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Jay Ricci Update

My first ever ministry newsletter!!

Open Air Campaigners - Boston

Dear beloved friends and family,

I HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS TO TELL YOU! As you know, I've been doing the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5) for several years now in and around Boston. Recently, after much prayer and seeking God's will, I have answered His call into full-time evangelism and have accepted an invitation to become a full-time missionary with Open Air Campaigners (OAC).

OAC IS A MISSION ORGANIZATION that's been equipping individual Christians and churches to bring the Gospel to the lost, all around the globe, since 1892. OAC began in Australia and came to the United States in 1956. There are now OAC branches in over 30 countries on six continents, 17 cities in America and more to come by God's grace! OAC is known around the world for their unique use of sketchboards and other creative tools to share the Gospel.

AS A MISSIONARY WITH OAC in the Boston Branch, I will be reaching the next generation for Christ through Kids' Bible Clubs and various other youth ministry. I will also be reaching teens and adults through open-air street evangelism, college campus ministry, and working alongside local church partners to edify and equip them for more effective evangelism (Eph. 4:12).

GOD HAS USED A MINISTRY like OAC to initially reach me for Christ and bring me to where I am today. Now, He has placed me here to do likewise, to reach others with the soul-saving, life-transforming Gospel of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

IN ORDER TO FULFILL MY CALLING, I need the Lord to provide ministry partners. Do you have the courage to care? Would you prayerfully consider being one of those monthly ministry partners that God provides? "I will go, but will you hold the ropes?" (William Carey 1761-1834).

YOU CAN GIVE AT WWW.OACUSA.ORG (click on "donate" at the top and select Ricci from the drop down box). If you prefer to mail in donations, checks can be made out to OAC and sent to PO Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. All gifts are tax-deductible.

PLEASE CONTACT ME if you have questions or need additional information. Together, let us "attempt great things for God and expect great things from God" (William Carey).

GOING FORWARD, each new ministry newsletter (just like this one) will keep you updated on what is happening in my life and ministry and will feature three sections: praise, prayer, and pics!

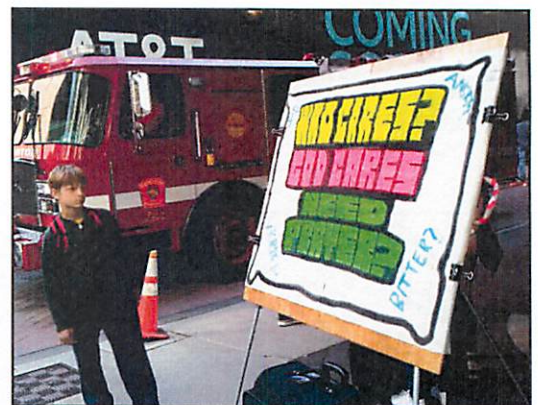
PRAISE REPORT

1) **I recently got back** from a pastors' conference with my pastor and some other men from my church which was from May 21-23. Initially, I didn't have the money to go, but God (through an anonymous donor) made the provision for me to attend! The conference was at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Maryland, and it was both spiritually and physically refreshing.

2) **Also, my car was recently stolen** (two days before the above-mentioned pastors' conference) see below for details, but the praise



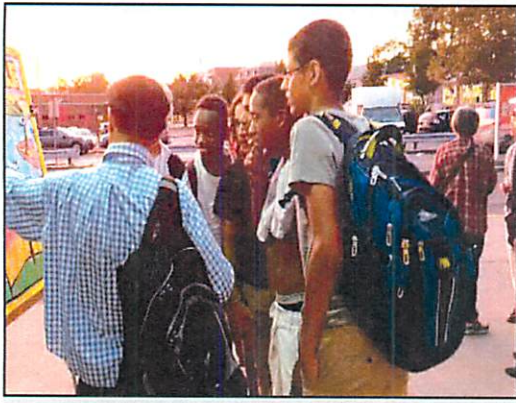
I am doing subway evangelism and giving out the Gospel using an object lesson people can relate to!



I set up this sketchboard message in downtown Boston. Many people both young and older were drawn over to the sketchboard to talk and pray. Who cares? God cares! And I had many opportunities to explain God's love for people through the Gospel!



Wayne, who occasionally joins my evangelism team (on right) is explaining the Gospel to this young woman who saw the sketchboard message (above) and came over to pray. She is from China here in Boston for school and she had never previously heard about God, Jesus or the Gospel! Yes, sadly there are still people HERE in the US that are unreached. But we can reach them!



At the Bus station explaining the Gospel to young people eager to hear but never previously heard the Gospel clearly explained in person to them.

was that although some things were stolen, they didn't steal my sketchboard (which was in the trunk) nor was there any damage to the vehicle. They also stole the Gospel tracts that were in my car, but praise God! Most of the tracts said, "God Loves You" on the front, with Loves in red. May the Lord use the tracts to ultimately bring conviction and salvation to whoever is responsible for the theft.

3) **In another praise** (as you'll see in the included pics), initially it looked as if no children would come to our Kids' Meeting that Eric Briscoe (OAC Boston Branch Director) and I, along with some ministers from Mayflower Congregational Church were having. But the Lord didn't let us down (as He never does) and in total, we were able to give the Gospel to about 10-15 kids and some parents as well! Even before the meeting, I was coming down with a cold and felt

weak that morning, but God was strong where I was weak and gave us a great meeting with great weather too!

In addition, after we were finished with ministry for the day, the church where Eric and I conducted the Kids' Meeting, expressed a desire to become a monthly supporter!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1) **As mentioned above, my car was recently stolen** and I'm dealing with the aftermath of it. Although I recovered the car, some things were stolen, including my poster tube with my sketch messages. When I recovered my car (after making a police report, etc.) I found that whoever had taken the car had broken the key in half and left half of it in the keyhole for me to find. They have the half of the key that holds the keyless entry/alarm part and because of that, I have to get new keys made and have my ignition/keyhole changed. My insurance says I'll need to pay the first \$450 of the total amount it'll cost of the procedure. So, pray with me that the Lord will help me get this procedure done for my car and recover these expenses quickly.

2) **Join me in prayer** that my property insurance will reimburse me for the value of the things stolen from the car that I'll need to replace.

3) **Pray with me** that I (as a new evangelist with OAC) will be able to learn the ropes of this ministry and that God will grow my support team quickly. Thanks for coming alongside me.



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Eric Briscoe, myself and our team conducting a Kids' Meeting with a local church in Kingston, Massachusetts



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