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Welcome to the winter 2026 edition of Proclaim.

I will always have a heart of hope about what God is doing in our world, but over the past 12 months, through a series of truly global shocks, keeping hope at the forefront of my faith has needed a little more effort than usual.

Here in Australia the ongoing rise of antisemitic behaviour on our streets is something I never thought I would see in my own country. After the attack at Bondi beach last year I attended the memorial service held the following Sunday. I sat on the grass with thousands of other Australians who had gathered to pay their respects to the victims, to express their support for Jewish people and to pray together.



What I saw from the people gathered there that Sunday evening, was a genuine and deep concern about what our country is becoming and a genuine fear about where the current challenges will lead us.

Governments are pretty ineffective as agents of change. Business leaders, media, celebrities, influencers, thought leaders, they all diagnose problems and advocate for solutions, but no public program (or Royal Commission) ever changed a single heart on its own!

The last 2000 years has taught us that the only real and lasting change for anyone comes through Jesus Christ, facilitated often



by small groups of faith filled believers who go into the world and make disciples. It is the only proven way to transform the hearts of people, their communities, their cities and entire nations.

They are missionaries: followers of Jesus having spiritual conversations with their fellow Australians, wherever they gather: in a park, in a backyard, in a school, or around a BBQ, to introduce them to Jesus.

As I walked around Bondi that Sunday, I was reminded of this by what fellow believers had written in chalk. The words in the photos below were not written by me, but like others of the crowd who gathered there, they spoke more clearly than anything any person said with a microphone.



Jason Potter





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for the past 130 years

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BBQ Missionaries

By Jason Potter

In 2024, an advertisement was released for TV that created a social media frenzy. The commercial began by depicting people of different generations, separated by technology, age, and slang. This separation was depicted through an earthquake style split in the earth between each generation. As they misunderstood and yelled at each other, the physical gap between them grew larger and larger. Until someone smelt lamb being cooked on a BBQ, which just happened to be standing on an island in the middle of the divide. With the smell of fresh lamb as an incentive, one by one the separate generations begin to speak more positively about each other. As they do, the gap in the earth begins to close, and as it disappears and the land joins together, the generations gather around the BBQ to eat lamb and enjoy each other's company.

In traditional Australian culture the BBQ represented a place where family and friends got together to celebrate, to enjoy each other's company, to swap stories and tall tales, to share a beer or two and avoid any serious topics. Aussies knew the BBQ was not the place for politics, religion, or serious debate. Social cohesion was based on



ignoring certain topics and mostly sticking to topics outside of those issues like sport or family.

We now live in a very different environment. Instead of focusing on the things that bring us together, Australians have become polarised into different “identities” based on their characteristics and beliefs. Liberal, Conservative, Migrant, Christian, Muslim, Atheist, Straight, Cisgender, Gay, Transgender, Left, Right, Extreme, Extremist, Neurodiverse, and then somewhere in all that is a tiny group called the Mainstream or the Centre. Instead of focussing on the things that bring us together, we have become more focused on the things that divide us, partly driven by legacy media, new media, and social media algorithms.

As Christians we are commanded to go into all the world and make disciples. That means introducing people to Jesus, communicating across all the competing identities and belief systems, to reach Australians who have less and less in common.

I've been involved in ministry for about 35 years now, and over that time, I've had the privilege of preaching in churches all around Australia, pleading with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the people God brings across their path. Thousands of faithful pastors, many of them with a lot more expertise than me, have been preaching that same message every Sunday for decades, yet the numbers tell a sobering story.

When I was born in 1972, about 3.8 million Australians attended church weekly, which was 33% of the population. Today, that number has plummeted to 1.7 million, closer to 7% percent of our current population, and it is still falling fast. The stark reality is that we

are becoming one of the least Christian nations on the planet. And while there has been a growth in attendance over the past four years, this represents a recovery from COVID and isn't yet an indicator of real change.

The need for a nationwide shift in how we approach evangelism is very clear. There are more than 20 million Aussies alive today who don't know Him, while our current culture, laws, and community values are moving further away from God's influence every day.

