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

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10

July 4, 2012

Dear Partner and Friend of WMO,



Shalom and blessing in Jesus our Lord to each one of you. Please know that we thank God for you.

Summer 2012 began with a fruitful evangelistic outreach to Jews and Arabs in northern Israel. Israel today is a multicultural society with Jews from all over the world. Hebrew is the official language of Israel but Jews from around the world returned home to Israel speaking also the language of the country of origin. The Lord Jesus gives us each year the right team speaking different languages to do evangelism by the Sea of Galilee. This year, we had a team from US, Costa Rica, Germany and Russia. After a few days of training we took the team for 3 full days of sharing with Israelis by

the Sea of Galilee. In addition, there are thousands of Israelis also attending the satanic new age festival called "Indigo". Indigo is a new age festival which is a copy of the festivals done in the Far East. Many people here in Israel look to the East for their spiritual quest. Our team members had the opportunity to share the Gospel, and give New Testaments. We had some wonderful divine appointments. For example; Sigal, a Hebrew Israeli and single mother of 3, with tears in her eyes acknowledged the Son of God, but because of the pressure of her family and fear she walked away. Pray the Holy Spirit helps her to pray and trust the Son of God Jesus who is Lord to forgive her sins and receive the gift of life eternal.

Also, David, a Russian-Israeli after we shared the Gospel of Jesus, he screamed at us saying; "Jesus is not the Messiah, The Son of God". He did not walk on this water (Sea of Galilee). He ridiculed us in front of his friend, but our team kept a humble attitude. After 1 hour, we left. Around 9 PM we noticed David was out in the dark with a flashlight looking for something. I asked if he needed help. David said, "I just lost a lot of money in Shekels". I said, "David, we pray in Jesus Name the Messiah of Israel to help you find it". David walked away. Our team picked up our flashlights and went to help. After 5 minutes, David came out saying, "I found it". Then we gathered in a small restaurant and David said, "thank you for your prayers", his countenance was changed. We explained, "David, Jesus did it to show you how much He loves you, but Jesus is more interested to bring His light to your soul and to bring you out of darkness of sins, your soul is worth more than all the money of the world". David understood the connection, he was changed by this reality and he asked, "what is next for me?" Then we shared the Gospel of Jesus again and gave an invitation, and David said, "ok, I am going to pray this prayer of repentance in my room tonight, I need to be alone to make this decision". We all went to our tents by the Sea of Galilee rejoicing that Jesus found one lost sheep...Please pray for David that he finds a good fellowship.

The next day we took the team to Akko, a Muslim town north of Haifa. We shared the Gospel and passed out literature to Muslims. We had many encounters and special times. We thank God for Pastor Hanni, an Arab pastor who has a Christian book store adjacent to the Muslim mosque, what a testimony! We also give thanks to God for Pietro an Arab-Israeli who came to Jesus after a 2 hour conversation. He is getting follow up by a local Arab congregation now. Please pray for him. There are endless testimonies of His goodness.

Maybe you remember us sharing about an orthodox rabbi we had been meeting with secretly over the past several years in Jerusalem. He never gave us his name, so we just called him Nicodemus. We would meet late at night in the park. We became good friends over the years and have shared, prayed and given the New Testament and testimonies of famous rabbis who have come to faith in Yeshua. About two years ago we stopped hearing from Nicodemus and never saw him around Jerusalem. We thought maybe something happened to him. Late one evening last month when Henry was moving the car, he heard and saw a religious man on our street. He was Nicodemus! Henry brought him upstairs to our apartment and we reconnected and prayed together. He was so happy to see us again. He thought we had moved back to America. We are so incredibly blessed that the Lord brought Nicodemus back into our lives. We are believing for his salvation. As you know, it is not easy to commit your life to the Lord. For Nicodemus, he must count the cost. He will have to give up everything. Please pray for him. May the Lord be truly lifted up.

Serving the Lord does come with its challenges. While on a flight back to Israel from New York we had an amazing opportunity to witness to an Israeli man who had never heard the gospel. His name is Ephraim. I (Darlene) went to sleep rejoicing in my heart for the amazing conversation. While we were sleeping, I was robbed of \$300 from my carryon bag. When the plane arrived in Israel the authorities (police) were waiting to take us, the flight attendant named Janet and the accused woman to the Police Station. We remained there for over 3 hours.

Fast forward 7 weeks. We are at the airport in Israel waiting to board our flight to New York and who do we see? Janet. She told us she would be a passenger on the flight because she was injured the night before on the flight. During the flight, she was so kind to come and check on us and talk with us. We had the opportunity to share the



gospel with her. She said she believed the Lord had divinely appointed our meeting. She was seeking. Janet prayed to the Lord that evening on the flight to forgive her of her sins and be her Lord God and Savior. What a joy! Something good did come out of the trial. The Lord is so amazing. How He divinely appoints our steps. Thank you for your prayers for Janet. That she would get into a good church in Seattle and grow in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers for Ephraim too.

What a privilege it is to serve the Lord. Thank you for partnering with us. Together we are growing the Kingdom of God. May the Lord bless you and your family.

In His Service and Love,

Henry and Darlene Matarrita

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