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## THE REMNANT AND THE REST

By David Brickner, Executive Director

Leftover carpet from the Holy Land? That's what some expected to find behind the storefront window prominently labeled "Israel's Remnant." But neither my father, Avi Brickner, nor my grandfather, Fred Kendal, were carpet dealers. My grandfather founded Israel's Remnant—a mission to the Jewish people—in Detroit, Michigan in the late 1940s. My father carried on the ministry in the Boston area, where he opened a storefront center in a suburb called Brookline. People may have thought "remnant" referred to a piece of carpet going in, but they heard about the peace of Messiah by the time they left the center. Some discovered the profound significance of "the remnant," a biblical term too often overlooked today.

Throughout Scripture God deals with two groups of people: "the remnant" and "the rest." In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word "remnant" usually describes those among the nation of Israel who survived the calamity of God's judgment or remained faithful to the Lord.

"The remnant" is the minority of the nation, while "the rest" are the majority. The term "remnant" is often used synonymously with "the elect" of God. God set them aside to not only bless them, but to make them His messengers of grace to the rest of the nation. Regardless of the nation's



*Selma realized that her first instinct about Israel's Remnant was a bit outlandish.*

disobedience to the Lord and the fearsome judgment that resulted, God always saved and set apart a remnant for His purposes.

The Apostle Paul picks up this theme in the New Testament, when he says, "Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5). Paul is referring to Jewish believers in Jesus—Jewish people who received grace and salvation through faith in the Messiah. Paul was part of that remnant. Later in that same chapter

Paul points out that God has taken people from among the nations and grafted them into the rich root of the olive tree (Romans 11:17). In other words, God has established a much broader remnant, those who are elect from every tribe and tongue and nation, called to be His people.

Today's remnant is made up of Jews and Gentiles who are saved and set apart for God's purposes. Being part of that remnant is a high and holy calling. Yet, for many Christians the word may not mean much more than a piece of leftover carpet.

If we could recover a true theology of the remnant, it would solve what I think boils down to an identity crisis in the church.

Not too long ago many Christians talked about being the "moral majority." I don't know what that is. I don't doubt that it was moral, but it never was the majority. At best we can aspire to be the holy minority. We Christians need to fight our triumphalistic tendencies. We sometimes sing our marching songs and bang our drums and clang our cymbals, yet fail to look behind us and see how few are actually following in our band.

I'm not saying that we are losing the battle. The battle belongs to the Lord, and if He is for us, who can be against

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us? The danger is when we think we are winning because we are more or mightier than we truly are. Jesus said, “narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are *few* who find it” (Matthew 7:14-italics supplied).

If we fool ourselves into thinking we are somehow a majority, we lose the benefits that are peculiar to a minority.

So the first thing a theology of the remnant will help us do is grab hold of our minority position. How often do we behave like “the rest” of the world rather than the remnant? How often do we shun the vulnerability of the remnant to seek the acceptance of the rest? Being the remnant means being different from the rest.

My Jewish people have long recognized our minority status throughout the nations in which we’ve been scattered. That awareness has helped us survive and thrive as Jews in those nations. Christians need a similar awareness to maintain the integrity of our identity in a world that is hostile to our faith. The bigger we think we are, the more we expect those who reject Christ to accept us, the smaller our understanding of who we are will be. God uses the few and the weak to glorify Himself. If we insist on being strong as the world understands strength, we will grow weak in spirit. We will become like “the rest.”

Wanting to remain distinct from the rest does not mean we should hold them in contempt. If we love the rest, we will invite them to come join the minority, the remnant of those who are saved by grace through faith in Jesus.

The second part of our identity crisis is how we often treat one another. My greatest disappointments and hurts result from bent and broken relationships with other believers in Jesus. This shouldn’t be—yet I know from other mission leaders and pastors that my experience is not unique.

