

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to OAC's National Newsletter

The past three months have seen wonderful fruit from ministry across the country. In WA, Sean and Gina have been welcomed with open arms and are spending the next two months in Kalgoorlie. In QLD, the recent Worldview Camp was a wonderful event, there has been schools ministry in SA and NSW, and new work growing in Port Macquarie and Canberra. This wonderful work is only possible with your investment into our team in prayer, in time, in energy, and in support. Our newsletters are designed to let you know how the work is going, but also to be a blessing to you, that you can see the fruit of your investment.

In the months ahead we look forward to our National Conference in Melbourne. Our main speaker will be Brian Harmon, the Field Director of OAC's work in the USA. His wife Katherine and two of their seven children will also be joining us. On the Thursday of conference, Brian and Rob George will be updating all our sketch boarding skills, and also on the Thursday we will have a lunch recognising those who have given so much of their lives to OAC's ministry. Invitations to this event will be coming out soon, so keep an eye out if you would like to come and join us on Thursday the 23rd October.



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Be Inspired

Worldview Camp 2025 (QLD)

Our culture does not set very high expectations for teenagers, and so it's not surprising when teens only rise as high as those expectations. Many teens yearn for something deeper, but few are given the tools to closely examine their worldview and determine how it will shape their lives. Seeing this desire, OAC has created something truly special to meet this need.

In late June, 42 campers (school grades 9 – 12) and about 35 adults braved the cold for the OAC Worldview Camp at Mt Tamborine. It was a week of intense teaching and learning, fun and games, times of musical worship, and a few good-natured plots to surprise/bless others on camp. Small group times huddled around the dining room fireplace and final night testimonies around the bonfire were particularly sweet moments.

This year saw beloved speakers Matt Cliff (Cherish Life), Dan Flynn (Answers in Genesis), Andrew Walkington (OAC), and Matthew Andersen (Grace Bible Church) return to teach and challenge the teens on topics like suffering, identity, the reliability of the Bible, and our role in God's mission. Newcomers to the speaking team included Simon Kepert and Daniel Riad (Hills Bible Church, Melbourne), Hannah Moriarty (Answers in Genesis) and Martin Park (OAC Team Leader) who tackled topics like gender, the nature of truth, servant leadership, and the Gospel. The content was deep, but the teens kept pace well and learnt much to apply to their lives after camp was over.



Some lessons learnt by the teens included:

- *I was reminded that God should be the primary drive for our life, not pleasing other people. He put everything on the line for us.* – 16 Female.
- *I have learnt how to evangelise with any type of person, friend or stranger.* – 14 Male.
- *I learnt that there are specific arguments you can use to prove the reliability of the Bible.* – 13 Male.
- *I learnt that no matter what we do as sinners, we have a loving and gracious God that is always willing to give us opportunities to come back to Him.* – 17 Female.
- *Jesus died for me. Not just all of humanity, for me. Everything can be framed in light of that. Sin, disappointment, etc. It's revolutionary.* – 14 Male.
- *I learnt that God has the ability to help me in my weakness and use me for his greater good (outreach).* – 16 Female.

Many teens also shared that the environment of camp was welcoming, and that leaders and speakers were always willing to chat and answer their questions. Some reported that the outreach was their favourite activity of camp and something they would like to be involved in more often!



It was particularly encouraging this year to see a larger presence of male campers than previously. In each previous year, the girls significantly outnumbered the guys, but this year the guys moved slightly ahead! Our male adult leaders invested their wisdom, patience, and maturity into discipling these teenage boys for the week, and we look forward to hearing what fruit the Lord brings about as a result of this.

The leadership team saw many blessings of the Lord's timing and provision for camp. Multiple people contributed sponsorship funds for campers from lower income families and a generous Christian farmer again donated an abundance of fruit and veggies needed for the week of camp. We were surprised also by the camp t-shirts turning up to Mt Tamborine on the Friday night before camp, despite being told by the dispatch company that it was "impossible" for them to arrive onsite any earlier than half-way through camp.

