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Praise Report



Shalom from Southern California,

A warm THANK YOU for all your prayers and support that make it possible for me and my faithful volunteers to continue boldly lifting up the holy name of JESUS in one of the darkest cities in the world--- Los Angeles, California (AKA Gomorrah). As children of God, we are called to shine the Light of the Lord, as it is written:

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

The good news is that despite the current darkness and oppression that surrounds us, ministry is booming. Even though our California Governor has decided to lock down the state again, people are still flocking to Venice Beach, and many of them are looking for answers. Our Free Bibles table is set up right in the heart of the famous Venice Beach walkway and acts as a beacon of light for the lost, and more than ever, people are stopping by our table to get prayer, the gospel, and the Word of God. It has been so busy at our table lately that we have been running out of English New Testaments almost every day that we go out, even though I am bringing more and more of them. We have had many salvations, including one of a Jewish homeless man named Steven (upper right pic, left). He stopped by our table carrying all his belongings in several plastic bags eager to hear what we had to say. Steven had been exposed to many faiths including Christianity but was confused about which one was the truth. After we ministered to Steven, he joyfully accepted the gospel after which we prayed for his healing as he wrestles with mental illness. Please agree with us in prayer for Steven's complete healing and restoration.



Arthur (left pic, right side) and I had the pleasure of meeting another Jew named Marc (left pic, center). Marc stopped by our Free Bibles table and shared how he had an encounter with God during a near death experience 30 years ago. Marc got into a motorcycle accident and died after losing 8 pints of blood, when he says God appeared to him in the spirit and revived him when he asked God for forgiveness. Marc says that he doctors could not believe that he came back to life. After ministering to Marc for almost an hour, he left with a New Testament and wants to meet again to continue our discussion about Jesus being the Jewish Messiah.

Praise God. The next week, the Lord brought Marc back to our Free Bibles table at Venice Beach to hear the gospel again. Here is a picture of Arthur (left side) ministering to him from the Bible. For many years now, Marc has been going “his own way” and is wrestling with the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures. Please pray that Marc would seek God with all his heart and that the veil that blinds him to the truth about Jesus would be lifted.



On another note, my ministry in the local synagogues is getting more exciting than ever. As I mentioned in last month’s Praise Report, one of the synagogues I have been visiting just started a class on the New Testament! They are going to study the whole New Testament starting in the book of Matthew and guess who is going to join them? You guessed right, me. We just finished Matthew chapter 3 and the discussions coming from this class so far have been fascinating, they have even started asking me questions when they do not understand something. I am like a kid in a candy store. The twenty or so Jews in this class are dug in secular Jews who insist that no matter what they find in the New Testament, they will never believe in Jesus. Please agree with me in prayer that the living Word of God will pierce the thick darkness that blinds them and many of them will call on the Lord Jesus to circumcise their hard hearts. I believe that we are on the verge of something wonderful.

Thanks again for all your prayers and support!

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