

# MPD Coach William NEWSLETTER

## Israel's Jewish Ministry Spotlight

From Danny:

How would you feel moving with five little kids while running daily to a shelter because Iran is firing ballistic missiles? It's no picnic. Our family and nation have faced turbulent weeks. It began when our landlord raised the rent sharply, forcing us to find a new home. After weeks of prayer and persistent searching, God was faithful, closing doors until He opened the right one. Praise God! Perfect timing, because the very next day, war with Iran erupted. We practiced shelter drills with our kids, something we hadn't done before, as previous attacks had been less severe. When the missile barrage came, we moved into our building's well-equipped shelter, sleeping on couches and mattresses for three nights. Days were spent packing, signing the lease, and running back and forth to safety. Through it all, God's faithfulness sustained us in this challenging season of ministry and life.

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*Dear Ministry Partners,*

**"It's raining cats and dogs out there!" I said during a recent intercultural conversation, only to watch confusion spread across my listener's face.**

What happened next became a powerful lesson about the challenges our FOI representatives face daily as they share the gospel across different cultural settings worldwide.

### **A Personal Update & Prayer of Thanks**

First, thank you for your prayers about my two broken toes—one on each foot! They're healing well, and your intercession has meant a lot. It's a wonderful reminder that our partnership extends beyond financial support to genuine care and prayer.

### **When Words Build Bridges or Create Barriers**

Back to my "*raining cats and dogs*" moment, while we native English speakers immediately understand this means "*raining heavily*," my conversation partner might have been visualizing actual animals falling from the sky! This became a teachable moment about the critical importance of cultural sensitivity in ministry communication.

Every culture has its own unique and colorful expressions of rain that reflect local values and humor. Germans say "*it's pouring like from buckets*" (Es gießt wie aus Eimern), the French opt for "*it's raining enough to drink standing up*" (Il pleut à boire debout), Welsh say "*it's raining old ladies and sticks*" (Mae hi'n bwrw hen wragedd a ffyn), and the Japanese have the poetic "*after the rain, the ground hardens*" (amefutte ji katamaru), symbolizing resilience after hardship.

These diverse idioms remind us that effective intercultural ministry requires not only translating words but also explaining cultural context. By acknowledging these differences and taking time to clarify our expressions, we transform potential barriers into bridges that deepen cross-cultural understanding and gospel connection.

This cultural awareness is absolutely essential for our FOI representatives who communicate across diverse cultural contexts in their ministry work. Every conversation is an opportunity to build trust and share Christ's love more effectively.

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## Poland's Jewish Ministry Spotlight

From Waldemar:

Waldemar and his wife Anna have taken three difficult trips this year to St. Petersburg, a city with over 5 million people and a great spiritual need. Each trip was guided and protected by God. Recently, they met with five Jewish believers and seven seekers, including Efim, a 77-year-old blind Jewish man whom they helped and prayed for. This showed how practical love can open doors to eternal hope. They also participated in four local church meetings, where Waldemar shared the gospel of salvation by grace through faith. As their ministry grows, crossing into Russia is becoming harder due to new border laws that require fingerprints and photos, and their Russian SIM cards can be blocked unexpectedly. They ask for prayer for wisdom and protection as they plan future trips to continue sharing God's Word with the Jewish people in Russia.

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## Moving Forward Together

*Thank you for being faithful partners in advancing the gospel among Jewish people worldwide. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support are making a real difference. Together, we're witnessing God's work unfold in remarkable ways as we navigate cultural differences and build meaningful connections across the globe.*

***In a world where antisemitism continues to rise and Jewish communities face unprecedented challenges, your faithful partnership represents hope, healing, and the unchanging love of the Messiah.***

*Serving Together,*

*William and Kathleen Busch  
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*"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" - Romans 10:15*