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The warm still weather during the summer months frequently made for ideal open-air conditions. It was a pleasure to preach to the people sitting on the precinct benches as they passed the time of day in the sunshine. Quite a number appeared to listen and a fair few engaged in conversation. Here's a few examples of interesting people.

One day when I finished preaching in Paisley, a young man in a bright orange T-shirt and shorts brought over 2 bottles of refreshing cold water – one for me and one for my friend Albert. He handed me the bottles, turned on his heel and left, but not before I gave him a John's Gospel!



In Glasgow, Peter indicated he would like a John's Gospel. He is a JW but he believes the bible to be true which gets him into trouble with his JW friends. He frequently goes to a protestant church and was surprised that the pastor welcomed him and was actually pleased he came. Peter has read the entire bible (his acceptance of the John's Gospel was just a catalyst to a conversation). He was totally blown away on discovering all the prophecies in the OT that point forward to Jesus, especially as prophet priest and king. He really likes "Answers in Genesis" and how they deal with the first three chapters in the bible in such a detailed in-depth way. He also likes Ray Comfort and Living Waters ministry. He has good understanding of how a Christian should live but he has no "born again" experience. He listened carefully and politely to all I said and never at any time argued against what I said. When I raised the issue of being born again we discussed this at length. Peter now knows that this is where he needs to focus his attention, and to trust in Christ to ensure he is born again.

David was loitering about in Ayr before I arrived and stayed until I'd gone. After I'd preached we had a chat. He lives in a flat right next to where I preach and he said he regularly hears me. He is full of conspiracy theories and reckons that Jesus hid in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb over the weekend to escape from those who wanted to kill him, then he went to France where he saw out the rest of his days, and his tomb is in France. David wouldn't accept any literature but we pray he'll think about what he's heard and start to read the bible.

Dillan and Stephanie came with baby Remy in a baby-buggy. They looked at the literature table in Kirkcaldy. They have come through trauma with the loss of 4 babies in the womb. They have started going to the RC church again where the priest assured Stephanie that it was not her fault that she was having multiple still-births. We talked about these issues and the importance of having a living faith in God so that we know His presence in the times of trouble. Stephanie had lifted the suffering booklet and a leaflet with an invitation to local gospel meetings. I gave them Ultimate Questions too and when I offered them a wee card so they could look up the OAM website Dillan said he'd already picked up two of them. Please pray for this wee family that are hurting and feel fragile.



My friend Tom Dempsey preached in Kilmarnock. When he finished, a woman and an unrelated schoolgirl came forward to take John's Gospels. The woman disappeared off down the street and the teenage girl went back to her two pals sitting on a bench. These three girls poured over the John's gospel and they all wanted to have a look at it. When we packed up I slipped a couple of John's Gospels in my pocket. As we walked past the girls I offered the gospels to the other two girls and they were delighted to accept them. Please pray for these teenagers.



It is with great sadness we note the unexpected homecall of our dear brother Ian Cranston on 27th September. Ian has been involved in gospel work for many years. In 2013 he came to some of my open-air in Glasgow. As his interest deepened he asked when I was coming to Falkirk. "As soon as you've got a team together" I responded. Ian got a team together and on 21st March 2014 Alex Bedford and I went through to Falkirk. We met in a room for a prayer and preparation session. There were 12 people in that team! The open-air went well with people listening, opposition from the lady in the Jeweller's shop, tracts distributed, and conversations taking place with interested people. Ian has faithfully kept local believers of Falkirk informed of our visits, organised a place to pray beforehand and provided tea &

biscuits. Somehow as time went on we developed a habit of going for a coffee afterwards and Ian always insisted he should pay. In the photo he is addressing the good people of Falkirk and using my literature table to hold his visual aids which he used in addition to his pictures on the board. Please remember his wife Catherine who was always by his side, including being at every open-air we had in Falkirk.

Space does not permit me to tell of the Team Events in Newcastle and Manchester, but sufficient to say we were encouraged on the days we were able to be in the open-air and disappointed when foul weather prevented play.

Thank you so much for your interest and prayers. It really is appreciated.

Pray for Douglas Young

October 2022		
16	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	All Age Service – Children’s Message
17-20	Teen Ranch, Inchtute, Near Perth	Youth Camp
22	Brockington College, Enderby, LE19	OAM Annual Supporters Day
25-28	N. Ireland	Deputation Meetings and Open-Airs with JP Earnest
30	Woodpark Evangelical Church, Ayr	Family Service am Ministry pm

November 2022		
1	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
2-3	Northampton	OAM Workers Conference
4	Falkirk	Open-Air
6	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow	All Age Service (morning) Bible Class (afternoon)
7-12	Study Leave	
13-21	Tenerife	Holiday
22	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
23	Ayr	Open-Air
24	Glasgow	Open-Air
25	Falkirk	Open-Air
27	Ebenezer Hall, Burnbank	Sunday@1 (Children/Family Event)
28	Sorn Primary School	Assembly
29	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
30	Ayr	Open-Air

December 2022		
1	Glasgow	Open-Air
2	Paisley	Open-Air
4	HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow	Bible Class
5	Darvel Primary School	Assembly
6	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
7	Ayr	Open-Air
8	Glasgow	Open-Air
9	Kirkcaldy?	Open-Air
12	Sorn Primary School	Assembly
13	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
14	Ayr	Open-Air
15	Glasgow	Open-Air
16	Falkirk	Open-Air
18	Albert Hall Evangelical Church, Renfrew	Family Service
20	Kilmarnock	Open-Air
21	Ayr	Open-Air
22	Glasgow	Open-Air
23	Paisley	Open-Air
25	Dimity Street Church, Johnstone	Christmas Service

Please pray for us as we progress through Autumn into Winter. Even with the benefits of global warming there are times when the weather is not ideal for open-air preaching.

You will note the inclusion of a couple of a schools for Assemblies. Staff in both these schools have been delighted to welcome me back. There is scope for a bit more and I hope to contact some others shortly.

The OAM Bible Exhibitions are an excellent tool for teaching the bible to school children. Bookings for this have slowly started again after Covid restrictions were lifted. Again there is scope for more of this – particularly in the winter months.

Please note that the Open-Air Mission Supporters Conference is on from Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th March 2023. There will be several OAM staff there (including myself) to give in-depth reports of the work. It is held in the King’s Park Conference Centre in Northampton where the accommodation is considerably better than some places our teams stay! Please consider coming, if you are able, and get booked up. Contact the OAM office for more information and to book. Check the website www.oamission.com/supporters or phone 01582 841141.