Somehow, it seems to me that if we truly embraced the reality of the remnant, the fellowship of the saints would grow sweeter. When we recognize that we are a part of God’s

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remnant, our relationships within the body of Messiah take on new meaning. Rifts come when we allow ourselves to be self-righteous in our assessments of other believers—when we don’t realize that we are inextricably linked as part of the same minority. If we all recognized how few we are, and that all of us are weak and “in process,” perhaps we would not say the hurtful things that seem to tear our relationships apart. Perhaps we would not keep a tally of the wrongs against us, or seek to elevate ourselves before some members of the body by putting down others.

What if we could all see ourselves as a small band, interdependent upon one another in Christ? Wouldn’t all those

things that so often divide us pale and grow insignificant in the light of what God has given us in one another? Arguments that seem to loom so large are indeed petty and unimportant in light of the unity for which Jesus so fervently prayed in John 17.

Finally, much of the church seems to suffer from amnesia when it comes to proclaiming Christ to the unsaved. When we recognize the high privilege and holy calling of the remnant we will recover the proper place of missions and evangelism in the church.

The church today often fails to meet the evangelistic obligation to be salt and light in the world, because she would rather be an insider than an intruder. Salt intrudes to add its flavor. Light intrudes the darkness to show forth the truth.

We naturally desire to appeal to the sensibilities of the culture of “the rest.” But when you realize you are the remnant, you stop trying to be popular and you accept the responsibility of being prophetic. Rather than catering to the majority, you become sensitized to the One: the Holy Spirit, and His leading. Prophets were often disliked, but they remained distinctly God’s . . . and people heard them. Accepting the prophetic responsibility of the remnant can help us to bear the reproach of Christ as a badge of honor. It will bring about a new vigor and zeal, a passion for the lost that many of our churches today are praying to receive, while others, sadly, do not even realize it’s missing.

Like the Apostle Paul, I am grateful to be a part of Israel’s remnant, those physical descendants of Abraham who

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### **WE EXIST TO MAKE THE MESSIAHSHIP OF JESUS AN UNAVOIDABLE ISSUE TO OUR JEWISH PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.**



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## THE BYG\* PIC

\*Behold Your God

We hope you know that when we talk about this five-year vision to reach every city with 25,000 or more Jewish people, it's no boast. We are far too few and too weak to do it on our own. That is why we know that God will receive the glory when it's done!

We are not looking for a huge army to join us. We are not looking for a \$50 million budget to accomplish Behold Your God. We need a growing contingent of Christians who don't mind being in the minority, who are ready to pray and give and stand with us. We are looking for churches who will welcome the opportunity to learn how to reach out to the Jewish people in their community, though others may ridicule them for doing so.

More and more churches are being swayed by "the rest" of the world, who think it is arrogant to believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation.



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love and follow Y'shua (Jesus). But I am also glad that God has called each one of us who name the name of Jesus to be part of His remnant, elect from every tribe and tongue and nation.

Every day we have a choice: to behave as befits the remnant, or simply fit in with the rest. A day is

More and more churches are being tempted to follow public opinion rather than the leading of the Holy Spirit. There are even churches in cities like Minneapolis that tried to prevent the gospel from going out to the Jewish people when they heard about BYG.

Praise God for faithful friends who have been willing to stand against a tide of criticism for publicly supporting Operation Behold Your God.

Praise God for "the remnant" of pastors who refuse to back down when their colleagues question or even deny that Jewish people need Jesus to be saved. Their loyal friendship to Jews for Jesus is not because we are so great, but because they recognize that Jesus is so great. They are not ashamed to say that only He can save Jews and Gentiles from sin. You folks know who you are, and more important, you know who Jesus is. Thank you, and God bless you!

### OY VEY!



Our August newsletter had an article, "Why I love Arabs," in which the last paragraph spoke of the Arab nations as descendants of Esau. That should be Ishmael, not Esau!

coming when "... the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people" (Isaiah 28:5). May we embrace this high and holy calling, and "proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9).

