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RICKY LEONARD MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

FANNING THE FLAMES

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM

*God wants to know you and talk with you. He wants you to have his peace. But **all have sinned** and come short of God. This is how **God demonstrated that he loved us**: he sent Jesus to pay the price for us. Why did Jesus have to die for our sin? Because **the wages of sin is death**. Jesus died the death penalty instead of us. What do you have to do? Make Jesus Lord of your life and believe that he died on the cross and **was raised from the dead for you**; Then say with your mouth you believe! Pray: "I believe in Jesus. Take my life and do something with it." That's it!*

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PREACHING THE GOSPEL ALL OVER THE WORLD, WE SEE MIRACLES AND HEALING EVERYWHERE WE GO!

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Calais, France

Mission Report by Mary Leonard

Today, I'm celebrating freedom in USA. I'm praying and thanking God for the freedom of religion to worship Him. I just got back from Calais, France, where they definitely don't have that freedom: they are a secular country and proud of it. At first, I didn't want to go on this trip by myself, but by the time I left France, I realized God has a wise strategy to save that Nation, and I was glad to be able to be part of the Witness.

Our group participated in the national music festival celebrated all over that country. We had a stage and loudspeakers, musicians and singers. WE WERE TOLD WE COULD NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL FROM THE STAGE! We handed out tracks in French to, and spoke and prayed with the passers-by. I was able to witness to about 10 people who were able to understand English.

I witnessed to 3 young men from Eritrea, East Africa. I could tell that they were Muslim by their demeanor. I asked them if they spoke French or English, but they

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said they only spoke a little German. God gave me an idea to hand them a tract in English. They were standing across the street listening to our African-style praise and worship. I continued to pass out French tracts pleading "S'il-vous-plait?" with festival attendees, most of whom politely took the tracts. Now and then, I would look over at the 3 young men: I noticed that the one in the middle was using his phone translator to read the tract! As the evening went on, I could see that he had read the whole tract. Praise God for some of our modern conveniences!

I was excited to see the crowd imitating the Christians who were joyfully singing and dancing. I was reminded of this scripture: *"The whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting: "BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:37-40 NASB.* What is a stone? These people were the stones because they didn't yet have the life of God in them, but they were praising God, dancing, and lifting their hands to the Lord without realizing what they were doing!

Afterwards, the mayor of Calais came by and told the concert organizers to stop handing out the Christian literature, but she was too late! We had already prayed with so many to receive the Lord and passed out thousands of tracts. Despite the hostility from the city, and despite the many other hindrances God received all the glory. The churches had many members mingling in the audience and bystanders. They were able to pray with so many to receive Jesus. It was a great success!

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