

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Stay up-to-date with OAC ministries and find out what has been happening recently, and what projects are coming.



Welcome to OAC's National Newsletter

While our world is in turmoil, God's work continues through faithful people like you, who partner with OAC in prayer, in financial support, and in the practical nature of God's work. This newsletter is for you, to keep you updated with what God is doing and to encourage you that God is always at work, even when the world around us seems to be in a constant state of trauma and pain. As Paul puts it, "the whole of creation groans as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time" (Romans 8:22).

But there are millions of Aussies who need to hear the truth about Jesus the Christ. In Sydney, Tim Gleeson has joined our staff team - our first Sydney based evangelist in many years. He is working in the University of Western Sydney sharing the gospel with students on a large campus through building rapport, establishing relationships, and revealing the gospel in a variety of ways and forums. Please be in prayer for conversations with other potential staff happening in SA and the Northern Territory as we seek to listen to God as he brings new talent and opportunity to OAC.

Our annual General meeting on May the 12th is also an opportunity to hear of the good work God is doing through the OAC team of staff, volunteers and society members. You are welcome to attend as an observer if you are not yet a member to see how we diligently govern this crucial ministry.



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Mike Peereboom (NSW)

The year has started well with multiple churches making commitments to collaboratively execute outreach and evangelism projects with me in 2026. Thus far I have locked in two ROAM school holiday programs, one Multiply training course, and a full year of Dads' Group events. Given that I work part-time for OAC it is looking like all these programs will likely fill my hours for the year.

Kicking off the Dads of Port Macquarie, in partnership with local churches, has been one of the highlights of my work with OAC this year. I have been encouraging the Christian dads who rock up to approach the group with an incarnational paradigm, and it has been an absolute joy to see a small handful of these dads wholeheartedly embrace the group as an opportunity to be a blessing and to practice being fishers of men. In addition to this, the program has been so well received by the local community because there clearly is a felt need for new fathers to have a space for peer-to-peer support during the perinatal period. So, at present we have a bunch of new dads from the community rocking up looking for support, and a bunch of Christian dads rocking up looking to be a blessing - what a kingdom win! I am excited to see what God does in this space.

There has also been some very exciting conversations cropping up as a byproduct of starting a dads group. In the last few months I have had the absolute pleasure of helping a few men think through how the company can either propel them, or inhibit them, from being the kind of disciples who make disciples - and how outreach is an essential part of a life lived like Christ.

Another joy has been the process of field testing my "Abide and Obey" journal - a six-month planning tool designed to help Multiply participants craft a missional rule of life that helps them live out what was learnt during the Multiply training program. I have been meeting semi-regularly with Multiply course alumni to field test the resource and have been blown away by what God has been doing in and through the people I meet with.



Tim Gleeson (NSW)

Tim has recently joined OAC Ministries, initially working one day a week at Western Sydney University (WSU) as a university evangelist. Based in Western Sydney, Tim is focusing on building relationships with students and creating opportunities to share the good news of Jesus on campus.

Let's meet Tim!

I've been serving as a youth and young adult pastor at Citywest Church in Blacktown for the past 10 years, as well as teaching Scripture (SRE) in local high schools. Over that time, I've seen firsthand how many young people are open to asking big questions about life, faith, and purpose — but often haven't had the chance to really hear or explore the gospel for themselves.

That's what has led me into university ministry. I've developed a real burden for students who are forming their identity and worldview, often without ever encountering Jesus in a meaningful way. Being on campus, building trust, and having honest conversations about faith has become something I care deeply about.

I've been married to Sheryn for 15 years, and we have 2 young boys who love Jesus and life.

In my early time at WSU, I've begun building relationships with students from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. Many are asking genuine questions about life after death, purpose, and whether Christianity is still relevant today. My approach is simple — to be present, build trust, and look for opportunities to clearly share the gospel of Jesus as those conversations grow. I'm excited to be stepping into this role with OAC and to see what God will do through this ministry.

Tim is currently serving one day per week and is looking to grow a team of ministry partners to support this work. If you would like to be part of reaching university students with the gospel, please visit oac.org.au/give/.

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The photo to the left shows David and Monica bringing a greeting in both Spanish and English in one of the schools. Notice the number of Muslim headscarves in just the small number of kids in the photo. It was a very highly multicultural school. A wonderful joy to share the true Easter message there.