Many campers expressed that they had a great week and are looking forward to next year. Many of our leaders are also excited to see how God will use our efforts from this year, and we are starting to plan for the next camp.

- *This was such an incredible experience which has helped me grow in faith and created life-long friendships.* – 17 Female.
- *I will commit myself to show Jesus through my life so others can see Jesus in me.* – 14 Male.
- *I'd like to go home and start an outreach with some other young men.* – 15 Male.



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Jason Allott (QLD)

It's been a pretty wild last couple of months for our family. Just after I joined staff at OAC in May, my wife, Miriam, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of breast cancer in June, which has meant I have needed to focus my attention on my family. Despite the circumstances, we have witnessed the faithfulness and goodness of God, at times being overwhelmed by it. We are so thankful for the communities around us, supporting us with prayer and practical help through this time, including the OAC community. God is our Rock (Ps 18:31).

As I am on staff just one day a week at this stage, I have used that day to be out on the street sharing the Gospel with those who need to hear it, at either the university in Brisbane, in the city or locally in Ipswich/Lockyer Valley. There have been many fantastic conversations and eyes opened to the truth of the Gospel, and lots of materials handed out too. There is a hunger for the truth in our society. Here is one of those conversations outside QUT University in Brisbane:

I had a lovely conversation with Mish, a Muslim who just started studying engineering at uni. He thought he was going to go to heaven when he died because he was a pretty good person and followed the tenets of Islam. We discussed sin and he agreed he had sinned, but he had repented and was sorry, so he was forgiven. That opened a discussion on God's justice and mercy, and I was able to show him that if God just forgives our sin without a payment for it, He is merciful but He is not just, but if He is to be just we must bear the punishment for our sins and He cannot be merciful. There is only one solution to this, and God has made it Himself. Jesus on the cross bore the wrath of God in our place for our sins so that now God can be merciful and just in offering us forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in Jesus Christ. He agreed that it made sense, but he kept coming back to his belief that repentance and being sorry were enough. I decided not to push too hard as it had been an enjoyable conversation ('profound' as he put it) and he had clearly heard the gospel. He thanked me for the chat, and he gladly accepted a special gospel booklet for Muslims.

The following week I was at QUT and saw Mish walking past again. He came over to say hello and asked how the conversations were going that day, it was good to see him. I asked if he had read the booklet I gave him, he said yes, some of it and it made sense, but it hadn't changed his belief. I understood, but I followed up by encouraging him to ask 'Is what I believe the truth?'. As he left he said he hoped we could continue to discuss these things. Please pray for Mish that the seed of the Gospel would grow by God's grace and he would see Jesus for who He truly is and be saved.



Steve Stokes (Vic)

My wife and I, along with our kids, recently had the privilege of visiting Serviceton Church. The church's 70-80 people meet in the old football clubrooms in Serviceton. The church is mostly young families. Annah sang a song that led into my message. I spoke on the fig tree which had the appearance of fruit but was barren. We need to be transformed on the inside through the fruit of the Spirit, not just in how we present on the outside. The church has a great focus on children and the children sit at tables at the front of the room. Often the kids listen to their kids part and tune out of the message and the adults vice versa. But the adults were captivated by the kids talk and the kids paid attention during the message. Annah, Lydia and Josiah all connected well with the children who are part of Serviceton.

Shamina Rozario (ACT)

I recently ran an art workshop in Sydney in Mt Druit (pictured below). I showed people how to use art in their ministry and evangelism efforts. I also gave a talk on Jonah, at the church service at Jesus Moves Ministries.

Back in Canberra, we are still prepping to run our Worldview Event as well as the next Salt Forum, which is a series of talks featuring prominent Christian speakers, to help inspire the church in Canberra to spread the gospel.

I am also in the process of donating 100 books (200 Bible Heroes) to churches around ACT. The feedback so far has been tremendous, and many children have found these resources helpful in gaining a deeper understanding of scripture and what Jesus taught the church; to take up our cross and follow him.



