of this works without authenticity. Authenticity is not just a biblical principle; it is also proven to be the core quality that binds people together in a healthy community with each other. We are called to a life of fearless authenticity. It is the only way we can endure and grow through suffering together.

When Jesus said take up your cross and follow me this is exactly what he meant. We all carry a cross, but we don't all have to carry it through the public square like Jesus did. But if we live in authentic community, we need to share our cross so others can step in and help us carry the burden. In doing this, we transform what it means to be in relationship.



Relationships in communities of hope can't be a facade of pretence where people try to Facebook their lives to each other; for churches to be communities of hope, they must begin with authenticity.

Planting Communities of Hope

A good friend of mine, Graeme Hush, describes planting a community of hope as "Being Jesus where you are". I think it is the best description I have heard of what we are called to do and be. In more recent times, people have called this Micro Church. Its a vision for planting tiny churches of 10-12 people in every community, workplace, interest group and people group.

I am not too fussed about the model—call it Microchurch, Organic Church, or Purpose Finders—it doesn't really matter. What matters is being Jesus where you are, living as a Christlike force wherever God has placed you with deep and uncompromising authenticity. When you do that, communities will form around you, disciples will grow through your coaching and mentoring of people, and God's Kingdom will grow,

It is time for bravery in service of Him. Be authentic and build communities of hope!

Jason Potter

Julie-anne Laird

I have been involved with Lausanne for 15 years and it really connects deeply to the heart of how biblically we are to reach the nations, where we collaborate together to see a world that knows Jesus. In a recent article about Lausanne, the author David Dow says “collaboration means to coordinate, organize, and co-labour in such a way that the sum of our combined efforts produces more than our individual contributions.”



Julie-anne Laird & Ed Stetzer at last years Sydney Lausanne gathering.

Lausanne's 4 goals are:

- The Gospel for every person
- Disciple-making churches for every people and place
- Christlike leaders for every church and sector
- Kingdom impact in every sphere of society

Not ONE Organisation, or Church, or person can do this by themselves. It's our dependence on God and appreciation of others and their part in this that hits at the core of Lausanne.



Julie-anne Laird & Ed Stetzer at last years Sydney Lausanne gathering.

In September this year we have around 300 people from Australia and Oceania, with 4,700 others who will be gathering in Seoul to be challenged and given a bigger picture of what God is doing around the world. The thing is, we all contribute, whether it's at a global level, a national level, a state level, a local level, or even our own street.

This 4th Congress is going to be available to every Christian. You will be able to access some of the sessions online. Or more is available as you meet as a Church, Organisation, or group of friends in a Satellite set-up. Please take the opportunity to see what God is doing worldwide and how He is using you to contribute to His Kingdom.

<https://lausanne.org/>



Last year's Sydney Lausanne gathering.

Editors Note:

OAC has a long history with Lausanne, with OAC evangelists from several countries having attended previous conferences and will attend again in 2024. I have also been appointed as the Oceania Prayer Coordinator for the 2024 gathering.

OAC adopted the Lausanne Covenant as part of our statement of faith several decades ago. The covenant is available here:

<https://lausanne.org/statement/lausanne-covenant>

Cass Minnett is a regular Teams Leader at Belgrave Heights Kids Program, VIC



Cass Minnett

Every mission leaves me with a unique memory that just stays.

This year, in that week between Christmas 2023 and the close of New Years' Day, there were a lot of moments that could have stood out.

If you don't know the Belgrave Heights Convention kids' program personally, picture for a moment a giant meeting room with a checkered puppet theatre, our trusty projector screen, and crafted bunting strung up from all available ledges. Add to this sixty young humans between five and thirteen years old dotted with increasingly tired but ever-smiling leaders.

Twice each day these sixty kids mill up to the meeting room door while their parents assemble in the nearby auditorium. The children have their name badges proudly pinned to jumpers and t-shirt hems and pant pockets (depending on the preferred level of badge-placement-coolness), ready to be signed in.

