

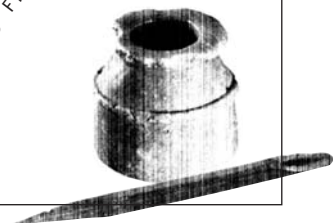
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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Much is at Stake

By Kai Kjær-Hansen

"Jewish evangelism is happening today but is under severe attack." These words are taken from the report *Jewish Evangelism: A Call to the Church* – a report which maintains that it is "apparent that some of the major obstacles to Jewish evangelism today come not from outside the church, but from within it." The report is the combined effort of the seven-member team that referred to itself as the Jewish Evangelism Working Session (JEWS) at the *2004 Forum for World Evangelization* that took place in Pattaya, Thailand from September 29–October 5, 2004. By the time this *Mishkan* is published, that report should be available (at least) electronically via the internet.

Contrary to most other statements, which continue to be produced regularly, on the relationship between Judaism and Christianity or the synagogue and the church, this report sounds a clear and unquestionable "yes" to Jewish evangelism. Sadly, this "yes" expresses a very "politically incorrect" viewpoint to many in the ongoing dialogue between Jews and Christians as well as among Christians working with the relationship of the church to the Jewish people.

The report summarizes what is at stake theologically and missiologically in the following words: *If Jesus is not the Messiah for the Jewish people then neither is He Christ for the nations. Either Jesus is the Messiah for all, or He is not the Messiah at all.* One could wish that Christians who have difficulties expressing a clear "yes" to Jewish evangelism would reconsider their standpoint and what is at stake in light of these words.

In this issue of *Mishkan* we take a closer look at Forum 2004 and the question of Jewish evangelism.