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Rob & Gayle George (SA/NAT)

Highlights of Rob's recent ministry has included ministry trips to Malaysia and Fiji.

The ministry in Malaysia was in two parts. First, arranged by Youth For Christ in three centres, Johor Bahru, Malacca, and Kuala Lumpur. The many creative tools that we have produced over the years are very popular and effective amongst the Chinese youth in this country. Those of Chinese background make up about a quarter of the near 36 million population.

Then a weekend of training two Free Evangelical Churches in creative evangelism was much appreciated by the near 100 people who attended the camp. This was followed by a session in another part of KL with a group from Myanmar. Nice to know that our methods and ideas are being used in all these places.

That week was the best I've ever been involved with in Malaysia, and I've done quite a few. Not that there was anything wrong with the previous, but as I grow older I did wonder if I would have the same energy and enthusiasm of younger years. I don't want my ministry to fizzle out slowly as I'm now nearer the end (whenever that might be) than the beginning. So, I was very much encouraged by how it went. As well as a busy and worthwhile program of meetings, nearly every car ride and meal saw deep questions about life and ministry. It is a joy to be able to build something into others' lives, both informally and through the arranged programs.



Rob's part of the Fiji School Of Evangelism, 'Children's Evangelism', saw 14 students in total, mainly women, showing good interest. In addition to occasionally helping our staff man, Samu, in open air kids 'programs, all will use the ideas and methods in their Sunday School teaching. So there is a double whammy to my teaching because our emphasis on the Gospel and creative teaching - 'Good News in Good Ways' - applies both in church and out!

Both trips were covered financially by a Christian Trust, so that was a blessing. We press on!



Andrew McLauchlan (QLD)

Tiv's family is from Sri Lanka, and he arrived when he was very young. We talked for about an hour. I explained the gospel to him and the evidence for Christianity. At the end of the conversation, he was very thankful, saying that "it was a good conversation." I think we built good rapport; he expressed positive body language such as smiling, and I made a lot of jokes that he laughed at. After I had explained everything, I gave him a tract and encouraged him to look at some sources on the evidence for Jesus' resurrection. I had explained that if Jesus was actually raised from the dead, this would prove that Christianity is true.



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Sean & Gina Marsh (WA)

Both Gina and I have settled well into Serpentine WA, with a massive thank you to both Andy and Kati for their warm hospitality since we arrived in Serpentine on Good Friday this year. Andy and Kati who have been amazingly generous with giving us somewhere to stay ever since we rolled in to Serpentine Church of Christ. I think we are foster grandparents now as Andy and Kati foster two of the cutest little boys who we have grown to love very much. We have met so many amazing people and have made so many new friends with our new home church. They asked me to go onto their preaching roster as currently they are without a pastor which I have obliged. We have met some of OAC's long term supporters like Joan Stone and David & Rhonda Stockbridge and was great to hear about their stories and experiences with OAC from so many years ago has been very encouraging.

I have been teaching my Conversational Apologetics course and have had some very encouraging feedback so far. A couple of the ladies in the course have said they have tried some of the tactics in conversations already, and they noted that "It really does work".

I have remained in contact with the BTCC prison chaplaincy team as we are still praying for each other. In the true Aussie spirit of banter, the coordinator has claimed that things have really improved since I left the team. It is great to see God still working behind the razor wire. Ten years as a chaplain back in Qld means nothing whatsoever here in WA, as I have had to start my training from scratch to enter the jails here. Even a little bit of RPL would have been nice, but it is what it is and just takes time.

We have met a local home church plant team who we have offered some evangelism and apologetics training, with the offer to do some outreach together with them. Although they have attended the training, outreach hasn't happened yet. They are very interested in the Community Chaplaincy training. At national conference in October, Lew Meyer from OAC NZ will be joining and training us, and we should be ready to roll it out here in WA afterwards. I have quite a decent number of suitable people who I think will make great Community Chaplains and are interested in the training. Most of our time has been taken up with making connections with various churches and members with the offer to train those in evangelism, apologetics, and Community Chaplaincy. We have made a decent amount of progress, and the future is looking very exciting. The ministry opportunities are virtually endless, and as Matthew 9:37 reminds us, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." It rings very true for us right here and now. We need more workers!