OAC had a profound influence on me as a young child. My first memory of OAC and its work was on holidays with my parents at Warrnambool. Every year we'd spend the last two weeks of January (school holidays) at a caravan park enjoying the beach together.

At nights, me and my siblings would head down to the front of the caravan park to participate in the kids' program.

One of these evenings, as I returned to the caravan, I told my parents that I wanted to invite Jesus into my life. I was around 4-5 years of age.

Undoubtedly, the ministry of OAC that I experienced in Warrnambool played a significant part in helping me understand that Jesus loved me and wanted to have a friendship with me. I looked forward to seeing them in the beach holiday camps each year.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus has profoundly shaped the course and direction of my life. While my walk of faith has had its fair share of ups and downs over the years, the guiding work of His Spirit has been obvious at critical moments in my life. I'm so grateful for Jesus's nudge into ministry and His constant presence in my life as I continue to serve and follow Him in pastoral ministry.



Shamina Rozario



Some of the WVA campers doing a team session

I've just made it back from Worldview Camp 2024 in Western Australia which ran mid-January. It was my fourth time on camp – I've been going since the beginning of the camp's conception. I've been a speaker for two of those years, and this time my talk was on Spotting Worldviews in Culture. It was a presentation warning youth about the various pitfalls of Cultural Marxism and satanism which has begun to creep into Australia's institutions.

Every time I go on this camp, I'm blown away by the real sense of community and level of engagement possible, with others younger than me, older than me, and the same age. As small group leader for the previous three years, I connected with girls in their high school years especially, who are looking for people to help mentor them and guide them into adulthood.

On the first day of camp this year, I met a girl who was an avid reader – she carried around this book critiquing 'social justice' politics and she was only in High School! There is a real fire beginning to burn in the youth, who are seeking remedies for Christian persecution beginning to occur in this nation. In my talk I did a book giveaway, and this girl ended up scoring a copy of Dr Augusto Zimmermann's book on Cultural Marxism, to add to her library.

This camp gives youth so much confidence, and helps them to realise they're not alone in their walk with Jesus. There are others out there with a similar fire inside of them – there is a sense of belonging, which comes with hope and a sense that you're fighting the same war, together.

What a fulfilling time at camp I and others had. It is heart-warming not only for the campers, but for the speakers, the small group leaders, and anyone who attended. It's a place everyone can gather annually, to feel a sense of shared commitment for Christ. The church needs more of this in general – more teamwork, more collaboration, more unity and a sense that you're walking the same challenging track although with lifelong committed friends.

It makes the journey much easier, and far less daunting.



Geoff Westlake (WA)

For many months we have been praying for the LORD to raise up godly young men especially. That they'd obey Jesus' call to step forward, be trained, and grow into godly men, brothers, husbands, fathers, and the kind of servant leaders who are pillars of society in confused times. In recent years we noted that girls register sooner for Worldview camp, so we reserve male spots to balance camp genders. We praise God that this year the camp filled evenly throughout the registration period.

Then at camp, after the first night, the lads started training together, both physically and in godliness.



Worldview campers gathering for a teams session

Most obviously they ran the campsite perimeter multiple times a day, praying the Lord's Prayer in a call-response military style. I knew they were joining angels in the spiritual battle.

Some may have quietly questioned this, but late in the week a delegation from the girls took the microphone to thank the boys for stepping into their manliness, and saying what an encouragement it had been for them to see.

A month on, attendance at our Worldview Bites fortnightly lectures has been about three quarters male.

May Jesus continue this work he has begun among these young men, and bring it to full maturity. For His glory in the male voice, and the sake of our communities.

