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AMMI MINISTRY

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MISSION REPORT

FINANCIAL CRISIS

Dear Brothers and sisters,

I usually mention our financial situation in the last page of our newsletter; our situation is becoming so difficult that it is important to bring it to your attention. This is AMMI's 28th year of bringing the Gospel to Jewish people and everyone else God brings along our path. We have distributed over a million gospel tracts and thousands of dollars worth of Gospel literature, We are thankful for those who care about the salvation of Jewish people, support our ministry, and pray for the Jewish people's salvation and AMMI Ministry. Nevertheless, we are experiencing a serious shortfall. Our mission income in 2009 was \$36,000 less than what it was in 2007. And to compound this problem, at this point our income is \$6,000 behind last year's support level.

We just received letters from two churches explaining that one church had to stop our support and another had to reduce their support by 70%. This represents a new loss of income in the amount of \$200 per month. Another church that for years gave us \$1,500 a year also had to stop helping us. I've had to

skip a month of salary and unless there is an increase in support, I may have to also miss another month's pay. In addition our ability to purchase Gospel material and participate in events like the Russian Mosaic Festival mentioned below will be seriously curtailed if more people don't invest in Jewish Evangelism.

For those who do not support AMMI, please consider helping us with a one-time gift or regular donations. We send out this e-mail to hundreds of people. If those who receive it were to send even \$5 or \$10 a month, it could help us significantly. Also, please consider encouraging other mission-minded people to support AMMI. We need your word of mouth advertisement to spread the word about AMMI's mission efforts. If you are interested in helping in this way I can send you ministry brochures and you can also direct people to our website; www.ammiministry.org. On our website people can donate through their credit cards.

A Blessing at Russian Mosaic Festival

One of our most successful efforts in 2010 was AMMI's recent involvement in the Russian Mosaic Festival on 9/19 at Penn's Landing. We had a booth there and piled the table with Russian language Bibles, Gospel books, and Jesus Videos. Over 150 people stopped by our table and other volunteers, and myself had wonderful opportunities to encourage people to consider Jesus and the Gospel. Nine people signed our contact sheet for more information. Please pray for the salvation of; Olga,

Valentin, Ivan, Lilia, Tatiana, Anna & Ephraim, Maya, Victoria, and Gregory as we follow-up and visit them.

AMMI gave out about \$300 worth of material, and there were additional expenses of \$325 (booth costs, parking, printing). Another blessing was the involvement of four Calvary PCA members (Jackie Elkin, Mark and Barbara, and Norm). We also had two additional volunteers Bob and Stu-



Mark, Norm, Stu, Jackie & Ron, Bob, Volunteers on 9/19/10

art. Norm played Jewish and classical music to draw the passersby to our table.

Last night (10/10) Jackie spoke to Maya, a contact we obtained at the festival. Maya is a Jewish woman in her late 30s or early 40s. She is married and has one child. Maya is spiritually searching and told Jackie she enjoyed the conversation she had with me at the festival. Pray she will remain open and that Satan will not

snatch away the Gospel seed that has been planted. Jackie will continue to contact her and hopefully begin a Bible study with her over the phone.

Today (10/11) I made an appointment to visit with Anna & Ephraim a couple I met at the festival. They are secular Jews from Ukraine and are slightly open to religious topics. When they visited our booth, they took many books and the Jesus Video. They have family members who are both Jewish Christians and religious Jews. Pray God will soften their resistance to Jesus and help them repent and believe in their Messiah.



JEWISH COUPLE LOOKS OVER LITERATURE

The following is a link that will take you more pictures of the outreach <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2091169&id=1468181631&l=967a74fd88>

**The Russian words on the shirts are;
Without Payment
Absolutely
Without Payment**

This is the equivalent of the English, “Free, Absolutely. Free.” The shirts expressed the idea that the Gospel is God’s free gift of salvation! Our ministry friend Inna Yermosh helped us with the translation.