Our focus this year was on New Life seen in the symbols of Easter including chicks and eggs, blossoms and flowers (it's Spring in the Northern Hemisphere where many of our secular Christmas and Easter traditions come from). Of course, the death and resurrection of our Saviour is how we can all experience new life through faith in Him. The typical hollow Easter egg is a great symbol of the empty tomb!

We also featured an Aboriginal dot painting done by a friend of one of our team. The photo below shows David and Monica with the artist, Kunyi, and two of her foster grandkids. We explained the symbolism in many parts of the painting. In one school an Aboriginal teacher told me after the program how impressed he was and wanted to look up Kunyi online.



Rob & Gayle George (SA/NAT)

In South Australia we still have access into public schools. Christmas and Easter provide wonderful opportunities since kids are already familiar with many aspects, but probably not the truth!

Recently we conducted a number of Easter programs in Adelaide's Western suburbs and into country areas. It was great to have our International President, David Proaño and Monica join us in the schools. It was interesting to see a number of students in different schools from Spanish speaking countries who were delighted to talk to David and Monica after the programs.

The final photo below shows Rob in action using a rope trick to illustrate why Jesus died. Gayle is on the left of that photo.

Thankyou for praying for these great opportunities.



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Jason Allott (Qld)

Towards the end of February, along with the rest of the Queensland team and also some of the other evangelists in OAC, we were privileged to participate in 3 days of sketchboard training led by our own sketchboard guru Rob George. It was wonderful to learn some of the basic skills of a tool that has historically been a staple of OAC gospel work and also spend some time together discussing how we could implement tools like this in the different contexts we do gospel presentations.



I have continued with the street evangelism over the past few months in the city, QUT (university), as well as in Ipswich. There have been many gospel conversations and providential encounters, lots of gospel tracts, gospels of John, and other literature handed out, Praise God.

Myself and my family have also continued having a stall at the Ipswich markets which started up again in March following a break over Summer. We hope to have a continued presence there each month throughout the year as it is a wonderful opportunity to engage people with the gospel. At the March markets I had two different people approach me with tears in their eyes, looking for hope and truth, I was able to point them to the grace and love of God in Jesus. There were also numerous other great conversations.

As we all know, we live in a society where hope in the world and governments are quickly eroding away. This provides a great opportunity to reach open hearts with the hope and truth of the gospel. Here is one conversation I had recently:

I stopped Gus as he was walking out of uni, he wasn't sure what happened after he died, he had a Buddhist background but said he was more of an atheist. We discussed God's existence and using a few illustrations he saw logically it actually made sense. We then went through the law to show him how he had wilfully broken it even though he recognised they were good laws. I asked him by implication if he thought he deserved heaven or hell and he said hell if God judges him by these commandments. I could see he was squirming, so I assured him there was good news. We then discussed that good news of what Jesus has done to save us. He agreed it made sense and wanted to clarify what I thought would happen after I died. So, we again discussed the judgement and that it is only through faith in Jesus that we can be spared hell and welcomed into heaven to dwell in the presence of God. As we finished talking,

I made sure he saw the urgency in thinking about this, and to contemplate the gift of salvation God offers him. He was very thankful for the chat and said he would think about it.

The next week I saw Gus again and he stopped to have another chat and said he had really been thinking about what we talked about. Particularly about where we have come from, that God has created us and the implications of that. He said he didn't quite believe yet, but he was looking into it more than what he had before. He accepted some more literature to read and as he left he said it was good to chat again and he hoped to continue to see me.



Neil Clark (NSW)

I was standing at the door of a house in Bonnells Bay wanting to share the gospel message and invite the occupants to a local church evangelical service that was coming up. I knocked and waited. I could hear movement inside and suddenly the door opened. A young man was the one who opened the door and I introduced myself and told him why I was there. He told me he was not a believer and hadn't been in a church in a long time. I asked him if he had ever read the Bible and he said no. I shared with him how I became a Christian and why I became a minister. He listened with interest and occasionally asked questions. I shared that with so many terrible things happening in the world today that the Bible gives us the certainty that there is a God who was in control and that Jesus was coming back for all of those who were His followers. I was able to leave him with the invitation to the upcoming service and he allowed me to pray for him and his family.

