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## June 2021: Here's an update of the ministry in the past month.

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## South Florida Fair Outreach Complete!



Above: Our booth was in the building on the left

Last month we had our South Florida Fair booth up for 17 days. While it is one of the smallest Fairs that we do, it is in a very Jewish area which makes it worthwhile.

We had three teams of two: Robert & Carrie for week one, Lynn and Tamar for week two, and Doug and Greg for week three. **In those 17 days, we spoke to 147 Jewish people face-to-face**, sharing that we are Jewish and believe in Jesus! Many of these people took a free book of testimonies. Of course, we spoke with many non-Jewish people as well.



Robert and Carrie Specter at the booth during week one

We had too many conversations to list them all, but here are a few of the conversation highlights:

-- A young tattooed woman with her boyfriend said her grandparents were Jewish, but she was not raised in any religion. We asked if she would take a testimony book, which she did. She also took a contact card from a local congregation.

-- A Lebanese Christian who said he loves Israel. He said the Israelis protected his Christian family when he was growing up in Lebanon. We discussed biblical history, when Lebanon helped provide the lumber for King Solomon to build the Temple in Jerusalem. Israel and Lebanon have a long history together. He was delighted to take a picture with Doug. (see photo).



Above: Doug with a man born in Lebanon

-- A Jewish woman who said she has a Messianic Jewish friend.  
(Note: This is common to hear from Jewish people today. Years ago it was not – see article below.)

-- A Jewish woman who said she teaches the “co-existence” point of view. In other words, she believes that all religions are valid and that people should stop fighting. Obviously, we expressly deny that all religions are equally valid – Yeshua is the only way (John 14:6, Acts 4:12).

-- A retired Jewish postman from Brooklyn. He and his wife were enamored with all our Jewish items for sale. He was not too interested in what we had to say, but he did take a testimony book when offered.





Greg speaking to a family who stopped at our booth (top), and Greg praying for a man who stopped by.

-- A Jewish woman and her daughter from New York. She said she began to have doubts about God when she lost her husband at about age 39. She took a testimony book when offered. She also took a congregation invitation card, remarking how close it was to her when she saw the address.

And finally -

-- We were at the booth during the Israeli - Gaza war. A Palm Beach Police Officer came by our booth and asked, "You didn't have any issues, did you?"

When we answered that we had not, he responded, "Thank God!"



Front of our table at our booth

We had many more Jewish interactions over the 17 days.

Many Christians also came by the booth and were very excited to see us; a few purchased some of our Jewish/biblical items on display. We praise God for this opportunity and trust that good seed was planted in the soil of all these human hearts.

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We were extremely disappointed to learn that two of the Fairs we had



scheduled for summer evangelism booths have both been canceled.

The Ohio State Fair and the Canadian National Exposition have both canceled their events for 2021.

*Please pray that we might find other ministry opportunities to **replace these events***, despite the short amount of time we will have to change our plans.

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## **This month's special offer:**



### **"Yeshua" Jesus in Hebrew - Necklace**

The Necklace says "Yeshua" (Jesus) in Hebrew. It is stainless steel with gold plating. The chain is 18 inches - but please note: The Chain is non-detachable.

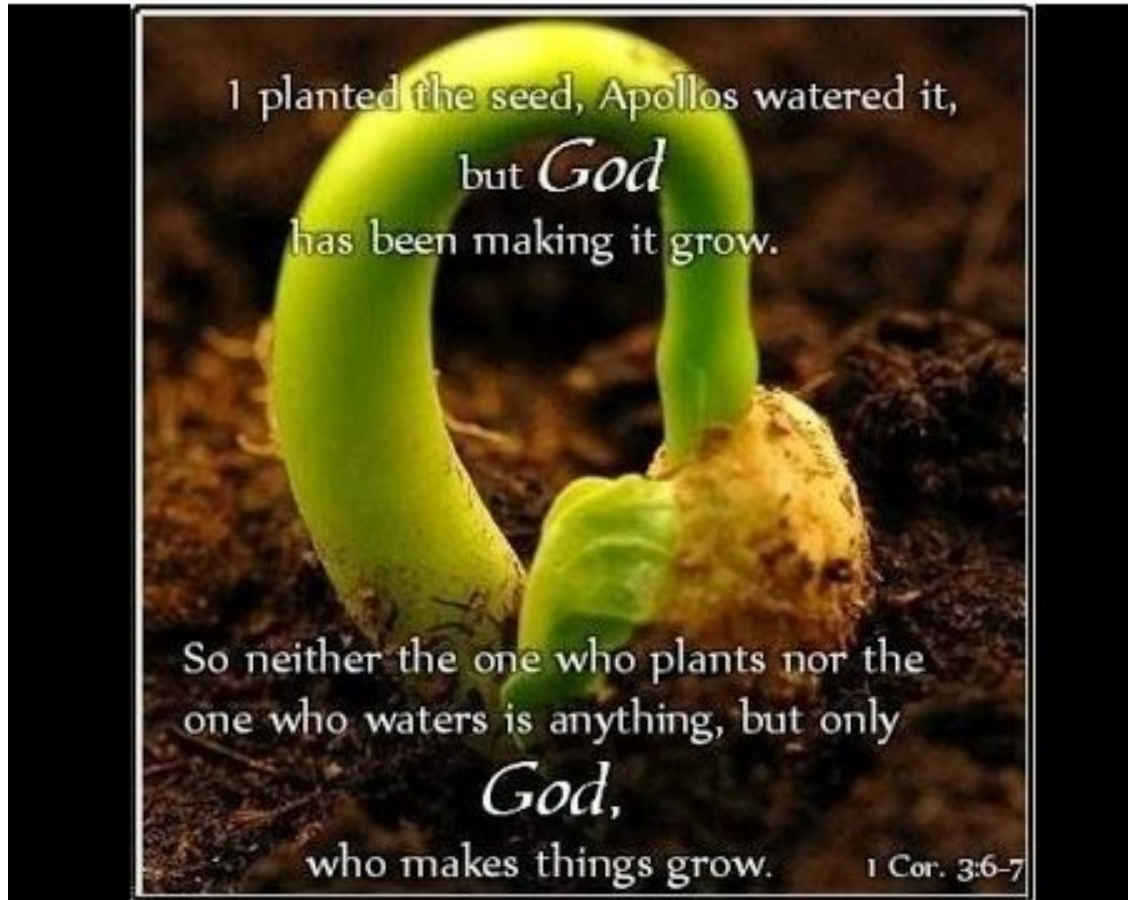
Normally \$14 - use promo code "necklace" for a discounted price of \$12 (plus shipping). Code expires June 30th.