Beyond Conversation: Evangelism that Reshapes Culture

The early church is the perfect case study in the culture-shaping power of the gospel. In just 250 years, Christianity went from 120 followers in the upper room to the dominant faith across the Roman Empire. How? It wasn't through political power. They didn't have institutional sway or grand church buildings. Their secret was twofold: they faithfully shared the gospel, and they transparently lived the gospel.

Consider the Roman practice of infanticide. It was tragically common for families to leave unwanted infants exposed to die. How did Christians stop it? Not by lobbying or protesting. They did something far more powerful: they rescued the children. Christians would go out, pick up the babies that had been left to die, and raised them as their own, teaching them about the love of Jesus. By this simple, compassionate act of living out their values, they completely changed the culture. In just four generations, infanticide was transformed from a common practice into something abhorred by Roman society. The law hadn't changed, but the heart of the empire had. This is the power of both preaching and living out the gospel, with words, actions, and heart all working together.

The work of sharing our faith has a ripple effect that extends far beyond our immediate

view. Our obedience to God's call to speak the good news, can transform our families, our communities, our cities, and our nation. You do not need a title or a grand strategy. Like the 72 no names in Luke 10: be willing to go, willing to speak, and willing to live out the love of Christ for others.

The Heart of Evangelism: Rapport, Relationship, Revelation

So, how do we begin? At OAC Ministries, we have a set of guiding principles for the practice of evangelism. They are not a formula, and are not applied only to a certain type of evangelism. They apply to a chat on the street with someone you have met for the first time, sharing with a friend or family member, talking in a school, talking with a work colleague, or presenting the gospel on a stage in front of hundreds of people.

These principles have been developed using John 3:1-21. This passage describes a conversation that Jesus has with Nicodemus. Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. He is a Jewish religious leader, and in coming to meet with Jesus he is risking his reputation and status. The text does not tell us how this meeting was organised or why Nicodemus felt confident he wouldn't be exposed, but it is reasonable to infer that Nicodemus had a level of trust in Jesus and his disciples to keep their meeting a secret.

In building rapport with another person, we are able to develop a level of trust that increases the potential of the person we are talking with hearing what we have to say. Nicodemus and Jesus had a rapport, based on a level of trust that is demonstrated through the rest of their conversation.

Jesus doesn't begin his discussion with Nicodemus with a neat description of the gospel or by explaining to Nicodemus that he is a sinner. He engages him personally, speaks into his world, and challenges the very foundations of his identity. He builds a relationship of understanding. He steps into

the life of Nicodemus and explains what is required, being born again, a complete transformation of his life and person, that can only be done by God, because for God nothing is impossible.

Only then does he reveal the heart of the gospel in the most memorised verse in the scriptures, John 3:16. That is not the whole gospel of course, you have to keep reading to the end of verse 21, but this is the best example we have of Jesus explaining what it means to become His follower.

Truth is never abstract in the hands of Jesus. It is always relational, because Jesus is the truth, and this really matters, because the way we communicate the gospel can either remove barriers for the people we talk to or quietly reinforce them.

Faith That Pays Attention

Understanding another person's world is not optional in evangelism. It is an act of love. The gospel never changes, but the way it is heard by the listener depends at least in some part on their context. Grief, trauma, doubt, anger, hope — these shape what a person is able to receive in a given moment. Being a faithful witness means listening before we speak.

This doesn't mean avoiding hard truths. It means speaking to them with wisdom, patience, and discernment. The aim is not to win a debate, in fact evangelism is never a debate! Our job is to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have... with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

1. Rapport: Earning Trust

Rapport begins with connection. We connect first in the way we speak, our language, the words we use to say hello, or in finding some shared life experiences and interests. These small connections are the beginnings of establishing trust. That we understand each other and it is safe to proceed. This process can be short, maybe just a few minutes, or it



can take a more than one conversation or longer.

2. Relationship: Walking in Their Shoes

From that foundation of trust, we build a relationship. At its heart, a relationship is about understanding another person so deeply that you can begin to walk in their shoes. The perfect model for this is Jesus himself. Jesus is God incarnate—God come to earth as a human being. He knows what it's like to be human: to battle temptation, to wrestle with feelings, and to forgive people. God incarnate in Jesus knows what it's like to walk in our shoes.

