



Chosen People Ministries

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Dear friend in the Messiah,

Shalom! I recently returned from our first Holocaust Memorial Tour which began in New York City, moved to Berlin and finally to Poland, where we also visited Auschwitz. What a powerful reminder of the sinfulness of man and faithfulness of God to His chosen people. During the course of the tour, the Lord brought to my mind a passage of Scripture which I in turn shared with our group of 35-plus participants.

It is Paul's reminder to the Roman believers of God's plans and purposes for the Jewish people. The Apostle writes,

From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable (Rom. 11:28-29).

These verses are a powerful reminder of His everlasting goodness. I shared with our group that if we see that God is faithful to the Jewish people, then He will be just as faithful to those who know Jesus as Messiah and Lord!

Poland and Jewish Evangelism

So many of the attitudes Jewish people have towards Jesus developed in Poland! The Jewish people were welcomed to Poland by kings around the tenth century and lived a fairly good and protected life there until the mid-1600s. Then, many of those who lived in this area, both Poles and Russians, turned on the Jewish people and brutally persecuted them. By the late nineteenth century, many Jewish people left Poland for the United States, Canada and other parts of the world. Their hardships in Poland, often made worse by the Church, influenced their understanding of

Christianity and these attitudes were passed down.

Most of the negativity and sometimes hostility your Jewish friends have towards Christianity was shaped in Poland.

But, the Holocaust was undoubtedly the final nail in the coffin of alienating the Jewish people from the Gospel. One of our volunteers who works with Chosen People Ministries Poland put it this way—and I think his words will haunt me for the rest of my life, "Poland is filled with places and stories of Jewish life that *once were* because Poland is actually the largest Jewish cemetery in the world." His words were chilling!

There are less than 10,000 Jewish people living in Poland today—compared to a



A map showing Poland's boundaries before and after the war. It also shows the locations of concentration camps. In addition to these, there were numerous labor camps and other facilities where people were detained and treated miserably.

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pre-war population of 3 million. These deeply disturbing facts make the task of Jewish evangelism a complex and difficult undertaking, as you can well understand.

The Light Amidst the Shadows

So, how is it possible for the Lord to touch the lives of Jewish people raised to believe that Christianity was their enemy?

You see, the answer is always love. Jesus was the embodiment of the Father's heart and love for a sin-damaged humanity. As believers, we are filled with His Spirit, enabled to embody His love to Jewish people who do not yet know the Messiah.

I also told one of our tour participants, who was brokenhearted and overcome with grief after visiting Auschwitz, that a candle shines brightest in a dark place, and that Christians can be bright candles of God's love to the Jewish people.

The Enclosed Prayer Calendar

One of the best ways you can help Your Mission to the Jewish People is by praying for us! And since we will be soon headed into the High Holiday season, our busiest ministry season of the year outside of Passover, we are enclosing a prayer calendar for your reference as you remember our work in prayer. **We need your prayers** and I hope you will post this prayer reminder somewhere prominent...keep it in your Bible, on the fridge, etc.!

Feel free to also photocopy it and share it with your friends at church or Bible study.

Financial Fuel for a Summer of Ministry

We also need your support! It is August and this is usually the lowest season of the year for giving and one of the highest for expenses for missionary agencies. Some of our most exciting outreach programs, like **Shalom Brooklyn** with almost 100 staff and volunteers sharing the Gospel, take place during the month of August!

Would you consider giving an extra gift during August? Again, please pray, as we have so many projects in person and online happening right now and in the fall...so we do need your help today.

For example, our new Digital Media department costs about \$250,000 a year to maintain. Most of these costs are due to salaries and advertising through Facebook and other social media. But, we cannot do all we want to do to preach the Gospel through our Isaiah 53 website (www.isaiah53.com) or the new "I Found Shalom" (www.ifoundshalom.com) site without your help. Thanks so much for considering this!

Together, we can shine brightly in a dark, post-Holocaust Jewish world because the One who claimed to be the light of the world lives in our hearts!

Blessings to you and thank you for praying!

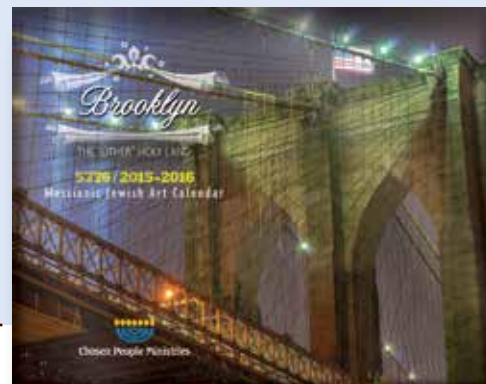
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P.S. Our beautiful new Messianic Jewish Art Calendar is now available and we would like to send you one as a thank you gift for your donation of \$125 or more.



Top to bottom: A memorial, at the Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw, to the children who died during the Holocaust; mass graves in Warsaw where thousands of Jewish Holocaust victims were buried; and a memorial in front of the new Museum of Polish Jewry shows Moses leading the Polish Jews to the promised land.



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