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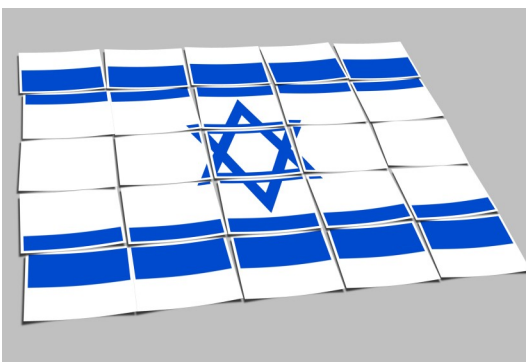
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Israel ... Exciting!!! Jewish Evangelism???

A Jewish evangelist in the UK shared with me a sad truth not so long ago. I want to share it with you as well. She wrote to me that many Christians find the idea of Israel exciting but the work of Jewish evangelism ... NOT SO MUCH.



I would like to argue with my friend but I think that sometimes she has a valid point. Supporting Israel as a nation for many Evangelicals is easier than sharing the truth of Messiah Jesus with a Christian's next door neighbor who happens to be Jewish. It is easier to stand against anti-Semitism when it happens in the synagogue in Pittsburgh (i.e., "over there") than to show the love of Jesus to the Jewish people in our own community. We are comfortable sending someone else to do the work of evangelizing the Jewish people but to do the work ourselves ...

YIKES and SCARY!



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This is why Tzedakah Ministries is here. We want to take the YIKES and SCARY away. We exist to make Jewish evangelism as natural and exciting as any other work for God.

The rest of this issue will be about different ways we are seeking to do this in 2019. Read more about it! Shalom! God bless...

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Teaching Romans 1:16...

There are also between 7,000 to 10,000 Alaskan Jews (aka the “Frozen” Chosen”).

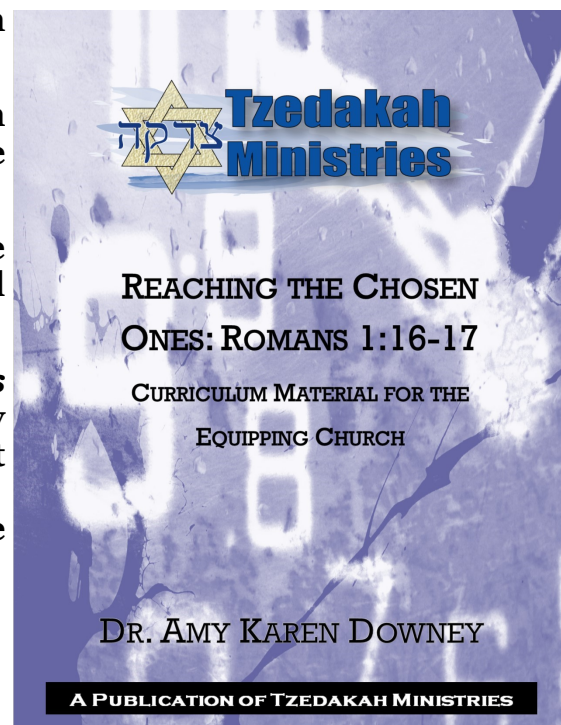
Many years ago when I worked for another ministry, I wrote Sunday School literature/material on Romans 1:16-17. I am not sure what the other ministry did with the curriculum that was written but Tzedakah Ministries believes that one of the reasons many Christians and churches do not “do Jewish evangelism” as they should is because they do not understand just exactly what the words “to the Jew first” really means. It is time for this to change.

Tzedakah Ministries has developed a curriculum piece for Sunday School classes and/or small groups that can be completed in one-week or multiple weeks. It is also designed for those teachers who prefer the lecture style or those who prefer the Q/A approach. What is consistent with this information is that it is Biblically-based and focused on equipping Christians and churches to know why Jewish evangelism is still valid today.

Here are some special facets of *Reaching the Chosen Ones: Romans 1:16-17* Curriculum Material:

- 1) Biblical Background information for the teacher
- 2) Biblical commentary on the passage for the teacher
- 3) Teaching suggestions for whatever style the teacher might wish to use
- 4) Suggested outline for both teacher and group usage
- 5) Suggested discussion starter questions for the group/class
- 6) YouTube video that can be used as a teaching tool and/or as a resource

Reaching the Chosen Ones will be available January 2019. Please contact us at info@tzedakahministries.org to let us know you would like to receive copies.



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Vacation Bible School

As a Baptist PK (pastor's kid), I have not only been to my share of Vacation Bible Schools but I also have been a teacher, a music coordinator and even the Arts/Crafts leader for more than one VBS across the land! Incidentally, the idea of me coming anywhere close to Arts/Crafts is a scary thought and indicates the desperate need that churches have for more workers...

However, I also know the spiritual impact that Vacation Bible School can have on children. Children have been introduced to a personal relationship with Jesus between Arts/Crafts and snack time during VBS. And other young people have realized the call to missions was their calling during this special week each summer.

This is why Tzedakah Ministries would like to ask you to consider including us in your Vacation Bible School plans in 2019.

- 1) Consider Tzedakah Ministries as the recipient for your VBS missions offering
- 2) Invite Tzedakah Ministries to come and speak to your Vacation Bible School about Jewish evangelism (and Israel)
- 3) Allow Tzedakah Ministries to provide you with special VBS literature for your students that will help them how important it is to share Jesus with Jewish people around the world



Tzedakah Ministries wants to assist you to make the 2019 VBS at your church one of the most unique and special your church has ever experienced. Jewish evangelism is one way that this can happen.

If you are interested, please contact us at info@tzedakahministries.org, 214-356-6080 or fill out a simple form at <http://tzedakahministries.org/church-ministries/>.

Vacation Bible School is more than finding enough empty milk cartons to use for Arts/Crafts. It is about changing hearts and lives for Jesus.

Evangelistic Torah Portions

Every Friday/Saturday (Sabbath), a portion of the Torah is read in the synagogue as a way to connect the Jewish people to their heritage. However, and sadly, the true meaning of the portion is lost amid the fluff of tradition and the effort to hide the truth of Jesus from the Jewish people.

Therefore, Tzedakah Ministries has decided to add to our website an “Evangelical Torah Portion” which will look at the exact same section that the Jewish people are examining but with a twist ... an evangelistic twist.

Please utilize this weekly Torah Portion as a conversation starter with your Jewish friends/family — <http://tzedakahministries.org/weekly-torah/>.

What Is Next for Tzedakah Ministries?

2019 looks to be a busy travel calendar year. We are looking at going to New York again in January, Florida in February, Michigan in March, Pennsylvania in April, Alabama in June, and Toronto in August. However, we will always make more time to travel to your church and/or small group. Just contact us at 214-356-6080 to schedule a time!

We also hope to draw even closer on our plans for launching CAFÉ Kehillah and Agnes House in 2019. Yes .. We like to stay busy!

2019 is also a special year for Tzedakah Ministries. It will mark 15 years of Jewish evangelism. It seems like only yesterday that we began but already 15 years have passed. Wow! God is good!



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