



Hope of Israel Baptist Mission  
*The Salerni Family*      **Ambassadors to the Jews**



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This summer has been jam-packed with sowing the Gospel Seed at festivals, preaching in tent meetings, open-air preaching at sporting events, and state fairs. Currently I'm in Indiana helping with the Indianapolis Gospel Tent Meeting. This annual event is the concerted effort of over a half dozen area Ind. Baptist churches that share a great burden to reach their communities with the Good News. We praise God 25 souls have been saved so far and we need your prayers as they have extended the meeting another week so more souls can be reached for God's glory. They are planning to visit seven area synagogues to deliver gift baskets with beautiful HIBM Heb/Eng New Testaments during this time. A special note expressing our love and support for the Jewish people is included so please pray for God's power and wisdom to reach them with an open door to witness of the Messiah. The Lord has given me a wonderful opportunity to preach each afternoon along with evangelist Bro. Jonathan Ellis in a small tent close in proximity to the large one that seats several hundred. It is strategically located next to a busy gas station. People are drawn in to hear the preaching and gospel music from the Ellis family and everyone gets invited to the evening services. I preached to a precious man named John (pictured below) one afternoon. He got under conviction and came back that night and got saved, praise God!

In June we had the 34th annual "Old Fashioned Tent Meeting" on the Boston Common with Pastor Gary Corbin and our dear friends of Bible Baptist Church. This year was different in that we weren't permitted to set up Bro. John Sasser's beautiful eye-catching tent in our usual location. The city erected a twisted and ugly bronze statue in the one and only location where the tent could be safely staked because of underground electric cables and irrigation systems. This initial disappointment was God's divine appointment as we were given a nearby spot right next to the Welcome Center where we could put up a couple small canopies to preach under. The foot traffic there was phenomenal and much greater than our previous location. Large Israeli and American flags were hung to attract Jewish people and we set up dozens of chairs on the lawn so passerby could sit down to hear the preaching. Jewish people would be curious and stop to inquire about us which gave us opportunities to witness. This also opened doors to share the Good News with many Muslims as well. Most received bibles or literature and some sat down to hear the preaching. We were astonished when the visitor center allowed one of our brothers to place a large stack of tracts from Fellowship Tract League in their tourist brochure rack. A short while later the workers moved them to the top of their front counter right next to some t-shirts on sale and wanted our entire box of 10,000 to re-stock them! We thank God for the Gospel Light shed on the spiritual darkness we encountered in this city resulting in five souls being saved that week.

Our summer festival outreaches in Milwaukee with pastor Bryan Hatfield and Beth HaMidrash Baptist Church went exceptionally well with the distribution of 126,000 Gospel tracts. The saying "when you reach the world you reach the Jew" rings so true. I gave many Jewish people Heb/Eng bibles and tracts as they attended the State Fair and other large events this summer, and a small one entirely devoted to Jewish food. As a result of last year's festival outreaches the church welcomed a precious young family with members being saved, baptized and now growing in faith. Thank you and may God bless you richly for your part in reaching the lost sheep of the house of Israel as we work together hastening the Lord's return by making the Gospel known to all nations. (Matthew 10:6, 24:14)

