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Jewish Outreach International

"First for the Jew, then for the Gentile." -Romans 1:16



Newsletter

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Praise His Name!

God bless you and your family. Thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items and **MINISTRY** in general. During the next month, I will be visiting various Jewish **PEOPLE**, doing street **EVANGELISM** and **SHARING** in various venues in SC, NC, VA, MD, NJ, NY and PA. My High School reunion in NY is Sat Aug 7, an outreach in Pittsburgh Mon Aug 16-20 and festival Sep 3-4.

Sincerely,
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Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Please pray for **EDDIE** and **LURA** as they continue to travel around the United States sharing our vision to establish a **MESSIANIC COMMUNITY CENTER** in Arad, **ISRAEL**. We will be meeting **ABRAHAM SANDLER** for **OUTREACH** in Pittsburgh (may include radio & TV interviews).



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Internships

The **INTERN**, who asked to be trained for **ISRAEL**, proved to be unsuitable for our **MINISTRY** and is no longer working with us. **MANNY**, our remaining intern, loves to make people smile! We went to my favorite yogurt shop wearing our "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts. An older Jewish **MAN** shook his head at us and said something derogatory. Five younger Jewish **PEOPLE** came in and were amazed by our t-shirts! Manny started singing and break dancing and the next thing we knew they were videotaping us for You Tube! The Jewish man started laughing and the younger Jewish people gave us their e-mail addresses!

4th of July Weekend Outreach

On July 3rd we had an Outreach Party in my backyard. Several Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS** came, some for the first time after years of invites! One Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** said, "The food is so good, I might convert!" On July 4th we distributed over 2,000 Gospel tracts at Lenox Mall before the fireworks. The first tract I offered was to a Jewish **WOMAN**. She looked at my "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt as she rapidly walked by and said, "I'm Jewish!" I said, "Then you should have one of these!", and she took it! As we were leaving, I heard people speaking Russian. They were from Latvia and most surprised I had Russian tracts for them! On July 5th we distributed over 1,000 Gospel tracts at the parade in Dunwoody (where the Jewish center is). I offered a tract to a Jewish **WOMAN** and she turned away. When I offered it to her elderly **MOTHER**, she demanded her mother not take it. I walked back to her, smiled and asked where she was from (I heard her NY accent). She said the Bronx, smiled and I shared the Gospel! I offered a tract to a Jewish **FAMILY**, but they refused it. As I walked away, I realized I had helped and reached out to them after the husband/father died. I smiled at them and they smiled back. The new husband couldn't believe they knew me!

I Always See You!

While at the Kroger, an Orthodox Jewish **WOMAN** approached me. She said she always sees me wearing "that shirt". She was born into a Messianic Jewish **FAMILY** in Atlanta and was raised with Yeshua (Jesus). At some point she renounced Yeshua, married a Gentile **CONVERT** to Judaism and is part of the Orthodox Community in Toco Hills. We spent several minutes discussing beliefs. Every Messianic prophecy I shared was countered with traditional Orthodox interpretations that discount them? I shared my testimony, but she said she had visions too? She couldn't refute my testimony about God healing me of bitterness, anger and alcoholism. I asked the one question they really can't answer, "How do Gentiles go to heaven?" She was excited to say through the Noachide Covenant. When I pointed out no churches in Atlanta teach on a Noachide Covenant, she cringed! Please pray God would reveal the truth to her and the others.

Gym Witnessing

I wear my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt when I go to the gym, and get to share my faith because of it. Please pray for a Jewish **WOMAN** I have become friendly with and run into elsewhere.

Guest Speakers

From time to time Missionary **FRIENDS** come to town, stay with us and we have them share testimony and about their work at our **TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**. **RICHARD** and **CAROLYN** visited from **ISRAEL** and spoke at our Tuesday Fellowship and a Shabbat Dinner we had in their honor. We had Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS** at both functions and the Gospel was shared. Others were challenged by the invite!

Church of God International Assembly

Our **MINISTRY** had a booth at the Church of God International **ASSEMBLY** in Orlando, Florida. I stayed with my **FRIEND's MOTHER** who has a weekly Bible study attended by a Jewish non-believer who I left a tract for. Before the convention, I drove down to South Florida. My heart is burdened for the 750,000 Jewish **PEOPLE** who live there. I met **FRIENDS** of a friend at a restaurant in Boca Raton. I invited some Jewish non-believers I know, but they didn't come. I wore my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt and felt like a celebrity! Boca Raton is very Jewish and so were most of the customers at the restaurant. One by one they would turn around to look at my t-shirt as the others pointed. Sunday morning I shared my testimony at the English service of a Spanish **CHURCH** in Miami. I answered questions about witnessing to Jewish people, and we prayed for some Jewish non-believers people know. Afterwards, I shared my testimony at the Spanish service and equipped the congregation with t-shirts, tracts and Israeli flags. Someone took a shirt for a friend in Belize. Their dance troupe took 12 shirts to wear as a uniform. Everyone of those shirts has so much potential for challenging Jewish non-believers and others. Sunday evening I shared my testimony and answered questions about witnessing to Jewish people at an English **CHURCH** in West Palm Beach. An 88 year old **MAN** living in an assisted living facility, took some tracts for his Jewish roommate and the others at his facility. A **WOMAN** took a Russian tract for her Russian Jewish Friend. After the service they had a Spanish service and we left the table up to equip with t-shirts, tracts and Israeli flags. The International Assembly had people from over 90 countries in attendance. Right before we opened up Monday morning, a Jewish non-believer came to talk with me from the booth nearby. He told me he was real close to believing in Jesus but just isn't ready to make the commitment? I shared with him and gave him a tract. It was such a blessing to be able to equip so many people from all over the world with about 400 t-shirts, over 1,000 Gospel tracts and some flags. We added about eight countries to our list of where the t-shirts have gone to minister! It was so exciting to give tracts to people from Brooklyn who wanted to share them with Jewish people in hospitals and senior facilities. A Pastor from Manchester, England was most excited to have tools to witness with to the many Jewish people there. A

Pastor from Teaneck, New Jersey was excited to have tools to reach the Orthodox in his neighborhood. A Cuban Pastor bought an Israeli flag and shared how his government doesn't like **ISRAEL**, and we both were teary eyed. The people across from me told me they went to lunch and had a Jewish waiter. I went there, but almost ran into someone entering the stairwell in the parking garage. The man I almost ran into said nice shirt and that he was a Jewish believer. I questioned him, and he is Jewish but not a believer in Jesus. I shared the Gospel and gave him a tract. After the convention, I visited my **FAMILY** in Tampa, Manny's **FAMILY** in Ocala and a supporting **CHURCH** near Gainesville. Last time I was there I left some tracts. Someone found one stuck in a supermarket bulletin board and asked me for some more!

Kathmandu, Nepal

Several years ago I went on a mission trip to Kathmandu, Nepal. Over 2,000 **ISRAELIS** meet there for a Passover Seder every year. I met some **MISSIONARIES** doing outreach among the Nepalese **PEOPLE** and equipped them with "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts. The t-shirts have been so effective in their witnessing, they use them as there uniform and have requested hundreds over the years. Recently they had a big outreach for hundreds of people and used our t-shirts to witness with. Praise Jesus!

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