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AMMI MINISTRY

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MISSION REPORT

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Dear Supporters & Friends of AMMI,

Thank you for helping us witness and bring the Gospel to Jews and Gentiles.

In Proverbs 16:1, 9 we read (NIV84):

*1. To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue. 9. In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.*

And in Proverbs 19:21 (NIV84) 21:

*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*

## Change of Plans

In the last two e-mail updates I wrote about the plans for Donna and I to join the witnessing campaign in Brooklyn in August. While praying for this mission the Lord gave me a check to my spirit. As I thought about witnessing in NYC, I began to think about the lack of a bold witness to Jews and non-Jews on the streets of Philadelphia. It became clear to me that the Lord wanted me to focus on publicly lifting up the name of Jesus in Philadelphia, and cancel our participation in the NYC mission. The funds already raised for the NYC effort (with the permission of those who provided the funds) will be used for the campaigns described below. If any of those who supported our work want to discuss this further with me, please call me at our number below.

Philadelphia area has approximately 280-300,000 Jewish people. Also, we get tourist from all over the world because of the Liberty Bell and other historic sites. It has been years since a major witnessing campaign has taken place in the city. I have prayed about a renewed focus for AMMI since the death of my wife Jackie. My answer from the Lord is to organize a professionally trained group of people to give the Tens of Thousands of unsaved Jews and Gentiles coming into downtown Philadelphia the opportunity to consider the Gospel through public witnessing campaigns. I am recruiting people who can join me for a week of witnessing from Oct. 5 -12, 2013. People in the area and from outside the area are welcome. At present we have three locals and two people from St. Louis and another from Newton, MA. Ammi will also need volunteers for

campaigns in early summer and fall in 2014. Usually, a campaign like the one I am trying to develop needs at least six months lead time. I am praying that even though our time is limited that the Lord will bless our efforts and help us have a campaign in October. I have one volunteer assistant helping me, but I can use several more assistants.



Skyline of Philadelphia



300-Year Old Home in Old City



Tourist Area in Old City



Independence Hall



Liberty Bell Pavilion



Prayer Table



Tracts and Conversation

## Why Public Proclamation of the Gospel

It seems like the churches and their members are over focused on relational evangelism to the exclusion of public proclamation. Certainly relational evangelism is good and profitable, but it is not the only way. For the most part the biblical pattern of God communicating His Word to people was done by public proclamation. For example Moses, prophets, Jewish priests, John the Baptist, Jesus, the Apostles, and various evangelist through out the ages have publicly warned and offered people God's truth in public locations.



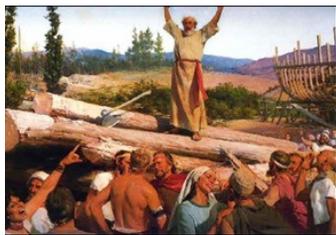
Jesus Preaching



John the Baptizer



Ezekiel



Noah Warning People



George Whitefield

The First Revival happened in America partially through the public preaching of George Whitefield. This revival was one of the major influences that united the American colonies as a foundation for the American Revolution. Pray that through God's mercy a revival can happen again in America. Second, Public Proclamation of the Gospel gives us opportunities to connect and influence people towards Jesus who are not in our normal circle of contacts. Third, the Word of God is sowed among many, and finally for those involved with public evangelism, our burden for the lost is increased along with our faith in God. Standing on a street corner offering Gospel material leads us to pray for those passing by. I've experienced that as I pray for people's hearts to soften, there was an increase in people taking tracts and conversation to occur.

## Details of the Campaign

The campaigners will stay in a center city hotel so we can be right in the area of ministry during this intense week. I am contacting center city churches to see if there is a church that will allow us to do our training and daily chapel there. Our goal is to handout 35,000 tracts, speak to hundreds of people, obtain many contacts, and God willing pray with those ready to surrender their lives to God's mercy and grace.

We will hand out tracts in major transportation hubs for surface transportation and regional rails. Hundreds of thousands of people pass through these areas each day. During the lunch hour we will be above ground, weather permitting, if it is raining there are several underground transportation centers where people eat lunch or are in transit, in the evening we will bid people good night as we hand out tracts. Later in the evening we will be in night life locations where people are more relaxed and open to conversations. God willing will also do street preaching with a power megaphone, table ministry (prayer display, banner, books, etc.), witness to university students, and travel to the Northeast area of the city, in order to minister to Russian speaking Jews and Gentiles. Even though our ministry is dedicated to bringing the Gospel to Jewish people, we minister equally to everyone we meet. If some of our campaigners play music, will have mini-concerts on the street or in the public transportation centers, to draw a crowd and then proclaim the Gospel.



