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The Work of Anti-Missionaries...

The last 6+ weeks, since 15 May 2014, have been among the most difficult weeks of **Tzedakah Ministries'** existence. It has been also been a spiritually lonely and difficult time for the ministry ... and it all began with a simple phone call.

At 9:46 a.m. on 15 May 2014, the phone rang with the words "No Caller ID" listed instead of a phone number or a person's name. I picked up the phone and was immediately confronted with a request by the voice to give up Jesus as my Messiah and become a Noahide (a Gentile who both denies Jesus and follows the Talmudic Seven Laws of Noah). I refused the request because I will never deny my Messiah Jesus. He then told me to "leave the Jews alone" and hung up. Soon after, three more calls came from the same "No Caller ID" in quick succession with messages from the same voice becoming increasingly more bizarre until I felt it was time to contact the police. The police came and filed a report. I followed their instructions and informed the caller on the fifth call on 15 May 2014 that charges would be filed if this continued. I hoped and believed this would be the end of the "No Caller ID." ***I was wrong.***

The phone calls resumed on 21 May 2014 and since that time until today (29 June 2014), **Tzedakah Ministries** has received 18 more "No Caller ID" calls and 12 more messages. The tenth message in this chain included the warning that "someone could get hurt" if this ministry continued in the efforts that this ministry will always continue in pursuing — **"To Equip His Church to Reach His People."** Therefore, and again, the police have been contacted and an ongoing investigation is underway at the present time.

However, the work of anti-missionaries (Jewish individuals who seek to fight the work of sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people) is not limited to annoying and/or threatening phone calls. Anti-missionaries have "invaded" the Facebook page of **Tzedakah Ministries** with malicious assaults on the ministry and my character. They have even created a counter group on Facebook that is dedicated to fighting this ministry! Obviously, **Tzedakah Ministries** is touching some Jewish lives and impacting the

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The Work of Anti-Missionaries... (continued)

Jewish community with the truth of Messiah Jesus. And someone (i.e., the Devil) doesn't like it! And that is why **Tzedakah Ministries** must continue the work of Jewish evangelism despite the spiritual warfare and personal obstacles that are placed in our path. Nothing must stop us from this work as the eternal destiny of the Jewish people is at stake!

I am fairly certain I know who is the human agent(s) behind these attacks on **Tzedakah Ministries**. The who is not important at this time. It is the why that I hope I can explain to you in this short article. **The why is because the truth of Jesus is both a stumbling block (I Cor. 1:23) and something that is just beyond the human understanding of many Jewish people.** This stumbling block and human understanding has created a fear, an "elephant in the room" as **Tzedakah Ministries** has described before, in the hearts of many Jewish people. And when people are afraid, some will react as these anti-missionaries have reacted in the last 6+ weeks towards **Tzedakah Ministries**.

However, I want you to know that this group is a very small sub-set of the Jewish population. The vast majority of the Jewish people would be and have been appalled by these anti-missionary tactics. A Jewish friend who is not yet a believer in Jesus has expressed a great deal of concern for my safety when he/she found out what was happening. Please know that the anti-missionaries are the exception and not the rule. However, these anti-missionaries have made for a very long 6+ weeks!

However, it is these same anti-missionaries and all the Jewish people in the world that Jesus died and arose again for in order to be their Messiah. It is these same anti-missionaries and all the Jewish people on this globe that Paul was willing to experience "anathema" for in Romans 9:3. And, yes, it is these same anti-missionaries and all the Jewish people on planet Earth that **Tzedakah Ministries** will continue to seek ways to reach with the truth of Messiah Jesus. This ministry has no choice. I have no other option but to continue to live out the ministry that Jesus the Jewish (and Gentile) Messiah called me to do (Luke 9:62).

Will you continue to join with **Tzedakah Ministries** on this endeavor "**To Equip His Church to Reach His People**"? Will you join with us with these words — **#NoRetreat, #NoRegrets, #NoReservations**? Will you join with us the next time the phone rings with the words, "No Caller ID"? Shalom!

Acts 20:24,

Amy Downey (Director)

Responding to the Anti-Missionaries

It is hard to imagine what motivates people. Anti-missionaries have left open evidence of their pranks, but motives are in the heart, which only God can know for certain. Although we cannot state their motives unequivocally, we can offer some practical insights.

One possible motivation is as ancient as John's Gospel. Chapter nine tells what happened when Jesus healed a man born blind. By then, some of the Jewish leaders had decided that anyone who believed that Jesus came from God would be put out of the synagogue. When the blind man testified that Jesus was indeed from God, the leaders cast the man out of the Temple. This was not even a controversy over Jesus' deity, but simply whether or not his miracle was valid. Jesus was a threat, not to Judaism, but to the religious structure of the day. Anyone who followed him did so risked excommunication. This fear carries a lot of weight for the Jewish people today, and this fear drives many anti-missionaries to the acts that Tzedakah Ministries is experiencing now.