This is our challenge in evangelism. It's not our responsibility to bring about conversion—that is the work of the Holy Spirit. But it is our job to be faithful in lovingly communicating the gospel to the person that God brings to us. In this context, that means earnestly seeking to understand the person in front of us. As we gain insight into their world, we learn how to communicate the gospel in a way that will best resonate with them. This isn't about censoring the truth. It's about how we communicate it—the kinds of examples or stories we might use and the connection points we can find.

3. Revelation: Revealing the Gospel

Revelation is the final step, where we have the privilege of revealing the good news of Jesus Christ in a way that is relevant and personal.

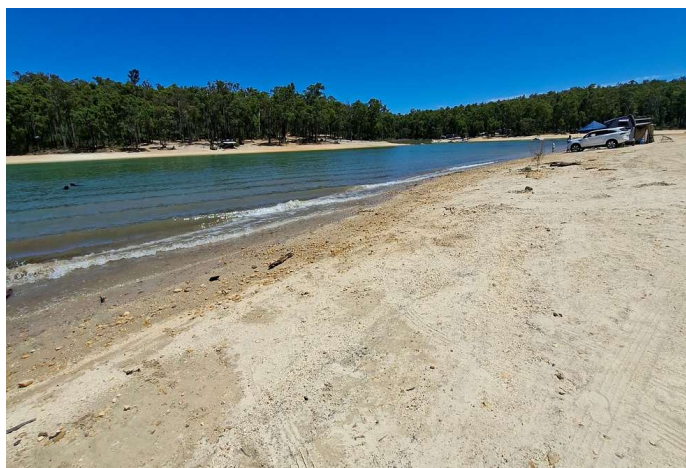
Final Thoughts

The BBQ sits in traditional Australian culture as a place where people came together. We need the Christian community to be this place, where Aussies are welcomed into spiritual conversations that embrace them and respect where they have come from without compromising the truth. When Jesus commands us to go into all the world and make disciples, it means we have been saved, not only to live in relationship with God, but we have been saved for a purpose, for something greater than ourselves, to be an ambassador of Christ, a missionary for a new kind of BBQ style get together.



FROM THE FIELD

Just recently, staying in a caravan park we got to know quite a few of the locals and semi-permanent residents. One lady just walked up to us and sat down, uninvited, which we thought a tad odd, but we didn't care. I started by asking Deb a few questions and soon shifted into what her worldview was. She had a common 'fruit salad' worldview which included very loosely: a theistic, naturalistic materialist who held to a bit of evolution, and a pantheistic polytheist. The chat lasted five and a half hours as I tried to unpack all of that! The contradictions were unreal, and as gently as I could, I tried to show how problematic all of that was. I did my best to walk her through the problems with cherry picking bits and pieces to suit yourself and shared the gospel with her. Although Deb remained partially



unconvinced, I was happy with the progress we made. The next morning, the neighbours commented how patient I was and thought it was interesting to hear. You just never know who might be eavesdropping. May the Gospel get out to eavesdroppers as well!

- Sean M

I recently caught up for lunch with a student at Western Sydney University. I've known this student for a few years now, building a relationship with him over a few years over meals on different campuses and events. This student is an international student from Pakistan with an Islamic faith. Over the summer break, he went home to get married which he was very happy about. As we caught up for lunch, we talked about different aspects of study and life. The conversation moved towards us sharing how our own faith impacts our lives, especially being husbands and leaders of our household. I shared with him the significance of following Jesus as a husband and dad and how that leads my actions in my household. The conversation was a great practical apologetic for the Christian faith. I look forward to catching up with him again over lunch to continue our conversation around Jesus.

- Tim G

Overcoming Our Fears About Evangelism



By Andrew Walkington

If I put you on the spot and asked you to share the gospel with someone in your network, how would you feel about that?

If you would be nervous about the idea, you're not alone. Most Christians find the idea of sharing their faith uncomfortable at least and terrifying at worst. Fear is consistently the number 1 barrier to evangelism.

What will people think of me?

What if I mess it up?

What if I'm asked a question I can't answer?

These are real fears and for most Christians, they are more than enough to prevent them proclaiming the gospel. Give most Christians anything as an alternative, and they will choose that instead - even cleaning the church toilets! Most understand that they should share their faith and want to do better in this area, but aren't sure how. If that's you, then stick with me and hopefully, this article will give you something to make it less intimidating.