Comments about the event by Mark and Norm **Mark's Report**

Barb and I accepted an invitation to help with the AMMI Ministry at the 7th annual Russian Mosaic Festival held at Penn’s Landing Plaza on September 19th. Our roles were to assist with setting up the booth and to help in other ways. Norm also helped and filled the air with beautiful music on a electronic piano keyboard located next to our table. On our table there was a wide display of Bibles, Gospel books, and Jesus videos in the Russian language. This material was free for the taking, and attracted an interesting mix of curious visitors. I was in awe to witness Ron’s gentle approach to sharing the gospel, even when confronted by strong-willed opposition. The ministry was



THIS JEWISH WOMAN IS OPEN TO GOSPEL



RON SHOWS JEWISH WOMAN ISA. 53 IN RUSSIAN BIBLE



NORM’S MUSIC DRAWS PEOPLE TO OUR TABLE a success as evidenced by the number of people spending time at the booth, having candid interaction with Ron, and leaving with free material. Some even requested a follow-up contact.

Although Barb and I did not know what to expect, we were both glad to have taken part in this effort. It was truly a blessing to meet new people (especially two other volunteers named Bob and Stuart), experience the arts and entertainment of the local Russian culture, sample unique food,

and listen to lively music. The Lord further blessed our day with safe traveling and fantastic weather. A big “thank you” goes out to Ron and Jackie for a wonderful day and a great discipleship experience.

Mark Z.

Norm’s Report

“They called it--Russian Mosaic--and a mosaic it certainly was. In the course of the day, natives of St. Petersburg, Moscow, Minsk, Belarus, Armenia--you name it!--all these came strolling over to a small table sponsored by AMMI--an organization reaching out with the gospel to Jewish people. It was a warm, sunny day--Penn's Landing was filled with such tables. Proponents of Orthodox Judaism, secular Judaism, the Kabala--they all had their books, papers, pamphlets, and people ready. AMMI was there with the rest, representing the claims and promises of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Messiah of the Jewish people and nation. At the AMMI table were Ron and Jackie Elkin, Mark and Barb, Bob, Stuart, and myself.

“So who came over to that table? All types--young girls, young men, older men, older women. For many, Russian was their first language; so the conversation swung back and forth between Russian and English. Ron (thank the Lord!) knew some Russian, so he did most of the talking. The rest--well, we smiled, we nodded, we chimed in when appropriate, we made conversation as we could. From time to time, Norm supplied live music on the keyboard--Jewish-style praise songs, Russian folk songs--an impromptu by Schubert. And people smiled, walked over, picked up some Russian language literature, walked away--or (in some cases) DIDN'T walk away.

“And reactions varied. Some simply looked puzzled, glanced over some book or pamphlet, then wandered off. Some were friendly, but non-committal. Some were downright hostile--“I am Jewish, not Christian--how can Christians talk to Jews, the way they behave for --oh!--two thousand years?”--not an easy question to answer. And some were receptive--“Tell me more. . . . tell me more. . . .” Many left their names, addresses, phone numbers on a legal pad--these Ron could contact later. And so, after eight busy hours, we packed up our things--we loaded up the cars--we drove off. Lord God of Israel--Lord Christ--Holy Spirit! the rest we leave in Your mighty hands! Bring many into the kingdom of Jesus, we prayed. Bring many to a knowledge of the truth! Bring many to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! A busy day! A fruitful day! Jesus was exalted. The Word of God went out”

Norm C.

New Evangelism Opportunities

A local Russian language church has a literature table every Sat. between 12-3 pm in front of one of the largest

Russian food stores in NE Philly. Hundreds of shoppers come to this store on a typical Saturday. The church has invited me to help them reach the Jewish people who shop there (approximately 60 percent of the shoppers). I plan to join them in a couple of weeks on a regular basis.

I am on Calvary's new Evangelism Committee, and will be helping Calvary reach the lost in Willow Grove, PA. At our recent meeting we discussed teaching a Sunday School Class in January and also in June and July. Our goal is to encourage personal evangelism among our members. It is a sad fact that many Christians are fearful or unprepared to give a clear and concise presentation of the Gospel when the opportunity arises. Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Do we really grasp that the people we come in contact with who do not believe in Jesus will spend eternity in hell. That reality often motivates me to go beyond my comfort zone and witness to people.

