

JEWES FOR JESUS™



LIGHT OF THE WORLD OUTREACH 2008

Dear Friends

During the holidays, we wanted to make the light of Jesus unavoidable to residents and visitors in Cape Town. From December 20 - 28, we ran our *Light of the World* outreach on the streets, beaches and in marketplaces throughout the city. We prayed that we would have fruitful conversations during the week with Jewish people and all who might be open to the Gospel. Our prayers were answered as we spoke with many visitors to the city and had engaging conversations with people about Jesus.

Our first sortie (tract-distribution expedition) was in Sea Point and I encountered two middle-aged, Jewish couples who were waiting outside a popular restaurant. I offered them a broadside entitled *Three Types of Love*. One man joked that no one loved him. I countered by saying that there was someone who loved him. They asked about Jews for Jesus and I was able to talk to them about Jesus



JASON WITNESSING.



MARTIN SHARING JESUS.



TERESA PACKING TRACTS.

BEING AVAILABLE



One of our core values in Jews for Jesus exemplifies the need for us to be available to minister the Good News of Y'shua, to whomever and wherever we find ourselves. Making ourselves available means stepping outside of our comfort zones and paradigms...

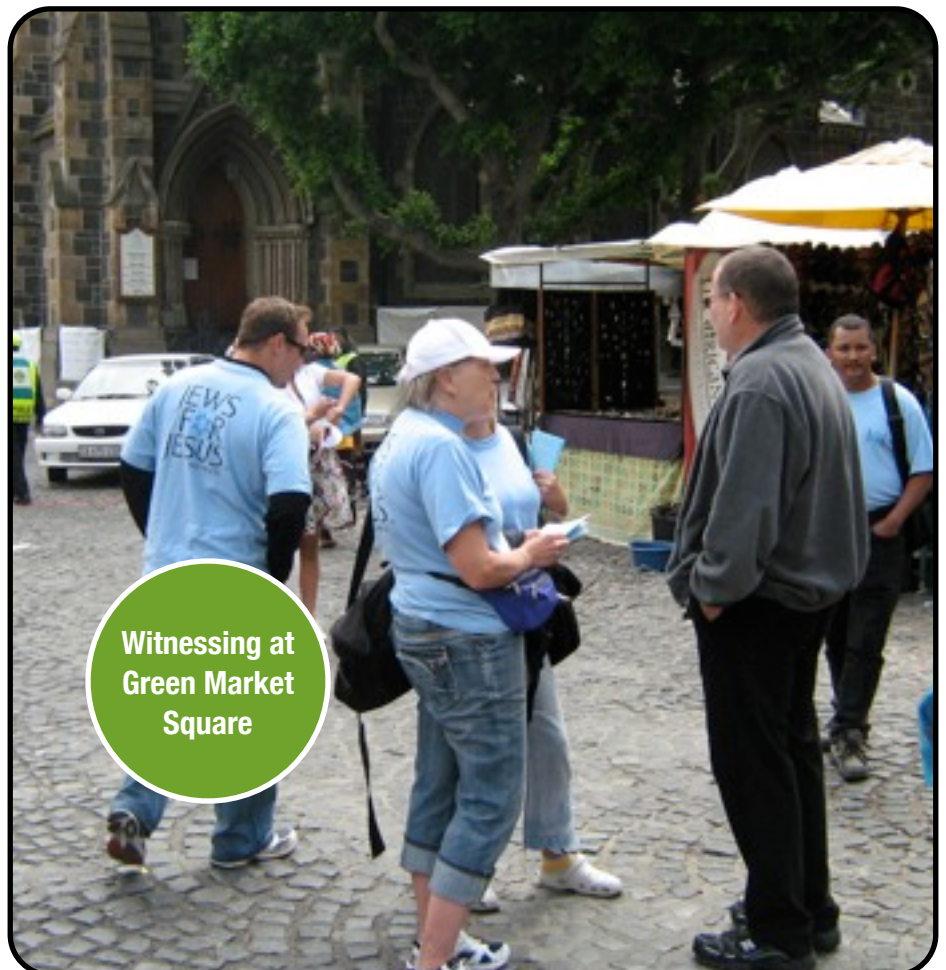
being the Promised One of Israel. They took the tract into the restaurant with them. Another team member, Hadassah, spoke with an older Jewish man who was selling books and they talked about Y'shua. Neville promised to read the New Testament that she passed on to him.