## PRAYER PROMPTERS

Please pray for:



Jews for Jesus to maintain our minority mindset, and to remember that even when we are called to do big things for God, we are not so big as to be able to accomplish anything apart from Him (p. 1,2)



more and more Christians to take on the burden and privilege of being different from "the rest" of the world (p. 1,2)



God to bless the churches who are taking an unpopular stand for the gospel (this page)



safety for our staff and other believers in Israel as they lift up the name of Y'shua (Jesus) during this Sukkot season (p. 7)



the new believers from completed BYG campaigns, that God will establish their faith (p. 5)



grace and strength for new Jewish believers Dmitry (Dnepropetrovsk), Anatoly (Kharkov), Fran (Johannesburg), Naomi (South Florida) and Esther (New Jersey) (p. 8)



grace, strength and true deliverance for Bill, the Druid/Hell's Angel who professed faith in Christ, that God will protect him spiritually and physically (p. 8)

# NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH AN OLD FRIEND

by Stan Telchin

*Many of you know Stan Telchin from his books, *Betrayed and Abandoned*. (*Betrayed—the fascinating account of Stan’s determination to disprove his daughter’s faith—has been translated into 22 languages. It is one of the best testimony books available to help Jewish people come to faith in Jesus.*) Stan has been a longtime friend of our ministry, and now that friendship is blossoming into an official partnership.*



**I**t was 1974. I was in San Francisco for a business convention. After the first day’s meetings, some of the men urged me to join them for an evening out in San Francisco’s North Beach district. My friends assured me that this was “where the action is.” Sensing that I didn’t need or want the kind of action they had in mind, I nevertheless decided to be sociable and come along as an observer.

One of the guys stepped out of the taxi and into the neon lit streets, flashing his invitations to a dozen or more “adult” theaters. As I got out of the cab, a young man wearing a Jews for Jesus T-shirt approached me. He smiled and offered me a pamphlet. I knew nothing about Jews for Jesus or what this young man was selling, but I knew I was Jewish and wanted him “out of my face.”

Who would ever have thought that a little more than a year later I would accept Jesus as Messiah and Lord of my life—and eagerly look forward to meeting more “Jews for Jesus”?

In the nearly three decades since that first encounter, I have come to know many of the Jews for Jesus staff personally, and have ministered with many of them. I count Moishe Rosen, their founder and former executive director, as a great friend. Whenever I’ve needed guidance or advice, I’ve been able to call upon him. It’s no wonder that I have developed an especially warm spot in my heart for Jews for Jesus.

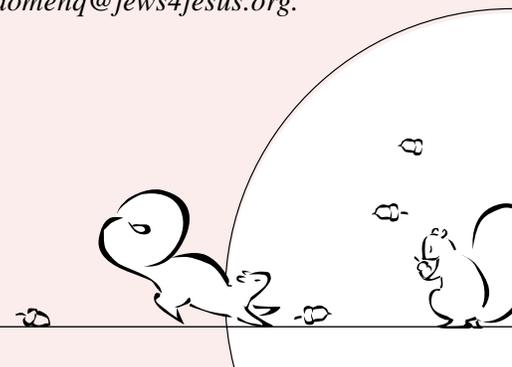
You may know that Jews for Jesus is now involved in Operation Behold Your God, a five-year series of outreaches in every city around the world that has a Jewish population of 25,000 or more. The potential for sharing the gospel in this campaign is awesome! Many, many Jewish people—and even more Gentiles—will be brought into the Kingdom of God. And I want to help!

For the past several months I have been talking and praying with the leadership of Jews for Jesus about how we might work together. After much discussion and prayer, we have agreed to a joint venture. They will help with my administrative

needs and will make arrangements for me to speak in churches. This will free me to do more radio and TV engagements—and get started on my new book. And I will be able to use my speaking opportunities to help spread the word about Operation Behold Your God. I am convinced that if more Christians only knew what Jews for Jesus is doing and hopes to do in the future, they would want to have a part in it, too. I think I can help make that possible.

Please pray that the Lord will bless this partnership for His glory!

