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- All Bible believing missionaries and Pastors around the world



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## Greetings Friends,

The last month has been challenging and a blessing. We have been seeing an increase of opposition in our street evangelism, which is challenging. We have also seen several visitors return and stay, which is a real blessing. Honestly, the opposition is expected in Amsterdam, and we have had it in the past. Two weeks ago, a Muslim wanted to start an argument about contradictions in the Bible. I would not engage him, because I knew where the conversation would go and it was pointless to engage. Proverbs 26:4, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him." That made him angry, and he ended up coming back and trying to engage again, which I did the second time, Proverbs 26:5, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceits." The funny part of this is he recorded the interaction in which I was holding a gospel banner and preaching the gospel, and he was going to put it on his YouTube channel for all his muslim follower to see. Please pray the Lord uses it for His glory.

Most of the returning visitors are coming from a refugee camp near Amsterdam. They are not saved but have given us a great compliment. They told a man in the church that we are "real." We are gaining their trust and are praying they will get saved soon. Our main prayer point here is that the Lord will send us someone who can translate from English to Arabic. They understand English, but they could be missing key points. The teen class is going well. All 3 men have had their first opportunity to teach, and they are doing a great job. The children's church is also going well, and we have 2 young boys that are at the point of understanding their need for salvation. Please pray for their salvation as well. Next Sunday, we will be having a baptism service. As of now it is only one being baptized, but they will be inviting lost family to the service. Pray the Lord will give me wisdom on the message for this. The preaching over the last month has been about family structure and order, very much needed in the day we are in, and it has been received well. The families seem to be growing spiritually. We praise God for that!

If you would pray for our protection as we evangelize, it would be much appreciated. The news reported that the threat level has increased towards certain "groups" recently, we fit into that "group". We have had other man join our Saturday evangelism, pray he will not be discouraged. Street preaching is also challenging this month because of the "Pride" month. Last year, they tried to have the police stop us from preaching, but they would not. Pray for more visitors to come and to be saved. There have been many spiritual attacks for our church folks recently, please pray they do not cause people to turn away from the Lord. Pray for us to have the wisdom to minister to our folks and others around us. Please pray for all the missionaries and Pastors around the world! Pray for each other!

Love in Christ, Eric & Lisa

