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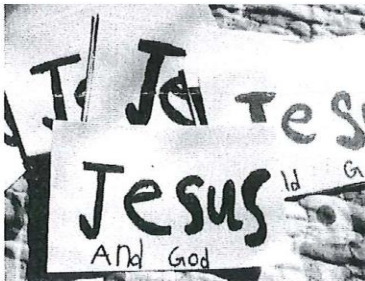
Shalom Sisters



Making Disciples through Evangelism



Hand-made "tracts" by Nadame



Zach preparing for college



February/March 2020

Shalom Haverim,

Greetings from the Big Apple, where we have enjoyed a very mild winter and unusual opportunities to share the gospel in the streets and subways.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Mild temperatures have made for a very fruitful book table season, resulting in a steady stream of visitors. Recently, I met a lady, Cinnamon, whose business card reads, "Dr. Reverend Rabbi Imam Cinnamon." I was shocked as she spoke to me about her mixed-up beliefs. **"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"** Proverbs 14:12. I was able to give her a Bible and other literature to show her the way to the TRUTH!

Shalom Baptist Church continues to thrive in our new location. There is a sweet spirit of excitement and hunger for the Lord and Christian fellowship. We have visitors most weeks and a good core group at each of our three services. We have several breaks for lunch and coffee, and some people stay the entire day, involved in both service and discipleship. During the months of February and March, an Evangelism Training class has stirred people to witness. One little girl made her own "tracts" to tell people about "Jesus and God." Home Bible studies have been encouraging. Pray for growth, both spiritually and numerically. We meet Wednesday at Adele's, Thursday Kids Club at the Situmorang's, and "Shalom Sisters" at Dalila's.

IN LOVING MEMORY

"John, the Lord *does* have a plan for your life," said Pastor Paul McCardel. I was only 24 years old when I was saved and discipled under the ministry of Pastor Paul, and five years later he led the church to pay my way to IBJM's Four-Day Focus on Jewish Missions. On Sunday, February 20, my spiritual father went to be with the Lord. He will be missed, but we joyfully say, "Heaven's sounding sweeter!" That same week, our dear Jewish friend Lillian also passed. We shared the gospel with her countless times, even days before she entered eternity. It is hard not to know if she trusted the Lord, but we've come to realize that when we "sorrow not as those who have no hope," it's not just because we know our loved one is in heaven (although that helps). No, our sorrow is lighter because **our HOPE is in JESUS**, and He lightens our load! If our hope were in people, we would easily give up on what God has called us to. But our hope is in the Lord, and we know He has a purpose, even for seed sown on stony ground.

GROWING UP

We are very encouraged to see our son Zachary's love for the Lord. He plans to begin Bible college this coming fall. Recently, we visited West Coast Baptist College, and Zach believes this is where God would have him prepare for the ministry. Please pray for him...and for his parents!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We are so excited to be in our **new location!** We enjoy the work God has given us but would like to invite your **youth group or church family** to consider a short-term mission trip to New York City. For more information, please contact me at (646) 752-1427.

LOVE IN MESSIAH, John, Joy, Zach, Hannah, and Valerie Gibson