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Dear friend,

Shalom in His grace! I hope you have already found 2014 to be a fruitful time for you and your family! Your Mission to the Jewish People is busy moving into the Brooklyn Center, conducting the Isaiah 53 Campaign in Israel, and much more.

More than 10,000 people have responded to the ads we placed all over Brooklyn on billboards, bus shelters, subway stops and online. About 1,000 people requested the *Isaiah 53 Explained* book and hundreds have watched the evangelistic movies and testimonies on the website Isaiah53.com. What is most gratifying to me is the number of religious Jewish people who have ordered the book and called the telephone number on the advertising; we have had many conversations with those who have shown an interest in Jesus.



May I tell you a quick story about the Isaiah 53 Campaign in Brooklyn? It is typical of the exciting opportunities the Lord is giving to us at this time!

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One evening, an Orthodox Jewish man called and in an urgent voice said that he only had half an hour to talk because his wife had just left the house and he did not want to talk about Isaiah 53 while she was there. This is fairly typical of religious Jewish people who are considering Jesus—they want privacy because this is such a volatile issue for them, especially in the home.

His call came in at about 9:30 at night. The person who received it, a Chinese student and missionary to the Jewish people attending our Charles Feinberg Center in Brooklyn, then called one of our bright, young, missionaries, who immediately phoned the Orthodox Jewish man. They had a half-hour Bible study on Isaiah 53, going through the passage verse by verse in Hebrew. The Orthodox Jewish man had some fantastic questions and was very open to the Lord, but after a half hour said, “I’ve got to hang up, as my wife is coming home.”

DR. FUCHS WAS A MAN OF VISION AND FAITH. HE HAD A REPUTATION OF HAVING A SENSITIVE HEART FOR MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD.

We want you to pray for him, but cannot give you this person’s name. You see, our publications are regularly read by the “anti-missionaries” who are

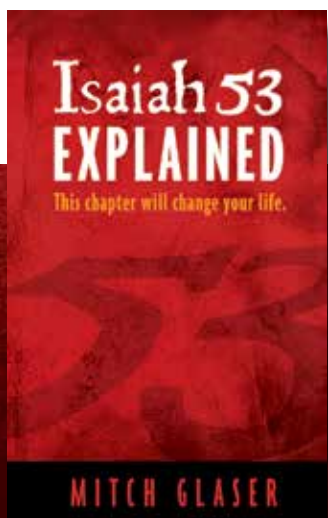
trying to keep us from bringing the Gospel to the Jewish people in the heart of Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn—especially through our new Center and through the Isaiah 53 Campaign.

So, please pray for this man and for the dozens of others who have also responded with a deep interest in the Gospel.

Daniel Fuchs—One of the Heroes

An Orthodox Jew, a Chinese missionary and a Jewish evangelist—it sounds like an unlikely trio, does it not? Yet, you can add to that odd group my own presence—perhaps the least likely of all—as the narrator of the story. And without the intervention of Dr. Daniel Fuchs, a former president of Chosen People Ministries, I may never have entered the story. He is one of my true heroes of the faith. Please allow me to explain.

I remember my first meeting with Dr. Fuchs. I had just come to faith in Jesus the Messiah in 1970 as a young, Jewish, drug-dealing hippie living in San Francisco! I knew so little about the Bible and about my new faith, but I knew that Jesus was the Messiah and that I was going through one radical



THIS CHAPTER WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

change after another...especially having grown up in a more traditional Jewish home in New York City.

Dr. Fuchs was what we call “a child of the mission.” His mother had become a follower of Jesus under the ministry of our founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn. Daniel was raised in the Mission and eventually became the director of what was still in the early 1960s known as the American Board of Missions to the Jews. He served our Mission faithfully for many years and always had the reputation of having a sensitive heart for the missionaries on the field. It is because of his love for our missionaries that we have named our Under-Supported Missionary Fund in his honor.

I knew God had called me to the ministry. Through my association with the Northern California branch of Chosen People Ministries and the director of this work, Martin (Moishe) Rosen, who later became the founder of Jews for Jesus, I eventually met Daniel Fuchs in New York City. I visited Dr. Fuchs to ask him for a scholarship to attend Bible college.

I was literally scared to death because I was such a “newbie.” But I when met his wife and secretary, Muriel, she was so gracious and kind as she ushered me into Dr. Fuch’s large office in the building Chosen People Ministries owned at the time on West 72nd Street and Broadway.

When I met Dr. Fuchs for the first time, he reminded me of my grandfather! He took my hand, prayed for me, and asked me what I needed. I told him about my desire to serve my newfound Messiah Jesus and to attend Bible college. Almost immediately, he said, “Of course we will help you.” I went to Bible college and never had to worry about tuition because Chosen People Ministries and another small Jewish mission with which I was working at the time helped pay my tuition.

I think if Daniel Fuchs had known I would one day become the president of the Mission, he would have probably been alarmed. At the time I asked for the scholarship, my hair was still long, I had a big thick beard, and I even dressed up in my best overalls to meet him that day in New York City!

MANY OF OUR YOUNGER JEWISH MISSIONARIES DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

But he was a man of vision and faith, and I experienced firsthand his love for everyday missionaries to the Jewish people.

We have some fantastic new staff members working with Chosen People Ministries who are trying to raise their support. But as you can imagine, the younger Jewish missionaries to the Jewish people do not have many opportunities to reach their goal. Many of them are in the same position I was in—without family members who were willing to help me pursue the calling the Lord had placed upon my life, or a ready-made network of individuals and churches

Isaiah 53



Jerusalem Messianic Center



to call upon for assistance. Some of our new missionaries have it even harder—some of them cannot possibly raise support in the United States because they do not even speak English!

THINK OF YOUR GIFT
TO THE UNDER-
SUPPORTED
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AN INVESTMENT OR
SOWING SEED MONEY
IN THE LIVES OF THESE
NEW STAFF MEMBERS
WHO ARE ALREADY
WORKING IN THE FIELD.

They live and serve in Israel, Russia and other countries.

But you can help them!

We hope to raise \$250,000 this year for the Daniel Fuchs Under-Supported Missionary Fund.

Would you consider giving a generous gift and perhaps even pledging a series of gifts over the course of the year to help support our under-supported missionaries? They are dedicated, on fire for Jesus, and willing to be on the front lines of Jewish missions in the United States, Israel in other countries around the globe—but they cannot do it without your help.

You might think of your gift to the Under-Supported Missionary Fund as an investment or *sowing seed money* in the lives of these new staff members who are already working hard to raise the support they need to serve the Lord through Chosen People Ministries.

Would you help me help these dedicated servants of the Lord?

Your gift of \$100, \$1,000, or whatever the Lord enables you to give will help keep these new staff members on the field. So thank you for considering a gift to Daniel Fuchs Under-Supported Missionary Fund, and I pray that the Lord will bless you for blessing the Jewish people (Genesis 12:3).

Your brother in the Messiah,


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