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Praise Report



Cyril Gordon

Greetings from Los Angeles, California (AKA Gomorrah),

As many of you know who receive my monthly Praise Report via email, 2023 has so far been full of drama and challenges. However, being the crazy man of God that I am, bumps in the road as a full-time missionary is par for the course. As many of you know, when the enemy rages against you, it usually means that God is about to do amazing things through you-- as long as you STAY THE COURSE. And that is my goal for 2023—to STAY THE COURSE no matter what the enemy throws at me. My prayer every day is always, “Lord, be glorified through me”. Thanks to many of you that are sponsoring me and praying for me as I serve the Lord with Jewish Outreach International, I’ve been able to effectively use all my God given gifts to their utmost as I minister regularly at the world-famous Venice Beach and in the local Synagogues. THANK YOU.

Discipling an Orthodox Jew?



Cyril and Josh (right side)

Josh grew up in the Jewish family in Oakland, California, but when he turned nine, his family became Ultra-Orthodox Jews and moved to Borough Park in Brooklyn. Till the age of twelve, his family studied under the tutelage of the famous Skolya Rabbi Avraham Rabinowitz. At the age of 13, Josh’s family moved to the Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Los Angeles called the Fairfax district and lived there for 29 years as Orthodox Jews.

In his twenties, Josh left his strict orthodox lifestyle and started dabbling in mysticism, the occult, and New Age. He even started reading the channeled “Urantia book” while on drugs like: crystal meth and cocaine, but Josh notes that he couldn’t read the Bible while on drugs. Josh also became a porn addict at that time.

Not finding the spiritual peace he was looking for, Josh decided to start looking into Jesus, as he remembered running into a bearded man on a bicycle one day that shared the gospel with him. As he started looking into Jesus, he found Jews for Jesus online, but got sidetracked after reading an anti-missionary book called “The Real Messiah” by Arie Kaplan. Ironically, it was while reading this book that Josh was exposed to many New Testament verses that moved him closer to Jesus. After studying with several of us that worked with Jews for Jesus at that time, Josh came to faith in 2007, got baptized and was set free from the bondage of porn.

From 2007 to 2012 Josh grew quickly in his faith getting disciplined by me and other Christians and plugged into a good Bible believing church. In 2018, against the advice of his fellow believers, Josh felt the call to plug back into the Orthodox Jewish Community. His faith immediately came under attack and Josh’s fellowship with other believers suffered. That’s when the Lord put it on my heart to reach out to Josh and help him come back to the fold. We have been meeting regularly in his Jewish neighborhood to clear up the confusion regarding the Lordship of Jesus that he’s been hit with. Please pray for Josh that he would have the revelation in his heart that Jesus is not just the Messiah, but also the King of Kings and LORD of LORDs.

The Latest from Venice Beach



I thank God that a local church called Hope Chapel Hermosa gave me some wonderful ingredients to make gourmet sandwiches to give out at Venice Beach. Though our primary goal is to sow seed (the gospel) verbally and physically, we also like to have a stash of food available in case we run into someone in need. Oddly enough, our Free Bibles table got smashed to smithereens by a demon possessed man that I offered a sandwich to that day. LOL



I'll miss my old Free Bibles Table

The Cults are Creeping up

An aggressive cult called the Black Hebrew Israelites have been moving closer and closer to us on the Venice Beach walkway. They used to set up way down in the southern section of Venice, but recently have moved up to the middle section closer to us. Historically, they are the ones that harass us more than anyone at Venice Beach, as they see the Jews on our team as counterfeit Jews and "of the Devil" because we are white. In a nutshell, the Black Hebrews are racists. They will often come to our table and want to argue about the skin color of Jesus (which we won't do). They are a works-based religion that reject the Lordship of Jesus. Thankfully, even though that have moved next to us, they haven't been harassing us so far. Please pray for their salvation.



Black Hebrew Israelites

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