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Justification by Faith Street Evangelism Campaign 9/22-27/2015

While the Catholic Church stands side by side with Bible believers on moral positions, there is a measurable gap between the Catholic Church's salvation by works, and the position of the Orthodox Protestant understanding of salvation by grace alone. Therefore, there is a great need to present the truth in love to our Catholic neighbors.

Our brother Paul wrote in Romans 1:16, “. . . for it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes: first to the Jew, and then to the Gentile.” While the focus of this particular outreach is to Catholics, the literature we are going to use also applies to Jewish people because Judaism is a works religion. Both groups need to hear that the gospel of grace is the pathway to salvation. The witnessing campaign will reach hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will be coming into Philadelphia in September for the World Family Conference and for the Pope's visit. We hope for your prayers and participation. Using specially prepared tracts and pamphlets, the evangelism will take place in Center City Philadelphia, public transportation stations, and the Art museum area.

During the training that will take place on August 22, at Covenant Fellowship Church, 1 Fellowship Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19342 from 9 AM to 12 PM. I will lead the section on the art of street evangelism. There will be lectures on witnessing to Catholics. Even if you're not able to participate in the actual campaign the training is free and available to all Christians. The only request is that you register so they know how much refreshments to prepare. To register contact Geoff Robinson at geoffrobinson@yahoo.com or call him at (856) 816-6557. You can also register by calling Alex at the church, 610-361-0606. The Facebook page link is <https://www.facebook.com/events/1612520979017031>.

Seed Sowing Opportunity

If you want to participate, the literature we have prepared can be shared with you ahead of time, and you can join us in our training on August 22nd. If you can't attend the training but want to help us converse with people, I will personally equip you and help you be effective. Please contact Geoff Robinson and let him know if you be able to participate.



2016 Witness Campaign

Something to pray about for next year, is being a witness of truth during the Democratic Party Convention that will be held in Philadelphia during the week of July 25th. Ammi is organizing a witness campaign using unique literature and tee shirts. Many of those attending the Convention are Jewish. Even though many of the tenets of the Democratic Party are opposite of what the Bible teaches, they still need to hear the gospel and be given an opportunity to be saved through God's mercy. Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of Jesus." Let me know if you're willing to help in the preparation for the campaign, or participate, all that is required is being able to be present, ask questions and listen.

Funds needed for Campaigns

We need an additional \$3,000 funding to cover the cost of the September 2015 witness campaign. There are expenses for printing literature, transportation, signs, shirts, table banners, and food. Please consider a donation to help us maximize our outreach to the unsaved through public proclamation (while we are still legally able to do so). We are also seeking funds for the July 2016 campaign during the Democratic Party National Convention. The cost will be a minimum of \$6,000.

Personal Evangelism

I begin spiritual conversations with people whenever I can. Sometimes this leads to discussions and opportunities to plant gospel seeds other times there is no apparent openness. But nevertheless sowing the seeds of truth is not a waste of time.

Brad, is a young Jewish man in his 20s, who is an insurance salesman. I explained the gospel and give Brad a copy of the Gospel of John. At this time he is not open to further discussion but we maintain a friendly relationship and regular contact. I am praying that God will open his heart to the truth as I continue to share different spiritual ideas in a non-threatening way.

Mike G. is a retired Jewish doctor that I met a couple of years ago. We have exchanged emails discussing the gospel and met once. We are trying to schedule another appointment for a face-to-face discussion. Please pray that this will be a fruitful time.

Scott is a young man in his 30s with whom I began a spiritual conversation. He has many questions. I offered to help him know what God is like through a Discovery Bible Study (see below), but he is not ready. However, he was open to receiving a Gospel of John. Please continue to pray that he will develop a spiritual hunger and read the Bible.

Kirsten is a waitress. She served Donna and I a meal. As we got to know her we offered to pray for her, but Kirsten said didn't have any issues that needed prayer. I went onto quote what Jesus said about heaven and hell and our need for a

spiritual relationship with God. Her response was that she likes to think in a positive way. Please pray the Lord will soften her heart and convict her.

Donna and I witness to many people while going about our daily life. We also distribute the Gospel of John when we witness, and give them the opportunity to get back in touch with us to discuss what they are reading. Please pray that God will cause some of these people to not only read the Gospel, but to contact us to discuss what they're seeing in the Word.

Evangelism and Discipling through Discovery Bible Study (DBS) Training

"Disciple Making Movement" is the title of a book that describes how a Bible study method of evangelism in third-world countries, has helped people become followers of Jesus. These new followers of Jesus are trained through this Discovery Bible Study to lead others to Jesus. People look at the Scriptures in depth by having them answer questions about the text. The seekers discover for themselves what is in the section of Scripture in regard to what it says about God and people. Once this is understood, they discover what is required of them to obey God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and if they are a sincere seekers, they will move towards obeying God. In this way from the very beginning, they are being disciplined to obey the Lord, and to share what they are learning with somebody else. Missionaries in different parts the world have found DBS a successful way for the Holy Spirit to convict and save people. Matt. 28:19-20 Jesus said; "Therefore go and make disciples of nations . . . and teaching them to obey all I have commanded you."

I am being trained in this method of disciple making and have obtained the level, under experienced supervisors, where they believe I am ready to begin facilitating these studies. DBS will be a part of our follow-up after our witnessing campaigns. I am praying for seekers among the Jews and Gentiles. Please join me in prayer.

Progress on Book

I have a working title on the book I am writing on public proclamation. It is *Make Him Known*. I also have an outline of the major points I will be developing in the book, and I'm working on the first section.



Blessings,

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