



# THE BUSSEN FAMILY MISSIONARY PRESS

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Open Air Campaigners International is an interdenominational ministry of evangelism committed to preaching the gospel to the unreached through open air and other outreaches in partnership with the Church.



## HEADLINE NEWS: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Well 2018 is half over and off to a great start for our OAC ministry of serving the Lord in reaching the Lost throughout America (and in our local region) and around the world, through our personal outreaches here, and our National Central Support Services Office ministry in helping facilitate front-line evangelists' ministries reaching hundreds of thousands of general public kids & youth & adults every year with the Gospel message & invitation.

However, since we have been so busy with all this Kingdom business I had lost track of the fact that the year 2018 was supposed to be **A SABBATICAL-FURLOUGH YEAR** for Renae & I. Most mission have their missionaries do 5 year terms with the 5th year being a furlough year of coming away from their field and back to their home Country for several important purposes (usually including visiting & reporting to home Churches & supporters, and for refreshment and re-connection with extended family, and professional/ministry & health improvement inputs, and for spiritual renewal input to keep from burning out). Well OAC-USA has that same policy but since most OAC missionaries are Nationals in their own Country, it may not seem as much of a necessity. As such, while in OAC Canada I adopted their policy of allowing a **once every 7 year sabbatical-furlough** (like the OT biblical example of God's sabbatical-years for Israel), which includes most of those same things. Since this got lost in the shuffle and just re-discovered this, we are just really getting started now and are approved to go through next March with this and in working on the furlough goals that the Lord has put on my heart, and that some medical issues have necessitated.

**We do need to shore up our financial support-partnership situation** which has had a historical 40% or so shortfall throughout this 7 year term, which certainly makes life & ministry budgeting more challenging. If anyone feels prompted of the Lord to join in on that or increase current support, that would be such a blessing. But at least please pray that we can make a connection with others whom the Lord wants to be on our partnership team investing in Kingdom things of eternal worth, value, and significance that will have a great R.O.I. (Return On Investment - with eternal reward-treasures that will be out of this World, in Heaven).

Also discovering **this furlough opportunity is SO fortuitous** with both Renae & my health situation taking some **BIG hits this year** (Renae with a hip replacement in February and me with a heart attack later that month). My Doctors said I need to de-stress & rehab-exercise more extensively, and I have to get my blood pressure & blood-sugar levels (stage 2 Diabetes levels) down to healthy again, or get ready for even worse turns. So this furlough will free up some time for that, **though we will still help part-time in the OAC office so as to not leave it in a lurch as we are already short-handed.**

We do plan on visiting & contacting our current partnership Churches & people team, but if we cannot get around to everyone (like you) please know we are very grateful & pray for you to be even more blessed than the blessing you are to us (as Jesus said it is more blessed to be the giver than the receiver).

Also **my main professional/ministry improvement & fruitfulness goal for this furlough year** is to review all my Bible college & seminary notes and read several good ministry books, and to **FINALLY** get to my long-term back-burner project of writing 2 ministry books, and maybe a 3rd (one on Evangelism, another on basic Discipleship, and perhaps a third on practical Apologetics of defending & protecting our faith from the Satanic attacks against it).

**So there you have it, our BIG announcement!** Actually in terms of 5 year missionary terms we would have completed 6 terms (and then some) by now, but in the Sabbatical reckoning we are now finishing up our 5th term in the Lord's calling into full-time vocational missions work & training, trusting on Him for our life needs to come from His hand & portion (as God's people are commanded to support Gospel workers & missions both Nationally & Internationally - as per Acts 1:8 and Romans 10:13-15 and especially 1Corinthians 9:13; and Jesus' admonition in Luke 10:7, and the Apostle John's in 3John verses 5-8). **We certainly plan to continue on for another 7 year term & beyond**, faithfully & fruitfully serving the King & Kingdom cause, through OAC, in reaching the lost, Lord willing and should He tarry. We invite you all to continue with us in material (financial) and/or spiritual (prayer) partnership in this missionary journey endeavor to be an answer to the Lord's prayer for more laborers to bring in His harvest. **Please pray for God's grace blessing to help us achieve the goals of this furlough time, and for keeping all the bills paid.**

*Sincerely, Mike Bussen*

**Please see below for some of the ways we have been fruitful through this last term, including this first half of 2018.**

- **Gospel tracts seeding ministry** - personally, in our area, Renae & I were able to distribute hundreds of patriotic Gospel tracts to people at our local Memorial Day festivities, and we have similarly spread gospel-tract-seeds during this past term to some 30,000 homes & people (in several whole communities roundabout this area) during this last 6.5 year term. **The Bible says God's Word will not return void, but accomplish that for which He has sent it (and sent us). Glory to God, with thanks for letting us serve His eternal Kingdom cause!!**



- Renae & I have been part of several outreach & discipleship ministries to kids (by the hundreds) this year already (and throughout this past term) in public & private Schools and at Churches and VBSs in various venues - below are some pics of recent ministries. Jesus said to especially reach the children...



#### BUSSEN FAMILY PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS

\*Praise the Lord (PTL) for a great many kids, youth & adults reached or trained in OAC Gospel outreaches already this summer, and Please Pray For (PPF) all of our OAC evangelists & ministries to be faithful & fruitful for the Joy of our King Jesus (as per Heb. 12:2)

\*PTL our son John surprised us at his graduation by receiving an honors in scholarship commendation, and a special award as the school's best draftsman. PTL, as well, THAT he already has been recruited into a career job and he is on his way and going well. Please pray he keeps the Lord front & center, and finds a good Church, and godly wife, to anchor his life in the Kingdom cause.

\*Please Pray For (PPF) all our kids & grandkids to get or stay on track and in tune with the Lord. Also that the multiple unsaved relatives we have will be drawn to the Lord somehow (along with our witness) before the soon coming tribulation-time!!! Especially our 2 Moms (and numerous siblings).

\*PPF God's blessing on our sabbatical-furlough beginning this summer through next Spring (to April), that I would have the where-with-all to largely achieve all the goals that the Lord, and some health problems, are requiring of me; and that my passion & compassion & courage & fruitfulness in gospel ministry would be renewed & strengthened for going forward through another missionary term and all the way home to Heaven.

\*PPF Renae's Hip rehab & healing & pain-relief, and other health concerns she has.

\*PPF God's mercy & Grace upon America to turn things back toward the righteousness which exalts a Nation, with a new national Great awakening & revival (as the radical, militant, secular humanism & hedonism & perversionism forces seem to be proliferating & accelerating the forcing of their agenda on society).

\*PPF our desire to go to Israel next Spring (for the first time ever) as part of our furlough spiritual renewal & blessing for going forward into more faithful-fruitful ministry. That would be such an inspiration & educational blessing to walk where the Savior that I preach walked. Please consider our fund-raiser for such a trip - needing \$7000 for both Renae & I to go with our Church group next March.

#### Still Going with the Gospel for the Lord (and for the Lost) on Furlough & Beyond, Michael & Renae

For those whom God is leading to partner with us, and help keep us going with OAC and the Gospel, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! Please send funds written out to "Open Air Campaigners," as a tax-deductible support donation (with a note designating it as Bussen family support and/or PLEASE SPECIALLY DESIGNATE IF FOR OUR ISRAEL 2019 TRIP FUND; and may God bless you back we pray:

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