

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

Again, we express our thanks to you for being a part of this strategic prayer for OAC Ministries Aus. Already we have seen answers to your prayers. We appreciate you standing with us in these important bigger picture, behind the scenes matters as well as the frontline evangelistic ministries.

Many matters will be ongoing. But, first, specific answers to prayer.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

- In Victoria, we are pleased to welcome **Emily** Graham as our new National Administration Assistant. Emily has a background in Horticulture but loves anything to do with numbers. She has prior experience in finance and administration roles. She loves sharing the love of Jesus and is currently leading a Mainly Music Group as well as co-leading a women's group at her local church in Eltham Presbyterian Church. We look forward to working closely with Emily and are excited by her potential and what she can bring to the organisation.
- In Queensland, **Andrew** Walkington's probationary first year has come to an end and we are pleased to appoint him as full-time staff evangelist. Andrew's gifts, courage and skills (especially in personal evangelism) and work ethic are exemplary. He has seen the evident blessing of God on his ministry, both through excellent conversations on the street resulting in fruit for the Kingdom, and in the financial backing of the Lord's people. Andrew must raise a further 23% to reach his 100% support level. Pray for him as he works on this in coming months.

ONGOING MATTERS

We want to add to our evangelistic staff and have the **right people and resources** in the right places. This comes back to God raising them up. We are aware that many people use technology in a good way and, for example, carry their Bibles on their phone these days. But overall, the rise of screen technology has coincided with a decline in Christians spending quality time with God. If they are not listening for his leading, how can they be led to roles with us in OACM or other ways in which to serve?

- Pray for God to stir his people to come aside and wait on him.
- And for all of us already within OACM, to heed his promptings and go wherever he sends us.
- Pray that the right ministry staff appointments will be made. We need more **evangelists** to present the gospel clearly.
- Pray for sufficient **finances** for all the staff.
- Pray for more **volunteers** to join the wide variety of roles in the ministry of evangelism.

Although some doors have closed to us as the rise of Secular-Humanist assumptions takes over in the public arena, there is still much work to do. Each of our current evangelists are convicted to remain faithful to our call.

- Pray for God to open **new doors in evangelism**, to make it clear to us what outreaches he wants OACM to pursue.
- Of course, early in this new year there is much **planning and preparation** for the year ahead. Pray for us to *take* the right invitations and also to *make* the right opportunities.
- Pray for **open hearts**, receptive to the Gospel, 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)
- Pray for the National Leadership Team (**Rob** George and **Geoff** Westlake) 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 until the May 2020 International Conference.
- Pray for our Projects Officer, **James** Minett, to stay healthy and steady over the long term so the projects can be done well and in good time.
- Pray for National Treasurer, **Joel** Hernandez, to have the time and energy to oversee all aspects of our finances.
- Pray for **Carene** Lim, taking on more responsibility in our National Office. And for **Emily** as she settles into her role.
- Pray that God gives divine wisdom and special inspiration to the **National Executive Committee**, chaired by **Rob** Ross, for all these organisational leadership decisions. We want not just *good* decisions but *God* decisions.

Again, many thanks for your vital prayer support.

Rob and Geoff

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To help in your prayer, we leave the 2018 staff photo on the next page. Steve and Abby now have a little son, Josiah. We appreciate ongoing prayer for our **families**.