Sean Marsh (QLD)

Without question, my favourite day of the year for Prison Chaplaincy would have to be Christmas day. There are a number of reasons, but the main one is how it can break down so many barriers between the prisoners and myself. I have visited Borallon Training and Correctional Centre on Christmas day for the last five years in a row now, and every year makes a huge difference with some of the men. It certainly isn't without its challenges though. Tensions run very high for several reasons. There is only one phone per unit with anywhere from 50-60 prisoners all waiting in line to call their family. Codes being called because of fights are a regular occurrence just because of the long phone que. It is also a day of reflection as many inmates struggle with their poor decisions and not being with their family and kids watching them open their presents. Staff shortages due to "sudden illness" on Christmas day also create problems which means extended lockdowns.



Sean at a Queensland Training and Correctional Centre

I can recall several years back; one young guy would look straight at me every week and yet completely ignore me despite my best efforts to communicate. This is not uncommon. This went on for many years until one Christmas morning, he was blown away that I was there and said hello. I nearly fell off the table as you can see in the photo! Ever since, he talked with me each week until he got released. Praise God.



Inside the correctional facility

This Christmas just gone was something special as well. There is a guy who is a lifer who has been cordial but not very engaging with me. Again, showing up Christmas morning did the trick again. He said to me how much it means taking the time to show up, and how touched he was by the extra effort. He thanked me repeatedly. The following week I was invited to sit down with him to discuss a wide variety of subjects as he turned out to be quite the Philosopher and deep thinker. It was an amazing hour plus conversation, and how I was able to share the Gospel and my passion for serving the men within the prison system and why I do it. God is at work behind the razor wire, and I have the distinct privilege serving God and the men incarcerated and I love every minute of it!



Amen.



Rob & Gayle George (SA)



Over the years we have heard many great questions and comments from kids. Here are just a few:

- My favourite was as we entered a school where we had been previously, carrying our equipment, a little kid ran up to us and asked excitedly, "Do you work for Jesus?" He got that right!
- More recently, at a Christmas school program, we were delighted to hear this response from a group of 200 students who all seemed to finish an introductory sentence: "We are here to share about the birth of..." The kids all shouted "JESUS!"
- Before the program began in another school, a small student asked, "Is Jesus the Son of God?" It was good that there was both time and opportunity face-to-face to talk about Jesus having many names and what some of those names mean, such as Emmanuel: 'God with us.'



AND FROM THOSE NOT QUITE SO YOUNG...

- In one school we were introduced by the assistant principal as: "Much appreciated regular visitors with a very important message!"
- After that same program, a senior teacher who has seen us many times over the years, was keen to tell us: "The program was very tight, with good content and professionally presented".
- A Pastoral Care Worker in another school said: "I'm really pleased with the students' responses and I'm looking forward to the ongoing conversations that will arise".

The opportunities in South Australian schools are great! In two weeks in early December we spoke to 1,570 students and plenty of teachers, too, in 13 programs in 9 schools. A similar 2 week program happens annually prior to Easter. And there are opportunities throughout the year, mainly in country schools these days. We aim to continue on as long as the doors are open.

We truly appreciate your prayer support!



Steve Stokes (Vic)



Rose Bud Summer Mission

Planning for Rosebud got off to a late start due to almost needing to cancel the mission because we had no accommodation for the team, due to Rosebud Baptist demolishing their building to rebuild. Just a week before Christmas we had contact with Balnarring Uniting church thanks to meeting up with the SU team leader from Balnarring. We were able to move in there on the 8th January after the SU team finished.

The programs in the parks were great and we were thankful to be able to reconnect with many families and the park managers. We finished up Friday morning to allow many of us time to get to Swanhill for Sarah Parker's wedding. Torquay mission ran as per normal but Bright team pulled out close to Christmas.

Andrew Walkington (QLD)

I spoke to 19 year old Zac for 2.5 hours! When I stopped him and asked him what happens when we die, he shared that he hopes there is an afterlife, but holds to a materialistic understanding of all things and doesn't think that anything comes next. He explained that he isn't really bothered by the idea of a negative afterlife, but he really fears non-existence and is therefore afraid of death.

