

OAC Ministries Prayer Band (Quarterly update - dot points are prayer points)

Thank you for joining us in strategic prayer for OAC Ministries Aus. We are facing some problems that only God can fix, and whilst sometimes the answers are found, as we prayerfully think and do certain tasks, even this depends on having the **right people and resources** to think and do those things. This comes back to God raising them up. So this Prayer Band list is about those needs. It's more vulnerable and open intelligence about our strategic needs behind the scenes as well as the frontline evangelistic ministries that need God's touch for hearts to be changed.

We are facing peculiar times in the comparatively short history of Christian Australia, in which historically Judaeo-Christian assumptions have been replaced by Secular-Humanist assumptions in government, education, media, and more broadly across the population. Previously open doors are closing to us, most notably schools, but also many churches are less inclined to invite any outside voice to stimulate their outreaches. In the past, new doorways have opened to us for gospel presentations, but we have yet to see that at present.

- Pray for God to open the **new doors in evangelism**, to make it clear to us what outreaches he wants OACM to pursue.
- And to bring the **evangelists** to present the gospel clearly as we should in those opportunities.

Meanwhile we continue to share the gospel in the nooks and crannies we can find that remain open. Each of our current evangelists are convicted to remain faithful to our call.

- Pray for God to anoint and empower heart changes in all these outreach ministries:
 - Some schools remain (WA, SA, NSW)
 - Holiday clubs (WA, SA, Vic)
 - Camp speakers (WA, SA, Vic)
 - Holiday Missions (Vic, SA)
 - Seniors homes (Vic)
 - Street locations (Qld)
 - Intensives (WA)
 - Training believers (WA, SA, Vic, NSW, Qld)

Organisationally, we would have been close to unviable earlier this year with the departure of our long term National Administrator Dawn Freeman. Dawn's faithfulness and oversight of so many things, the administrative and legal hub around which our ministry revolved, was vital and valued. We thank God that National Treasurer, **Joel** Hernandez, has stepped up to handle our financials, and **James** Minett also heard and obeyed God's call to become a Projects Officer for us

in the National and Victorian offices. James' health means he can sometimes be sidelined for a few days here and there, but that's OK because the projects he works on usually do not require an imminent deadline, and the work he does is so helpful and necessary for the National Leadership Team (**Rob** George and **Geoff** Westlake) to make good decisions whilst they also remain on the frontlines of evangelism.

- Pray for **Rob and Geoff** as they lead the work. Both have felt the pressures of leadership in recent years. Rob has the double role of Australian National Director and OAC International President.
- Pray for **James** to stay healthy and steady over the long term so the projects can be done well and in good time.
- Pray for **Joel** to have the time and energy to oversee all aspects of our finances and to do what is needed to put the right financial staff in the right places.
- Pray for **Carene**, our National Office Assistant, who is transitioning to a more responsible Financial Officer role.
- Pray for the right person to step into the role of receipting and managing day-to-day transactions.
- Pray that God gives divine wisdom to the **National Executive Committee** for all these organisational leadership decisions. We want not just *good* decisions but *God* decisions.

Thank you for praying specifically into these aspects that are too big for us to “man-handle”. It is God who builds his Church, and as part of His Church we therefore want to submit to His shaping, do the work He calls us to, and trust that He will fit all the pieces of the puzzle together, and to Him will be all the glory.