Please continue to pray for us that we will be successful re-establishing OAC here in WA, meet the right people and follow God's leading to where and when. We have just rolled into Kalgoorlie for about the next 8 weeks (photo - top right). I have meetings with local pastors and speaking opportunities at a local school or two which is very exciting. One of which is a Christian Indigenous school where I get to present some apologetics related subjects with a time of Q & A afterwards. Please pray we can be a blessing to the local kids and see the Gospel presented with grace and open hearts and minds.



Mike Peereboom (NSW)

OAC did not have a presence in Port Macquarie prior to my arrival here four months ago, so I have found myself in the fortunate (and slightly intimidating) position of being able to prayerfully imagine what it might OAC's work could look like here.

Since landing in Port Macquarie, I have met with pastors from 11 different local churches, connected with ministry leaders from multiple different Christian not-for-profits who operate in the local area, and started to develop a connection with the Local Ministers association. By the grace of God I have found favour with many local Christian leaders.

As a consequence of prayerfully reflecting what I have learned and my own personal education, experience and passion, I have decided to prioritise the work of developing and delivering two new initiatives - Multiply and ROAM.

Multiply is a short course designed with the hope of helping to transform the ordinary believer into an everyday missionary. The tagline I whipped up for the course is, "getting ministries on mission and turning disciples into disciple makers." Only God can bring this about by the work of His spirit, I am currently running this course for the Port Macquarie Christian Surfers crew. I am excited to see what God will do.

ROAM is an evangelistic school holiday program that I hope to deliver in partnership with local churches. The three-day small group program is jam-packed with hiking, rock climbing, wild swimming, and a daily Christian discovery session. The strategy is simple, get a small group of teenagers from a local church to recruit one non-Christian friend each (i.e. 8 Christian kids, each of whom brings along one non-Christian friend, making the total group size 16 people) for three days of adventure and meaningful exploration of the Christian worldview and the Gospel. At present there are a number of local youth pastors who are excited at the prospect of partnering with me to run a ROAM school holiday program.

Both ROAM and Multiply have a fixed program length, but it is my hope that these programs become the launching pad for further ministry partnerships - opportunities to inspire and equip local believers for outreach and evangelism.

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Andrew & Catherine Walkington (Qld/National)

When I'm asked how ministry is going, I regularly answer that "I'm never bored!" There are always more opportunities for me to work on than I have hours in my week, and they're good kingdom things to invest my time in. The past couple of months were dominated by the Worldview Camp. That project is an immense amount of work, but entirely worthwhile when you see the impact on the young lives. As soon as that major project was over, there were outreaches to do, evangelism training to run, and more projects sitting in the background waiting to be started.

I'm particularly excited about the fact that we have 4 evangelism courses booked so far for the second half of the year. I started one with a group of Cantonese congregations on the South of Brisbane this past couple of weeks, I have one with a north side Baptist church and another in regional Qld coming up in November, and while I'm in Melbourne for the national staff conference, I'll be running one with a Reformed church down there. I still have open inquiries from at least two NSW churches who have asked what it would take to have an evangelism course in their local church. It's fantastic to be able to invest my time not just doing evangelism, but teaching others to engage as well. I also have the intention to update sections of the course when I can find the time to do it!

The weekly outreaches are back on at QUT, and we're having wonderful conversations every week. A number of us who have done evangelism in a university context over many years have noted that there's an unusual openness in the past two to three years. The students seem genuinely willing to engage with hard topics and seem to appreciate an "older" guy investing in them.



