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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Be encouraged by a few of our stories from 2023. Reach out to those around you and share the good news of the gospel. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given..." Isaiah 9: 6*

What great outreaches we've had at Northeastern University this year! I love ministering on college campuses. You don't even have to buy a plane ticket and travel to a closed or restrictive country because the students come to you!

I carry a collection of international tracts with me and love being able to give the Gospel to someone in their native language. Before this particular outreach, I found myself at a falafel joint for lunch (not an unusual occurrence) and a student from Tamil Nadu, India sat next to me. We had a great Gospel conversation and he was literally shocked when I handed him a Tamil tract as I was getting up from the table. "Wait! Where did you get this?" he asked.

I told him that I love finding people from other countries to speak with about Jesus, and love sharing the story of Jesus with them in their own language. He shared that he had some exposure to Catholicism, but it turned out that he definitely didn't understand the difference between Catholicism and Biblical Christianity. I shared about the genocides committed by the Catholic Church, often against those who dared to read or distribute copies of the Bible in their native language. I encouraged him to get to know the Jesus spoken of in the Gospel of John I gave him, the Biblical Jesus, not the false Christ of the idolatrous Catholic Church.

Qi was a young student from China who was still forming her concept of eternity. She said, "I feel like I know hell exists. I saw someone draw pictures of it and it seemed so real. If someone died and came back and told me about what they saw I might believe them." Wow!!

What an awesome opening to share about the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus with Qi! (Pronounced "Chee"). This was just one more little encouragement that God truly does prepare people's hearts before we speak to them! She was happy to receive a copy of the Gospel of John and said she would definitely read it.

Darsheth was a probably my favorite conversation of the day, though. He was from India and had never heard the Gospel. After sharing God's amazing rescue plan for humanity, I gave him a Gospel of John. I said, "This is not a 100 million dollars." He laughed. I said, "It's a treasure map that will lead you to eternity in Heaven with God. It was written by Jesus' closest disciple. The apostle of love. He understood the love of God and communicated it in his book. Read a little every day. It will change your life." Darsheth stared at the little book that looked like a stack of million dollar bills and said, "It's probably worth more."

He got it! Just like that. God revealed the importance of His word to this student, in a way that most people on this planet will never grasp, and all within the course of short conversation. Hallelujah!

Pray for these students that God would truly grab a hold of their hearts as they read His word.



A highlight of our summer ministry is when we brought a team from our church to Chelsea for a week. It's so good to be with people who have a passion to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ! If you don't have a good missions-oriented, Bible-teaching church, find a Calvary Chapel in your area and make the drive. It's worth it. I've found that solid Bible teaching produces a desire to reach others with the Gospel. And you can have fun doing it!

Check out some pics from our Boston mission trip!



So proud of these guys for practicing and delivering their paint board messages, object lessons, hangman puzzles and songs. Each of them are stepping out of their comfort zones and sharing the Gospel on the streets and in the kids clubs. Their ministry is a sweet-smelling fragrance to Christ!



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Aya, a very nice secular Israeli Jew, said that she doesn't want anything to exist after death. (A common sentiment, because if nothing happens after death then we can just live any way we please). She explained that Judaism teaches that the soul returns to the earth (to Abraham's Bosom) after someone dies, but that she's not very religious. She has considered studying more about her faith, but doesn't want to become Orthodox because it just seems like too much of a hassle following all the rituals and such.

I agreed with her, but encouraged her not to throw the baby out with the bath water. I asked if she had ever read any of the Brit Hadasha (New Testament) and she said no. I asked if she'd ever read Isaiah 53 from her own Bible and she said she couldn't remember, so I shared some of Isaiah's prophecies about the Messiah. He said that the Messiah would be pierced for our transgressions, that He would be striped for our healing, that He would be killed with criminals and buried with the rich. Jesus fulfilled all of these to the letter, as well as almost 300 other prophecies from the Tanakh (Old Testament).

She said she would like to study more about the New Testament, but her father would freak out if she did. So I gave her a tract I had made with Isaiah 53 and other Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. I also gave her the testimony of my friend Mark Sohmer, who is a Jewish believer in Jesus.

Please pray for Aya that God's word and Mark's testimony would touch her heart and that she would place her faith in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah.



Chloe (on the left) and I got to join an outreach at a public high school for "Bring Your Bible to School Day!" The team of parents and home-schooled students got to hand out 600 Gospels of John to kids who have likely had no exposure to the Gospel, seeing as New England has only 3% church attendance.

Gwen (on the right) is a brand-new evangelist! She did an awesome job her first day ever sharing the Gospel on the streets at our Halloween outreach in Salem, Mass! After the outreach, she said it was the most significant thing she had ever done in her life. For those wanting to share your faith with the lost, remember, it's not our ability or strength that God uses, but our weakness, so we all qualify!

Pray that the Gospel seeds sown will take root and bring forth the fruit of repentance and faith in Christ!



Alex is a philosophy student at UNH. I asked if there were any particular philosophers that he appreciated more than others and he said, "I'm really into Carl Marx."

I said, "that's interesting." (Standard response). And then something came to me. "So the reason Marx's theories would only work in a perfect environment, but not in the real world, is because human beings have a sin nature. Do you know what that is?" "Nope."

"Well when Adam and Eve rebelled against God and chose to follow His arch-enemy Satan instead, that sin and rebelliousness was passed down to all of their descendants. The result is that each of us is selfish by nature and have a tendency to break God's laws. We all lie, steal, cheat, and are lazy by nature, so communal ownership never works because everyone wants the stuff, but no one wants to work for it. Does that make sense?" "Yeah."

"So do you know what God did for us to take away our sin problem?" "Nope."

"He took our punishment upon Himself on the cross. Our Creator became our Savior when He suffered and died for our sins. What we need to do is repent of our sin and trust in Jesus alone to save us." I could tell that Alex needed to get going, so gave him a Gospel of John and encouraged him to read a little every day. Please pray that Alex would humble himself, read God's word, and cry out to Jesus in repentance and faith. God bless you!

I love sharing the Gospel at Boston University! Tons of great Gospel conversations! It's amazing how Jesus goes before us and sets up Divine appointments. People must be praying, and I'm super grateful for that!

Please pray for Lance, who had a tender heart and a precious desire to know Jesus. For Cal, an Ethiopian student who came to faith in Christ a year ago and has been reading His word every day. Please also pray for the 8 different Jewish students who came up to me on this day, asking about my shirt. I shared my love for the Jewish people and for the Jewish Messiah, and let them know that Bible-believing Christians are praying for them. One Jewish student, Zach, was overjoyed and said, "I'm not usually for all this handing out pamphlets and stuff, but the fact that you are out here openly supporting Israel, especially at this time, is amazing. I keep telling my friends that we need to have stronger ties with Christians." Amen to that!

Ever since the October 7 massacre, it seems as if God has been setting up Divine appointments with Jewish people (even when I'm not wearing my Israel shirt). Let's pray that God uses this situation to draw precious Jewish people closer to Himself and that He would bring them to a saving faith in the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ. He fulfilled 300 prophecies from the Tanakh (Old Testament) in His first coming alone!

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Romans 10:1



We go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are because people matter to God!  
With love in Christ, *Chris, Bonnie, Chloe & Bella*



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