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HEBREW FOR "WRITINGS"

AMMI MINISTRY NOVEMBER 2015 MISSION REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please pray for the 24,000 people who received our tracts containing Scripture and the writings of early Church Fathers that pointed to salvation by faith in Jesus alone being the only source of salvation. We are thankful for the spiritual warrior volunteers, who handed out tracts and engaged people in conversations, Rom. 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Some Christians questioned why we were reaching out to Catholics. The link below is a radio interview with my co-organizer Geoff Robinson explaining the rationale for our outreach.

<http://ammiministry.org/RonElkinInterview4.mp3>



DORTHOY EXPLAINS THE GOSPEL

and tags for those attending the World Family Congress was green, the same color we had chosen for our T-shirts. Notice the police behind

me (next page) The security was very tight for the Pope's visit days before he arrived. We stationed our selves outside the meeting hall where the Catholics met. Our small band of campaigners had many conversations about salvation by faith. The Catholics responded by focusing on James 2 (more on this later in this newsletter).

He spoke to a priest named Rick. He began the conversation by accusing me of trying to take people away from "the church." I explained the reason for our efforts was to glorify the Lord's work in the completion of our salvation through faith in Jesus. Rick told me he was raised Protestant and had moved from his mainline church into Evangelicalism, then back to his mainline church, and eventually to Roman Catholicism. When I explained that I was a Jewish man who would come to believe in Jesus 39 years ago, he became very excited. Toward the end of our

Normally we seek the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but we usually witness to many more Gentiles. Rom. 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

Campaigns are intense and tiring, but the joy of the Lord fills us as we communicate who Jesus is and what he did for us and for anyone who repents and believes.. We trust God to use our efforts as He will. Isaiah 55:10-12 reminds us that sharing the Word of Lord is spiritually useful. Providentially, the colored shirts

Isaiah 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

conversation I challenged him about the Council of Trent's Cannons (9, 11, 12) that states



someone like myself who believes salvation is by faith in Jesus alone, would spend eternity in hell. He said that the language the church is using has softened, but I challenged him that the church has never changed Trent's ruling. At that point Rick had to leave to join his group.

SCRIPTURE TRUTH CAUSES CONFLICT

One of the tracts we handed out, had quotes from church fathers and Paul, that confirmed that salvation was by grace alone through faith, and the Council of Trent statement mentioned

Security for the Pope's visit was very tight, but the Gospel went out

above. We asked which statement was different. Of course if people were honest they would be able to see the difference. Being faced with the conflict of the Catholic Churches teaching based on the Council of Trent's rulings and the Bible and early church fathers, the emotions of some people were stirred up.



RON TALKING TO PRIEST

One woman in her 30s came up to me and tried to grab the tracts out of my hand while I was talking to a man. She shouted James 2, James 2! She was referring to passages in James 2:14-17 that sound like that you have to add works to your faith in order to have salvation.

Obviously if this was true, it would conflict with Paul's teaching (Ep. 2:8-9) and Jesus' as well (John 6:29 & forward) James was referring to the mere acknowledgment type of faith that doesn't lead to salvation, and therefore does not produce the fruit of salvation. Or, to Christians who are not obeying the Lord, and consequently not being fruitful. This mis-

understanding, and the belief in purgatory diminishes the work of Jesus. Please pray that the conflict that truth brings to those who have been taught to believe a lie, will resolve into many people turning to the true Gospel. Catholicism like Judaism, is more than a religion. It also belonging to family and community. It is difficult to break away lose the comfort of a society you are use to. Luke (to the right in the (picture next page) and James witnessed to people waiting to get into an event where the Pope was to speak. They also preached the Word, and along

with James's wife Misgun handed out tracts. These volunteers traveled 70 miles to witness with us. Romans 10: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news"



NEXT MAJOR OUTREACH: THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA. JULY 21-31, 2016

Geoff and I are already discussing the next outreach. Several experienced people from St. Louis have shown an interest in volunteering. We are also speaking to a large Jewish mission organization about joining efforts to reach the massive amount of people that will be flooding into Philadelphia. I would appreciate you letting people you know who have a heart for evangelism or church mission groups to consider making a 10 day short term mission trip to Philly. If anyone is interested have them call me at 215-843-1764.