It was a cold night outside and with heavy rain pouring down we weren't expecting many to attend our weekly community dinner. Jackson was a regular and when he arrived he looked around the almost empty hall and he came and sat down beside me. Although he is in his late thirties he had been unemployed for some time and was trying to complete a course at college in drafting but had failed in his last year of study. He was a nominal believer but was struggling with his faith and with his life. He confessed that he was barely living with the cost of rent, transport, food and everyday items. I was able to share with him a number of Christian groups in our community that provide a variety of support that would be able to assist him with his needs. Over a lovely dinner we talked about the promises of God and how the difficulties we face help us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Jesus.

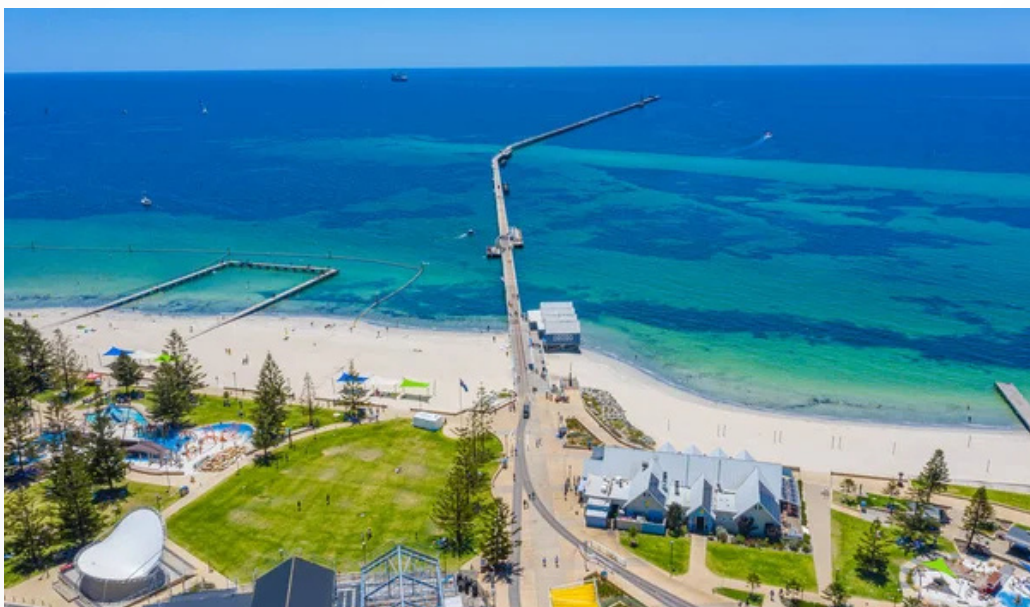
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Sean & Gina Marsh (WA)

Just over a month ago, we left Serpentine Church of Christ to head to Australind Baptist Church where we made a good connection with the church over the Christmas break. Before we left, I had my first attempt at sketch board presentation with the Serpentine kids Sunday School. I made plenty of mistakes, but I was blown away at how engaged every single kid was! From ages 3-14 they were all listening and watching intently despite my very amateur painting. Thanks to Rob George who back in Qld this February held a training session for the staff on sketch boarding. Rob has an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience in this space and was appreciated by all who attended. We already have 3 churches wanting to learn this long-standing and powerfully effective OAC ministry tool which is very encouraging. We have been working quite hard at promoting the work of OAC Australia here in WA and are quite pleased with the ministry partners we have connected with over the last 12 months. Yep, it's been a year already!



I have spent quite a bit of time editing and updating the Conversational Apologetics course material and it is nearly at a place where it can be transferable for others wanting to teach the course. I think with the number of hours required to prepare a course like this, leaders notes, power points and participants workbooks for all 8 lessons, it makes sense to have it available as a resource so it can be shared. Having rolled out the training at Australind Baptist Church just recently and plenty of excellent feedback, we did our first street outreach with ABC putting into practice the skills we learnt. We made our way to the picturesque Busselton Jetty as there is usually quite a few people there. It was the strangest outreach as I spoke to 5 Atheists and 2 Christians, with nothing in between!



