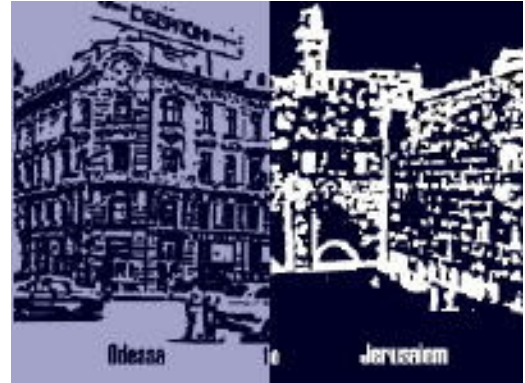


# ODESSA TIMES

From David & Leslye Schneier      October, 2005



## The God of Israel is on the move in France!

The sign to the right is on a school building in Paris. During a two year period from 1942 to 1944, over 11,000 Jewish children were deported from France with the active support of the French Vichy government to face certain death in the German concentration camps. Breaking down the underlying causes of anti-Semitism is a difficult work, but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has begun to move on the hearts of French believers and to challenge their theology that God no longer has a calling for the Jewish people. Because “the gifts and calling of God are **irrevocable,**” believers in France are awakening to a new awareness that God has not rejected or forsaken the Jews.

This is truly a “**set time**” for France and we have responded to God’s timing by agreeing with Him to devote a significant portion of our time in the coming Jewish year to encourage the gospel going forth to the third largest Jewish community in the world. At the same time doors are opening for us to work with pastors of key churches in Paris to raise up biblical understanding in their congregations of the continued importance of showing mercy and care for the Jewish people. In fact the scripture says that when the Jewish people turn to Yeshua (Jesus), their repentance will bring life from the dead for the nations. And Yeshua said he will not return until the Jewish people say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” So it is in our interest to consider blessing the Jewish people with the good news that Messiah has come.

Finally, we are privileged to help bring together Jewish and Arabic believers in France so we can move forward as one body of Messiah. There are 5 to 6 million Arabic people in France and the tension between the Arabic and Jewish community there is evident on regular basis. We expect to be sharing in Arabic churches and with their pastors a vision of what could happen in France if Jewish and Arabic believers could demonstrate the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. Truly that kind of oneness between the ancestors of Abraham should convince skeptics that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, sent by God to reconcile the world to Himself.

With that goal in mind in Odessa we ordained our Syrian brother, Nabil, who came to faith in our congregation 6 years ago, to begin a Arabic Messianic congregation as an evangelistic outreach to the large Arabic population there. He already has been contacted by the leading Imam of Odessa, who actually came to Nabil’s home with several of his Islamic followers to find out who this former Muslim was and what message was he preaching. During the conversation over dinner, Nabil told the Imam that someday the large mosque in central Odessa would be led by Arabic Messianic believers. So by going to the Jew first in Odessa, the Arabic nations are also coming to faith. Pray without ceasing for Nabil and his family who are risking so much for the expansion of the kingdom of God in Odessa.



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**Here's Princess Naomi!** Born on February 19, 2004 to Ivan and Rachel, our 6th grandchild. Naomi was on her way to walking when we saw her this summer. She is constantly joyful and smiling and a great blessing to all who are in her presence. What would Nashville, TN be without her! Pray for Naomi to fulfill her destiny as a child of our great King. Up next, Baby David Schneier born to Aaron and Peuschel.

←**Yes, we have new mailing addresses in Odessa and in the USA! Be sure you use the GZI mailing address for contributions, and thanks so much for your support.**

## **KEEP PRAYING, BREAKTHROUGHS ARE COMING!**

As we head into a month of Jewish festivals marking the New Year and a time of repentance and celebration, we want to thank you again for your generous support in 2005. We have seen many changes and progress in the ministries in the Odessa region including our leading 3 congregations totaling about 300 people and the launching of an Arabic congregation, and the beginnings of a new work in France amongst the third largest Jewish population in the world as well as with Arabic believers who embrace the calling on our people. Our responsibilities have increased and we pray you continue to partner with us for the salvation of the Jewish people in Ukraine and France and true reconciliation amongst the children of Abraham.

For those of you who have been praying for and contributed to the marriage of Sasha (pastor of the Odessa congregation) and Sarah (leader of the ministry to the Holocaust Survivors in the Odessa region), the date for their wedding has been set for December 10th. This is a special couple called by God to be leaders in Ukraine.

Love and Shalom,

*David and Leslye*