

In these 3 weeks I had a lot of different experiences and I want to share 3 of them with you.

God can use every moment and every place

After an outreach at the beach the bigger part of the group went home. For the people who wanted there was a possibility to stay and have a swim in the sea. I decided to stay and I went into a restaurant searching for a toilet where I could change my clothes. It was a very dirty place and all the toilets were occupied, so I changed in front of them. When a young woman came in and started to ask me a lot of questions. She saw us singing at the beach and wanted to know more about us. She told me that she is searching for the truth, but she felt that she couldn't find it, because of all the different religions. She didn't know what to believe and where to search any more. I explained her that it's not about religion, but about having a personal relationship with God, with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I encouraged her to pray and to ask God to show her the truth. I also gave her the book, which she received with joy. During all this time of speaking we were changing our clothes. It was a very uncomplicated situation, and very easy to speak to each other. For me it was a good teaching to remember that God can use every moment and every place to give us possibility to share the Gospel. It's important that we are ready to serve him everywhere we go. In the work for God there is no minute off. The normal situations are often the best times and opportunities.

If we hate you, you must hate us too

One day we went to a demonstrations from the religious people. I had some good conversations with people and I was explaining to a woman what we were doing in Israel. In this moment another woman came, she looked straight into my eyes and told me that she hates me. In the first moment I was thinking that she did a mistake in her English and wanted actually to say that she loves me too. But it was not so. She repeated it again, I hate you, go away, we don't want you here. In this moment God gave me the grace to answer her in a different way. I looked at her and I told her that I really loved her. One man came to me and asked me if I was sure that I understood what she said to me. She hates you and we don't want you here, why can you still say that you love her and us?

That cannot be possible, if we hate you, you must hate us too, or is there any other way?

So I started to explain that God loves Israel and the Jews. God gave me so much love that I can also love people who hate me. And especially the people of God. So I had the possibility to give my testimony. The great thing was that the more she told me that she hates me, the more love for her and for the Jews grew in my heart. Only God can do that, and it was important for me, to see how He works through me. The people were very surprised and didn't know what to think about.

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The second time we went to a demonstration, we had to be protected by the police almost from the beginning. In the first moment I was a little sad because it was more difficult to speak with people. The whole group was surrounded by Policemen. But God is great and he gave me a possibility to speak about Him. One woman came to me and asked some questions. I was on one side and she was on the other side of the Police. We spoke a lot and in the end we could hug us and bless each other. The two policemen heard everything, what I was telling. So God gave me the possibility to speak to three people at the same time in this difficult situation. The best thing came in the end: Other people went up to that woman I spoke to and she represented us in a good way. God changed this difficult situation into a real victory. He really changes the bad things into good!

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