

Dear followers of Jesus,

1/18/20

I hope your celebration of Jesus' birth was a blessing. Donna and I wish you a peaceful and fruitful 2020. We know in this world we will have problems, but the Lord can see us through these difficulties. One of my favorite verses is ". . .The Joy of the Lord is my strength" (Nehemiah 8:10) and, "The Lord inhabits the praises of His people." (Ps. 22:3)



Ron & Donna Elkin



Sunny & Bindu John



Geoff Robinson



Sandi & Albert Barrett

Albert and Geoff's Black Friday witnessing.

This was written to the Philadelphia/South New Jersey witnessing team.

"We will be at the Cherry Hill Mall/Wegman's area because they have a lot of stores clumped together. Below are the times that the stores open on **Black Friday** so we would need to be in front at least 15 minutes before the opening time."

5AM- Dick's Sporting Goods

6AM-

Group 1: Macy's

Group 2: Home Depot, Christmas Tree Shop (they're next to each other and at the same time)

7AM-

Group 1: Target, PetSmart (same complex apart from the mall)

Group 2: Petco, Burlington Coat Factory (same complex, very close to Wegman's complex)

8AM-

Group 1: Best Buy Group 2: Nordstrom

As the shoppers gathered in front of the stores, Albert, Geoff and others with them, moved along the lines handing out tracts and trying to share the Gospel. Albert was able to converse with several people about the Lord. Please pray for the people who received tracts and spoke with the witnessing team.

Sunny John in Kerala, India

Sunny and Trinity Worship Center members went to busy street corners to preach the Gospel with their sound system, sing gospel songs, and hand out literature. The areas they went to were predominately homes for Hindus and Moslems. Three motorcycle tried to drown out their preaching by reeving their engines and riding in front of them. But, after a short time they left, other people make rude remarks and others showed their disapproval. Meanwhile, other people took literature and entered into conversations with the church members. In these type of situations, we need to trust God's Word, which states "Consequently, Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God" Romans 10:17

Regular Funds Needed for Television Ministry

A generous AMMI supporter has enabled Sunny to continue his television preaching for now. This show is getting many responses from people. However, additional regular supporters are needed to maintain the long term continuation of the program. Each episode, cost \$55 plus \$35 for technical support, and reaches thousands of people in the privacy of their homes at prime time. Sunny and his wife Bindu speak to the many people who call for pray and to answer questions about the Gospel.

AMMIs Website

Our webmaster Ken Morgan maintains our Jewish evangelism website. The website has many helpful articles, audios, and links to my YouTube videos. Ken is a retired professor who has written several biblical study books. it is a privilege to have his help.

The Elkins

Through the internet and telephone I am witnessing to many people. Also, at two of the places where I shop, there are people, to whom, God is encouraging me to present the Gospel. The first is Kim, a very shy young cashier. I learned she has not read the Bible nor ever attended church. I spoke to her over the past week about Jesus. Yesterday, I explained that Jesus was born for a reason and gave her a Gospel of John booklet. Pray she will read the booklet and God will open her heart to the truth.

The other is a young man who gives out samples at Sam's Club. We have developed a friendly relationship. I have not spoken to him at this point about Jesus, but plan to very soon. Pray God will bless our conversations.

When speaking to tech support in Indonesia and India, many wonderful opportunities developed over the last months. Providentially, some already had a curiosity about the Bible or Jesus. I usually encourage them to go to www.biblegateway.com and read the Gospel of John in English and their native language. Many have sincerely said they would follow through. Pray that they would read the Gospel with an open heart and mind.

Our new next door neighbor was searching or a lost item. I mentioned to him that when I lose something, how often Donna will pray and before she finishes praying either God will remind me where the item is, or I will see it. He didn't respond. Pray God will use this small seed to stir up interest in Bill and his wife Lucy.

We need your prayers for Donna. She is suffering pain in her left shoulder and lower right lumbar areas. The last injection for pain has worn off and her next injection is January 17th. Pray this treatment will be effective and last for many months. In the meanwhile, her lumber right side pain has decreased but still is present. She went through an extreme muscle spasm incident recently. Pray God Almighty will help us find the reasons for these specific located muscle spasm.

Please donate to help us continue our mission work.

God bless you and keep you and make His Face shine upon you,

Ron & Donna Elkin

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The Feast of Chanukah



The Jewish people just finished celebrating the non-biblical feast of Chanukah or what is also known as the Festival of Lights. This remembers how in 164 B.C. the Jewish people using guerrilla warfare, defeated a much larger Syrian Army. The Syrian King had oppressed the Jews practicing the Mosaic sacrificial system. Their King Antiochus installed a statue of Zeus and sacrificed a forbidden pig on the altar. The Jewish rebellion victory led to the recapture of the Temple. Chanukah (Feast of Dedication) is the celebration of the cleansing of the Temple and the day the Temple was rededicated. You can read more about the history of this revolt in the Apocryphal books of 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees. Maccabees are the name of leaders who led the revolt against Antiochus.

We know the Lord attended the Temple to be part of the community celebration as seen in John 10:22 -23: "At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple courts in Solomon's Colonnade." There are several spiritual lessons we can learn from the celebration. The revolt began by a priest family that refused to bow down to statues as required by Syrian King. They valued faithfulness to God over their physical wellbeing. God blessed their efforts and gave them victory.

The Mosaic Sacrificial system had to be intact at the appearance of Jesus. Malachi 3:1-2 ["Behold, I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple— the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight— see, He is coming," says the LORD of Hosts.](#) 2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire, like a launderer's soap...." Jesus is the ultimate Messenger of God's mercy filled New Covenant.

Much of the action between Jesus and religious leaders takes place at the Temple. For example His overturning of the Money table was a reaction to the exploitation of the Jewish people's desire to worship God and His fervent honoring of God's house of worship, "11The crowds replied, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." 12[Then Jesus went into the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves.](#) 13And He declared to them, "It is written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer.' But you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

Thus the Feast of Dedication has the dual role of showing the need to be faithful to the Almighty in spite of religious, social or political pressure, and these historic events prophetically preparing for the first appearance of King Jesus.