Most Christians have some level of fear, but then there are those few, the "evangelists", who seem to share the gospel regularly. They're always talking about the opportunity they had to speak to this or that person about Jesus. They're the ones in church who enter a

mixed room and start looking for the non-Christians. They're just different. Given how much "normal" people fear sharing the gospel, these seemingly fearless folks are usually looked upon as a bit odd! This difference causes an unhelpful division that hurts both sides.

Let's look at the problem a little deeper

I have spent more than 20 years sharing my faith and have known many hundreds of skilled evangelists. In that time, there is a repeating problem that affects the relationship between the evangelist and the church. The evangelist, being wired differently, struggles to understand why others in the church don't share his or her passion for the lost. So, they try to challenge their fellow Christians, and when they meet resistance, they foolishly push harder. Unsurprisingly, because it's a fear, this "helpful" push makes the other Christians even more uncomfortable. The result is that they now also fear and avoid the evangelist lest he try to push them even harder. The end result is that the evangelist becomes socially ostracised inside the church because their zeal makes others uncomfortable. They thus tend to become lone wolves and both they and the church suffer. They lose close fellowship and accountability inside the church, and the church misses out on their gifts.

Why do I share that?

Because there is a misconception that I want to clear up: that passionate evangelists don't find sharing their faith scary. **It's simply not true.** We are subject to all the same fears that you experience when someone suggests that you speak to your coworkers, neighbours, classmates, or family about Jesus. Even the

experienced feels these fears. I have spoken to tens of thousands of people over the years, and yet there are many times when I have chickened out from speaking to someone. I am confident that every experienced evangelist can say the same.

So, if it's not being fearless, then what does make us different? I think there are a couple of things. The first is that we are well prepared, and the second is that we do it despite being afraid! We know that there is a risk to our reputation, or a risk of messing it up, but we choose to step out regardless.

I think that some shared understanding can make a massive difference. When the evangelist begins to understand that Christians are reluctant because of their fears, and the church understands that the evangelist shares these fears, there is a far greater capacity for the evangelist to be a blessing to the church by building them up for the work of ministry (Eph 4:11-12).

*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to **equip** the saints for the work of ministry, for **building up** the body of Christ”*

As one who has served as an evangelist now for some years, let me share with you a couple of things that might ease your fears and make it easier for you to step out and share the gospel with the non-Christians in your world.

Embrace the “foolishness” of the message

Given that so many of our fears come from what people will think of us when we say we believe in Jesus, this seems like an important place to start.

No one wants to look stupid, and yet this is somewhat inevitable because the world considers faith in Christ to be nonsense (1 Cor 1:18). We believe in things the world finds laughable because they are the “enlightened

ones”. An invisible deity? Miracles? The resurrection? Silly Christians. Everybody knows those things aren't real. We have science and facts.



And then, as if it wasn't bad enough to be mocked for the things we do believe, our culture, in its ignorance, loves to come up with badly contorted versions of Christianity and tries to have us answer those as well.

Faced with the prospect of mockery for our faith, we find it safer to keep our mouths shut and say nothing, even when the opportunity plants itself right in front of us. It's less scary.

So, what is the remedy for our fear?

One answer might be to study and gain the ability to answer every objection and make Christianity look reasonable so that they might not consider us foolish. You could become an expert apologist and learn the answers to every objection by heart. Aside from the fact that most of us could never attain to this, the Bible doesn't give us that as an answer anyway.

The Bible instead encourages us to embrace the foolishness. Embrace the fact that the world thinks we're mad for believing in Jesus. Paul came to the Corinthians “in weakness and in fear and much trembling” (2 Cor 2:3). He was content to be seen as a fool, not because he enjoyed looking foolish, but because he knew that God worked powerfully through weakness (2 Cor 12:9). God so often

chooses to work through the weak and those who look foolish to the eyes of the world, because then he gets all the credit for making a blind sinner see the light of the gospel. If being considered a fool for Christ was good enough for the apostle Paul, it's good enough for me!

