

## SermonIndex Announcements :: EVENT: Open-Air Evangelism in Toronto, Canada

### EVENT: Open-Air Evangelism in Toronto, Canada - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/30 10:40

I have been blessed to be able to be a part of an organizing of an weekend for Open-Air preaching in downtown Toronto where I live. There are 4 brothers coming up from New York state and a few brothers from Toronto and other parts of the surrounding Ontario. There will be tract distribution and Open-Air preaching in many parts of downtown Toronto for God's glory. If anyone is near Toronto, Canada and want to make the trip down to participate in this then that would be great. Also prayers are coveted for this event. Here is an rough schedule and the dates, if you have questions or comments reply to this thread or email me at: sermonindex@mac.com :

#### Open-Air Evangelism Weekend In Toronto

December 3rd-4th

##### Day 1 - Friday December 3rd

6:00pm - get checked into hotel met together in common room in hotel or one of the hotel rooms. Have a time of prayer and fellowship with everyone.

8:00pm - Go downtown to Queen and John to hand out tracts and do personal witnessing. At some point go over to Queen and Spadina to do Open-Air. Afterwards go down abit south to where all the clubs are where people will be later at night from 11:00pm and onwards.

##### Day 2 - Saturday December 4th

9:00pm - Breakfast in hotel

10:00pm - Fellowship and prayer.

10:30pm - Go to City Hall at the public pulpit, Pray for the city and preach from that venue. Hand out tracts around city hall.

1:00pm - Lunch out at the Eaton Centre

2:00pm - Open-Air preaching at the corner of Dundas and Yonge.

4:00pm - Seperate into groups of 2 and cover much of downtown (handing out tracts and personal witnessing).

6:00pm - Supper

8:00pm - Go downtown to Queen and John to hand out tracts and do personal witnessing.

### Re: EVENT: Open-Air Evangelism in Toronto, Canada - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/30 17:30

Quote:

-----10:30pm - Go to City Hall at the public pulpit, Pray for the city and preach from that venue. Hand out tracts around city hall.  
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An interesting note about this is that there is a large wooden pulpit right infront of this sidewalk open area infront of city hall where it states that you can publically state your opinion and its for debates with other people. Its funny because there is a sign below it stating that the city of Toronto is not liable for damages to persons thereof that speak from this pulpit. So its kinda enter at your risk.

**Re: EVENT: Open-Air Evangelism in Toronto, Canada, on: 2004/11/30 19:10**

Oh man! Where's our bro Jesse in all this?!?

I wisht I had a few extra ducets to send him and his band up there to raise a little heaven!!!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/30 20:25**

Quote:

-----Oh man! Where's our bro Jesse in all this?!?  
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Yes its amazing how God has led me to meet so many open-air preachers in the last 6 months on SermonIndex. I could never have thought myself being involved with something like this back then. Jesse and others have been an inspiration and give me some encouragement to do this! I appreciate your prayers and encouragement. I will be getting pictures, video clips and audio of the preaching and tract distribution. Pray for all the people that hear and get gospel tracts that God would meet them there!

**Re:, on: 2004/11/30 23:45**

Oh man, I was checking plane tickets to see what it would cost me, but just realized that I have to go to Arizona during that time. Thats alright, if it was of God it would have worked out. Brother Greg, you are going to have an amazing time. Pray alot, minister alot, and learn alot! God can use you in ways you haven't yet imagined. I'm praying for you guys.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/1 10:49**

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Thanks for the encouragements and prayers I will keep everyone posted with happenings and also some pictures etc.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/1 17:06**

Quote:

-----Day 3 - Sunday December 5th  
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JUST an FYI that this day is been taken out so the outreach will be just done on Friday and Saturday, let me know if you are interested in joining in if you are near or in the toronto area. Prayers of course will be appreciated for all those who will be involved.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/3 10:19**

Please keep me and the other brothers in Prayer as we go out tonight and all day tomorrow into the streets of Toronto to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for boldness and that the Holy Spirit would convict of sin.