We talked about how a materialistic worldview leads to nihilism, the view that everything is meaningless, which regularly leads to depression. He shared that he avoids nihilism by clinging to his own ability to self-determine his path. He was incredibly intelligent and we spent ages working through why the afterlife topic needs to be engaged and how we might get to answers.

I made an argument for God as the only source of these answers but he attempted to reason the evidence away suggesting that random chance was a "reasonable" explanation for life despite the totally nonsensical probabilities. I pointed out that our presuppositions create bias and impact our fair examination of the evidence.

I asserted that his presuppositions excluded a creator, not because it was reasonable, but because if a creator exists then he is not in charge of his own life. He admitted that there was considerable truth to my claim.

Over the next hour or so, I was able to share an argument for the Bible and then walk through the gospel in detail.

I was able to share how our complete moral failure leaves us condemned by a holy God, but how that same God would lovingly stoop to rescue rebellious creatures like us. It was a brilliant couple of hours and I was exhausted afterwards!



Andrew with Zac

Catherine Walkington (QLD)

I had a very long conversation with Christoph, who is a 21 year old, Polish background, guitarist, D&D playing, business and marketing student! He was raised Catholic and believed it for a time because that's what he was taught. He progressed to believing nothing, then moved on to a vague 'master of his own destiny', plus karma and spiritual forces type belief. He wasn't sure what happens after we die, but is certain that people are both a body and a spirit (because energy can neither be created nor destroyed) so thought that reincarnation may be an option.

He stated that God, as the Bible describes him (outside of time and matter, all knowing, all powerful, omnipresent), was too unbelievable for him to acknowledge as true. He also couldn't get his head around how such a being would allow suffering in the world, but put that down to the equivalent of an artist who created a painting having no control over how people react to it and what they do to it. However, he said that he didn't ascribe to the macro evolution and big bang theories either, because they couldn't explain first cause.

We talked about all sorts of different topics, from religion, to marketing, and music, and throughout our conversation I was able to present different pieces of the Gospel message.



Catherine with Christoph

When I explained the law (10 commandments) to him, he reached the conclusion that every single person would've violated that law at least once, for good or bad motives. He was stunned when I explained that Jesus had never sinned, and we spent a bit of time discussing what that would've looked like (e.g. Jesus never lied, always perfectly honoured his parents and always put God perfectly first).

At one point, we talked about Bible translation and interpretation, and he admitted to only knowing what he'd heard about the Bible, never having read it for himself. I gave him a Gospel of John as a starting point.

I sometimes ask people 'are there any questions you've never been able to ask a Christian, and you'd like to ask me?' Christoph's response was to ask what I thought was going to happen to me when I died, and why. I was able then to explain to him again about the law, sin, Jesus' sacrifice, repentance and faith. He had never heard the Gospel explained in that way before. It particularly surprised him that I believed that both people who go to Heaven and people who go to Hell are sinners, the only difference being the grace of God. He had previously heard that Christians believed that 'good people go to Heaven and bad people go to Hell'.

He said I'd given him a lot to think about, and that these were the types of conversations that should be happening on a university campus! He was glad I'd stopped him to chat about something that was so important, and thanked me for the conversation.

Message from OAC's national team

At OAC's last annual conference, the national team were handed a massive hard drive of historical documents containing several gigabytes of data. We found a number of inspiring stories dating all the way back to the 1920s, which exemplify OAC's commitment to building a lasting community for Christ. It was a fascinating journey through time. This was one of the excerpts. Enjoy the read.

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INTRODUCING OURSELVES !

The Open Air Campaigners are a number of earnest men and women drawn together by the common desire and purpose to proclaim Jesus Christ to their fellows as Saviour; through faith, from sin and death; Worker of righteousness in human hearts; Helper in temptation; and in Whom all who believe have eternal life.

The work has been in active operation for over twelve months. Early in its history a Gospel Motor Wagon was donated by one of our friends, and has been in regular use since. The photo. on this page shows a meeting in progress in Martin Place, Sydney; of which splendid position, we regret to say, the traffic authorities have deprived us.

