

## Hanukkah OUTreach in Sydney

The streets of Sydney awaited us. The crowds are thick during December and we had our teams out and about each day, especially during the week of 17 December, which was the week of Hanukkah. Why do we do street evangelism, among all the other types we do? After all, what do we have to show for all the thousands of Gospel tracts we distribute?

Good questions, in fact, it's good to question. We do it often. We're not content to say, "well we've always done it that way." God wants us to listen to him and to follow his plans each day. And so far, he seems to have us meeting Jewish people so often and with such good questions as we broadside, that his blessing is on our ventures. It is all faith, after all, and therefore we press on.

Please pray for the followup from the 25,000+ tracts we distributed Hanukkah week, for the Jewish people we met and whose details we have, that we will find the ones whom God is drawing to himself, and that we will be faithful, to them AND HIM. Thanks!

## Book shop and Bible classes

Thanks also to those of you who pray for our outreach at the Bondi Junction book shop and the Bible classes we conduct from there. Each week we see Jews coming through and learning with us. What more could we ask? Those of you who send funds and pray are part of our team of ministry and we are grateful. You hold us up; you catch our feet (as Bob says in the next article); we are so grateful.



As the year begins, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each donor, to each prayer warrior, to each local church which welcomed us last year (over 140), to God who brought us so many opportunities to share his love among our Jewish people.

In the shop we have much by way of books, both evangelistic and instructional, as well as Judaica, videos, DVDs, and great messianic music. You will find greeting and postcards along with t-shirts, caps and jewelry. If you haven't visited and you live near Bondi, please come by and see what you might find for a friend or even for yourself. We'd love to meet you there.

## Argentina and Korea...from Sydney Who will hold my legs?

By Bob Mendelsohn  
National Director

The circus is a thrill for every little child, and I was no exception. One of my favourite groups was the trapeze artists. They would swing from one rope to another and at just the last moment, the hands of one would extend and grab the feet of the flying other...and the crowd which had gasped would rejoice in celebration.



In November most of you would have read about our Grand Final, the ultimate "Behold Your God!" campaign held near and in New York City. And if you allowed yourself, you would have imagined being there and rejoicing in the over 500 souls who came to faith, giving Lordship of their lives to Y'shua, the Messiah.

And we as a staff celebrated that campaign, all the while making plans to carry on the work of the Lord back here in Australia, Singapore and New Zealand. But that's not where it stops for us. In December I traveled to Argentina where I was privileged to work for 8 days. Jewish people abound in the capital city, Buenos Aires. There are 200,000 Jews there, compared to less than one fourth that in any city here. Another 300,000 are in a few other cities nationwide. And my times in meeting with them were significant. I didn't go to preach in churches, but rather to share individually with Jewish contacts.

I met with couples and singles, each one curious, keen and full of questions. The materials we have for them are very limited. The harvest indeed is plentiful, the labourers are few. PLEASE PRAY for young enthusiastic Jewish Christians who will stand with us, proclaiming the good news of Jesus. When the new year began, I traveled to Seoul Korea to share Christ in churches among the many Christian prayer-warriors there. And the response was encouraging! Your prayers from here in the South Pacific strengthen us to this work, keep us out there, sharing Messiah with Jews and gathering others to pray for us worldwide.

The more we go, and in 2007 we are going to Budapest, the US, Singapore, New Zealand and in country to Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Bundaberg and ... the more we need your prayers. Thanks for standing with us, for making us that much more able to reach out that much further. Just in the nick of time, your hands grab our flying feet, and we work as a team, and the angels rejoice. It's working! And friends, we are grateful. Shalom!

## Tamworth Festival-- Jews for Jesus? Another Surprise in the Offer

Imagine with us the thrill of sharing Jesus with a people who don't usually expect to see us. This happened on the last Saturday in September when Bob preached about the Lord via our special tract we wrote for the Grand Final of the AFL at the MCG in Melbourne.

Perhaps the people at the Olympic Park were ready, having seen us out on the streets a bit more in Sydney, during the Grand Final of the Rugby League that same weekend, but shock was on the faces of many, especially Jewish people in Melbourne that sunny Saturday.

Then also imagine Peter's surprise in October in Launceston when Bob approached him and offered him a tract. Peter had grown up in England and moved to Australia decades ago. And Peter has done some serious study on religion. He grew up in a very normal Jewish home with lots of questions and fewer answers. Peter even attended a Billy Graham outreach some 20 years back, but it made little difference to him the last two decades. But Peter has visited our JFJ website and knew the name "Bob Mendelsohn." So when Peter read the tract with Bob's name on the back, Peter approached Bob and asked, "Are you Bob?" The two struck up a deep conversation and within 20 minutes Peter was praying, asking Jesus to be his Saviour, confirming what God was already doing in his heart. The night before, Bob spoke at a great inner city parish and the pastor was immediate in followup on Peter after being called on to help.

We go to 'odd' places, really we try to go to all places, so that no one has an excuse. That's why Bob and Patty are going up to Tamworth for the Country Music Festival. And why the whole team is going to Perth for a week in May. There we will evangelize on the streets (and one-on-one if Christians organize home visits for us). We will also preach in churches and teach in Bible colleges. We want people to be surprised by the love of God. And to be found in Him no matter where they are. God 'travels' the world seeking worshipers and followers and He has given us our marching orders to do the same.



Paul Hueston is not new to Christ nor to service for Christ, but he is new with Jews for Jesus in Sydney. He is replacing James who faithfully worked along with us for 5 years until mid-November.

Paul finished a two year Traineeship at St Mark's Anglican Church, Harbord in December, having also earned his Bachelor of Theology at Sydney Missionary and Bible College. His wife Amy earned her Master of Divinity from SMBC also and is working in an Anglican school.

His introduction to missions launched him into service years ago with Mission Aviation Fellowship, working out of the Northern Territory. He is a trained pilot.

Paul will be working in our church relations department, helping the individual churches and colleges get connected with our mission and our missionaries, as well as organizing events and volunteers in the many roles they perform regionally.

If you receive a phone call or FAX or email from Paul, don't be shocked, but welcome him and his gifts to our mission (You might go ahead and send a personal note if you have time). Let's hope we can work it out to preach in more than 140 churches in 2007 and help even more Christians to know that Jewish people are hearing about and following Y'shua as Saviour and Lord. Welcome Paul



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