**Re: open air preaching - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/12/3 11:15**

You can count on me to lift you guys up in prayer!

The wicked flee when no one is pursuing ,  
but the righteous are as **bold as a lion**. Pr. 28:1

In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And **made me bold with strength in my soul**. Ps.138:3

May you be bold as a lion, and humble as a lamb. :-)

In His perfect love, Chanin

**Re: - posted by jameztree (), on: 2004/12/3 12:04**

May the LORD's blessing and protection be on the ministers reaching Toronto from Upstate New York, and may the Gospel be boldly proclaimed this weekend. May the Holy Ghost convict of sin, as the ministers show the people their transgressions, and proclaim the Good News of Eternal Life.

Muchlove in Christ the Rock,  
Ricky Earle

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/3 15:07**

Quote:

-----The wicked flee when no one is pursuing ,  
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.Pr. 28:1  
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Amen Chanin! I will be going out with a few of the brothers from New York State tonight and then tomorrow (saturday) there will be more brothers coming for a day of outreach. I know its going to be a blessed time and many will be convicted and brought to God.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/5 11:25**

Here are some pictures and videos from the open air preaching downtown toronto for the last 2 days.

[Image: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myalbum/photos/thumbs/1024.jpg>]  
(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myalbum/viewcat.php?cid225>) Some Open-Air preaching pictures in downtown toronto

**Videos of open-air:** *\*(note videos are in .mov format)*  
(<http://www.therevivalweneed.com/openair01.mov>) Video 01  
*more videos coming soon*

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This last 2 days were awesome!!! I thank everyone for their prayers and encouragements. On friday I went to meet at the hotel brother Miles and Jon and we went out to witness and preach in downtown toronto where people go to clubs at queen and john. We had a few good one on one conversations and many people were interested. But it was -5 below and very cold so people could barely stop for 5 minutes without freezing half to death. But even amongst that circumstance people still heard the gospel.

On Saturday, brother Ricki (a brother from trenton, ontario) and Pastor Pat (the pastor doing a Calvary Chapel Church plant in toronto which im helping out with) came and met with the other 2 brothers and we went down to Yonge and Dundas which is right in the centre of downtown where busy shoppers were. We had alot of huge crowds even getting to 30 people at a few points. Many people got tracts and heard the gospel clearly presented. One of the most awesome parts of the whole day was to be able to have some indepth one on one conversations with people. I myself had 3-4 of these in which people really were searching and seeking for God. God led some very interesting people to talk to me.

There were so many interesting stories that happened but the summation of the event was that it was fruitful and God was working! Praise His name.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/12/5 11:41**

Praise God Greg!

-5 degrees! No wonder you want to come out this way... :-)

Got to run, will check this video out later on, but what a blessing to hear of all this. Will keep on praying that this seed will take root in the hearers hearts.

**Re: - posted by LoveOneAnother, on: 2004/12/7 0:10**

I've been praying for those of you who went to Toronto, Greg! I haven't been to this forum for several months, but I know Jon who went to Toronto, so I stopped by to see the pictures. :-) I love open air preaching--there's just nothing like it in the world!!!

Blessings,  
Elisabeth Dyvig

**Re: - posted by dougkristen (), on: 2004/12/7 9:00**

Jon Speed and I are going to continue with street evangelism in upstate New York. We have not met yet, but are going to get together soon, hopefully next week. If anyone lives near Rochester, NY and would like to join us, please let me know.

Grace,  
Doug

**Re: - posted by Lawevangelis (), on: 2004/12/7 9:40**

Just wanted to make a note on what happened with the rest of the weekend...

