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Shalom believing friends from our staff, all over the world this month!

We hope you like these stories and that you will pray for us, and all we mention. Please consider donating this month at the end-of-the-financial-year to help us through the winter months, and to say to God and to yourself that you believe in reaching Jewish people with the Gospel. Thanks to each of you who has given so much already this year. May we continue to be worthy of the support you freely donate.

**OVERHEARD.** While on the Haifa Israel Campaign in May, Rahel Landrum reports: "I was at the mall talking with Yoni, an Orthodox Jewish man who shared with me his disappointment with Orthodox Judaism. He said he was doing his best to live a life pleasing to God and was battling with himself about what is real and what is good. I told him Y'shua is the real deal and that He came to bring us forgiveness and atonement. His wife came and got him. The security guard at the shop was listening to the

conversation. On the way out I spoke with him more personally, and the guard gave me his details for further followup. You never know!

**ONE/TWO PUNCH.** Rahel called a lady and offered her a book; she said she had already seen the offer on the billboards. She was curious, had seen the ads, and really wanted the book. Praise God! During calling, I answered an incoming call. It was a wrong number; the man on the line was looking for someone else. I shared the gospel with him. He was not a believer, but he knew about Jews for Jesus since his nephew is Leonid Krutter of our CIS staff!

**HEART CHANGE.** "At the end of a sortie on Israeli Independence Day, an angry woman came to me, yelling and so upset that I was afraid she was going to whack me with her cane. A few minutes later, I looked over to a nearby bench and saw the same woman and a friend of hers reading the tract! They invited me to come over and explain it to them, and asked good questions. How great that God could change the hearts of Sima and Alice. Not only did they give me their details, but

they also gave me an Israeli flag as part of the celebration of a national holiday!"

**MADE BY GOD.** "Our team was at the beach, and after we prayed together, I saw a man near the water. His shirt said Hand Made. I approached him and said your shirt might not be hand-made but you are. God designed you to have a relationship with him. I had a chance to witness to him, sharing Isaiah 53. He said sometimes he can see God answering prayers. It was a great conversation. Please pray for Rafael."

Mark Landrum, Rahel's husband, along with other staff and volunteers, was in Sydney, and reports, "I heard a shop visitor on his mobile telling a friend he must come to our shop. "It is a great place." But then he said in not-so-polite language that he did not believe in key teachings of the Bible about Jesus. He did not believe Jesus rose from the dead. He did not believe Jesus' mother was a virgin when He was born, as well as other major doctrines of the Bible. It was so amazing while still on the



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phone and not saying a word to me, he bought an excellent book by Michael Brown, entitled, "Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus." He bought a collection of reasons to believe the very things he said he did not believe!

A Jewish man came into the shop making inquiry as to what Jews for Jesus is. He did not express any opposition to what we believe. He asked genuine questions, so we sat and he listened to my answers.

Later an entire Jewish family who believe in Y'shua came to the shop. The husband had studied at Yeshivot (Jewish seminaries) in Sydney, Jerusalem and New York. He was on a path to becoming a well-respected Rabbi. He has since left Orthodox Judaism and now believes in Y'shua. We are there for everyone! Please pray for more and more Jewish people, who are interested in learning about Y'shua as their Messiah, to come into the shop.

**HAIFA (LOWER GALILEE) CAMPAIGN.** There will no doubt be many more highlights and stories shared from the Campaign which ended last week, but the numbers are staggering. Over 1,000 Jewish people who don't believe like we believe about Y'shua gave us their details for further follow up. That's the most I've ever seen from one outreach. Another 200 unsaved (someone said "pre-believers", and I like that) Gentiles gave us their information. So our teams involved in follow up will be very busy for months on end. 5 Jews and 4 Gentiles professed faith in Y'shua on the streets with us. That's great! Please keep the 1000, the 200, the 5 and the 4 in your prayers, amen?

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Bob reports: After preaching at a nearby church, I went into the office, to fill out the reports, to submit the moneys, and to pack up for my next preachment the next day. It was time to leave, but I stayed a bit longer. Someone had given me a book to read, and I felt it was a good time to remain for whatever God had in store.

Twenty minutes into the new book, into the shop walked Noam and Yishai, two twenty-somethings from Israel. They immediately introduced themselves and told me of their interest. Actually Noam said Yishai who had been raised Orthodox was curious. We sat in the conversation corner, and I shared my testimony, from Orthodox Jew to Jesus-follower, and then Noam asked "Why do you believe this?"

I went through the Bible prophecies like I do with churches on Sundays, from Genesis, Micah, and Daniel, and Noam exclaimed, "This is mind boggling." He was especially struck by the requirement that the Messiah had to be from the Line of the Tribe of Judah, and since no one knows from what tribe they are, Messiah had to come before those records were destroyed... that is, before 70 AD.

He left with a copy of the Newer Testament in Hebrew, and deep thoughts. Please pray for their souls.

## 40 YEARS...AND COUNTING...

In 1972 I was living in the USA, in Kansas (in the middle of the country). A few months earlier I had been born again, and was quite an activist, so

starting a church seemed the right thing to do. Along with a couple other young men, we began holding meetings and as a result "The Mustard Seed" fellowship was born. It became a church and literally thousands of people have come through the doors, some staying for years, and others for a short time.

In April this year I went back to Kansas for three days. We had our 40th anniversary of the founding of the church, and I was invited to participate. It was an honor and a privilege. I wrote much about it on my blog, and took photos for my Flickr page, but the key phrase in the whole weekend for me is "...and counting."

I'm not satisfied with things that start but which end. I want to see Y'shua lifted high and congregations which start strong continue to proclaim Him until He returns. It's pleasing to know the Mustard Seed Church of Lawrence, Kansas, is going strong and will continue to make a difference in these days.

## NEW ZEALAND

If you have mates in Auckland or Christchurch I hope you will let them know that I'm going to be preaching there from 10-17 June 2012. It's a quick tour, and all the information is on the website [www.bit.ly/JFJSpeakers](http://www.bit.ly/JFJSpeakers) We are hoping to come to your area soon, too!

Shalom to you all,

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