But other suitable stands have been secured, and several times each week successful meetings are held. These are usually well attended. It is a most encouraging sign to see the willingness, and often the eagerness, with which men listen to news of The Christ.

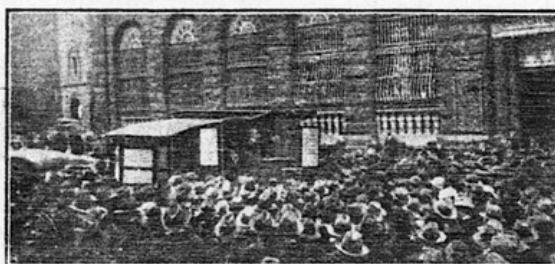
A tour was made with the wagon through the South Coast district in January last, which showed the necessity for such work in the country towns. Then a big opening has come through the approaching Military Training Camp. These two things decided the Committee to build a second wagon, which is to be dedicated on Wednesday, August 22, next.

We have visions of a fleet of six or eight or even more wagons in active service throughout the State in the future. There is a crying need for downright earnest soul-saving work in the country.

At the meetings hundreds of Gospel leaflets and Testaments are offered

freely, and it is delightful to see the readiness with which they are received. Some notable conversions have taken place. To God be the glory!

In order to effectively conserve the results gained in the Open Air Meetings, the workers and converts assemble on Thursday evenings for Bible study, Prayer, and Conference regarding the work.



The Wagon in Martin Place, Sydney.

PARTNERING WITH OAC

Autumn, 2024

For the past 130 years, OAC has reached out to the people of Australia with the life-changing message of salvation through Jesus Christ. By God's grace, we have seen lives changed for eternity, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share the good news in good ways. But there is much to do. Australia is now one of the largest mission fields in the world.



But we need people like you to be part of this too.

OAC Ministries is an accredited not-for-profit organisation that relies on the Lord to provide through the generosity and sacrificial giving of Christians and churches to support our team through prayer and finances. OAC missionaries rely on the consistent financial assistance of individuals who see the value in what we are doing to advance God's Kingdom here in Australia.



Would you prayerfully consider whether you might be able to partner with the work of OAC?

To learn more about joining our team of ministry partners, please visit our website:

oac.org.au

There you will find information about how you can join us in the work of preaching the gospel or how you can speak to a team member in your area about what it would look like to support the efforts of a local gospel worker.

Could you afford:

- \$15 per week (\$60 per month)
- \$30 per week (\$120 per month)
- \$45 per week (\$180 per month)
- \$60 per week (\$240 per month)
- Another amount?