On the home front, Catherine's vertigo has been slowly improving. We're now 12 months in with this ailment, and though it's been a challenge for us as a family, we have adapted well under the circumstances. It's pushed the rest of the family to take notice of how much of the load she has carried for us and we have learned to step up and serve. She still can't drive, but she is now getting out daily for long walks. She hasn't been able to attend outreaches for the last 12 months, but she is applying herself to work that can be done from home on a computer. We're praying that she'll be able to get out to an outreach before the end of semester.



How does this sceptic respond to the case for God's existence?

I asked Blake what happens when we die and he told me that he doesn't think anything happens. I asked him what assumptions underpins that belief, and he wasn't really sure, but ultimately concluded that it was because he held a materialist worldview. I challenged him that materialism can neither prove nor disprove spiritual things. What he needed were other tools. I then argued that only divine revelation would be sufficient to prove things spiritual in nature. I suggested that I could make a strong argument for God's existence, and he permitted me to do so. When I finished explaining how we know God exists, he was amazed and declared, "Wow!"

I suggested that we need to examine the various holy books and see whether any of them contained divine revelation. I explained why I believe the Bible is the only source of divine revelation and then took the opportunity to share what it says about the afterlife question. As I started to go through some commandments with him, he very rapidly concluded that not one of us deserves heaven. He could not think of any good reason why God would permit us to go there. I was then able to explain what Jesus did to rescue sinners like us, and how this makes it possible for God to forgive us. I explained the gospel very clearly to him. He seemed to grasp the ideas very well, but even though he asked some challenging questions in response, he seemed very willing to consider the answers. He gratefully accepted a tract at the end of our time chatting and thanked me for speaking with him.



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Melbourne Street Team (VIC)

Troy and Danny and their team continue to faithfully minister on the streets of Melbourne every week. Below is just an excerpt from one Saturday outreach this past month!

- I took Clera and Rory through the gospel via the Good Person Test (GPT) flipchart; they also left with tracts.
- Lilly, Millar and Ayden also heard the gospel via the GPT. They are young teenagers, but have some knowledge sin and God.
- Another girl and her two friends also heard the gospel via the GPT. I was not able to obtain their names.
- I took Josh, a Christian, through the GPT flipchart as he had not seen it demonstrated.
- I shared the gospel with Eric, a very young boy, who announced that he had become a Roman Catholic. Thankfully he left understanding that salvation is a gift to be received by faith in the finished work of Christ.
- Elijah (who I have met before) and Samuel, two Christians who had been evangelizing, dropped by for a chat.
- Huy and I shared the gospel with Kareem and Miqdad, two Muslims, who received it in an unassuming way, though clear that it is the what the Lord Jesus has done that justifies us before a holy God.
- Daniel spent some time sharing the gospel with DJ, who appears to have taken it seriously.
- Daniel also spent time explaining the gospel and Christianity with Carol, and her friend, Irees, two Chinese girls for whom the gospel was new. He spent time discussing with them the importance of getting right with God through faith in the Lord Jesus and His work.
- We were also encouraged to chat with Rob, a truck driver, someone who is clear about his faith in the atonement of the Lord Jesus as the means of his justification. It appears that he has not long been a Christian but has been moved by the sermons preached by Billy Graham, which he has found helpful.



Neil Clark (NSW)

We are privileged in NSW to be able to teach scripture in our government primary schools. I personally teach a class of 20, Year 3-6 students at Dora Creek PS on a Thursday afternoon, a class of 18, Year 4-6 students at Bonnells Bay PS, a class of 19, Year 1-6 students at Manning Park PS and a class of 30, Year 4-6 students at Wyee PS. I would value your prayers for these children and their teachers as I share the scriptures with these groups.

Mr Russell, a casual teacher, was recently supervising my scripture class at Dora Creek PS. This class is a lively group of children but enjoys singing, drama, games and listening to Bible stories. As I left he remarked how amazing the lesson and gone and how attentive the class had been. He had never read the Bible himself but was amazed that it taught that Jesus was real and was able to heal a crippled man and feed 5000 people with a small boy's lunch.

