



Dear Precious Friend,

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Acts 17

The Jewish-Greek Bridge continues to be built in this historical Mediterranean region in the footsteps of Paul.

This month a team from Gateways Beyond Int'l visited Thessaloniki to serve in the Refugee Camps and also to minister to the Greek Churches and nation. Gateways Beyond is a Messianic discipleship training school in Cyprus to prepare Jewish and Gentile youth to be sent out to the nations as one new man for the Great Commission. I helped coordinate their activities in Berea and Thessaloniki for evangelistic outreaches. What took place was a sign that the Lord is about to move in this region to complete what He began 2000 years ago.

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night to Berea who coming there went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. *Acts 17:10-11*

Here are some of our stories:

When the team stepped onto the square at Berea, there were a few Greek men there. Immediately, they called out from afar, "who are you?" As we approached the men, I responded that we were Jews and Gentiles who came to bless Greece. With tears in his eyes, one of them said, "I remember when I was a boy and the Nazis came to take the Jews bound to the synagogue and then to Auschwitz. I still think about it and cry! What a terrible sin was committed in our city. I still cry." One of the Jewish believers on the team began to pray in Hebrew over him for the healing of his heart. One of the Germans said, "I am German and I ask you to forgive my people for what happened here. I am not one of them. We love the Jews and we bless them." She prayed earnestly for the men. What a powerful entry into the city of Berea! Then we walked to the synagogue where the Berean Greek Jews were rounded up and locked inside the synagogue, the same one where the Apostle Paul preached the gospel almost 2000 years before. There we heard the full story of the Greek Jews from Evi, a Greek tour guide who calls herself a Schindler. What followed was powerful and historical.

As Evi was passionately telling the true story of what happened during the war, Ruben, the German team leader began to cry and ask Evi to forgive the Germans for their atrocities. As Ruben fell on his knees, Evi fell on hers and they embraced weeping. Then the whole team also fell on their knees and began to pray and cry out to God. We lingered on our knees for a long while and when we finished, an Israeli tour group suddenly entered the synagogue. We spontaneously began to dance together singing, "Am Israel Chai (the people of Israel are alive)." One of the Israelis

reminded us that we were celebrating together on Israel's Independence Day. We then spent time worshiping in this famous synagogue where Paul the Apostle preached the gospel and brought many Jews to the Lord, but from where all except for 150 of the Jews of Berea were taken to the slaughter.

We went back to the square to do an evangelistic outreach. At one point, a prominent Berean woman came with a freshly baked cake and began cutting it and distributing it to the team. She said, "I was watching you from my window and I suddenly felt that I was supposed to bake you a cake and bring it down to you." Moments after that, she gave her life to the Lord!" A number of men and women prayed with us.

One man who gave his heart to the Lord, also got healed in his leg. We also had an in-depth conversation with a Greek Orthodox priest who talked about the need for unity between all Christian denominations.

Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks and of men, not a few. *Acts 17:12*

In Thessaloniki, we had a number of outreaches at the White Tower, a central and historical spot where many people gather. As the team worshiped God, I noticed a Greek woman come and stand near me. I began to share the gospel with her and saw that she was very hungry for Yeshua. She opened her heart and prayed with me to receive Him. Then she told me that she suffered from severe back problems. I prayed with her for healing, but she only received mild relief. After about 15 minutes, I felt led to pray for her healing again. This time I had a vision and saw a demon holding her back with his fingers. I cast out the demon in Yeshua's name and the woman at once opened her mouth and let out a deep loud sigh as if something had left her body. Then she cried out, "It's gone! I'm healed!" She was totally restored.

Another day, I met a very depressed Greek woman. I shared the gospel and she prayed to receive the Lord. About a week later, she called and asked to meet me again. She said that when she went home that day, her husband and son said, "you're different. What happened to you?" She told them about her experience. Both she and her husband went to a church in Thessaloniki I sent them to. They are transformed.

Every day the team also went to the Refugee camp at the Greek border. A Moslem woman I met there, extended her hand to me to show that her middle finger was crippled and folded up. I prayed for healing and right there before our eyes, her finger straightened out and became normal. She ran to tell her family and they all came out of their tent. Her daughter then took my hand and put it on her head to let me know to pray for her head problems. Immediately she was healed and the whole family took Bibles. Many salvations, signs and wonders are happening among the Moslem refugees.

We also shared as a team at three Greek Churches and God did wonderful things. One member of the team got a word of knowledge about someone with a hip problem, but he did not share it at the service. At the end however, a man came over to him with a hip problem, without knowing the team member had gotten this word. The team member prayed and immediately the brother was completely healed.

I shared in one of the main Evangelical churches on the restoration of Greek identity as they come into unity with Israel and many told me that their eyes were opened and that they were deeply touched and revived. One man came to me with tears in his eyes saying, "I never heard anything like this, especially from a woman preacher! I'm going to tell this to everyone!"

The end of all things is at hand, beloved. God is moving powerfully across the globe before His second coming. The Book of Acts is continuing through us, His sent ones as He told us:

Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believes on me, the acts that I do shall he do also; and greater acts than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. *John 14:12*

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. *Acts 3:20-21*

The connection between Israel and Greece is a crucial link in these last days even as it was in the days of the first disciples of Yeshua, rekindling revival and restoration, advancing the Kingdom of God and hastening the return of the Lord.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek. *Romans 1:16*

In His Footsteps,

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