

Ammi Ministry Mission Report for May 2019

ISRAEL NEEDS YOUR PRAYER

Praise God, Israel continues, for now to have the strong leadership of Netanyahu. His realistic understanding of the intent of Palestinians to destroy Israel, has helped the nation not make dangerous compromises for false promises of peace. However, his Government does have enough committed seats to form a plurality of 61 out of 120 seats.

A new election will take place in September. One of the political parties that has five seats, that were needed to form a plurality in parliament, has refused to join Netanyahu. This party is insisting Netanyahu support a bill to force ultra-orthodox Jewish men to serve in the armed forces, like all other young men and women are required to do. Because part of Netanyahu's government includes Stas, the Orthodox party, he cannot accept this demand.



When the nation began in 1948, the political leaders exempted a small group of religious man from serving. They did this because they saw the service the men were doing to the country was prayer and the study of the Torah. This exemption continues to be available to the Ultra Orthodox which eventually became a very large community because of their large families.

There have been various attempts over the last years to rectify this growing problem. Because Israel is in a constant state of war with the countries surrounding them, they need a

continuous stream of young people in the Armed Forces. All of the Jewish community has to serve in this military, including women in non-combat positions. Some of Israel's leaders believe that is necessary for the ultra orthodox to serve in the military in order to continue the defense of the country. This is especially important because the ultra Orthodox tend to have very large families, and make up an increasing percentage of the national population.

But no government has been able to force the issue because there are many small parties that need to join together to form a plurality in the Knesset (Israel's parliament). The Orthodox block makes up a significant group within the parliament, and are needed in order to form a government.

Pray that in the new elections, Netanyahu gets a significant majority, and continues to be a source of protection for the Jewish nation. Pray for the peace of Israel and Jerusalem as the Bible encourage us. Also pray for the messianic congregations in Israel who are a witness of the gospel to their fellow Jews. Also, pray for our Facebook advertisements that extends into Israel. Israelites are some of the most active Internet users in the world.

INTERNET EVANGELISM

I recently made a new friend on Facebook. His name is Paul, he is Jewish, and lives in New Zealand. When he found out that I believe in Jesus, he asked me how did I get deceived. Of course I responded contrary to this and shared parts of the gospel from a Jewish perspective. Then Paul replied that rabbinical rejection of Jesus over 2,000 was good enough for him. In spite of this, I had a great opportunity to go into details about Jesus being the fulfillment of the Mosaic sacrificial system. Please pray for Paul.

Response to YouTube video comments and Facebook advertisements

One of the people who responded to a video I made called, "Why Read the Bible", made fun of Bible believers as superstitious ignorant fools. He boasted that he was trusting in science and his intellect. Please pray my following response to him will be empowered by God to touch him spiritually.

"Peter, It is incredibly prideful and self delusional on your part to judge people who have experienced the living Supernatural Creator. Believers like myself, range from children to the most astute scientist and intellectuals.

Jesus said that those who want to know if He was speaking the truth about who He claimed to be, must be willing to submit to, and obey God. For example when Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life and no one comes to the father except through me," was he telling the truth?

One of the most frightening verses in the Bible says that those who are living in spiritual darkness don't know that they're living in darkness. There is. also a verse that explains that people are (spiritually) dead in their trespasses and sins. It takes the grace of God to open peoples' eyes to spiritual reality.

I pray that God would have mercy on your soul and open your eyes beyond your limited prideful perceptions."

My comments above are one of many ways that I've responded to skeptics and critics. Unless the person is showing some level of interest, I tend to not go deep into apologetics, but take a broader personal challenge to not be so sure of their understanding. Sometimes I ask questions to point them to the unsubstantiated underlying philosophy on which they're basing their views.

INDIA



Sunny John is asking for prayer because the radical Hindu Premier Modi and his government that has dominated India over the last several years, was reelected. Sunny's concern is that this new political mandate will embolden the Hindus to become even more oppressive against Christians. Already, experts have determined India to be the 10th most oppressive nation in the world against our Christian brothers and sisters.

Please remember to pray for Sunny, his church, television show, and evangelism outreaches. Even though the church that Sunny is pastoring, Trinity Worship Center TWC), is financially struggling, they support a pastor and his congregation in Orissa, India. This area is one of the most hostile anti-Christian sections of India. Numerous churches have been burnt, and pastors murdered.

Last week, all the TWC members, went door to door. They took advantage of the cultural norm of giving people shelter when it rains, which it was, and we're able to enter 150 homes. When they were in the homes they gave gospel presentation and literature. Pray for Adam Lang the 150 homes some will have ears to hear the truth.

Because of the support of several friends of Ammi, Sunny John, and his family now have health insurance for the first time. Also, They want to increase their evangelism outreach by

purchasing a LCD projector and screen that cost \$530. They will use it outdoors to show Gospel films and video sermons, and within the church for worship.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

I have been finding ways to volunteer to help people in our community. This has increased the opportunities to witness the gospel in word and deed. I also post pictures on our community's Facebook page, that are appreciated by our community. Often I quote a Bible verse when posting pictures, encouraging people to think about God.

Recently, when I was speaking to a tech support representative from our phone company, I had an opportunity to share the gospel with a young man named Brian. He's in the Philippines. We hit it off, and he told me he had never read the Gospel of John.. He made a commitment to read the Gospel in his own language, which is readily available on the Internet at www.biblegateway.com. This is a wonderful website that has searchable Bibles in most of the worlds languages. It's a good site to mention to people in other countries when witnessing to internationals. Please pray for Brian to follow through.

PERSONAL CONCERNS



Recently, Donna and I needed dental treatments . As you know, dentistry in America is extremely expensive. If the Lord leads you to donate towards this expense, you can do this through Ammi Ministry for a tax deduction. Our dental expenses are \$18,000. Part of this amount we were able to pay from our savings, and part of it is on a one-year no interest credit card. The dental treatments were not

elective, but were necessary. for our health.

Donna has constant pain because of bone on bone in her left rotator cuff. However, Donna's cheerful disposition and winsome smile gives opportunities to witness the power of the Gospel. Recently, she became allergic to the pain medicine she was taking that caused itching. She is beginning a new and safer pain medicine. We would appreciate your prayers for this to be effective. At this point because she has no balance, a shoulder replacement is not possible. Pray that God may impart wisdom to researchers on how to safely insert padding material between the bones to help get rid of bone on bone pain.

We will be resuming ministry in the Philadelphia area towards the end of June. One of the things we need to take care of while we're there, is to prepare our home for sale. Pray for God to guide us in regard to disposing of things, selling or donating items, and keeping items for our new home. If you live within 25 miles of Philadelphia, and have an interest in earning money by helping us to list on Amazon and handling sales (Packaging and shipping) our collection of hundreds of books, let me know.

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God bless,

Ron & Donna Elkin