*Do you think the people of your church might be interested in inviting Stan Telchin, who is not only a well-known author, but also a dynamic speaker, to come and ignite their hearts? For more info on how to hear his story and a good word about Operation Behold Your God, please contact our Department of Mobile Evangelism at 60 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or e-mail [domehq@jews4jesus.org](mailto:domehq@jews4jesus.org).*



# BYG BITS



*Because of the “lead time” needed to print the newsletter, we can’t tell you some of the Behold Your God details as soon as they are reported. We’ll try to catch you up on some of the highlights, as well as follow-up reports, with BYG Bits.*

## BYG MILWAUKEE

The two-week campaign concluded with 124,625 broadsides (gospel tracts) distributed, 27 unbelieving Jewish people agreeing to receive more information, 59 unbelieving Gentiles also giving their names and addresses for more information, plus 3 Jews and 10 Gentiles praying to receive Y’shua.

Steve Kaplan reports, “While standing on a corner broadsiding, I noticed a woman watching me. She seemed kind of shy so I walked over and gave her a broadside. She spent the next few minutes reading it. It turns out that Marion has long been attracted to Jesus even though she is Jewish. Her belief was growing as she’d begun attending a messianic fellowship. I asked if she had ever prayed to receive Jesus as her personal Savior and she hadn’t, so we prayed!”

Gary Leese reports, “As there are not

that many places to hand out tracts in Milwaukee, we looked for other ways to find people who might wish to discuss the gospel. We telephoned people who have been receiving our *ISSUES* publication and sometimes we

telephoned people straight from the phone book. When I came across the name of Michael Rosenthal in the telephone directory I decided to give him a call. I spoke to his wife, Dora, who told me that Michael had passed away about three years earlier. After expressing my condolences, I explained that I was calling to offer our free video *Survivor Stories* about Jewish Holocaust survivors who now believe that Y’shua (Jesus) is the Messiah. Dora startled me with her reply—she was a Jewish Holocaust survivor from Poland! She said that she would be willing to watch the video, and then would be open to a phone call to discuss it. Please pray for Dora’s salvation.”

Stories are still coming in from campaigns previously reported:

## BYG MOSCOW

Igor Barbanel reports, “Our sortie (tract passing expedition) at the Oktyabrskoe underground station was going well. I was getting many Jewish contacts, and even met a person whom I had already visited. Then I prayed that the Lord would send a Jewish person who was ready to receive Y’shua. Sixty-year-old Margarita turned out to be the answer to that prayer! Pray for her spiritual growth, and for the salvation of her Jewish husband, Alexander.”

Lyuba Kondrashina reports, “It was a busy sortie at the Planernaya station with many people rushing from the

train. Suddenly I sensed someone in dark clothes following me. I turned to see two men. I gave them broadsides, and they asked about Jews for Jesus. I told them the gospel, and suggested they repent. One left, but another, named Sergey, remained.

“Sergey asked me three times, ‘What, repent right now, in this place?’ I said, ‘Yes, right here.’ He finally agreed and repeated the prayer! I congratulated him that he had just become a child of God and my brother in Christ. He smiled and said, ‘May I confess something if you are my sister?’ I said, ‘Yes.’ Sergey then admitted that he and his friend were thieves. When I suggested that his friend repent, Sergey said, ‘He doesn’t want to because he has to feed his family.’ I told him, “‘Go, and sin no more,’” said Jesus.’ Please pray for 28-year-old Sergey, that God will truly change his life.”

## BYG ST. PETERSBURG

Alla Gherasimchuk reports, “I’m very grateful to God for the opportunity to take part in Operation Behold Your God in St. Petersburg. I had never served God in such a way and I thank our Lord for using me for the salvation of my people.

“As I was handing out broadsides I engaged a Jewish woman named Marina. At first she was in a hurry, but as I told her the gospel, she began telling me about her life and problems. I told her nothing is unsolvable for God. After some time the woman was born again. With tears in her eyes she said, ‘Miss, it was God who sent you to me during this most difficult time.’ Please pray that God will strengthen Marina in faith and that He will heal her daughter who is quite ill due to a complicated pregnancy.”

# Redemption

A slim scarlet cord dangling in a window might not trigger thoughts of deliverance. That is, unless you were Rahab, a Gentile woman living in a home built into the wall of the ancient city of Jericho over three thousand years ago. Rahab's scarlet cord was a sign to the approaching Hebrew armies to spare her family because she did not put her faith in walls, but in the God of Israel. When she encountered two Hebrew spies who had come to scout the city, she chose to be on the winning side.