I'm not saying we shouldn't answer objections. The Bible tells us that we should be ready to do that (1 Peter 3:15). We should learn how to answer people's questions and give a defence, but I will argue that we cannot intellectually convince someone into the kingdom. Paul is clear that the unsaved person's thinking is broken and they are the real fools for denying the obvious existence of the creator (Romans 1:19-22). Instead, the preaching of Christ crucified is what God uses to open the eyes of the blind and bring people to right thinking (1 Corinthians 1:21, Romans 1:16). We must instead look for that opportunity to tell them about who God is and what he has done at the cross.

Get equipped

This brings us to the second most common fear: I don't know what to say.

Most Christians have at least a basic understanding of the gospel that they have believed, and given enough time, they will get most of the key elements out. But they might miss crucial bits, or explain things out of order, or use so much Christian jargon that the person doesn't understand them. The result is that the message doesn't make sense to the hearer.



Sharing the gospel is something we all need to learn to do. While God might use our stumbling and fumbling through the message to bring someone to faith, being well trained is better for the hearer, and it makes it less scary for the Christian! OAC would love to train you and your church in how to share the gospel. It's one of the big reasons we exist. We can teach you what needs to be shared and how to share it. We can provide analogies that explain basic gospel ideas and teach you how to translate our Christian jargon from Christianese back to English!

Go with others

Doing evangelism on your own is hard, but in most natural opportunities, you will be on your own. However, one of the best ways to grow in your capacity and thus to feel more confident is to work with others. The support and encouragement of working alongside other Christians will help you immensely.



Do you remember those odd evangelists I mentioned before? The role of the evangelist in Ephesians 4 is to “equip the saints for the work of ministry” (verse 12). Someone who is good at sharing the gospel can be one of the best people to help you gain confidence and improve your communication of the gospel. Ask if you can go with them and watch when they share the gospel. Ask them why they explain things the way they do. Ask them to stand with you while you have a go and back



you up if needed. Not only will they be a blessing to you, but I promise that joining them will be an encouragement and a blessing to them also.

Evangelism teams are really helpful for this. Maybe your church can put together a team, or you can join with Christians from other churches or join an OAC team.

Don't rely on your own strength

And finally, and possibly most importantly, learn that you are not doing evangelism in your own strength!

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gives the great commission: the marching orders for all Christians to make disciples who will make disciples! I want you to notice a small detail at the end of verse 20: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus tells his followers that they will forever have the blessing of his presence as they make disciples. The command is for all disciples and therefore, so is the promise of Jesus' support! How does Jesus go with us? Have a look at Acts 1:8.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

One of the main things that the Holy Spirit

does in the life of Christians is empower them to share the gospel. You might think that you are not a strong evangelist, but the great news is that you don't need to be! If you are a Christian, then you have the Holy Spirit inside you to empower you to share the gospel. He will help you in that moment to proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus! You plus the Holy Spirit is more than enough for the task.

How do we minimise our fears?

- Embrace the foolishness
- Get equipped
- Go with others
- Don't rely on your own strength

Now all of that will not take away our fears entirely. Sometimes I wish it did, but it won't... and that's a good thing. If it did, then I might fool myself into thinking that I can do this without God's help. Maybe I can make people believe by the sheer power of my rhetoric and winsome personality. I might try and steal God's glory.

No, I would rather face the task with "fear and much trembling", just like the apostle Paul (1 Cor 2:3) so that I might acknowledge my need for Christ to work in me and through me. I would rather step out despite my fears and speak of Christ.

Out of love for God which results in obedience (John 14:15) and compassion for the lost, would you join with me in swallowing your fears and stepping out to speak to people about how Jesus saves?





I spoke to Liam, who is 19 years old and studying mechatronics engineering. When I asked him about the afterlife, he shrugged his shoulders. He stated that he had no idea, and he hadn't really done much thinking about it. He couldn't come up with a good way that we might be able to answer the question, and so I suggested that ultimately, divine revelation was the only source that could answer such questions for us. Using his engineering background, I made a simple argument from design to demonstrate that there must be a God who designed and created this world.