Tzedakah Ministries has gone to other groups for advice on how to respond. The following section is good advice from Jews for Jesus. However, Tzedakah Ministries still struggles with following it...

Can we do anything to witness to these people? Yes, but not in the way you might think. You can't witness to a person who has no respect for you. If you can win their respect at all, it will be by showing that you know who they are and what they are doing...and by making it clear that you are not going to play their game. The first step in responding to the anti-missionaries is refusing to interact.

Interaction with anti-missionaries is fruitless because they are not interested in what you have to say. They are only talking to you because they have a job to do on you. If they cannot shake your faith, they will settle for wasting your time.

When you refuse to interact with them, most anti-missionaries will try to bait you into responding: "What are you afraid of?" "Are you afraid to talk to me?" They are not even curious about answers to these questions. Giving sincere answers to phony questions is a mistake.

This advice, indeed, is a hard struggle for **Tzedakah Ministries**. The goal and vision of this ministry is to reach all Jewish people with the Gospel ... even those who have made the last six weeks so difficult. **Tzedakah Ministries** prays daily that the next Paul will come from this group of anti-missionaries, for he was truly the original and "best" anti-missionary of them all. And so, **Tzedakah Ministries** is cutting back on its social media interaction with the anti-missionaries at this time; however, **PRAYER IS STILL AND WILL CONTINUE TO GO UP DAILY FOR THEM. PLEASE JOIN US!**

SPECIAL NOTE: The entire article from Jews for Jesus is too long to re-publish in its entirety in this issue but a link is provided (<http://www.jewsforjesus.org/publications/havurah/mm88/antimissionary>). **Tzedakah Ministries** also would like to thank Jews for Jesus' David Brickner (Executive Director) and Susan Perlman (Director of Communications) personally for their prayers, encouragement and support during this difficult time. Thank you (Todah)!

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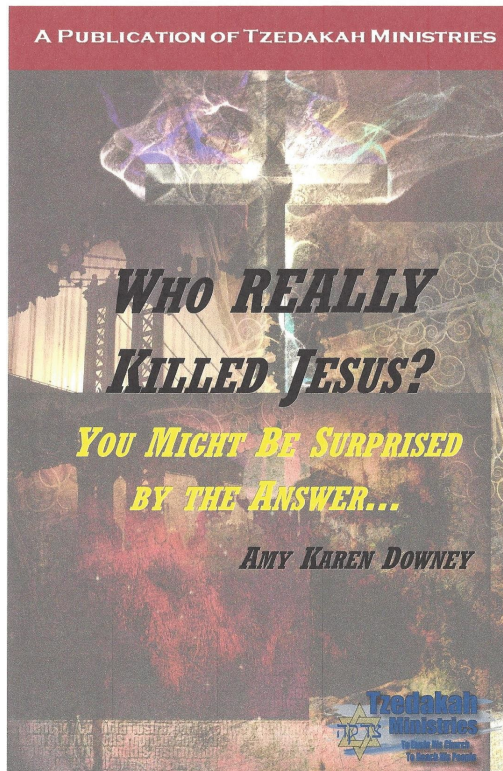
Ministry App Available Now!

Tzedakah Ministries after a lot of hard work is excited to announce that the ministry app is now available! You can go and download this free ministry app (to be used on either Apple or Android devices) on Google Play, Amazon and/or iTunes. You can also scan the QCR code for even faster downloading.



Evangelistic tracts from **Tzedakah Ministries** are available as well immediate access to ministry videos on **Tzedakah Ministries'** YouTube account. Additionally, there is an opportunity for you to send any and all questions to the ministry that you need help in answering as you witness to your Jewish friends/family. This is just one more step/approach/avenue of equipping Christians and churches to be able to reach the Jewish people with the truth of Messiah Jesus.

Who *REALLY* Killed Jesus? (Booklet)



In the last issue of *Tzedakah Times*, **Tzedakah Ministries** wrote about a desire to change the world. This desire, this vision, this dream of transforming the world, especially the Jewish world, for Messiah Jesus is still the heart and purpose of this ministry ... regardless of what the last few weeks have held. In fact, the last few weeks have only "upped" the motivation to change the world for Jesus!

With this mind, **Tzedakah Ministries** has decided to respond to one of the most difficult questions that many Christians and churches face from Jewish people ... **Who REALLY Killed Jesus?** For you have to understand that for almost 2,000 years, Jewish people have been told by many "Christians" and "churches" that they solely are responsible for the death of Jesus (deicide). **And nothing could be further from the truth!**

Therefore, **Tzedakah Ministries** has written a 28 page booklet to help you understand both the question and the answer to this difficult question. If you would like to secure a copy, please contact the ministry at info@tzedakahministries.org and we will arrange to send you one as soon as they are printed. This ministry wants you to have this booklet because the Jewish people need to know the **REAL** answer.

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