That scarlet cord represented redemption for a handful of Gentiles. Yet it also symbolized a greater deliverance. Threaded throughout the Old Testament is a "scarlet cord" of Scripture, foretelling redemption through Jesus, the Jewish Messiah. Following are just a small portion of Scriptures that foretold Jesus, who came to hang on Calvary, even as that scarlet cord hung from the window. Through Him alone, Jews *and* Gentiles can find redemption from sin.

Too many Gentiles who have embraced the scarlet cord of the Messiah's death have forgotten or ignored the scarlet cord in Rahab's window. They have forgotten the Jewish role in bringing God's salvation to the world, and that the God of Israel has graciously included us in His redemption. As we celebrate our salvation, we can show our appreciation by pointing our Jewish friends to safety in Jesus. ✨ ✨ ✨

The first messianic promise, that the "seed of woman" (not a natural mode of conception) will bruise the heel of the serpent, is found in Genesis 3:15; further elaboration on the miraculous birth of this future deliverer is seen in Isaiah 7:14; the fulfillment found in Jesus is written in Matthew 1:18-21.

The Passover Lamb described in Exodus 12:1-28 points to Christ as our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7) and also provides a ceremony upon which our Communion is based (Luke 22:7-20).

Rahab's scarlet cord (Joshua 2:17,18, 6:17; 22:23) is a foretaste of how redemption will also come to faithful Gentiles. Rahab's faith was rewarded with the astounding honor of being placed in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5); she is honored yet again by mention in the Hebrews 11 "hall of fame."

The Day of Atonement, with the scapegoat and the ram described in Leviticus 16, pictures a messianic promise further elaborated upon in Psalm 103:12 and fulfilled by Jesus as described in Romans 5:11.

The slain shepherd described in Zechariah 13:7 foretells what will happen to the Messiah, the "shepherd." Jesus claims to be that shepherd in Matthew 26:31. Revelation 7:17 shows the Lamb and the Shepherd as One.

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah 52:13-53:12, also detailed in Psalm 22, foretells the suffering of the Messiah Jesus described in Luke 23.

Jonah's experience in the great fish (Jonah 1:17) is seen as a "type" for the coming Resurrection. Prophecy also points to the resurrected Messiah (Psalm 16:10). The link between Jonah and Jesus is revealed in Matthew 12:40.

We are grateful to Carter Corbrey for sharing his insights. Carter is a part-time pastor and full-time writer as well as a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Th.M. degree in Semitics and Old Testament. His wife Georgia volunteered his writing skills when she filled out a card to receive our newsletter at First Christian Church of Greensburg, Indiana. Carter's first contribution to our newsletter was "What I Learned From Fish" (June, 2001). We look forward to hearing more from him!

# CELEBRATING *Sukkot* IN ISRAEL

By Shlomy Abramov

**S**ukkot is one of the most significant Jewish holidays, especially in Israel.

Sukkot reminds us of how the Lord brought us out of Egypt and provided everything we needed when we had nothing but His presence to live on. It also points to the bountiful provision that He promised us once we entered the Land. The Bible describes Sukkot as seven days of rejoicing before Him, appreciating His presence and His provision. God commanded us to live in booths for one week to remember how He cared for us during our wilderness wanderings.

Every year we, as believers in Y'shua, go to the mayor's office in Jerusalem and we apply for permission to join the national annual march that takes place during Sukkot. Everyone wants to be in the parade, some to celebrate, some to "advertise" their business. One year the national phone company was behind us.

Last year the usual committee did not manage the march. Surprisingly, my wife Miriam and I were asked to lead it because we have several years of experience. My wife's experience was as a front line worshipper with dance and tambourine, which she has been doing almost since we started joining the march. My experience was in security work, my profession before I came to know the Lord.

Praise God! He raised up a team of dancers for Miriam, and she was soon practicing weekly for the march. As for me, I have always loved security work and was happy that God was finding a way to use this gift to serve Him.