He had gone to a Christian School for a few years and despite not paying much attention at all, he still had a handful of Christian cliches and ideas that he was familiar with. He could name more of the 10 commandments than most people I speak to. He also knew that going to heaven was more about believing in Jesus than being a good person, but really didn't understand what that meant. As we walked through the commandments, he quickly realised that he had lived in rebellion against God and that this rebellion meant that he would deserve punishment just like everybody else on the planet. I was then able to explain why Jesus dying on the cross was the solution to the problem, and how His death was a payment for the sins that we have committed. I explained how we must repent and put our trust in Jesus, and through Him we can be forgiven and receive everlasting life and adoption as children of

God. I challenged him to consider the importance of this message, given that his soul is infinitely precious and he could not tell me when he would die. He gratefully received both a gospel tract and a copy of John's Gospel to read.

- Andrew W



Ben shared that he believes we can't really know anything about God or the afterlife, and that it's disrespectful to say one belief is right and another is wrong. He believes religion helps people have moral self-control because without belief in God, he thought people would just do whatever they want. When I asked how he understood Christianity, he said it's mainly about treating everyone equally, and that good people go to heaven while bad people go to hell. I explained that this is a common view in the West, but not actually what Christianity teaches. He was open for me to share what Christians actually believe, so I briefly explained the gospel to him.

Caleb finished our conversation saying, "Thank you, this has been a very fun talk." Caleb is Chinese Malaysian. He explained that where he grew up, people were either Christian or Buddhist, and his family was Buddhist. I asked him what would be the biggest barrier to faith in Christ, and he is committed to his family religion, which would prevent him from becoming Christian. I explained the gospel to Caleb.

- Andrew M

Rob & Gayle George (SA)

Rob and Gayle began as volunteers with OAC in 1972 and have been on staff since 1985. As well as ministry in SA, previously Rob was the International President and the Australian National Director. Rob has ministered in all Australian States and in many countries all over the world. He is a frequent seminar speaker in Singapore and other South East Asian countries. They present the 'Good News in Good Ways' focusing these days mainly on schools using colourful sketch-board stories, movie clips, eye-catching magical illusions, and interactive puzzles.

Before joining OAC, both Rob and Gayle were high school Physical Education teachers. Rob was also a State and National junior women's volleyball coach. They live in the western suburbs of Adelaide and have four adult sons and eleven delightful grandchildren.

Rob is a staff evangelist in SA and a part of the National Leadership Team. Gayle has served as an active volunteer alongside Rob in many capacities over their combined years with the ministry.



Steve Stokes (VIC)

Steve Stokes has been a part of OAC Ministries his entire life! The first meeting he attended was in a baby carry basket with his parents who were OAC volunteers.

Steve joined the work in 2001 and worked in the South Australian branch for 18 years. In 2019 he moved back to Victoria and now serves there. Steve has many gifts, in particular in children's ministry, where his enthusiastic storytelling is always a feature.

Steve is married to Abby, they have three wonderful children, and live on the outskirts of Melbourne. Steve has a special interest in developing volunteers and training them in evangelism. Together, Steve and Abby regularly lead mission trips to the Philippines, Abby's home nation.



Tim Gleeson (NSW)

Tim is a local youth pastor and serves in high schools teaching Scripture and running Christian lunchtime groups. He's married to Sheryn, and they have 2 boys, Samuel and Elliot. They're a family who loves God, His church, coffee, music, sport, and games.

Tim plans to use hospitality to engage students to have evangelism based conversations with them. He's been doing this at Western Sydney University for the past 4 years and is excited to partner with OAC to see this kingdom work grow to see people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.



Mike Peereboom (NSW)

Mike is an experienced pastor, chaplain, youth worker and outdoor professional. Mike first engaged meaningfully with the invitation of Jesus to be a disciple who makes disciples when at 16 he started helping to lead the junior youth group at Campbelltown Church of Christ. After many years of lay ministry, and a brief of season youth work as an outdoor professional, Mike started Bible College and stepped into paid ministry at the age of 22.

Since then, Mike has found himself in a wide variety of ministry roles, including youth pastor, associate pastor, school chaplain, SRE teacher, university chaplain, outdoor ministry coordinator, adventure-based therapist, spiritual director/mentor, church planter. Mike presently resides in Port Macquarie with his lovely wife, Renae, and their two young children.



