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SPECIAL NOTE ON THIS ISSUE:

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Tzedakah Ministries in Ecuador!

The picture to the left was taken as Tzedakah Ministries was sharing the vision of Jewish evangelism to a group of Ecuadorian Christians in the city of Tena just a few days ago. Tena, a city of approximately 60,000 souls, is located on the edge of the Amazon Basin; however, even at the edge of Andes the people of Tena knew and understood the need for the Jewish people to receive Jesus as their Messiah. The pastor's wife shared with me through an interpreter (my sister who is a missionary in the country) that she was touched by the message I shared and would begin to pray for the Jewish people.



The opportunity to share in the city of Tena was on Wednesday, 17 September. The following Sunday, 21 September, Tzedakah Ministries was given a few minutes to share the need for Jewish evangelism in a suburban church near Quito, the capital of the country and home to more than 3 million souls, including home to the largest Jewish population in the country. The believers of Iglesia Biblica Bautista were very receptive to what I had to share and one wonderful Ecuadorian Christian, Ruth, expressed her long-time burden to see the Jewish people come to faith (see picture below).

What a blessing it was to meet also Elvira, an Ecuadorian Christian woman who encounters many Jewish people — citizens of her country and tourists — in her role as a merchant at the *Mitad del Mundo*, the middle of the world (i.e., the equator). Elvira and Ruth both encouraged me because ... **THEY GET IT!**



They understand that Jewish people need Jesus and they want to play a small role, whether it be through praying for Jewish people or sharing their faith with whomever and whenever God brings Jewish people into their lives. And while Ecuador might not have a large Jewish population, Ruth and Elvira are ready and they **GET IT!**

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To Equip His Church To Reach His People

Tzedakah Ministries in Ecuador! (continued)



For there is only **ONE WAY (UNA VIA)** to God the Father (John 14:6) and that is through Messiah Jesus. This is what Christians and churches, whether they be in Ecuador or in the United States or in Israel, must affirm. If we do not **GET THIS TRUTH**, nothing else matters.

This truth and the importance of never compromising on **Una Via** truly was reinforced to me during a tourist stop in Ecuador as well. It is not a well-known tourist stop but it was special and important and almost “holy” for me. It was a small school building in Shandia, Ecuador, but it is significant because of two missionaries who once served there — Jim and Elisabeth Elliot.

In 1956, Jim Elliot joined fellow missionaries Pete Fleming, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, and Roger Youderain as martyrs for the faith when they were speared to death by the Auca (now known as the Waurani) Indians. Elisabeth Elliott and Nate’s sister, Rachel, went back into the jungle and were able to begin reaching these wonderful souls for the Gospel.

I stood in front of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot’s schoolhouse and was reinforced in the mission call to the Jewish people. Their testimony and their desire to continue the call regardless of the cost was ... **invigorating!** I also was reminded as I touched the walls of that building of Jim Elliot’s famous statement:



“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

Yes, the anti-missionary opposition has continued as will be discussed in the next article. (page 3). Yes, it is difficult to hear/read/experience the attacks; however, the call of Jewish evangelism is one that is worth any cost as I was reminded during this “vacation” to see my sister in Ecuador. The Jewish people simply have too much to lose ... their eternal souls. **Tzedakah Ministries** must continue!

Will you continue to join with **Tzedakah Ministries** on this endeavor **“To Equip His Church to Reach His People”**? Will you join with **Tzedakah Ministries** in hashtag evangelism (see page 4)? What about checking out the new evangelistic tracts (page 4)? What do you have to lose? What do they? Shalom!

Acts 20:24,

Amy Downey (Director)

**“He is no fool
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Jim Elliot



Update on the Anti-Missionary Attacks

Tzedakah Ministries never quite grasped the meaning of the phrase — “being a target” until the 15th of May. However, and since that day, the ministry has grown to identify with the picture below. For it seems as if a day does not go by without a hateful comment via Social Media or something even more threatening coming across the desk of the ministry.



The viciousness of the attacks reached a unprecedented high (or low) about two weeks before the trip to Ecuador. The emails/comments called for me (personally) to be burned at the stake and in language that only a few people, beyond the police, have read as it is so vile.

However, I want you to know that **Tzedakah Ministries** loves and prays for these people daily. The ministry’s heart breaks over their lostness. The ministry’s heart yearns for them to come to faith in Messiah Jesus. The ministry’s heart knows each of these individuals by name and prays for them every time they choose to attack not only the ministry but also the Messiah who came to set them free.

Tzedakah Ministries loves these anti-missionaries. And **Tzedakah Ministries** has come to truly appreciate and grasp even more fully what Paul wrote in Romans 9:1-3a — *“I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren,...”*

The anti-missionaries are reacting out of fear. The anti-missionaries are responding out of a sense of desperation. And the only response, and this is something that I have check in my own spirit on a daily basis, is one of love and prayer. For while the slings and arrows continue to be flung in the ministry’s direction, **Tzedakah Ministries** has discovered that there is one, perhaps even two, of these souls who are beginning to ask honest and real questions about the Gospel.

Please continue to pray for the anti-missionaries. Please continue to love them. This is the greatest tool in our Gospel toolbox for they will know we are believers in Jesus by our love!

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Hashtag Evangelism ... #Huh?

Tzedakah Ministries is a little late to the hashtag communication revolution; however, “better later than never!” The ministry has adopted the following hashtags as a series of mottos to show that this ministry is not only about evangelism but also unashamedly dedicated to the truth of Messiah Jesus. Interestingly enough, these hashtags are drawing a lot of attention from ... the Jewish community!

Please USE them. Please ADOPT them. And, yes, I (Amy Downey) even wear these hashtags on a t-shirt! Please contact the ministry if you would like to secure your own hashtag evangelistic t-shirt!



Two NEW Evangelistic Tracts

Two of the most common Biblical prophecies regarding the first coming of Messiah Jesus in Christian churches are two of the most difficult Biblical prophecies for Jewish people to understand — Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6 (v. 5 in the Jewish Bible). Therefore, **Tzedakah Ministries** has created two new evangelistic tracts just in time for the upcoming season in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

What you see below is simply the front side of the tracts ... the answer (JESUS) is on the back side. In other words, we want to encourage the Jewish people to turn it over in order to be “turned” for Jesus. If you would like to receive copies of either and/or both tracts, please let the ministry know and they will be sent to you ASAP!



CAN BIBLE PROPHECY BE LIKE AN ICE CREAM CONE & HAVE MORE THAN ONE SCOOP (I.E., DOUBLE FULFILLMENT)?

Isaiah 7:14
Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 (KJV -- Public Domain)

IF SO ... WHO WAS THE FIRST CHILD AND WHO WAS THE SECOND?



Have you ever met anyone whose name was ...?

Pele-joez-el-gibbor-Abi-ad-sar-shalom
 (1917 Jewish Publication Society of Isaiah 9:5)

פֶּלֶא יוֹעֵז אֵל גִּבּוֹר אָבִיעַד שַׂר-שְׁלוֹם:

Are there other options for His name...? Find out ...