Then everything that could go wrong in Israel did go wrong. We had weeks of violence and threats. We had to cancel many of our Jews for Jesus outreaches,



since they were scheduled at festivals that were no longer to take place.

We all wondered in silence if God would want the march canceled, too. A few days before the march we were told it would take place as planned. We went into serious prayer. We wondered about the risk factor, as did the police. Somewhere in the back of my mind however, I knew if that God was giving the green light, He was going to bless and protect us, wasn't He? A certain peace came over me. It seemed we were going to march for the Lord after all.

The day of the march arrived. We loaded our car with costumes for the worshippers and banners and flags to be waved high for Y'shua. We headed up the mountain toward Jerusalem. I was happy we were going to lift up

His name, even if it was to be sandwiched between the Israeli phone companies behind us and the airlines of Israel before us! This seemed like a perfect day to rejoice before Him.

The march took off fine. A bit down the road, some people began to boo us as they saw we were marching for Y'shua—but to our surprise many Orthodox Jews actually cheered for us this year. We had prayerfully asked for miracles, but were not expecting that. Later we realized that a number of groups had probably canceled. Perhaps the people were cheering us because we refused to cancel, but instead, chose to rejoice before the Lord, confident of His presence and provision.

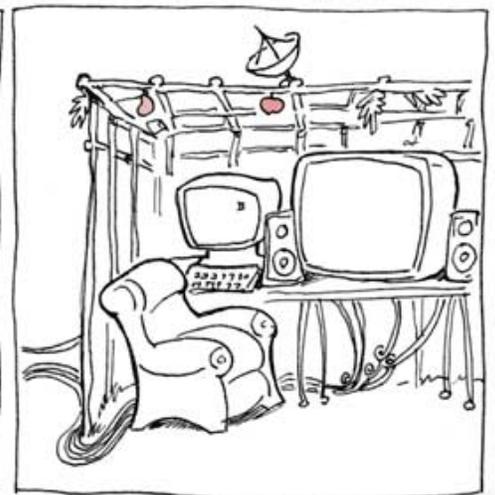
We know who our God is and by His grace we want to lift Him up whenever we can. As bystanders clapped and cheered, my faith in our Great Provider increased even more.

One day He'll come again and we can praise and worship Him during the Sukkot march and at all times—basking in His presence. Sukkot begins at sundown, October 1, and lasts for a week. Though we are miles apart, worship Him along with us. We serve the same Lord by the power of the same Spirit. Praise Him today wherever you are. Next year perhaps you will be in Jerusalem, cheering us on. Let the march roll on! **IF GOD BE FOR YOU WHO CAN STAND AGAINST YOU?**

*Sukkot (booths) then*



*... and now*



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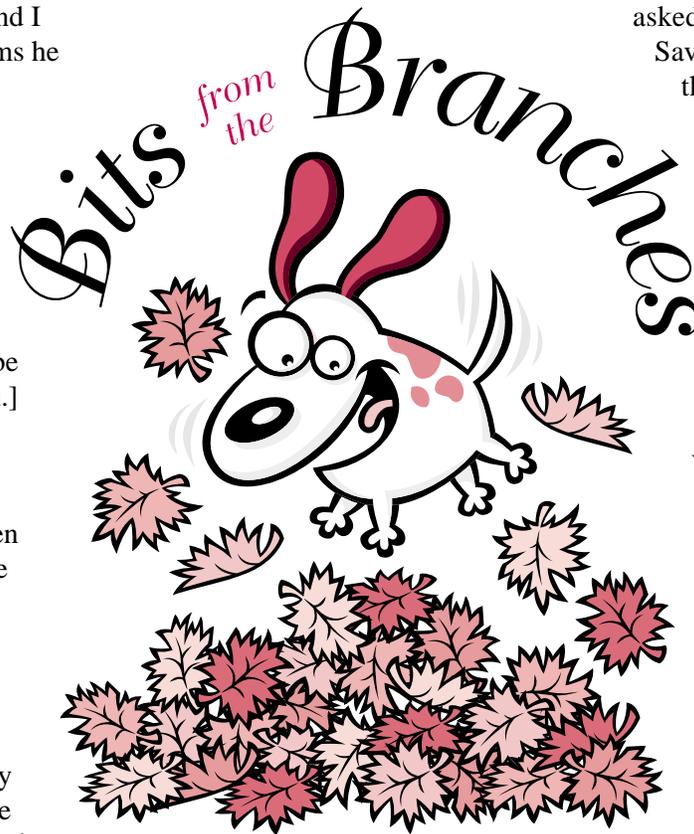
In **Dnepropetrovsk**, Sergei Koulakov reports, "I last met with Dmitry G. in January, 1999. He believed in Jesus and wanted God to change his life, but was afraid to repent. Soon after, he was jailed on drug charges. Dmitry is now out of prison and I recently met with him. It seems he was so fearful that he would continue to sin after repenting that he considered it better to wait and turn to God when he felt strong enough to follow through. [Many people understand they need to repent, but somehow feel that they must be "good enough" to make it real.] This time, however, Dmitry trusted God and prayed the prayer of repentance. Please pray that God would strengthen Dmitry's faith and set him free from drug addiction. Please pray also for his health, as he is ill with tuberculosis."

