

# Freedom Ministries International

Hofesh ( Hebrew for Freedom) Ministries

## Russian speaking Jews and Gentiles are baptized



### Dear Mishpoucha (Family in Hebrew),

On behalf of Freedom Ministries, we want to thank you for helping us reach Jewish people worldwide. Not only Jewish people but Russian speaking Gentiles are coming to faith in Jesus. I know that God has entrusted you as a steward with your financial resources and there are many places that you can give. Thank you for sowing into the ministry that God has entrusted to us. **This month we are specifically collecting finances for our outreach in Israel. Your support helps us reach souls.** As you know our ministry outreaches are in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Los Angeles and Florida. We also are in Berlin, Germany where Pastor Gregory Furman is overseeing a messianic congregation. Here is an update on our work in Brooklyn.

Our outreach in Brooklyn is growing and many **new Russian speaking believers were recently water baptized.** After a Jewish person gets saved the next greatest step for them is water baptism. To Jewish people, baptism is the point of no return, you truly are a believer, and this is the final signature on the contract. Sometimes it takes awhile for them to make that final step because their family and Jewish community considers them no longer Jews after baptism( which is not true). Of course they remain Jews. We truly rejoiced for all those both Jews and Gentiles that made a firm stand for Jesus, in spite of all oppositions.

One of the young men who was baptized finished Yeshiva, religious school for Jewish people. His name Misha. He had studied in Yeshiva but it had left him empty and disappointed. One day his friend invited him to FMI bible study. As usually when we see an unbeliever in our presence we do not loose the opportunity to bring them the wonderful good news. He heard the gospel that night and was saved. The veil had been lifted, and his eyes were open. Yes it was so easy for Misha to see now that truly Jesus is the promised one, the Messiah of Israel.

The pictures above show the water baptism, this blessed event. It was a mixture of Russian speaking Uzbeks, Kyrgyzs, Russians, Ukrainians and Jews. We had such a great celebration. Many of us had tears of joy as we watched these young people declare their love and dedication to Messiah Jesus.



## Important : ISRAEL OUTREACH

FMI will be in Israel in September. Praise the Lord! We are excited about this trip to Israel. Keep Igor in your prayers as he will be joining Russian Pastors and Leaders in the Land for a gathering.

They will be meeting with government leaders in the Knesset, the legislative branch of the Israeli government and the Russian TV Christian broadcasting network in Israel. We are praying for the Lord's favor and divine connections.

This trip will also be filled with opportunities to evangelize and minister to Jewish people in Israel. Our one goal and one desire is to see souls saved.

“O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.” Psalms 130:7



**18 year old Nariman,  
born a Muslim is saved.**



Valentina from Latvia ministers to a new believer. Pray for Marina's Jewish husband to be saved.



**Hallelujah! Altar call  
response**



**Manhattan worship  
team. Jane an Israeli  
Russian believer lifts  
her hands to her  
Messiah who has saved  
her and set her free!**



living

**Who would ever think that we would get a phone call to visit Stalin's barber who is living only 15 minutes away from our office in New Jersey. Arkadiy had moved into an assisted center and Nina, a Russian believer find out about him there and quickly called FMI.**

**Igor was thrilled to share the gospel with him. Arkiday has a clear mind and the strength of a 70 year old man. First Arkadiy shared the story with us how he came to be Stalin's hairdresser. In Soviet Union there was a competition for the best hairdresser. Whoever won would be Stalin's barber. Arkiday arrived at the day of competition only to find out that because he was Jewish he would not be able to compete. Arkiday shared with the entry officer that he was very skilled and being Jewish should not hinder him from entering. Somehow the man's heart was moved and he let Arkiday pass into the competition. Sure enough Arkiday won that day. Not only did he become the barber for Stalin but above all his name today is written in the Lamb's Book of Life! Thank you again for your support! We could not do this without the Lord using you to help us. Blessings to you all! Shalom Aleihim that is Peace be unto you, our dear partners.**

**STALIN'S BARBER 105 YRS OLD ARKIDAY IS SAVED**