The plan this weekend was to stay in Toronto through Sunday afternoon, but the Lord clearly directed us to return late Saturday night so I could preach on Sunday at church. My traveling buddy Miles Lewis, shared his testimony with me and it turns out it is very similar to mine, so I asked him to share it in church. In fact, he was soundly saved only two weeks before me. Some in my church think I'm nuts for ever questioning my own salvation and so the Lord directed me to have him speak in both services.

He stayed over and shared his testimony in both services and then I preached on Genesis 32. God came down in power, even more powerfully than in Toronto. I spent a couple of hours speaking with people who were false converts and one who had never made any profession before afterwards.

Craig, the first timer (for lack of a better term) was absolutely desperate to know God. When I asked him what he wanted, he almost shouted at me that he couldn't go on without knowing God any more and absolutely must get right with God no matter what the cost was! When he prayed, he wept and agonized with God, repenting of his sin and trusting Christ alone. He kept saying, "I won't let You go!". It was absolutely beautiful and something I will remember for all eternity.

Andy is a guy who I've been concerned about for awhile. Pray for him, saints. He is on the edge of either repenting and getting right with God or hardening his heart. But he was convicted enough to search the matter out and is examining himself to see if he is in the faith.

Another guy named Dave is in the midst of conviction. He needs to stew in it awhile longer and has to make some hard decisions if he is going to follow Christ. He is counting the cost and under serious conviction. I have never seen this hardened man cry like a baby before, but he soaked his Bible in tears.

There's rumors of others who might have come to Christ or are under serious conviction. I have never seen anything like this in our church and I'm praying it might be harvest time among the false converts. Praise God for conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment through the Holy Spirit. God is such an awesome God, perfect in all His ways.

I praise God for all of your prayers this weekend. The Lord blessed powerfully on many fronts and the harvest is still coming in.

Blessings,

Jon

**Re: open air in Toronto - posted by mileslewis (), on: 2004/12/7 23:19**

Just wanted to follow up on what Pastor Jon said. This week-end was intense. Friday night started out with real discouragement. Jon and I went out to hand out tracts and do some one to one and to our surprise, almost nobody would take a tract. We prayed quickly on the side walk and found the response to be better, but still disappointing. After dinner I found a group of youths on the street and began witnessing to them which led one of them to ask me if I had a bible to give him. I didn't, but did give out a few "save yourself some pain" booklets from livingwaters.com. I then found Jon talking with a tall gentlemen on the street and to my surprise it was our liason, Greg Gordon (administrator- sermonindex.net )

We then headed out to do some open air on a few different corners. We had some great response there. There were actually a few girls(see the photo section with the BIG MONEY in hand) who seemed concerned about the state of their souls and said they would "definitely" get right with God Before they went to sleep that night. We ended the first night at around 11:30 p.m.

Now for Saturday; We met up with Rick and Pat and Greg Gordon at about 10 a.m. We headed down to Yonge and Dundas outside Eaton Centre and I got the festivities rolling with an open air that immediately drew a nice sized crowd with a rather rude heckler named Moses(see pics, guy with huge beard and sunglasses). Jon and myself open aired on and off until lunchtime while our other laborers for the Kingdom witnessed one to one and passed out tracts. (I Praise God for you guys!) We all had our share of hecklers, at one point, Jon had I think four different hecklers at once time and then they began to argue with each other. Jon basically told one Jamaican guy to talk to the hand and I thought this guy was going to break it (his hand) off.