Supplies are limited.

<https://www.rockofisraelstore.org/discount/necklace?redirect=%2Fproducts%2Fyeshua-jesus-in-hebrew-necklace>

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### Planting gospel seeds

The Jewish Apostle Paul makes an interesting comparison in this verse. He is equating gospel preaching with agriculture. For a farmer to get a good harvest from the ground he needs several things: good soil, seed and water. Jesus made the same comparison of agriculture to preaching the gospel. (Matthew 13:3)

Even those who only garden as a hobby know that it takes time for a big harvest to come in. There is no such thing as “fast gardening”. Sow today and reap tomorrow – that does not exist. Good fruit takes time to develop.

We bring this up because at every Fair we do, we hear comments like this from Jewish people, “*Yeah, I have heard of Jewish people believing in Jesus. My cousin is one of them.*”

Why is this significant? Because 40 or 50 years ago, you would not have heard these types of comments. Back then, if a Jewish person had a Jewish friend or relative who believed in Jesus, they were simply viewed as “one of those crazies”. But these days, it is much more common – we are no longer “just a bunch of crazies”. This is evident every time we hear someone at the booth say, “Yeah, I know one of them.”

This means that the gospel is growing among the Jewish people. It means that the seeds planted in the 1970’s and 1980’s are coming to

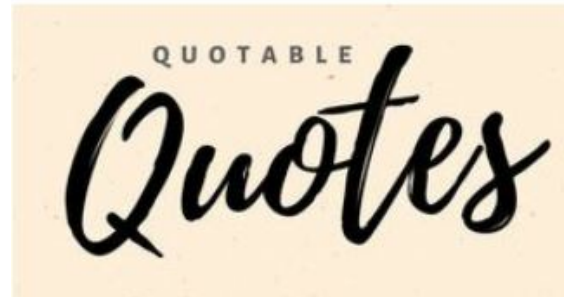
fruition today. It means that previous generations planted the seed, we are watering today and God is giving the increase.

Remember – it takes time for a fruitful harvest, but God promises the increase when we work for Him.

Thank you for being a part of this ministry work of planting and watering the gospel seeds.

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**“Ani l’dodi, v’dodi li;”**

*"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine ."*

**—Song of Songs 2:16**

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**THIS MONTHS TRIVIA:**

What is the "Magen David Adom" in Israel?"

- A. The title every Israeli soldier gets after serving their country
- B. A famous Israeli dessert named after King David
- C. King David's Tomb
- D. The Israeli version of the Red Cross

**Answer near bottom**

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FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO  
THE MODERN AGE

## **This Month's Jewish Humor**

A passenger jet was suffering through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a Rabbi sitting next to her and with a nervous laugh asked, "Rabbi, you are a man of God, can't you do something about this storm?"

To which he replied, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management...."

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## **JERUSALEM - A HEAVY STONE**



Israeli soldiers retake Jerusalem during the Six-day War in 1967

Even those of you who do not follow world news have probably

heard that Israel and Hamas were in a short (about 11-day) war last month. Like many wars, it started out small: some Palestinians were threatened with eviction from their homes in East Jerusalem. Then Palestinians held protests on the Temple Mount. Finally, Hamas (across the country in Gaza) decided to join the protests via rocket attacks.

The Israeli response was strong and swift.



The Israeli Air Force bombed specific Hamas targets.

During those 11 days, Hamas launched over 4,000 rockets into the air. Some of these Hamas missiles fell short of the border and actually landed on their own people. Many rockets did make it into Israeli airspace, but most were intercepted by Israel's "Iron Dome"

technology.

Sadly, over 240 people (mostly Palestinians) lost their lives in this short war.



Hamas in earlier times

At the core of all this violence was, of course, East Jerusalem – or simply Jerusalem.

God tells us that Jerusalem will indeed become a “burdensome stone” for the entire world.

“And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.” Zechariah 12:3

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### **QUIZ ANSWER:**

**Answer -**

Answer: D - The Israeli Red Cross - Literally means Red Shield of David

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