In an attempt to reach out to the community several churches in Morisset have recently initiated Community Dinners. It was at one of these that I met Martin, a single man who lived in the local area and who had never gone to church before. He was delighted to receive a free meal with no strings attached and was please for the company of others. We enjoyed each other's company while we ate and after driving him home I promised to keep in touch.

I continue to preach regularly at Campsie Chinese Congregational Church in Sydney. I share in the responsibility of caring for the English speaking young people in this congregation.

Both Helen and I are grateful for your prayers as we continue to minister on your behalf in NSW.



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Join In

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. You can learn more about being involved in these events on our website.

VIC

- Weekly street outreach in Melbourne CBD (Saturdays)
- Good News Stand at Royal Melbourne Show (25 Sept - 5 Oct)
- Community Chaplaincy Training (24-25 October)

QLD

- Weekly Street outreaches in Brisbane CBD (Fridays & Saturdays) & QUT Uni campus (Tuesdays & Thursdays).

ACT

- Worldview Canberra (6th - 10th October 2025)

WA

- Sean will be establishing regular outreaches.

NSW

- ROAM kid's school holiday events begin in October



Give

OAC Ministries relies on our partners for prayer and financial support. Partners are people like you who pray for and financially support an evangelist, our national services team, or a special project. You are essential to the mission.

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All the funds given are carefully stewarded to to maximise gospel impact. Your partnership creates real world gospel impact in the lives of those who we reach.

To those who have given recently:

Thank You!

Prayer Points

Calendar Prayer Points:

- 2, 16, 23 Aug: Andrew W running evangelism training with Cantonese churches in Brisbane.
- 30 Aug - 7 Sept: Rob and Gayle George are involved, with a team, on the Christian Outreach stand at the Adelaide Show.
- 9 Sept: Andrew W teaching evangelism @ BST.
- 25 Sept - 5 Oct: OAC will partner with AiG to run the Good News Stand at the Royal Melbourne Show.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct: Rob George is preaching at his home church.
- 9 - 11 Oct: Mike P leading ROAM program in Port Macquarie.
- 10 - 25 Oct: Brian Harmon visiting Aus from OAC USA.
- 21 - 24 Oct: OAC National Staff Conference in Melbourne
- 24 - 25 Oct: OAC running Community Chaplaincy training in Melbourne with Lew Meyer from OAC NZ.
- 24 - 25 Oct: Andrew W running evangelism training with Christian Reformed Church of Casey in Melbourne.
- 2, 9, 16 Nov: Rob George preaching at a church in Seaton.
- 2, 9 Nov: Andrew W running evangelism training at Deception Bay Baptist.
- 7 - 8 Nov: Andrew W running evangelism training at Kingaroy Presbyterian.
- 24 Nov - 5 Dec: Rob and Gayle George are involved (with a team) in primary school Christmas programs in Adelaide's Western suburbs.

Praise Points:

- Praise God for the ongoing street ministry in both Brisbane and Melbourne that causes many dozens of unchurched people to hear the gospel each week.
- Praise God for the ongoing provision of funds for our team members so that they can serve in gospel work.
- Praise God for the feedback we continue to receive of people impacted by the various programs we have run over the past couple of years.
- Praise God for the ongoing growth of the team, both new staff and many new volunteers.

General Prayer Points:

- Please pray for our weekly street outreaches in Melbourne and Brisbane that God would use them to reach the lost. Please also pray for new volunteers to join the team.
- Please praise God for his ongoing financial provision for our team. Please pray for those who need to raise additional funds to be fully supported or increase their days per week.
- Please pray for the planning and execution of the various events being run around the country and for the people and resources to see these run well.
- Please pray for Sean & Gina as they settle in to WA, and Mike as he establishes new work in Port Macquarie.
- Please pray for the ongoing health of our team and for those experiencing health challenges to be restored to full health.
- Please pray that God would continue to raise up more volunteers and staff for the work around Australia.