Later that afternoon and into the evening, we took the team to MCQP (Mother City Queer Project)— which is an annual event in Cape Town for the homosexual community. We were able to hand out a lot of Gospel tracts, one-by-one to participants. One campaigner, Martin, said he spoke with a man who told him that he was tired of living like he was and wanted to know if there was a better way. I praise God for opportunities like this to shine His light in the darkness.

We had to be creative with our evangelism on the beach since we

were not allowed to distribute paper pamphlets. So we handed out cold cans of Coke with business cards printed with, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." We asked takers who they thought Jesus was. Sunbathers knew from our T-shirts proclaiming Jesus as Messiah that we were not out on the beach promoting Coca Cola!

During one beach sortie, a group of four older Jewish people called us over and asked what this was all about. One man in the group began to ask me a whole series of questions. Just as I would answer one he would jump to the next one. I thought that this was possibly fruitless, but then noticed that the other three were listening intently to what we were speaking about. It was amazing that many of the answers I gave him were directly related to what our team



Witnessing at Green Market Square

had been discussing in devotions in the morning! Jason and Martin spoke to another group of sunbathers who were initially very angry and told us to go away but then engaged in a conversation about the Lord. The most vocal protestor was a man who turned out to be quite vulnerable and ended up thanking us for our time!

While we were distributing tracts in the central business district, our campaigner Vaughan met a man who asked him for directions. It turned out that he was a believer who had a Jewish friend in hospital with heart failure. Jason and I were able to go and visit his friend that afternoon! His name is Gerald and he allowed us to pray with him. Pray with us that God would give him a new heart dedicated to Y'shua.

When it rained in Cape Town, we were forced to go indoors into the shopping centres because that is where we found people. We walked in a group with our bright Jews for Jesus T-shirts and gave cards to those who stopped to talk with us. We had some great evangelistic conversations there. Jason, who speaks fluent Hebrew, was able to talk to an Israeli family about the Gospel in a toy shop. He was able to speak to another Israeli couple in the parking lot about Y'shua as well.

We were not expecting the airport to be a site for evangelism but while Teresa was there to pick up one of the campaigners, she had a surprise. The flight was delayed and there was a problem with the luggage too, so she sat down to wait with our two sons. My older son Eliyah was wearing a Jews for Jesus T-shirt that attracted the attention of an Israeli woman named Sari who sat down next to them. She was intrigued by Eli's shirt which proclaimed in Hebrew, "Hear O Israel" accompanied by the statement that "Jesus is Messiah." Sari said that she had always felt that even considering Jesus as the Messiah would make her feel that she would be doing something wrong. We had an, in-depth discussion and at the end, she promised to consider the issue of Y'shua and His claim to be Messiah of Israel. Please pray with us that those Gospel seeds would continue to grow into salvation for Sari.

Later in the week, our team was at the V & A Waterfront (a busy mall containing restaurants, shops and entertainment) one evening and we were wearing our bright green T-shirts that proclaim in English and Hebrew that Jesus is Messiah. A group of Israeli tourists saw the Hebrew on our shirts and responded enthusiastically. Part of the group chatted to two of the campaigners who can speak Hebrew and moved on. However Doron seemed to realise

BEING MOBILE



Raising a banner!



Jason speaking to an Israeli about Jesus, while Glen gets a contact.



BEING VULNERABLE

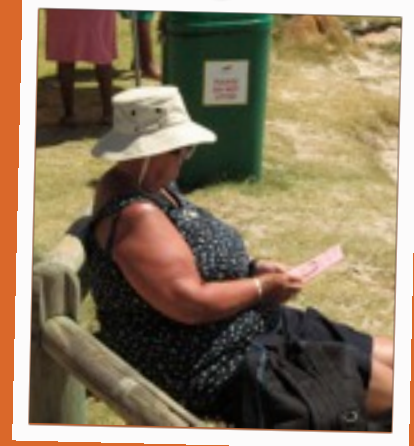
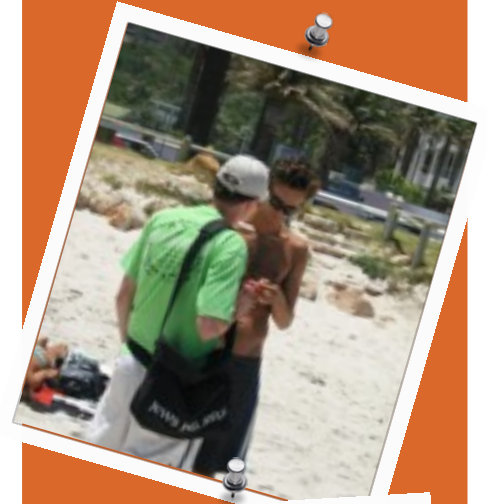
that this was more than a friendly passing conversation. He did not move on with his friends, but claimed that he wanted to know more. He said that he identified fully with the fact that the Lord is God and that He is one, but he had a little trouble with the next line on our shirts proclaiming that "Jesus is Messiah". He said that he has always believed that Jesus is not the Messiah, but he would be willing to talk about this matter in further detail when he gets home to Israel. He gave me his contact information to pass onto our branch in Israel. Please pray that this short interaction will be the beginning of Doron's relationship with Jesus.

