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Chris gives Bible to Holocaust Survivor



Open Air Ministry and Bible distribution



Children's "Spring Concert"



Thank God for Israel flyer

MAY-JUNE 2016

Shalom Haverim,

Greetings from the Big Apple! We just launched one of our busiest summers yet, beginning with the IBJM ministry team.

MINISTRY UPDATE

In early spring our friend Jacki Powell from "Light for Israel" introduced us to Christian Spier, from the Netherlands. He distributes Hebrew Scriptures throughout Europe, and came to New York for a season of ministry. It has been a great joy going out into the Jewish areas of the City with Chris and others this spring, sharing God's Word. Hundreds of Bibles have been given out and many deep spiritual conversations about the gospel resulted.

Both our family and our church love the Jewish holidays, Purim and Passover especially. In addition to our Purim Spiel and Passover Seder, this year I was able to conduct a Passover Seder for a homeschool group in Brooklyn. Many unsaved Jewish people heard the gospel.

We covet your prayers for the lost, both Jewish and Gentile. Joy's ESL and children's Bible classes have been shaken up a bit this spring. After four years (for some), they are just beginning to see that the Bible is not a culture to be studied, but a truth to be accepted. A good number of the children have made professions of faith, and recently began inquiring what to do about their family idol worship. Although their parents are proudly open-minded and want them to learn the Bible, the social repercussions of becoming Christian are staggering (much like it is for our Jewish friends). In a rather emotional exchange, some of the ladies approached Joy saying they could not believe, and perhaps should leave us to "make space" for others. Joy reassured them they are welcome, but the message cannot change—because we love them and must share the truth. Praise the Lord, everyone has continued to come, and the children memorized several pertinent passages of scripture for their "Spring Concert." Please pray. God's Word does not return void.

We remember when our friend Sy was regularly under such conviction some years ago, but simply "could not" follow through. Sy was 90 on June 6, and still needs Messiah. Please PRAY that God will continue to work in people's hearts and that they will surrender, for HE is "the Way, the Truth and the Life..."

Shalom in Messiah

John & Joy Gibson, Zach, Hannah and Valerie

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray for our close walk with the Lord.

Pray for those under conviction to be saved; wisdom and filling for us as we speak.

Pray for effective book table and open air outreach.

Pray for those being disciplined.

Pray for four ministry groups coming in June and July.

Pray for a dramatic presentation of "The Hiding Place" and VBS (last week) in August.

JEWISH TRIVIA

Shavuot (Pentecost) is a very important Jewish holiday. Jewish tradition teaches that it is the day Israel received the Torah, the Ten Commandments, and another 613 commandments too. They teach that Gentiles need only follow the 7 Noahide laws. The true biblical meaning is found in Leviticus 23 and Acts 2. It is two leavened (sinful) loaves, Jewish and Gentile, waved to the Lord, a picture of the church. During Shavuot, the book of Ruth is traditionally read. How beautiful, a story of Jew and Gentile coming together to worship and serve the God of Israel.