- **Rob George** is the South Australian Director of OAC Ministries. Both Rob and his wife, Gayle, have been involved in evangelism ministry for decades in Australia and overseas. Before joining OAC, the Georges were high school Physical Education teachers.
- **Lauren Devenish** recently joined the OAC Evangelist team in Vic to share the gospel with young people. Lauren is also completing her Masters Degree in Theology while she fulfils her mission calling with OAC
- **Steve Stokes**, Abby and the family live an hour north of Melbourne. Steve coordinates teams for summer missions and leads teams to the Philippines. He shares the gospel with groups of all ages.
- **Mike Peereboom** is based in Canberra. Mike is an experienced pastor, chaplain, youth worker and outdoor professional. Mike started Bible College and stepped into paid ministry at the age of 22. He is planting a new work for OAC in the north side of Canberra.
- **Darren Birch** recently joined the OAC Evangelist team to train parents and work with families as they seek to share Jesus with their children and raise them in healthy Christian families. Darren is based in WA
- **Stephanie Jordan** is an intern evangelist with OAC Ministries. Stephanie is currently studying a Bachelor of Ministry at BST while interning with the Queensland team.
- **Andrew McLauchlan** is a part-time intern evangelist with OAC, whose ministry centres around street evangelism. He currently studies and resides on campus at the Brisbane School of Theology.
- **Catherine Walkington** served as a missionary from 2007 to late 2009 before an extended season of being a full-time mum. She joined the Queensland team part-time in October 2021, with the kids now all at school. She does street evangelism, looks after volunteers, and helps train interns.
- **Andrew Walkington** has been on staff with OAC in Queensland since April 2018. Having been saved out of an atheistic upbringing, he has a deep passion for evangelism and for training others to share their faith effectively. He has served in vocational ministry since 2007 in both missions and pastoral work. He is married to Catherine, and together they have four children.
- **Sean Marsh** joined the OAC Queensland team in October 2022. Sean is currently serving as a Chaplain at Borallon Correctional Centre. "I love going to jail and sharing my faith and listening to the concerns of those who have made some poor life choices". Sean has been married to his wonderful wife Gina for over twenty-five years and has two adult daughters and two Rottweilers.
- **Geoff Westlake** and his family live on the Northern Edge of Perth, WA. Geoff teaches Christian Education and is an evangelist who leads WA's Worldview Camps, Worldview Bites and Worldview Chunks programs. Geoff has been part of the OAC team for several decades.
- **Neil Clark** is our worker in NSW. He has over 40 years of experience in ministry to the whole family. His work for OAC focuses primarily on religious instruction in schools. Neil is married, has 3 sons, and lives in Bonnells Bay NSW. He is also a pastor of a Congregational church in Sydney.

VOLUNTEERING WITH OAC

Autumn, 2024

One person preaching the gospel might reach hundreds.
One person in a team preaching the gospel might reach thousands.

What might it look like to have 2000 volunteers serving together to take the gospel to the nation?

OAC is looking to build a big team of volunteers who want to become confident and competent in sharing their faith, and who are committed to investing what they have learned in other followers of Jesus.

Our volunteers aren't superheroes!

- They're everyday Christians just like you who see a need and are willing to have a go.
- You may not see yourself as an on-stage evangelist or preacher, but if you are willing to be trained, you can confidently speak to people who need to hear about Jesus.
- Our volunteer teams go to the streets, schools, caravan parks, conventions, retirement homes, and anywhere else where they can find non-Christians to share with.
- They share one-to-one, they share with small groups, and sometimes they even share with small crowds.
- All they need to do is faithfully speak to people about Jesus, and then God does the work in people's hearts when they hear the good news.

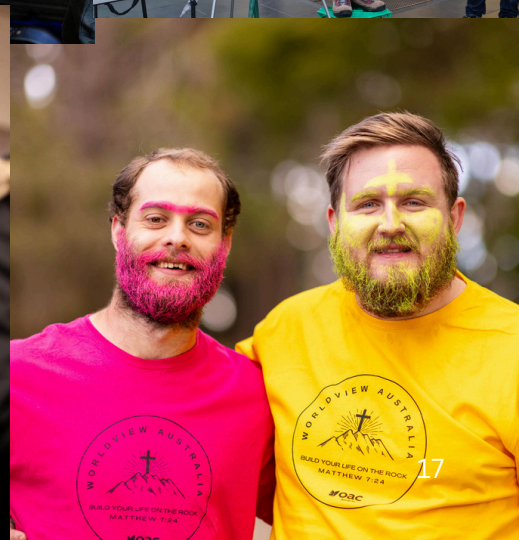
Our volunteer teams aren't special because of their gifts or skills.

They're special because they love the lost.
They're special because they are willing to go.

Will you Join In?

To learn more about volunteering with OAC, please visit:

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BEYOND BELIEF.

COMING SOON

A brand new resource is arriving soon from OAC Ministries Australia!

Beyond Belief is a 60-day learning experience that helps equip you and your friends to love people from God's perspective and share your faith with others.

The program is based on the conviction that sharing our faith with others belongs at the centre of discipleship.

It includes a 9-week small-group video Bible study, leadership training, promotional materials and 60 daily devotions.



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