Jason Potter (ACT)

Jason Potter is an experienced leader, author, pastor, and educator. Jason began his leadership journey at 17 when he was elected to the board of Belconnen Church of Christ in Canberra. He left Canberra at 19 to work with Fusion Australia in Tasmania, and began his first pastoral role at the age of 20 when appointed as the youth minister at Knoxfield Church of Christ in Melbourne.

Since then, he has pastored local churches, held national and international leadership roles in Christian ministry, and launched a local church-based education model that is used by Bible Colleges around Australia.

Jason resides in Canberra with his lovely wife, Rachelle, and their four teenage children. He also barracks for Collingwood but asks you kindly not to hold that against him.



Jason Allott (QLD)

Despite growing up in a lovely Christian home Jason wasn't born again until the age of 29 in 2014. He shares that he lives in astonishment at the undeserved salvation of God. It is this wonder of the Gospel and love for Christ that drives him to share this good news with those who do not know Him.

He has a trade background as a carpenter and was also a professional firefighter in Melbourne for almost 10 years. Jason is married to Mim, and together they have two lovely teenage girls, and a very much part of the family kelpie.

He volunteered with OAC for almost 3 years and then joined staff in May 2025 so that he is able to commit more time to the work which God has given him a passion for.





Sean & Gina Marsh (WA)

Sean joined the OAC Queensland team in October 2022. After relocating to Western Australia in April 2025, Sean and Gina are travelling in their caravan to spread the Good News and rich history of OAC for at least the next 2 years. Sean argues that caravan parks are one of many great places to engage people in conversations, as people are often curious about their mobile neighbours. This is a great opportunity for a worldview conversation and gospel presentation.

Sean is a former Community and Evangelism Pastor and also had faithfully served as a chaplain in three correctional centres in South-East Queensland for more than a decade. He holds a BMin from Malyon Theological College, and is currently enrolled at Biola University in a Graduate Certificate in Christian Apologetics.

Part of their role in WA is offering training in evangelism and apologetics, community chaplaincy and street outreach for churches wanting to engage their communities with the gospel message. Sean is also currently awaiting clearances in WA to re-enter the prisons as well.

Some of the ministries Gina has been involved in over the last 30 years include Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, and ladies ministry teams. Gina joined the team in May 2025. Her week consists of supporting Sean in his various ministry projects and also serving

as the Executive Assistant to the National Director.

Sean and Gina have been married since 1997 and they have two adult daughters. Now as empty nesters, they have two rottweilers: Lulu and Emily, who rule the floor of their caravan!

Andrew McLauchlan (QLD)

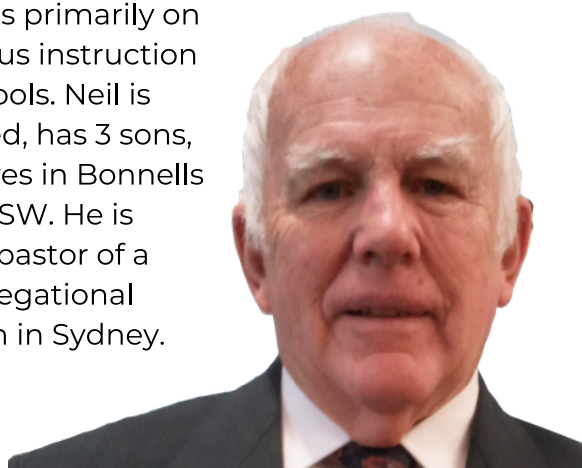
Andrew is a part-time staff evangelist with OAC, whose ministry is centred on street evangelism. He can often be found sharing the gospel outside the QUT campus at Gardens Point and in King George Square.

Andrew graduated from Brisbane School of Theology with a Bachelor of Theology in 2025. He believes God has gifted him with evangelism and apologetics skills, which he uses to serve God through OAC Ministries. Andrew comes from a non-Christian family and became a Christian in 2017.



Neil Clark (NSW)

Neil 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.



Andrew & Catherine Walkington (QLD)

Having been saved out of an atheistic upbringing at 20 years old, Andrew has a deep passion for both evangelism and for training others to share their faith effectively. Since joining staff in April 2018, Andrew has invested himself heavily in one-to-one evangelism and also seeking to train churches in the methodology of personal evangelism. He enjoys time “in the classroom” and has been able to also teach evangelism through a local Bible college for the past few years.