We were very grateful for the prayers for good weather, as we only had permits for certain days on the beaches. If the wind picks up, the beach empties. We sent out an SMS two days before Christmas, to our prayer partners, to ask for the weather to change from windy and rainy to sunny and calm. The night

before, there was a howling wind. On the morning of Christmas, not a leaf was moving and the sun was bright and blazing - perfect beach weather! Praise the Lord who heard the prayers of the saints. We had two productive days of beach evangelism on Christmas and Family Day.

Our teams also used banners, near the major highways to proclaim the Messiahship of Jesus. The banners have large letters proclaiming "Y'shua is the Jewish way to say Jesus" and "Messiah has come and his name is Jesus."

One morning as our team was holding the banners, two backslidden Christians were on their way to a rehab centre to kick the drug habit that was destroying their lives. We were able to minister to them which was a divine appointment. We also prayed with another man who was an alcoholic and when we were done, he threw his bottle away. Keep praying for these men that God's Spirit would sustain them through



Christmas morning service at Camps Bay

To be available also means that we need to be mobile - to go where the Good News needs to be taken. Taking the Good News out requires us to be vulnerable and make ourselves vulnerable, for the Lord to use us in our state of weakness as His instruments of Gospel proclamation.

difficult times. There were other people who saw the banners and then would see us again when were in the shopping malls. People seemed to think that we were EVERYWHERE that week!

On the final Sunday of the outreach, our one team went to Hout Bay. The rain had returned. They prayed and for the entire time they were there, the sun came out. The moment they handed out their last can of cold drink and last business card – it began to rain! Teresa encountered a Jewish believer in Jesus there who has signed up for our newsletter and said that he would be praying for us. That evening, we held an event at Camps Bay United as we gave a multimedia report back on the first two *Israel Behold Your God* outreaches held this year.

In looking back on the *Light of the World* outreach, I was very encouraged to see an increased openness this year compared to our 2007 campaign, especially with the Jewish people who wanted to know more about Jesus. We handed out nearly 14,000 broadsides one-by-one and 1000 business cards and cold drinks as well as 150 New Testaments. We gathered almost 100 names of people who wanted further contact from us and prayed with 10 people to commit their lives to Jesus and one of them was Jewish.

Thank you for your prayers and support, without which none of this would have been possible!

In Messiah

Michael Sischy, Johannesburg Branch



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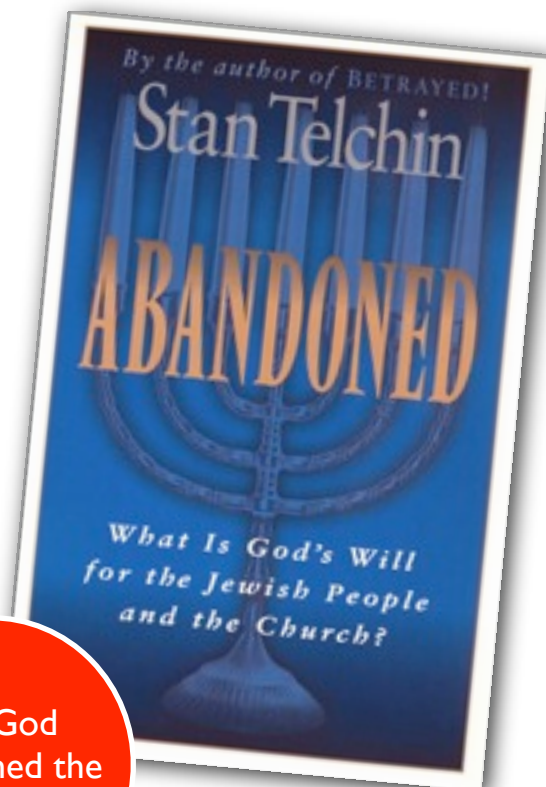
This shirt sparked more conversations about Y'shua (Jesus) than any other we wore during our outreach.

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