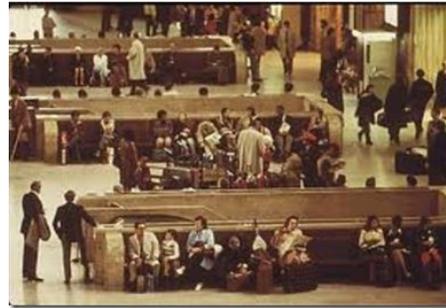
Front of Suburban Station



Lower-level Halls: Stores



Hallway and Stairs to Regional Rail



Stairways: Amtrak Trains at 30th St.



Musicians Perform at Suburban Station



Night Scene in Philadelphia



Busy Lunch Hour in Downtown Philly

## Campaign Budget

Beyond what the full time campaigner's will raise to pay for part of their expenses, we'll need additional funds for printing 30,000 tracts, buying Bibles and multi-language tracts, placing small display advertisements in newspapers, printing a large banner for a table, transportation expenses, meals, parking, and other supplies. The expense for these items are approximately \$6,000. We already have received \$2,500 for the NYC mission that will now be applied, with the donors permission, to the October campaign. The remaining amount needed is \$3,500. If we exceed the amount of our budget, it will be used for the campaigns in 2014.. **Please speak to mission minded people about these outreach efforts and ask them to consider supporting AMMI's effort to lift up the name of Jesus, and participating.**

## Campaigners Needed

***Mt 9:36–38: 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”***

Please talk to those who are experienced in handing out tracts, and speaking to people about Jesus, about this opportunity to serve the Lord. Also, inexperienced people who are willing to be trained on how to do public proclamation witnessing in a professional and productive manner are also welcome. Please call me 215-843-1764/267-679-9299, or e-mail me at [ammi.ministry@hotmail.com](mailto:ammi.ministry@hotmail.com) with your interest and questions. You will need to fill out an application and provide references.

The weekday campaign consists of 3-4 witnessing periods (called “sorties”) of 2-2.5 hours each. These witnessing periods would be from 7:30 to 9:30 am, 11 am to 1 pm, and 3:30 to 6 pm, and for those who are able 7:30 to 9:30 pm. I realize that some campaigners may not be able to do all four sorties, don't let your limitations stop you from participating. We will work with you within your capacity.

## Prayer Warriors Needed

Another important group of people who are needed are **prayer warriors**. Jesus taught us in John 15, that apart from Him we can not accomplish anything for the Lord. Therefore, we ask people to begin praying now, and daily during the seven day campaign. Please contact me at [ammi.ministry@hotmail.com](mailto:ammi.ministry@hotmail.com) to let me know you will be part of prayer warrior team. I will keep you informed of specific details to lift up before the Lord.

### [Campaign Stewards Needed](#)

Not everyone is called to be on the streets witnessing. However, there are other important details of the campaign that need attention. Our campaigners will be on the streets for two hour session called sorties. This will include the morning rush hour, the lunch hour, the evening rush hour, and for those who are able, in the evening at night life sites. This intense schedule is demanding. The goal of the stewards is to help the campaigners from having to do the details of laundry, refilling the tract bags, going to restaurants for meals, and other needs. The stewards will focus on these details so the campaigners can focus on evangelism, and rest between sorties. If we can find a cooperative church, the stewards will prepare meals for the campaigners. Stewards are a critical part of a well run campaign and will help our witness on the streets of Philadelphia. Let me know if you can help part or full time as a steward. I will also need a lead steward who will participate and oversee the other stewards.

### [Full Time Campaigners and Steward's Mission Costs](#)

The cost for the campaigners to participate full time is \$1,100, and \$975 for the full time stewards. Even if you are local to the Philadelphia area, there would be a great advantage if you could focus on witnessing for a week by staying with us in the downtown hotel. Being part of a team of believers is a blessing. Consider this an important short-term mission trip. We also are seeking local part-time volunteers who can travel into Philadelphia. Free parking for a limited number of cars will be available. We will be staying close to the Suburban station, so coming in by local rail is an option.

### [Scholarships for Campaigners or Stewards](#)

If you are able to provide a full or partial scholarship for people who want to participate but who cannot raise the full amount, it would be very helpful. Please designate on your support check, "Scholarship for Campaigners Oct. 2013."

### **The following are prayer requests for this campaign:**

1. Wisdom as I plan the campaigns and assistants to help with the details.
2. No interference from local authorities.
3. An artist, to help create a banner for a six foot table with the theme "Where will you spend eternity?"
4. Participation of volunteers from local churches.
5. A church that will provide space or the funds for a conference room in the hotel we will be staying at. We are praying that a willing church will not only provide a space but will be excited about the mission work and will want to participate.
6. Good relations between the campaigners and with the leadership.
7. Faithful campaigners who have a teachable spirit.

8. Finances to cover the thousands of tracts, booklets, and other expenses.
9. Health and safety for those who participate.
10. Faithful churches to follow up on Gentile contacts obtained in campaign. AMMI will follow up on the Jewish contacts.
11. Open hearts and minds among those to whom we witness.

On AMMI's website, you can make a donation with your credit card through PayPal.  
Help us sow the Word. Web site: <http://ammiministry.org>

God bless,

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