

## October 2017 Newsletter

Dear Supporters,

Donna and I are grateful for your continued donations. It is encouraging to know that fellow believers in Jesus are standing with us in the battle of Jewish Evangelism. It is obvious that the culture is becoming increasingly hardened to the Gospel message or even the existence of God. As we witness to people in downtown Philadelphia and North Port, Florida, we find more people proudly proclaiming they are atheists. At the same time we find many who say that religion should not be rejected because there is "one god," and people are simply worshiping this "one god" in their own way. All this has made witnessing for Jesus more difficult.

One method that helps when witnessing is to ask questions that relate to the foundation for an unbeliever's current beliefs or lack thereof. A very good book has been written by Greg Koukl called *Tactics, A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions*. I suggest you read this book and, together with a partner, practice his suggestions. The goal of the book is to help you engage in meaningful conversations with unbelievers that will enable them to see the insufficiency of the evidence and foundation of their beliefs. As the author says, it is analogous to "putting a pebble in their shoes" in order to take away their self-confidence and begin them on the path of thinking through their assumptions. Many Christians do not feel equipped to debate issues effectively, and so I heartily recommend this book which is written with them in mind.

### **Witness Experience**

On August 16th Donna had an operation on her left shoulder and arm. She is recovering here at home with home medical care. One of the therapists who comes in Jewish. Donna opened a conversation with her by asking how she knew her sins are forgiven. She responded by mentioning Yom Kippur. Christians know this as the Day of Atonement (see Lev. 16). As the conversation continued, it became obvious that this woman was not a practicing religious Jew. Donna spoke to her about the atonement available in Jesus and mentioned Isaiah 53. Having overheard the conversation, I gave her a tract on Isaiah 53 and a booklet containing Proverbs at the end of Donna's session. She seemed receptive, open, and curious. For someone who has never read the Bible, this was a good beginning. Please pray that she will read these portions of God's word and give them serious consideration. She will be returning for additional visits.

## **Posted Videos on Facebook**

I posted a three-part video on Facebook entitled "Who is Messiah?" These videos also include some history and prophecy about modern Israel. The videos were posted in such a way that anyone on Facebook can watch them. Pray that many unsaved Jews and Gentiles will watch and search for more information about Jesus.

## **Ron's Video Testimony Advertised on Facebook beginning 8/28/17.**

For ten days this video was placed on Facebook pages. It was targeted for Christians and Jewish people, as well as those with Jewish interests, living in the Philadelphia area. The cost for this new outreach effort was \$100 for the ten days. The results were encouraging, with over 8,500 people seeing the ad, 49 people sharing the video (adding additional thousands), and 219 people watching it. Please pray that the video will encourage Christians to witness to Jewish people and that unsaved Jews and Gentiles will be drawn to the Lord.

There were several people who commented on the testimony. This included a Muslim from Egypt and a skeptic, with whom I have interacted. I had just read an extensive testimony by a former Muslim who was a professor at an Egyptian university on the study of Islam, and so I shared this with the new Muslim contact. In my conversation with the skeptic, I used Greg Koukl's "Tactic" method. It turns out the skeptic's anti-Christian views were derived from the influence of a guru of the new age eastern religion. I will let you know more in my next newsletter.

## **Medical Funds Needed**

In my last update I mentioned that we have dental bills for Donna in the amount of \$7,300. I am so grateful for your past support that I am not asking you to help with this need, but I am asking you to pray that God will touch the heart of other believers to help with this current need. All money donated to AMMI is tax-deductible.

After doing extensive research into stem cell treatment and studying results of such treatments on people having similar ataxia diseases as Donna's, we have decided to have this stem cell treatment if funds are available. Donna's disease has no cure and is progressive. She will also receive treatment for severe arthritis in her shoulder, as an operation to replace her shoulder is not recommended. Donna requires the use of both arms in order to get up from a chair or out of bed. A shoulder

replacement would mean six to eight weeks of immobilization before she could use her shoulder, and using her arm too soon would disrupt the operation, and yet the immobilization itself would be detrimental to her health. With an over-reliance on the arms to get around, there is a high probability that the operation would not last long. Stem cell treatment could help reduce the pain she is currently experiencing.

I am also planning treatment for type-2 diabetes, related diabetic neuropathy, herniated lower back disks, and possibly an eye problem. There is no known cure for diabetes, **but researchers have found long lasting reversal of diabetes through stem cell treatments.** I have maintained good control over my blood sugar numbers (for which my doctors have praised me), but it is still a damaging disease. For 30 years I have served the Lord in witnessing to Jews and Gentiles, and I am healthy enough to continue for many more. However, the diabetic neuropathy is beginning to limit my street evangelism and walking distance. At present, with access to a chair, I can still do public table evangelism along with street preaching and some tract distribution. I am grateful that in God's providence he brings me Jewish people to whom I can witness.

Stem cell treatment can help rebuild the damaged nerves. The agency I am working with is called Bioscience Americas GIOSTAR (Global Institute of Stem Cell Therapy and Research). BSA & GIOSTAR have 17 top scientist/medical doctors and additional organization experts who are based in San Diego, California and Phoenix, Arizona. They are opening new facilities in Costa Rica, Columbia (SA), Phoenix and Florida. By the way, our treatment WILL NOT INVOLVE STEM CELLS FROM FETUSES.

Please go to [bioscienceamericas.com](http://bioscienceamericas.com) and see the video on GIOSTAR and Dr. Anand Srivastava's credentials. After viewing the information, please contact Gary Martin at 480-454-7999 if you think stem cell treatment might be an option for you. He will assist you in getting started with the pre-treatment process for medical evaluation. Please let him know you learned about this treatment through Ron and Donna Elkin.

Donna and I would each have three treatments, each treatment being one month apart. The cost for these treatments, meals, lodging, and airfare to Columbia, SA is \$20,000. I know this sounds expensive, but it is actually deeply discounted from what these treatments usually cost. Part of this cost, \$15,000, can be raised through donations to AMMI, and the remaining \$5,000 would need to be private non-tax-deductible gifts. If you are interested in being part of the private donation segment, please contact me for more information; otherwise, send a tax-deductible donation to AMMI (information below.) I know this is a large amount, but all things are possible in the Lord.

If you have followed our newsletters, you know that in spite of Donna's limitation she is a wonderful evangelist. Any improvement in her health will increase her usefulness in God's harvest.

Sincerely yours,

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