

This is my third time in a campaign with Trumpet, and the thing that surprises me it's that every time there is something new to live! My first time was in 2005. I remember it was just some weeks before the Gaza pullout, and the nation was really shaken by this event, and was divided in two parts, the orange against the pullout and the blue in favour of the pullout. And it was really amazing to meet with the people and to live with them all their struggles and fights in which they were passing through.

My second time was last summer just after the end of the war with Lebanon that really shook the nation another time... Israel is always a place where something happens and in every situation we know that is God moving, as always Jacob says, in order to push Israel into a corner, waiting for them to cry out to God and to finally say: *"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord"*. This is the final desire of God that all the nation of Israel will cry out to Him and will recognize that Yeshua is their promised Messiah!

This year the political situation was a little bit better, but the shadow of another war was always behind the corner since Syria is preparing itself with long range rockets on the boarder with Israel. But one thing we know: *"Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep"* Psalm 121:4. And God is a faithful God who keeps His promises! I know for sure that - despite of these situations that may always seem to be dangerous - Israel is one of the best places of the world where to go to evangelize! And every year my feeling is that the nation is becoming more and more open to the message of the Gospel!

One of the best examples of this is Jerusalem. In 2005 I remember we had a very hard opposition in the market, we could not stay for long time since the anti missionary came and tried to get all our tracts and book from our hands. Then, in 2006, I remember our entrance in the market as the triumphant entry of Yeshua, when He came riding the donkey and all the people celebrating Him! People in tears, people rejoicing looking at the group in his march, waving the flags of Israel and singing in Hebrew! But despite of that, just few conversations and some opposition by two men in the streets.

If last year the outreach in Jerusalem has been great, this year I don't have any word to describe what has happened! The same powerful entry, just as last year, but many more conversations and much more time in the streets because the people was so open! I think we stopped in Ben Yehuda street for more than 2 hours, without even perceiving that we stopped there for such a long time...

And the most impressive thing that happened to me is a great conversation I had with a young religious Israeli. This young man, he is on his 30, just stopped beside me looking at the group, and immediately we started a conversation. He was very interested in all the things I was sharing with him and he seemed to be prepared and to know what I was talking about. So I asked Him if he had never read the Brit HaChadasha (the New Testament) ...and he answered he had already read it... to my surprise, in the middle of the religious city of Jerusalem, standing in front of me, there was a young religious who had dared to read the New Testament (as some of you know, the reading of New Testament is hardly opposed by the religious establishment in Israel)!!!

So we kept on conversing, I was sharing with him the Good News and finally giving him the book "Why me", that he promised to read as soon as possible.

Then, the day after, we went to Rishon Le-Tsyon and while the group was standing I was in the middle of the crowd gathered around us. Suddenly a woman came to me and she said that on the beach of Tel Aviv someone of the group gave her the book "Why me". She was reading it and she was also reading the Brit Ha Chadasha... this was the second Israeli I met in two days, that was reading the New Testament. Praise be to God!!!

We had a very long conversation and she was so interested and had so many questions that, while we were leaving, she even made all the way to the bus conversing with me and promising she will call the office to have the answers to all the questions are coming on her mind!

These are only two examples of what happens when we dare to go in streets of Israel to share the Gospel with the people. And I can tell during a campaign every participant can share a testimony of deep conversations with the Israeli. For sure God is lifting up the veil from the eyes of His people so that they can look at Him who they have pierced (Zac. 12:10) and recognize Him as their promised Messiah, the one who can give them a new heart and a new spirit.

Please pray for this two precious Israeli, that they might call the office of Trumpet of Salvation and be in touch with true believers and true friends of Israel in order to receive answers to all their questions and finally receive Yeshua as their Saviour.

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