

World Mission Outreach

To proclaim the Gospel; equip the next generation; mobilize the church throughout the world



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Dear Kingdom Builder,

Peace to you from Jerusalem in our Lord Jesus. With summer in full swing, we look forward to a full harvest for Jesus the Messiah in the coming months. During the Feast of Pentecost (June 1-10), we had a team of 14 people join us in Israel from all over the world to share the Gospel of Jesus, the Messiah. This trip was especially challenging, but many seeds were planted in the hearts of Jews and Muslims. Traditionally, many Jews enjoy celebrating the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) by camping along the shore of the Sea of Galilee to relax. Thousands go there every year. Although it would have been more comfortable for us to stay in nearby Tiberias and go down to the shore to share the gospel during the day, we decided that we could better relate to those on the shoreline if we camped alongside them. So for three days, we camped alongside thousands of young Israelis in tents. Beside our campsite, was another camp hosting a new age festival,



called "Indigo," which is satanic in nature. They played Hindu "Mantra" music, and engaged in immoral partying, to put it nicely. It reminded us of the Golden calf and all the evil dancing and deceptions Moses found in the people of Israel when he descended from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 32)

We thank God for the hours each team member spent engaging in conversations one on one by the Sea of Galilee with countless Jewish people, many of whom are white collar business men and women from the Tel Aviv area. Many heard the Gospel. Many received bibles. Many went home to consider the gospel message. We are especially thankful to God for a few decisions for Jesus and for those who agreed to seriously consider his Messiahship. For example, we encountered Moshi, a young man who told us that his parents left Orthodox Judaism to consider Jesus. Although Moshe considered himself to be a believer in Jesus, he admitted that he did not really know Him yet. We are humbled that God allowed us time to develop from the Bible what it means to know Him. Moshe was very hungry for the truth. It reminded us that we are surrounded by people who are hungry for the truth, and that we must always be ready to share in season and out of season, as the Bible says. So, under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, we presented the gospel to this young man, that Jesus is God the Son, the Messiah, who became flesh to die for our sins and who rose from the dead to give us life. Moshe was convicted of his sins and realized that he had broken the moral law of God. Moshe realized that he deserved judgment for his sins, and that he did not deserve God's grace. When I shared with Moshe, it reminded me (Henry) of what God says in Titus 2:11-15. You'll have to look it up. It's very powerful. We are following up with Moshe. Please pray for him to become a mighty man of God in Israel and that many more will be saved through him.

We also, thank God for the opportunity to take the team to Akko, a Muslim town north of Israel to share the gospel, to as many in the town as possible. It was challenging, since our youth hostel was adjacent to a huge mosque. We started each morning with a devotion, reading the word, and worshipping the Lord, through the musical gift of one of our young team members on the guitar. We did this on the rooftop of the hostel. A few days later, several Muslims, including the owner of the hostel, told us they really enjoyed hearing the prayers and the worship songs. We trust that the



Holy Spirit used the songs to minister the truth to these people full of spiritual torments. Although it is not politically correct to say so these days, the truth is that Islam involves a spirit of torment, and is founded upon deception and lies. Darlene and Phoebe shared the Gospel to one of the two wives of the owner of the hostel, who is in a very difficult marital situation. By the grace of God, two Palestinians accepted Jesus into their hearts. We thank God for those who heard the Gospel and the few who made decisions for Jesus as Lord God. Pastor Hani (an Arab Christian believer) is doing the follow up. We thank God for HIS amazing grace and favor that HE extended to our team in this very volatile area.

Fruits of the branch of the vine, John 15



This portion of the letter is devoted to a small group of brave born again Chinese believers living in Tel Aviv who are trying to reach out to the hundreds of Chinese workers in the land. Every year, the Israeli government issues an annual work visa to hundreds of Chinese to come to build the nation. These people are hard workers, but after a year, they are required to return to China. In an effort for them to hear the Gospel, we had a major Chinese evangelistic outreach this past May. It was such a privilege to assemble a local team of Russian Jewish and Chinese believers to conduct the outreach. It was so successful, that in the fall 2011 we will develop a better strategy for future

outreaches. It appears that this is the first time a cross-cultural union of Russian Jews and Chinese believers make a unified effort together in Tel Aviv to spread the gospel. Awesome how the Lord works!

During the May outreach, we had over fifty Chinese believers. Both the Chinese and the Russian Jewish believers sang songs unto Jesus. One Chinese believer shared his testimony how he came to know Jesus as His Lord and Savior. While I had the privilege of sharing a gospel message, Winkie a Chinese lady, did an excellent job translating the message into Chinese Mandarin. Winkie's husband, Nathan, did an excellent job following up with new believers. We were blessed to have intercessors praying around the building the entire time. It was a God thing we will never forget. After the Gospel was presented, the Spirit of the Lord touched one man to come forward, and that broke the spirit of fear as others came forward to surrender their lives to Jesus as God. Public confessions of faith do not happen in Communist China; only in the underground church there. We thank God that the Chinese had freedom in the land of Israel to accept Jesus in Tel Aviv. The Lord Jesus is on the move saving Chinese too, to grow in the Lord and be a light to others from China to Israel via the Silk Road. Local Russian and Jewish believers were astonished at the number of Chinese coming forward to surrender their lives to Jesus as Lord. They were encouraged so much that they are asking us to help them to do an evangelistic outreach to Russians in Israel, so that is in the making. Please pray for those future outreaches. The tremendous faith the Chinese put in Jesus once they come to Jesus, is like a bomb that once it goes off, no one can stop it. We are believing that The Living Water will spread fast throughout the Muslim world from China going West touching Emirates, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, and all those "istan" countries as far as to Israel, with the mighty Gospel of Jesus. To God be the Glory.

Prayer Request for 2011

- Tanzania - August/September- Equipping churches in Evangelism in Arusha, in preparation for future Kilimanjaro Jewish outreach, and also to build a church in a Massai village
- Nepal – September - Equipping churches in the Word of God, general evangelism / future Kathmandu Jewish outreach and Nepal evangelistic outreach
- Germany – Fall - Outreach in Nurnberg

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