Michelle, who completed the course had her first attempt at an outreach, stopped a gentleman and using the course's worldview survey, asked all the questions and shared the Gospel with him. It is so encouraging to see someone having their first go, using what they just learnt and having a successful conversation. And she did it on her own. Well done Michelle!

As we conclude our time at ABC, we will be heading back to Serpentine for a few days in preparation for our return back to Kalgoorlie to roll out the training there. We will be catching up with many of the folk we have previously met and hopefully will have some people keen to do some outreach after the training as well. From there, we hope to return to the CAPS high school in Coolgardie to do some more ministry with the students and teachers at the school. We have a couple more churches lined up to call in on the return trip which are yet to be confirmed. We intend after a couple of months to return back to ABC to roll out some more of the training, as well as the Community Chaplaincy training. ABC is very keen to be more involved in their local community, and we have been given the opportunity to equip, train and encourage them in these new ventures. Blessings Sean & Gina (and Lulu & Emily the rottweilers)!



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Andrew & Catherine Walkington (Qld/National)

"What was your favourite dinosaur to ride to school?" Yes, I got that as a Q&A question from a teenager. While I did answer (I told them I preferred triceratops), I was also grateful for many more questions that were deeper and showed teenagers who are thinking big thoughts.

I recently had the privilege of again leading the youth program at the Mt Tamborine Easter Convention. The convention is attended by around 1000 people, and a few of times over the 4-day event, the teenagers are encouraged to attend a program specifically for them. Around 60 of them joined us this year and we had a blast. The Bible teaching was mostly provided by others which left me free to be the MC and then to field all the Q&A questions on the final day of the program.

Dave Jensen came and preached the gospel to the teens during the Friday session and then we broke into small groups where we could talk through what he had shared. Marshall Ballantyne-Jones spoke to the teens about issues of personal purity and self image, and particularly how the internet corrupts our understanding of both. This was followed by a time where he and I both fielded questions from the teens.

On the Monday morning, the teens had been putting questions in a box, and aside from questions about dinosaurs, it was great to see how they were also thinking about living as Christians in a hostile culture and how to reach their friends who don't share their beliefs.

I was again assisted by a wonderful group of young adults who stepped up to serve. Most of them have now been campers and leaders on the Worldview camps over the past couple of years. We are unable to run the camp again this year, but we are taking the opportunity to pivot and do some work in Christian schools using some of the same techniques which reached the teens at the camp. This should give us a far wider reach to connect with teens we might otherwise have never met.



On the personal front, we have had a few ups and downs. The downs have included some more major health challenges. In December, I was discovered to have a significant number of pulmonary emboli (blood clots in the lungs) which is almost certainly connected to a genetic condition. Mercifully, we discovered them soon enough, as left untreated there is a very high mortality rate.

The ups included buying a home, something which we had assumed would never happen being in ministry! There's too long of a story to tell here, suffice to say that God did a number

of things to provide us with a beautiful house that we should not have been able to afford! Most of May will be spent on annual leave settling into a new home.



At 22 years old, Jack is "old" for a first year student. He's been out and gained some life experience in the trades and now he's studying engineering at university. I asked him what happens when we die. He said he doesn't believe that there is anything. I asked him why he believes that, and he expressed that he didn't really have any proof otherwise. He also could not articulate what he would consider to be sufficient proof. I told him that I think there is plenty of proof available for those that are willing to consider it, but that our own biases prevent us from taking the evidence seriously. I suggested that our desire for autonomy overrides our willingness to consider the evidence. Given that he has an engineering background, I used this understanding to point out the obvious evidence of design in things that are engineered. I shared about how the complexity of those items proved that they were created and not accidental. Even though he didn't have much biology background, I then moved to the biological world to show the evidence of design in living things. I argued that this proves that there is a creator who designed those things.

He had very little religious upbringing at all, having been raised in a non-religious family, and so I asked him what he knew of the Christian perspective on the afterlife. He really didn't know much. I explained that we at least need to know the claims in order to assess whether or not something is true, and offered to walk him through the basics of the Christian message. I stepped him through the gospel, first through the law to show his need for a Saviour, and then through what Jesus has done on the cross to rescue us for our sin. I explained how we need to repent and turn away from rebellion and trust in Jesus alone as the only one who can save us. He gratefully accepted a gospel tract to read.



