

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Johannesburg

Teresa Sischy reports, "Recently at a local church where I was speaking I met a man, Mike, who had converted to Judaism many years ago, but later recommitted his life to Jesus. He introduced me to his wife, Marissa, who is Jewish and was brought up in a traditional Jewish home. Three weeks before, she had received Jesus as her Messiah and Savior.

"She told me that she believed in Jesus without a shadow of a doubt, but needed assurance that she had done the right thing. We began meeting weekly to pray, read the Bible and rejoice in what the Lord is doing in her life. Her prayer is that the Lord will give her wisdom regarding her two teenagers who are coming to terms with her new-found faith.

"I have also been meeting with a Jewish woman named Laura who has been dating a new Christian. She has been much affected by his faith and that of his Christian parents. She earnestly wants to know if Jesus is the Messiah, but has many real fears and anxieties that make her search for the truth very difficult. Her two teenage daughters attend a Jewish day-school and her relationship with her parents is tenuous. She is very worried about how her family would react if she professed faith in Jesus. Please pray for God to give her faith and courage."

Brooklyn, New York

Karol Joseph reports, "I had another visit with Chaim, who is a Hasid, (ultra-Orthodox Jew in a tight-knit community). A few of us have had a ministry to him over the past year through phone calls and e-mails. Typical of the Hasids I've known, Chaim would be in touch frequently for a while, then back off and disappear for a while, only to reappear sometime later.

"Chaim has been in touch quite a bit lately; he wanted to hear our weekly Bible study, but wasn't ready to be part of a group. When I told him that we record it, the thought of listening online motivated Chaim to meet me in person. I recently spoke with him face to face for the first time. Chaim confirmed that he is 100% sure that Jesus is the Messiah. He believes that Jesus died for him and rose from the dead. He stops short of wanting to receive Jesus into his heart, because he is not yet willing to be expelled from his community and does not want to be a hypocrite and live a double life. Please pray that God, who has begun a good work in Chaim, will complete it in Christ."

Israel

Rahel Landrum spent another few weeks in Upper Galilee helping the team on "Behold Your God: Israel" in October.

"I was doing door to door with Edik in Karmiel. We arrived at a tall apartment building and I saw a woman sitting on a bench in the back of the place. I told Edik to go and talk with her, thinking she was Russian. So we asked her if she spoke Russian or Hebrew. She said: 'Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, Romanian.' "I started talking with her in Romanian (I was born and raised there), telling her about Y'shua being the Messiah. Surika said she strongly believes in God because of a miraculous survival of her first son.

"I shared with her Isaiah 53 from the Romanian Bible we brought with us, telling her how Y'shua died for our sins. She had been watching programs about Y'shua on the Romanian cable channel. After explaining the gospel, I asked her if she wanted to receive Jesus, and Surika (nickname for Sarah) said yes. I invited her to pray after me, and began by saying: 'God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I know I'm a sinner.. Even though she had earlier agreed with me that no one is without sin, at this point, she

balked at her own sinfulness. I answered her, and she thought for a moment, then said, 'If all are sinners, I guess that includes me as well. Okay, let's continue, I know, I'm a sinner...' After she prayed, she said with tears in her eyes, 'You came to the right person' and she gladly received the Bible we were reading from. Take a Romanian Bible with you, you never know when you'll need it!

Book Shop News

Every week in our Bondi Junction book shop, Jewish people enter and wander through and ask questions. Some want to argue; some want to discuss; some want to buy products, especially as gift seasons are on us. This month we hope to see that dramatic increase we saw last November/ December in book shop activities and visits. Please pray for enough staff and volunteers to assist customers and the power of the Spirit to know what and how to speak.

Liberated Wailing Wall

November was the month of frequent flyer miles for Bob Mendelsohn, our national director. He opened the month in Adelaide, then travelled to Hobart, Singapore, Darwin and Perth. In Singapore he joined with the Liberated Wailing Wall as they began their regional tour which also included Melbourne and Sydney. The US team composed of young Jewish believers, several of whom are 2nd Generation Jewish believers, made a big impact for the Lord here. Thanks God for the blessing of sending this music and drama team again. Last time? 1999. Please, Lord, let it not be 9 years before we see them again. If you missed them, you can still purchase their latest CD using the coupon across the page.

Book and Music

Take a moment and ring our office or send in the coupon below to order these products. So many people enjoyed Bob Mendelsohn's testimony of faith (including his grandmother's story...she got saved at 96 years old!) that we are featuring that once more. Also the latest CD from the Liberated Wailing Wall, Never Forget. Great sounds, reminding you to pray for Jerusalem and God's sovereignty in that troubled land. Includes Jeremiah 29.11. *Promise.*

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