

Behold Your God: Finish the Work

A Letter from the Executive Director

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Dear Friend,

Six years ago, Jews for Jesus launched the largest evangelistic outreach in our 32-year history—"Operation: *Behold Your God!*" Trained missionaries and volunteers have taken this all-out gospel effort to every city in the world, outside of Israel, with a Jewish population of 25,000 or more, including right here in Sydney and Melbourne. The results are encouraging:

We have hand-delivered over 13,650,000 broadsides, received over 50,000 contacts, of which 13,640 were unbelieving Jews and prayed with over 5,420 people to receive Christ, 956 of whom are Jewish. We've launched a branch in Boston, an outpost in Montreal and volunteer chapters in cities like Portland, Oregon. *Behold Your God* has stretched us beyond what we thought was possible.

I want to thank you for the crucial role you have played. None of this would have been possible without your prayers and financial support. And now we are headed toward our biggest and most challenging *Behold Your God* campaign ever. As we are nearing the finish line, I am reminded of Paul's words to the church at Corinth,

"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it . . . (2 Corinthians 8:11)

I need to ask your help now to "finish the work" of Operation: *Behold Your God*. We will be taking the gospel not to just another city, but to New York City, the very heart of the worldwide Jewish community. For thirty years we've held summer campaigns in Manhattan, and God has blessed those efforts. But we are taking the *Behold Your God* New York Campaign to a whole new level.

For the first time ever we are calling together all of the Jews for Jesus missionaries from around the world for this campaign.

Reaching into all five boroughs of the city and to the surrounding counties of Westchester, Bergen, Suffolk and Nassau, this major effort will also have specialized ministry to the more than half a million Russian-speaking Jews, the 200,000 Israelis and New York's sizeable ultra-orthodox Jewish community. This adds up to nine campaigns running simultaneously!!!

You may not be able to stand out on the streets with us, but you can be a part of this campaign through your gifts and prayers. This largest-ever evangelistic campaign is going to cost us a whole lot more than any previous campaign. Literature, food, housing for over 200 campaigners and the expenses associated with our secular media evangelism all add up. Increase that cost by the travel expenses for our missionaries to come to New York from around the world and you can see that we really need your generous support to mount this effort.

We are estimating the total cost of this campaign to be \$3,133,446. US! I have already asked our missionaries and our boards of directors to give sacrificially to this campaign and they have. Now I need to ask you to give the very best gift you can give. We have broken out the costs for each part of the nine campaigns on the separate page. Please read the descriptions and the prayer points. I hope God will place some aspects of the campaigns on your heart.

I know these costs may seem daunting. But please don't lose heart— I haven't. We trust God to provide everything we need to finish this work. Paul reminded the Church that in finishing the work he was only asking people to give "according to your means for if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." (2 Corinthians 8:12) I am not asking you to give what you don't have either. But as you give what you are able according to your means and your willingness, that gift is acceptable to God and with it we will be able to finish this work.

In fact, if every person who receives this mailing in the US and Australia would give just \$43 it would cover the entire cost of this campaign! I am trusting that many who don't usually give will want to support this campaign and that many others will be moved to give much more than \$43. If you are able to give that \$43 amount, I would like to send you the special testimony book "Jesus For Jews" as a thank you. We will be sending it out to the thousands of enquirers during the campaign. If you can send \$95 or more, along with the book we will also send you a CD of the Liberated Wailing Wall album "Messianic Joy." You can always say "Keep the book or CD; I'm with you anyway!" We appreciate whatever you can do to help us stretch. (Continued on next page)



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- I'd prefer not hearing about projects like this. Please delete me from the list.
- I'm with you, but just cannot afford to give at this time. God be with you all.

Over the page for credit card information if you prefer to donate via plastic. You can always use bank account transfers, cheques or money orders if you prefer. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Whatever you give, it will be added to the initial gifts we've received from our own missionaries, staff and board members so that together we can truly "finish the work." We know that the work of gospel proclamation will never be truly finished until Jesus returns. But please help us now to finish this *Behold Your God* campaign in New York. With your help we are eager to do it.

Yours for the Proclamation of the Gospel,

David Brickner, Executive Director, San Francisco

PS: Please keep this letter and share it with Christians who may want to stand with us in this task. If you want us to send this letter to them please provide us with their name and details below. Send to PO Box 925/ Sydney 2001 AUSTRALIA

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Let us know the names and addresses of any Christian friends to whom you want us to be in touch about this project or any others. Also if you have a Jewish friend to whom you want us to be sharing the Gospel, send us their details as well. We're privileged to help you in this way.

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