We have added **two new board members, Geoff Robinson and Mark Edgar**. Please pray these men will add to the grown and wisdom of AMMI. Do you have a burden for the salvation of the Jewish people and outreach evangelism, and would like to **help AMMI by being a volunteer**, please get in touch.

James (pictured above), an AMMI volunteer, is a public street preacher; he describes his experience in Center City Philadelphia during the Papal weekend.

"Upon entering the city, my co-laborers (Luke and my wife Misgun) and I scanned several blocks for a preaching location. We found a place where hundreds of Catholics were bottlenecked at a security checkpoint, waiting to get a closer look at the pope. I read Galatians in a

The campaign was co-organized by Geoff Robinson, pictured below. Coming from a Catholic background, Geoff came up with the initial idea of having an outreach to Catholics. He prepared the literature in English and Spanish (with the help of a Spanish speaking pastor), helped to recruit people, raised support, and was a blessing to work with. I joined with him and helped organize the remaining but important details, taught a seminar, and recruited additional campaigners. Together we saw the dream of the outreach become a reality. Geoff is following up on Catholics who responded.



**GEOFF HANDING A TRACT TO
CARDBOARD IMAGE OF POPE FRANCIS**

loud voice, pausing to add some commentary. A large group of young people began to heckle me. I reminded them that I was reading God's Word. I continued reading and the youth grew louder. The scene reminded me of Acts 19, where the men of Ephesus were so in love with their idol trade, they would not listen to God's truth and shouted "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians" in order to drown out the Word of God.

Later, I read Romans 3-5:2, in the same location to a different crowd. I introduced myself as an average Christian, and explained that all Christians are called by God to proclaim the Gospel. I explained that the Bible was understandable, and sufficient to lead us to the forgiveness of God and the gift of eternal life. Having established the authority of the Bible from 2 Timothy 3:16-17, I went on to declare that the other doctrines of the Protestant Reformation in Romans 3. As I expounded on the passage, I can only describe the crowd as stunned to silence, deeply contemplative in some cases, and even visibly uneasy. Hopefully they were or will be saved by God's Word!

Living Water, A young woman volunteer was giving free water to people. She took pity on the street preachers. The young woman turned to me, and said that she thought the "Christian" thing to do was to give street preachers some water. My response was that these preachers were giving away the truth of Jesus. I reminded her of the woman at the well, who was able to give Jesus water, but she needed to ask Jesus for living water. I told her that Jesus promised the woman that if she drank from the living water, that is Jesus, she would never thirst again. I asked her if this sounds like the teaching she receives from the Church. Had she been taught the sufficiency of Jesus, whose sacrifice pays the debt of sin in full. Or, was she taught she needed to see Jesus as an example, and do good works in order to be saved. I can only hope and pray that God might use the words I shared with her to lead her on the path of salvation.



PAULA

AMMI volunteers, Paula and Tia, stationed themselves in front of the Pennbrook train station on Sat. and Sun. (9/26-27). Pennbrook was a designated station for people to go into center city to see the Pope. Paula describes her experience as follows; "Tia and I handed out several hundred tracts each day cheerfully greeting people with 'Good morning! Here's something to read while you're waiting for the train. Most people gladly took the tracts. We observed people reading the tracts, praise the Lord, and a few people engaged in conversations with us. On Saturday, a local church set up a table next to us, and gave out free coffee, donuts and Gospel literature. They were happy to see us and we were encouraged by them. We worked together to share the Good News and demonstrate God's love by offering something tangible to the travelers. People lingered at the table, and there were several good conversations, during which people heard Gospel explanations, and were able to ask questions. I had lengthy conversations with transit police officers. The officers were very friendly. They asked questions about our faith. We shared God's plan of salvation and our personal testimonies. I also gave tracts to the police and other emergency personnel. I encouraged them to search the Scriptures and get in touch with our office. I take encourage from Romans 10:17 which states 'Faith comes hearing the Word of Jesus.'"

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