

## **AMMI Ministry Report November 2017**

### **Witnessing opportunity after Jewish High Holy day season**

We just finished the Jewish high holidays, Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). This is the time when Jewish people, who are religious, reflect on their sins, and seek God's forgiveness and blessing for the coming year. Please pray that in the aftermath of these God given remembrances, some of my Jewish brethren will reflect on the reality of God and the mysteries of life after death. May Christians bring the Word of truth to them in this time of spiritual sensitivity.

### **Second ad campaign on Facebook concluded**

We continued our outreach through Facebook with a promotion of a three part video on evidence from the Jewish Scriptures titled, "Who is the Messiah?" We focused the ads impact within a 59 mile radius of Philadelphia, and all of New Jersey and Delaware. Those who saw the advertisement were people with Jewish interest. About 4,000 people saw the ad. Two hundred people clicked on the ad's link to the video, and 120 watched it. Since this is a series of three videos, some of the 120 possible viewed the other two lectures. Also, 29 people shared the posting to their friends. That means that many other people may have also seen the video. We're going to continue to run additional ads but this time include the whole state of Pennsylvania, New York State, Virginia, Maryland, Israel, Paris, Illinois, California and other areas with a large Jewish population.

One Jewish man responded and just wanted to throw stones at us. He was not interested in having a discussion. However, pray that Simon will have a Paul the Apostle like experience and repent. Another Jewish man, whom I might be related to because of his last name, is neutral about the issue of Jesus. I suggested he read the Gospel of John, and Tim Keller's book, "The Reason for Faith." Please pray for Paul's salvation.

### **Other Witness experiences**

I visit a cardiologist twice a year. During each visit I am given an echocardiogram. The man who gives me this test is named F. When I first began to witness to this man, he was cynical about faith in God or Jesus, but he enjoyed our spiritual conversations. Little by little I've seen his heart soften. Earlier this year I gave him the Gospel of John, which he promised to read. Last week I went for another visit, and gave him Tim Keller's book that I mentioned above. He expressed appreciation, and plans to read it. Please pray for this man.

### **Helping a Optician See Better**

I needed to buy a new pair of glasses. I went to the optical store and met a young man from India. Since I spent time in India before I became a believer in Jesus, I have a familiarity with their culture and was able to connect with him. After we finished our business, I gave an impassioned witness to the man about the need to believe in Jesus. He showed great interest and I sensed the Lord empowering my witness. He promised to read the Gospel of John. Through a series of providential "mistakes" by the eye doctor, and the optical lab, I had 3 more contacts with the man and built a friendship and witness.

I stopped by today (11/14) and gave him booklets of the Gospel of John and Mark. He let me

know that he decided to study the Bible and found a Bible study through Meetup (an online service that is a source for local meetings on many different interests). Needless to say I was blessed to hear this good report.

### **Tech Support Witness**

I've been able to continue my witness to tech-support of various kinds because of cell phone and credit card problems. The Lord continue to give open door to witness. One young man expressed enthusiastic appreciation, and wrote down the name of the website (Bible Gateway) so he could read the Gospel of John. One thing that is important when we witness is to pray for a spirit of love and personal reaching out to the person we are ministering to. Even though the telephone this person I am speaking to senses my sincere interest in them. This has helped make many of the tech support people open to my witness. Please pray for this man and others to be saved.

### **Evangelism Table Ministry**

The Northeast Philadelphia has a large community of Russian speaking and American Jewish people. We would appreciate your prayers as we plan to resume our table ministry in front of local post offices. We will have a banner for the table as well as Bibles in English, Russian, and Spanish. Please pray for a fruitful ministry.

### **New and Existing Health Concerns**

On Monday, November 6, Donna was getting an eye exam. She told the doctor she was seeing floaters in her right eye. Donna only has one good eye, her right one. The doctor saw spots of blood in her retinae. He took pictures and immediately sent it to the retinae specialist in the group. That doctor immediately requested Donna to come in on Tuesday. He examined her and explained the seriousness of what was happening. Donna could develop, detached retinae or lose sight in her one good eye. He scheduled her to come in on Thursday of that week. There she received laser treatment. Our next visit is on November 20. We earnestly hope for your prayers.

We are raising support for stem cell treatment for Donna's shoulder and her brain damaging disease called Friedreich's Ataxia (FA). She is planning to receive stem cell treatments by GIOSTAR. GIOSTAR has a scientific team of 18 doctors, considered some of the most authoritative researchers in the world. They have reviewed Donna's medical records. They believe that they can help her stop the progress of FA, and gradually improve her symptoms. They would also treat her painful bone on bone rotator cuff in her left shoulder. She will have three treatments that are one month apart. Please pray for God's provision. We need to raise \$20,000 for treatments, and travel expenses to Columbia, South America.

FA is an inherited disease. It usually afflicts children when they are 6-7 years old. Because of the health complication it causes, the children usually die in their mid-late twenties. Donna is one of the few people where the disease develops as an adult. In her early 50s, Donna experienced several falls, and broke both ankles. By her mid-fifties a neurologist suspected FA. One of the leading FA research doctor was convinced she didn't have FA. Later, a genetic test confirmed she had the affliction. This is a disease that progressively gets worse. It causes of motor skills including no balance, inability to reach for something because her hands shake and are erratic, slurred speech, fatigue, and frequent muscle cramps.

Until recently, Donna used a walker in the home. However, recently she developed a severe painful condition because her left rotator cuff, because of arthritis, has become bone on bone. Now she is dependent on a wheelchair in the home. At this point there is no known medical solution to FA. And, because of Donna's dependence on her shoulder to lift herself up, having a shoulder replacement, a difficult operation anyway, would mean immobility for at least six weeks, and could easily wear out from the abnormal pressure placed upon it.

The stem cell treatment, according to the doctors, will slow down the progress of the FA, and with several more treatments, there is a good probability for reversal of some of the symptoms. Doctors, in Israel, Asia, Mexico and elsewhere are using this type of stem cell treatment with people with similar brain damaging diseases and obtaining good results. For years, doctors have successfully treated joint problems with stem cells. While being treated for FA, Donna would also have her shoulder treated.

In spite of these limitations, Donna counsels many people who seek her wisdom. She was an unofficial surrogate mother for several troubled youth, who still consider call her mom. Donna is the oldest of eight siblings. Her mother died when she was twelve years old. She had to help raise the other children which helped her develop leadership ability, and a good understanding of people. She also, was one of the first women computer programmers, the head of an office of 70 people, a bookkeeper at a bank, and other positions of responsibilities. Donna is an impassioned personal evangelist, and has often joined with me in street witnessing. In spite of her handicap, her winning smile and friendly spirit draws people to take tracts and speak to her.

Tax-exempt donations for Donna's stem cell treatments can be made to Ammi Ministry.

Sincerely yours,

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