

BYG ISRAEL BEGINS

We prayed for years and finally it happened. A full-on Jews for Jesus evangelism campaign in the Land of Israel. After two weeks of training, the team made up of volunteers and staff from around the world, joined together to proclaim to "the cities of Judah, 'Behold, your God!'" (Isaiah 40)

We used our favourite methods of evangelism, including street signage and billboards, phone calling, broadsiding with Gospel tracts, and personal visits with enquirers, to make Jesus known among the people of Tel Aviv, the largest Jewish city in the world.

Our days began and ended with prayer as the amount of spiritual darkness was rife in the Land and in our conversations with people all over the city. The situation against Jewish believers is very apparent throughout Israel.



Consider the pain of the young Ortiz family. David is the father and reaches Jews and Arabs with the Gospel message. They live in the West Bank. Ami, their son, 15 years old, opened a package in March thinking the decorations were true. They indicated a gift for the Jewish holiday of Purim. When he opened the gift, however, it revealed a bomb which blew up immediately, leaving Ami severely damaged, blind, unable to walk. After fifteen operations and significant prayers worldwide, Ami is able to see, able to walk, and able to forgive.

Consider the Bible Quiz, a major event in Israel, a combination of our Melbourne Cup and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Teenagers compete for the national champi-

onship. Among the finalists was 17-year-old Bat-el Levy, a messianic Jew. When the religious rabbis found out a Jewish believer was involved in 'their' event, they were outraged and sought to stop the event. The other contestants insisted that the Quiz continue. Bat-el did not win, but we are all proud of her, and sad about the situation in which we all have to work.



During the campaign a group of religious Jewish people gathered New Testaments which another evangelical group had distributed in a central Israel town. The media picked up the story when the religious actually burned the pile of Bibles in public.

This is the general situation in which our team was working. Thank God for the marvelous answers to prayers. Over 1,500 unsaved Jews gave us details for further followup. Many prayed to get saved, right then and there. Our teams are following up, including Rahel Landrum, usually a missionary here in Australia. Rahel flew over halfway through the campaign to lend our support to the work. She is an Israeli after all.



We need you to continue to pray. We need you to consider giving extra for the work there. We need you to consider joining us in the other cities during the next five years. Maybe you should practice your Hebrew!

Bob Mendelsohn, our international director in AustralAsia wishes he could go. "This is a great campaign. It may have been the First Century when the last such campaign by Jews, among Jews, took place in Israel. We are watching history unfold, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

MIND, BODY, HOLY SPIRIT

Thank God for His answers to prayers in the new age outreach at Darling Harbour in May in Sydney. Over 15,000 people paid money to attend the event which featured scores of stalls for aura design, Chinese massage, face readings, crystals and Tarot card readings, and... Jews for Jesus! We titled our stall, "The Y'shua Alternative" and distributed over 1,500 flyers we wrote especially for the event.

Here you see the crowds, and some of our team witnessing to them. We also prayed with dozens of people each of



The Liberated Wailing Wall will be singing in Singapore, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney in November. There are three open dates left, so if you know of a sizeable venue which might want to welcome and sponsor the team, do let us know. Call Ed at the Sydney Jews for Jesus office.

Thanks to all those who prayed for a suitable worker in our Church Relations Department. **Ed Bennett** has filled the bill wonderfully.

If you are in the area, stop into the book shop any weekday and you will meet him and our lovely volunteer cadre who receive all the folks who stop in for a visit.



the four days, since prayer is not such a bad thing in the minds of new age people. We offered them 'words from the Divine' (meaning Bible passages) and conducted spirituality surveys. All up dozens of people gave us their details for further followup, including 13 unsaved Jewish people. Thank God for your prayers, dear saints!

PLANNED TRIPS AHEAD

Over the next few months members of Jews for Jesus will be speaking in Hervey Bay, Melbourne, Geelong, Adelaide, Hobart and all around Sydney.

We hope you will check the website for the actual specific information, and try to bring your Jewish mate or colleague along to hear the Gospel in a Jewish presentation.

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