Andrew particularly loves reaching out to teens and young adults and finds them great fun to share with. He really enjoys the moment where it all makes sense for the first time or when a person who was previously hostile to the faith acknowledges that this is something they need to think through.



Alongside the more visible “front lines” work, Andrew coordinates ministry events like the Queensland Worldview camp, and also serves as the National Operations Coordinator, developing systems for ministry that empower others to preach the gospel.

He has served in vocational ministry since 2007 in both missions and pastoral work and holds a MDiv from Melbourne School of Theology.

Catherine served as a local missionary from 2007 to late 2009 before an extended season of being a full-time mum. With the kids now

all at school, she joined the Queensland team part-time in October 2021.

Her week consists of a variety of ministry activities ranging from street evangelism, to mentoring interns, to helping OAC develop structures and systems that allow the organisation to grow. She also oversees the national pool of volunteers who serve with OAC.

Andrew & Catherine have been married since 2005, and together they have 4 kids.

Stephanie Jordan (QLD)

Stephanie joined the OAC Ministries team in early 2023 and now serves as the Ministry Partner Relations Officer. In her national role, she provides administrative and communication support and engages with ministry partners to share updates and encourage ongoing partnership in the work of OAC. Stephanie is a people person who loves serving wherever she can, finding joy in building relationships over coffee as well as in supporting the ministry behind the scenes. Through both her interactions with people and her administrative work, she seeks to reflect the joy of the Lord in all she does.



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Luca and Ryan are both 18 years old and studying biology. When I asked them about the afterlife, they both told me that they don't believe anything comes next, though Luca expressed that he really hopes there is something. I asked them both why they believe what they do, and they really couldn't give me much of a reason. I suggested to them that only the existence of a divine being could give us answers about the afterlife. Neither one said they believed in God, but both were willing to hear an argument for God's existence and so I used a basic argument from design to explain why God must exist. Lucas seemed somewhat convinced, but Ryan was still unconvinced. I talked to him about why people don't believe, and pointed out that most objections are volitional (a choice) rather than intellectual. I asked them to examine themselves and determine why they don't believe. Ryan admitted there it was likely that he just didn't want it to be true. I very briefly shared three or four other arguments for God's existence and explained that they will argue these away, not on the basis of an intellectual objection, but rather based on their desire not to believe. What they needed to do was seek to be more open minded and examine the case fairly. They agreed that this was very important.

Ryan had gone through some Christian schooling and knew a few things about Christianity, but not very much. I used this as a springboard to go through the gospel with

them both in great depth. They were very receptive and worked through the gospel with me, understanding the core components that they needed to understand. I was able to challenge them both to repent and put their trust in Jesus because their soul depended on being forgiven by a holy God. Neither one left the conversation saying they now believed, but they were both clearly challenged to consider whether or not the message of Christianity is true. Both accepted a gospel tract and thanked me for the conversation.

- Andrew W



It has been a dream for a couple of years for my wife and I to have a Christian stall in some local markets. It always bothered us that there was no representation for the light and truth. That dream came to fruition in November when we had a stall in the Ipswich hand-crafted markets. My wife (Miriam) had items for sale with various scriptures imprinted or ironed on them and I created a board that had free gospel tracts and gospel literature people could take. We have now participated in several markets since November and hope to continue to be involved each month going forward. We have received much encouragement from other Christians and there have been numerous opportunities to talk to people about Jesus and give resources away. We pray God continues to bless this endeavour.

- Jason A



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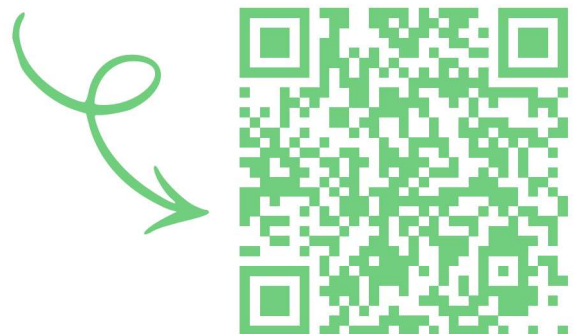
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