From **Kharkov**, Misha Vayshengolts reports, "Anatoly L. was full of anxiety when we met. 'I don't know exactly how,' he said, 'but in the synagogue, they found out that I receive literature from Jews for Jesus. They told me, "Choose—either us, or them.'" Anatoly has been receiving food from a Jewish organization and was fearful that he would no longer receive their aid. Even so, Anatoly had been reading the New Testament, and was starting to see that Jesus was his Savior. I asked him, 'Will you choose to depend upon God, who offers you eternal life, or will you walk away from the Messiah because you fear what the rabbis can take away from you?' Anatoly understood the choice and repented. Please pray for his steadfastness in following Jesus and for God's protection."

### South Africa

Elijah Gould reports from **Johannesburg**, "Three years ago a

woman named Fran called our office. She was Jewish and about to marry a man of nominal Christian background. Jews for Jesus sounded to her like a good option. I explained that I wasn't able to marry people



who don't actually believe in Jesus, and thus I had the opportunity to share the gospel. Fran seemed intrigued and said she would be willing to talk, but subsequent calls did not get us anywhere. Imagine my surprise when Fran called the office recently, wanting to meet. Her sister-in-law had been sharing with her about Jesus. Once again, Fran wondered if perhaps He might be the answer. Praise God, a few weeks later Fran came to know her Messiah, and the Lord is already doing mighty things in her family's life."

### The Liberated Wailing Wall

Lisha Levinson reports, "Within five minutes of our sortie (tract passing expedition) on a busy street corner, a man made his way toward me. 'So tell me about this Jesus,' he said.

His face was battered, with multiple stitches protruding from his wounds. He told me that he was a Druid (witch) and the president of the local chapter of the Hell's Angels Bikers Association. Stunned, I told him about Jesus and when I finished, he asked to receive the Lord as his Savior. As he walked away, I asked the Lord to confirm what had just happened because I had doubts.

"The following week as I gave my testimony at one of our church meetings, I mentioned the incident. A man approached me after the service and asked, 'What's this guy's name?' When I told him he said, 'Yep, I know him, he was the president of the Hell's Angels Bikers Association in this town.' Praise God for so graciously answering my prayer! And more important, please pray for Bill, that his repentance was sincere, that God will deliver him from evil, establish his faith and make him a shining testimony."

### South Florida

Holly Meyer reports from **Fort Lauderdale**, "I have been in touch with Naomi since last winter. She was always open to talking about Jesus on the telephone, but would never commit to meeting in person. However, when her daughter, Esther, was visiting from New Jersey, the three of us met together. At the end of our meeting I asked Esther, 'Is there any good reason why you cannot accept the Messiah now?' Esther replied, 'No,' and repeated a simple prayer to receive Y'shua. When we finished I realized that Naomi, too, had repeated the prayer. Won't you please pray for mother and daughter to grow in faith? Also, pray that Esther would welcome contact from our New York branch as our staff there seek to disciple her."