



“The Voice of One CRYING in the Wilderness . . . Prepare the Way of the LORD” Is. 40:3

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Rev. David & Glenda Dobbertien

New Executive Director

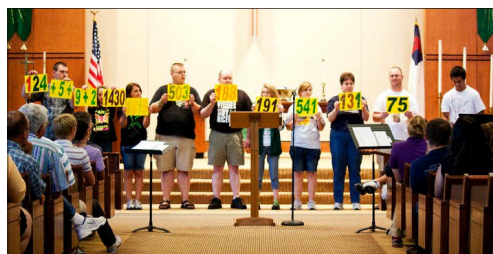
The Rev. David Dobbertien of Seward, Nebraska was installed as the Intentional Interim Executive Director of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ during its annual meeting July 13 in Springfield, Missouri. The OAF C Board of Directors had earlier called him to serve in this role. Pastor Dobbertien has recently served as the Intentional Interim pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hampton, NE. He will assume his duties on August 15.

Pastor Dan Smith was recognized for almost 5 years of service as the Executive Director and Dan Barz for over 10 years as the full-time Assistant to the Executive Director. Pastor Smith will continue to serve as pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Galesburg, IL while Dan Barz is entering the Specific Ministries Pastor program and will serve as vicar of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Buchanan MI. Both men intend to remain active with their local OAF C groups. Barz will also continue as the Crier Editor.

Good News of Jesus Shared - 75 persons desire follow up visit

Nine Summer Training Teams served area churches with OAF C Outreach Weekends and had Bible study each morning, personal devotion time, worked on and heard personal witnesses, and prepared for canvassing. On Monday evening the entire group conducted a canvass for a new mission start by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ozark.

From our canvasses, we were privileged to visit 3245 homes. We talked with people at 1430 of these homes. No one was home at 1815 homes where we left Gospel literature. 75 persons were discovered who welcomed a follow up visit. Of the 889 persons who answered the question, 503 made a confession of being certain of going to heaven because Jesus Christ had paid for all of their sin. 11 area youth and 9 adults were trained in witnessing with OAF C.



The Redeemer, Springfield team presents the canvass report. Numbers are explained in this article

OAF C is a partner in the Ablaze vision of the LCMS in reaching 100million people with the Good News of Jesus by 2017. During our calls we talked to 131 persons toward that goal. These are people who have no church or are not active in a church, and to whom we have been able to share the Good News of Jesus, and who have a chance to respond to that message.

Summer Training Report

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (OAF C), an outreach ministry serving congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod held its 2011 National Summer Training July 7-14 which was based at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Springfield, MO. 124 Youth & Adult Ambassadors and 5 guests took part in the event that was hosted by local LCMS churches in Springfield, Aurora, Bolivar, Branson, Forsyth, Lockwood, and Marshfield. These and other area congregations also provided support for meals and other events.

"Stand Firm in Christ" was selected as the Summer Training theme for 2011. This theme based on 2 Corinthians 1:21 was echoed through the

week in team time, large group assemblies, Bible Studies and workshops.

Two major changes were made in the summer training schedule with a Thursday start and adding one day to the schedule. After a team building activity and supper, Summer Training made its official beginning with a brief time of worship that included soon to be vicar Mark Triplett and Pastor Matthew Tassey who was ordained and installed immediately after leading the Iowa Travel Team. Friday included preparing for the full OAF C Outreach Weekend which would start that evening at nine area churches. Teams canvassed on behalf of their assigned church on Saturday. On Sunday morning each team had a special part in sharing the Gospel of Christ during Sunday school and Sunday Worship at their host congregation. Teams also led a devotional program at a care home in the area.

Monday morning brought the entire group back to Springfield. A variety of workshops were offered the next three days including some led by Springfield area pastors. Area pastors also led the morning devotions each day. Rev. Hicham Chehab of the Chicagoland Lutheran Muslim Mission Association was our keynote speaker on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.



*Team 1
The Missouri & Iowa Travel Team with one guest from their host church.*

Travel Teams Sent Out

The Summer Training Happening was held Wednesday evening at Redeemer with Pastor Jeff Sippy giving the message. After the closing devotion the next morning, two travel teams set out with one traveling to Wisconsin, while the other toured Missouri and Iowa. Their rendezvous was July 24. A complete Travel Team Report is planned for the September Crier

The place and dates for the 2012 Summer Training have not yet been set. When they become available they will be posted on the O AFC web site and will be published in the Crier. New Years Gathering information will also be announced when it becomes available.

Memorials Given

In memory of:
Hazel Keller by Donald & Barbara Porter
Hazel Keller by Karen Ruhlig & family

In memory of Erwin Ruhlig
Clarence & Thisvi Steiger

Official photos by Bill Brockschmidt. Canvass photo by Laura Rooney

PRAYER & PRAISE

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- A successful Summer Training.
- For the work of many coordinators and supporting churches.
- Safe travel by all and especially be Travel Teams
- The many Chances to Share Jesus.
- The ministry and service given by Pastor Dan Smith and Mr. Dan Barz
- he Installation of Our New Executive Director Pastor David Dobbertien.
- Persons at Summer Training from Ohio, Kansas, Colorado and Iowa who represent new O AFC groups,

PRAY FOR:

- New Starts from Travel Team stops in Missouri, Iowa & Wisconsin
- Added Leaders, Youth and Host Churches for all O AFC groups
- The continued work and service of established O AFC groups.
- Guidance for Pastor Dobbertien as he begins work as Intentional Interim Executive Director
- God's Blessings on arrangements for Upcoming O AFC Outreach Weekends & Events:
 - August 12-14 at
 - Salem, Coloma MI - Barz & Worden
 - Our Savior, Washington IL - Louderback, Smith, Whithead
 - August 19-21 at
 - Zion, Carlinville IL - Kirby, Ruppert, Wudtke
 - St. Matthew of Westfield, Spring TX - Coats, Hernandez
 - St. Peters, Shaker Heights OH - B.Triplett, Schafer
 - August 26-28 @ Our Savior, Milford IL - McKinney



*Colorado
Three members of the new Colorado group went on Travel Teams.*

Thank you
to all from the Springfield MO area who help prepare for and host our 2011 Summer Training



O AFC Resources

The O AFC Bookstore has not been working as we had hoped. You may contact the O AFC Business Office by mail, e-mail or phone with any resource needs you have. (Contact information is below.)

There are also a limited number of Summer Training shirts still available. The cost is \$10 which includes shipping. Some of the Missouri group pictured here are wearing those shirts.

Please note that other than the few shirts in stock, special order apparel is only done at New Years and Summer Training.

Check our web site for schedules, Prayer & Praise, and O AFC updates.



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