Dear friend in Yeshua, shalom!



SYDNEY UPDATE - JULY 2014



'm back from Russia and happy to report to you some of what happened in our Moscow campaign 2014 and what's going on back here in Sydney.

In less than two weeks, 450 Jewish people who didn't believe in Yeshua gave us their details for further followup, and 19 other Jews made professions of faith for the very first time. There are 150,000 Jewish people who live in Moscow and yet some of these are from all over the world. This total number is a great result. Every day members of our JFJ evangelism teams from Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia shared stories of meeting people who were 'out there' at just the right spot at just the right time. God knew how to bring people into our paths.

I spoke with an Orthodox Jewish man from the US (without translator) named Arieh, and another named Michael. I remember speaking through translation to a Jewish man about 25-years-old named Roma. He was walking on

a side street off the beaten path. My translator and I had gotten off the train one stop too early and were walking to our next spot. Our paths crossed and out of the blue I asked him "Who do you think Jesus is?" He wasn't sure, and told us so. His father is Jewish; his mother not Jewish, and he was very open to the Gospel. We shared with him and prayed with him right there on the sidewalk. In fact, he was already carrying a Bible! Roma gave me his name and details and the team is following up on him. The best that day, however, was one on the train when I began a conversation with this man who is pictured here: http://bit.ly/MishaTrain Misha was on our train for about 7 minutes and I, along with the woman pictured Marina, was able to share the Gospel with him, get his contact information, and we are confident his openness to Yeshua will eventuate in his coming to faith himself. He is now living in Moscow although he's from country Russia.





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Not only all the Jewish people who gave us their details, but also 336 Gentiles who don't believe yet and 21 Gentiles who professed faith for the first time are also going to be followed up; it was amazing. The teams distributed 220,000 tracts in 11 real days of working out on the streets. I certainly enjoyed working with and reporting on these guys. The lessons I taught each day are on my Blog. They show up in reverse order (most recent first, earliest last) and are available here:

http://bit.ly/MoscowBlogs

Even though I taught the book of Judges each day, and was an older brother and chaplain to the teams, they taught me a lot during the two weeks for sure! Their dedication and teamwork was a delight to behold. Their passion for reaching our Jewish people was stellar. The Russian world is very different than what I know as 'normal' in both Australia and in the US. but it's a fantastic place in which to minister the Gospel of grace. After a few days of holiday in Russia, Patty and I returned to Sydney. The pile of letters and emails was

painful at first glance. What! So much work to go through and letters to answer! But then I remembered an age-old axiom, "Our work is people." The light bulb went on, and I was delighted. Look, the work is mounting because there are people who want to know, who want to hear from us, who want to participate in our life and ministry. Excellent, eh?

The book shop continues to be our main source of contacts and the bulk of my ministry time in Sydney. We have to pay about \$1,600 each week for about the same size shop as we had across the street for half that rate for 9 years. That's also painful, but in the first couple months the foot traffic going by and looking in, as well as the shop visitors are making the move well worth it all. We estimate it will be about 3 years before the costs are recouped by the retail sales, so

please pray for us to bear up with reserves and wise stewardship until that date (Lord willing) rolls around.

Please keep praying for the ongoing ministry we have to Jewish inquirers like Joseph, Henry, Rachel, Dalia, Andrey, and so many others. God knows how to draw people to Himself; I appreciate your joining us in this ministry on so many levels. For those who have recently donated to help us 'cross the road', thanks 100 times over for your support.

May you be blessed this winter as our special campaign teams of evangelism are working in the summer up in Berlin, Budapest, Israel and New York City. It's exciting to see what God is doing; I'm honored to be among your representatives out here in service to our Messiah.

Much love in Yeshua.



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