We came back from lunch and it had just started to rain... We went down to Dundas and Yonge where Greg introduced us to a dear saint named Sakarov. He preached to us for at least a half an hour. We told him we were thinking about setting up on the corner again but (as we were getting wet from the rain) it looked like we might get rained out. In a calm voice, he basically told us that Daniel was put in the lion's den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace... He said "I think you can handle a little rain for the Gospel's sake". Well that was exactly what we needed, we got fired up and we preached the gospel with power on that corner. At one point, I hopped up on the soapbox at about 5:30 p.m. and I didn't get off for more than a 30 second break until 8:45 p.m. Over 3 hours of preaching in the power of the Holy Ghost praise God. God just kept bringing the crowds. I had one heckler named Kirk for over an hour and a half which kept the crowds coming. I felt my life was in danger at one point. I was alone with no crowd and was talking to a man named Peter on rollerblades. He was in my face but speaking in a monotone fashion. He asked me if I had ever had a near death experience... I thought back to my conversion and replied with a yes. There was a long pause as he stared me eye to eye without blinking. I remembered something Ray Comfort said and broke the eerie silence with this question: I said "Peter, you are either going to hit me or you are going to hug me."... He then gave me big hug and rolled off. Praise God.

Thank you all for your prayers and don't forget to check out the pictures. Hopefully there will be a video of all this soon as a film student from Ryerson caught about an hour and a half of this on film.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/12/8 1:17**

Wow...

Praise God you guy's, what Holy gumption. This is all just incredible...

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/8 12:43**

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Praise God! Thanks for sharing Miles.. I am amazed at how God used you and blessed many in Toronto. I have added more pictures that brother Jon sent recently to me I hope you all enjoy:

[Image: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myalbum/photos/thumbs/1065.jpg>]

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myalbum/viewcat.php?cid225>) Open Air Preaching in Toronto pictures

**Re: - posted by rocklife (), on: 2004/12/11 23:49**

Thank you for sharing this video. It is so encouraging to see godly men stepping out in boldness for the Creator. I hope and pray those being ministered to walked away with a bit of understanding of the things of God and will seek the Living God through our Lord Jesus Christ in truth and God will use these faithful laborers to bring in the harvest. I am continuing to grow in the knowledge of God, and as He wills, I hope me and my family and more Christians will openly evangelize more and more. Thanks again for sharing, it is so encouraging and faithbuilding

**Re:, on: 2004/12/12 9:11**

so ah, Greg, when do you think you will preach open-air? :) ;)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/12/12 11:14**

Quote:

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Hmm I wouldn't say that's a good question.. perhaps a tricky one. I am not a person to use props and what not so I would have to do it with solo voice. I was reading a biography of George Whitefield and it has me so fired up I really want to just go out there and be able to preach to a mass of people. I have to be patient for God's will and His gifting for the circumstances also. I do feel I will have opportunities quite soon.

**Re: Open air preaching - posted by revival9 (), on: 2004/12/13 21:06**

Jon and Miles, you guys are awesome! Your posts are great testimonies. Jon, yours about being unsaved although being a pastor-- what a story. We're watching your progress and praying with you.

You can get gospels of John free to distribute at (<http://www.pocketpower.org/>) The Pocket Testament League. Rockliffe first told us about this. I've given away almost all of my first order! Next, I may have to try reading from The Message Bible in public... do you think a middle-aged mom could swing that? Catherine Booth and her daughters did a lot of singing but I don't know if they preached in public. What do you think? Oh, my poor husband and kids, what they have to cope with :-P

Mrs. Fred

**Re: - posted by Lawevangelis (), on: 2004/12/15 8:54**

Mrs. Fred,

I am pretty sure that Catherine Booth preached. Go for it.

Greg, I know you will preach open air one day, but the sooner the better. All that the props do is draw a crowd, and if you have no crowd, you have no one to preach to. Even Spurgeon used props from time to time; I heard of a coffin he used with a mirror in it--an effective illustration that Miles and I have talked about replicating. But the style is not important; it's the substance that counts. Develop the message and then take it to the streets. And let us know when you do so we can pray for you.

Blessings,

Jon

**Re: - posted by LoveOneAnother, on: 2004/12/30 0:11**

I've read that Catherine Booth preached the gospel in public as often as her husband did! Go for it, Mrs. Fred! My family hasn't quite gotten used to the idea that I open air preach, and they haven't seen me yet, either. I think they are more comfortable not having to actually see it done! ;-)

Blessings,  
Elisabeth