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Steve Stokes (Vic)

Over the Easter weekend, our team in the Grampians conducted programs in two caravan parks as well as the park in the main street of Halls Gap. We received a lot of positive feedback from park managers and visitors as the team shared the message of the Easter story through a Myth Busters theme. In the lead-up to Easter, we faced a challenge when Baptist Camping ceased operations in Halls Gap last year, meaning our usual accommodation was no longer available. By March, with Easter fast approaching and no other options found, many people were praying when we were offered a paddock to camp in. Shortly after, we heard there was a possibility that the Baptist camp might be available exclusively for us, though nothing was confirmed. As the mission was due to start on Thursday, it appeared we would indeed be camping. Then, on Tuesday night, we received an email—permission was granted for us to use the campsite!



We were also blessed to have David Proaño bring the studies for the team throughout the mission. We thank God for the amazing weather and for the way He used the team to plant many seeds. There were many meaningful conversations and opportunities to share with people just how much God loves them. We pray that the seeds planted and the good news shared over Easter will fall on good soil and produce a great harvest.



Melbourne Street Team (VIC)

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

- Daniel witnessed to Frankie and Archie.
- Daniel did the Good Person Test (GPT) with two young girls and their male and female friend.
- Michelle took a young guy through the GPT.
- Michelle also shared with Lily and Kate and took them through the GPT and explained the gospel.
- I briefly spoke with two young Hindu women about the gospel and gave them tracts.
- Sam and I separately spoke to Alan, an elderly gentleman who is Catholic, but who understands what the truth is about the gospel, but reckons he is beyond accepting it, though prior to surgery recently he called out to the Lord Jesus.
- Michelle and Gina spoke to Elisha and Elana, and took them through the GPT and gospel.
- Michelle spoke to two young girls who were interested in hearing the gospel. One of them, a Catholic, accepted what was said.
- Sam took a young group of guys through the gospel via GPT flipchart.
- Sam took three girls through the gospel via the GPT.
- Daniel and Anthony spoke to a young woman, who it seems is agnostic.
- Daniel shared the gospel via the GPT with Emmanuelle.
- Sam and Anthony shared the gospel with with two young guys.
- Gina and Michelle took two women, a mother and her daughter through the gospel via the GPT.

Please pray for the team that they would continue to have wonderful conversations and that God might raise up more team members!



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).

QLD

- Weekly Street outreaches in Brisbane CBD (Tues, Thurs, Fri).
- Outreach Stall in Ipswich - 2nd Sat every month.

ACT

- No programs scheduled at the moment.

SA

- School programs at various seasons of the year.

WA

- Sean will be establishing regular outreaches in the Perth area as he locates some new volunteers!

NSW

- ROAM and Multiply Projects in Port Macquarie.
- Weekly outreach efforts at WSU.



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.

You can give to the work of OAC online, by visiting:

oac.org.au/give

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

To those who have given recently:

Thank You!

Prayer Points

Calendar Prayer Points:

- Rob and Gayle (SA) celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May. They plan to be in Europe and have changed flights so as not to travel through the Middle East. Prayer is asked for wisdom, especially if changes are needed on the return leg, and for arrangements and safety throughout.
- Multiply course running in Port Macquarie on Thursday nights (30th April to 18th June).
- Jason P and Andrew W will be in the US for an OAC training event and mission (7th - 18th Sept). Andrew will be there a couple of weeks early to network with other ministries.
- OAC National Staff Conference (28th Sept - 2nd Oct).
- ROAM school holiday program in Port Macquarie (8th - 10th Oct).

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 ongoing growth of the team, both new staff and 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 these teams.
- Please pray for Sean as he seeks to establish street ministry in Perth and train some Christians to serve with him.
- Please pray for Mike P as he seeks to get the new programs established in the Port Macquarie area.
- Please pray for bookings/opportunities for the various training programs that OAC offers around the country. Please pray for local churches willing to host these events.
- Please pray for those members of our team who need to raise additional funds to be fully supported, or to increase their days per week.
- Please pray for the ongoing health of our team and for those experiencing health challenges to be restored to full health. In particular please pray for Mim Allott (Jason's wife) whose cancer has returned and for Andrew & Catherine Walkington who both have ongoing chronic health issues.
- Please pray that God would continue to raise up more volunteers and staff for the work around Australia.