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Greetings from Québec,

It's a blessing to report that some of the people I've been witnessing to have started reading their Bibles. They may not be saved, but I've got them thinking! That is at least a good start, and it's a lot to be said for this place. Please keep praying for my friend **Karl**. He's a Catholic that believes you have to be poor to go to Heaven, and he lives up to his beliefs. After dealing with him from time to time for a few years now, I hit him hard with the subject of the righteousness of God. (Romans 3 & 4, II Cor.5:21, Mt.5:27-30, Acts 17:31, Rom.10, Gal.2:21, etc...) I explained that the Bible's teaching concerning the righteousness of God completely undermines the Roman Catholic Church. If God gives His righteousness by faith then why would anyone need the sacraments, rituals, works, relics, "priests," confessionals, "saints," etc.? What are those things needed for? That is saying that our righteousness is sufficient and that we don't really need God's. Roman Catholicism is Cain's vegetables, hard work, blood, sweat and tears instead of the substitute sacrifice Abel offered which pictures the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. I told him, "Karl, either you will stand at the judgment and brag about your own righteousness, or you can take God's righteousness by faith. Your righteousness could never be as good as God's anyway." I left him with a few passages to read. He wrote them down with genuine interest. The next day I got a call. We talked for over an hour. He had read the passages and had plenty of questions. What a blessing! He's still "stewing" over the verses I gave him. It's hard for him to let go of or even to see past a lifetime of Roman Catholicism. Please pray for him about this. One thing is a blessing, in a place where it's so hard to talk to anyone about the Lord, Karl is friendly and willing. He's open to the Gospel and may get saved before it's over.

Also, a Jewish man I've asked prayer for has started seriously reading his Bible. **Andre** met me the other day and told me he's been reading the Bible I gave him daily. This was evidenced by some of the good questions he had, like why Jesus would say that He came to set family members against one another. He had been reading the New Testament, which is a big deal for a Jew, and he got stuck on Mt.10:34-36. Unfortunately we parted before I could answer, and we've already worked on setting up a time next week when we can get together. If he trusts the Lord Jesus as his Savior, and gives a sound witness to his family, he'll understand that passage in a way more real than he could ever imagine right now. I can assure you of that.

I also got to talk to an old “friend” that I met when I first got here ten years ago. It came out that he has since become homosexual. I showed him some verses and told him that he didn’t have to live under that bondage. I explained how the Lord could save him and that he could never escape on his own. I told him, too, about the righteousness of God and how much he needed it. I also explained to him that we are all born with a sin nature and have to repent of our sin whatever it may be. (The old excuse “I was born that way” just won’t work with God.) He then confessed that his brother was an evangelical Christian. (Titus 2:11) His brother had been witnessing to him and he rejected Christ. Many years ago I did my very best to win him to the Lord and ultimately we went our separate ways. It grieves me to think that if he had accepted Christ so many years ago he could be reaping the benefits of salvation and sanctification instead of struggling with slavery to this particular sin. “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19, 20) I could tell that he wasn’t proud of his sin. That was reassuring. It appeared to me that he truly wanted help, but just couldn’t bring himself to believe that God and the Bible could ever really do anything to rescue him from such depravity. You have to shudder when you think of where you might be if it weren’t for the grace of God. (1 Co 15:10) But by the grace of God I am what I am: (II Cor. 6:1) We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. I’m sure he’d appreciate your prayers.

We had a **visitor** in May and that was encouraging. She said that she enjoyed the services and would be back. It has been several weeks now and, even after some follow up, we haven’t seen her. It really would be nice to have some new faces to preach to. We also had an e-mail enquiry from a bilingual lady. She wanted to know how many people were attending our services, and she wanted some sermon audio “samples.” We haven’t heard from her since. We really encouraged her to come and visit a service; but, for whatever reason, she hasn’t come to check out the church. It is not for lack of effort, so please pray that the Lord would bring some new people to see fit to add to our church.

It is good to know you make a difference in some people’s lives. **Tom** is a believer from Toronto who led a man in our church to Christ. I had the privilege of meeting him. Like Apollos of Acts 18 & 19 it could definitely be said that Tom is “mighty in the Scriptures” and “fervent in the spirit” teaching “diligently the things of the Lord.” He has such a love for the word of God that I had to tell him about the King James. I was disappointed because he wasn’t very receptive concerning this subject. That was a year ago. A few weeks ago he let me know that he found out I was right about the King James Bible and he sees it for himself. What a blessing!! Keep on plowing and something is bound to grow!

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