For example, recently Jackie and I were eating in a restaurant. It was towards the end of the time when the restaurant would be open and we had just enjoyed a good meal. A waitress named Miriam (as we learned later) came by and I asked her for some water. When she spoke to us, I detected a very slight accent. I asked her where she was from and she told me “Israel’. We explained we were also Jewish and during our conversation I mentioned our recent Israel tour. She told us more about herself, and her recent marriage to an American Jewish man. As we were pleasantly talking I really did not feel like witnessing to her because I didn't want to offend her or be rejected. However, I began to pray and God gave me a boldness to gently turn the conversation around to the Gospel. Jackie and I explained we are Jewish Christians and presented a Jewish oriented presentation of Jesus to her. We will see Miriam again and plan to bring a Hebrew Bible and books. With God's help we can all overcome our reluctance to witness. I believe training is important. There is a new and briefer version of the Gospel outline that is available from Evangelism Explosion. Get hold of this, learn it, and practice witnessing with your whole family.

As the Bible says;

1 Peter 3:15-16 (ESV) “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect . . .”

Teaching Tour - April 2011

I have been invited to teach on “Christ in the Passover” in the Pensacola, FL area in April 2011. Pray, I'll be able to develop a full itinerary of meetings at churches and Christian schools. If you can refer me to a church in this area let me know. Please pray my knee will be completely healed by that time (see next page).

Health Concerns

Jackie continues to maintain a low potassium diet in order to preserve her kidney function. Her recent blood test shows she is doing well and her kidney doctor is pleased with her status.

Ron's Knee Operation November 15, 2010

I am preparing to have a partial knee (left knee on outside/lateral portion) replacement on November 15, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Hospital. The surgeon's name is Dr. Jess Lonner. A partial knee replacement needs to be done perfectly to avoid damaging the good portion of the knee. The surgeon will use a robotic arm that is guided by pictures of my knee. This helps make the surgery exact. Of course, I need your prayers for God to guide the surgeon's work, for no infection, and for a quick recovery. I am preparing for surgery with specific exercises.

Personal Prayer Request—Home Sale

Our previous home is finally on the market after months of work getting it ready. Please join us in prayer that it will sell quickly and at a good price. I am witnessing to our Italian real estate agent John M. So, please remember to pray for his salvation.

Messianic Scriptures Part 1 The following list is worthy of your study and praise. As you review these prophecies and their fulfillment in Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection let your heart be filled with assurance and confidence in the one we worship and claim as our savior. Proclaim the truth boldly with a loving heart to those who are lost in the blindness of their sins. **To be continued in the next newsletter.**

O.T. Messianic Prophecy	Old Testament	New Testament
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt. 2:5-6
His pre-existence	Micah 5:2	John 1:1, 14
Born of the seed of a woman	Gen. 3:15	Matt. 1:18
Of the seed of Abraham	Gen. 12:3	Matt. 1:1-16
All nations blessed by Abraham's seed	Gen. 12:3	Matt. 8:5, 10
God would provide Himself as an offering	Gen. 22:8	John 1:29
From the tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10	Matt. 1:1-3
Heir to the throne of David	Isa. 9:6-7	Matt. 1:1
Called "The mighty God, The everlasting Father"	Isa. 9:6	Matt. 1:23
Born of a virgin	Isa. 7:14	Matt. 1:18
His name called Immanuel, "God with us"	Isa. 7:14	Matt. 1:23
Declared to be the Son of God	Ps. 2:7	Matt. 3:17
His messenger before Him in spirit of Elijah	Mal. 4:5-6	Luke 1:17
Preceded by a messenger to prepare His way	Mal. 3:1	Matt. 11:7-11
Messenger crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"	Isa. 40:3	Matt. 3:3
Would be a Prophet of the children of Israel	Deut. 18:15	Matt. 3:17
Called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matt. 2:15
Slaughter of the children	Jer. 31:15	Matt. 2:18

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