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Newsletter

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## Praise His Name!

God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items. Please pray for **MINISTRY** in Cape Girardeau, MO, St. Louis, MO, Bloomington, IN and Warren, OH from March 31 to April 6. Please pray for **MINISTRY** at a Messianic Passover Seder on Saturday, April 7 in Smyrna, GA. Please pray for our **MINISTRY TEAM** in **ISRAEL** April 20 to May 25.



Sincerely,  
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## Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Please continue to pray for **EDDIE & LURA**. Lura wrote: "Pray about a property we are investigating for a Community Center and a place for the Congregations to meet. This is a year of change; the chess club must move by August 15 and the house we are renting is being sold, so we must find a new



place by November. The rents are going higher & higher in Arad so this will not be easy EXCEPT for the Lord's help! He is our Provision. Thank the Lord for the 2 ladies who have come to take care of things while we travel to the USA April through June! God bless you all!"

Our schedule is: Apr 10-18 (Bloomington, IN), Apr 19-21 (Jackson, MS), Apr 22-26 (Biloxi, MS), Apr 27 (Birmingham, AL), Apr 28-May 1 (Atlanta, GA), May 2-Jun 30 (Lura goes to PA & Eddie travels in the south to see family then to Washington, DC, PA, Queens, NY & Boston, MA. Contact us if you are along the route and want to meet. This schedule is just a general outline - contact us for details - [lura\\_eddie@hotmail.com](mailto:lura_eddie@hotmail.com) "

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**Steve Zober**  
**(Orange County California)**



Please continue to pray for **STEVE ZOBER** and his **MINISTRY** in Southern California. Steve wrote: "Our monthly fellowship will be on Saturdays instead of Fridays. The next one will be Saturday April 7th at 7:30 pm. Call Steve Zober 714-614-5570 for details. I was at Bed, Bath, and Beyond wearing a Jesus Loves You shirt and encountered a Hassidic Jewish customer and an Israeli customer service worker. I shared the Gospel with both and I hope to have "coffee" with the Israeli. I was at Wells Fargo. I went to the teller window and God did an amazing open door with the teller who is an Israeli. Pray for him. I gave him a tract Do you know the Messiah. The conversation miraculously effortlessly went to Jesus as he saw my sweatshirt "Yeshua loves you". I took several Jewish believers to Ben David for Purim. Good times! Had lots of conversations with Jewish people and others at UCSB and Venice Beach while distributing Gospel tracts. Next Saturday I'll have at Calvary Chapel West Grove a whole table of Jewish believers for the Men on Course Prayer Breakfast. It is an encouragement for them to see a packed out group of guys on fire for the Lord."

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## Not You Again?

In the past several months I have been miraculously invited to one particular Conservative Synagogue three times! Once to a Torah study where I shared my testimony, once to a Jewish/Christian event and recently to a Purim Party. Many Jewish **PEOPLE** from my former singles group were there. They know my beliefs and do their best to ignore me. The **RABBI** also knows me, and I pray they will all know the greatest Rabbi that ever lived, died for our sins and then rose from the dead to fulfill the Hebrew Scriptures!

## Oy Vey, Who Invited the Missionary?

I have also visited the Orthodox Synagogue; I was invited to, three times. One time the **RABBI** said it was nice to meet me, and I reminded him we knew each other. It took a couple of seconds, but then he remembered! The third time I arrived early. No one was there, so I went shopping. The **MAN** in front of me at the checkout counter is Orthodox, and I prayed for an opportunity to share with him (I was dressed for the synagogue, no "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt). As I tried to share with him, **SOMEONE** who used to come to our Bible study came by to chat. I was disappointed my attempted witness was interrupted? When I got to my car, that same Orthodox man just happened to be parked next to me, and I was able to share!

I parked my car across from the synagogue on a dead end street. There was no one around, but as I crossed the street **SOMEONE** called out my name. It was our local **ANTI-MISSIONARY**. He cut through the dead end street to get to his own synagogue. He was happy to see me (we are friendly) and asked what I was doing in the neighborhood? I said I was there to set the captives free! I pray they are all set free!!!

## Outreach Parties

I've hosted several parties for my Jewish **FRIENDS** and **OTHERS**. We had parties for Valentine's Day, Purim and a baby shower. The conversation always gets around to a discussion about Jesus being the Messiah. At one of the parties, there was a big discussion about Creationism vs. Evolution.

*"Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!" -Romans 11:11-12*

## Around Atlanta

**LEE**(chairman of our board of directors) and I try to meet for lunch at the mall every week when I'm in town. I wear a "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt which challenges mall **CUSTOMERS** as well as the many different **ISRAELIS** who work there and often allow me to share with them. For several years, an Orthodox Jewish **WOMAN**, who works at the mall, has been harassing me. She even had her **DAUGHTER** walk up to me at lunch and tell me I'm disgusting. "Vengeance is mine says the Lord!" **SOMEONE** who works with this woman at the mall, and just happened to visit my Sunday school class, told me she has been fired!

I visited my new Orthodox **FRIEND** who told me he wanted to speak to me. I thought for sure he was going to tell me not to come back to his synagogue, but he was impressed I used to send postcards to his **RABBI**. He also wanted to know why I follow the New Testament, so I told him! At the post office I ran into and interacted with my Jewish **DENTIST**, and shared with the elderly Jewish **FATHER** of a Jewish **MAN** we led to the Lord. I continue to wear my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt and eat at Jewish owned and Jewish frequented restaurants. A **RABBI** was conducting a lunch-n-learn and his students were most challenged! Although hundreds of Jewish **PEOPLE** are challenged by my t-shirt, I pray for more **CONVERSATIONS**!

## Palm Springs, California

My friend **STEVE** invited me to sell ministry merchandise at a prophecy conference his Messianic **CONGREGATION** hosted in Palm Springs with a **CHURCH**, and I stayed with **FRIENDS**. After showing off my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt at the Atlanta and Los Angeles airports, I arrived in Palm Springs in time for their weekly street fair. The streets are lined with hundreds of vendors. I walked up and down distributing Gospel tracts and challenging **PEOPLE** with my t-shirt who I got to share with!

The conference itself was being held at a church which just happens to meet in the back of a Jewish center! So there I was selling "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirts and sweatshirts and Jesus items, in the parking lot of a Jewish center! A few of the **PEOPLE** from the Jewish center came out to see what was going on, so I made sure to share with them and give them Gospel tracts! One Jewish man could not believe I was selling Hebrew rings as part of the church. He actually bought one (not his size) so he could have something to show people! He even came back later and took pictures of our "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirts! He kept laughing at us being there!

A Jewish **BELIEVER** from the congregation spent several hours hanging out near my booth while listening to the conference on the outdoor speaker. As she left, she asked if I knew a Jewish **WOMAN** in Atlanta she had witnessed to in New York and claimed to have led to Jesus. It turned out to be one of my friends!

## Pray for our Partners

A Pastor in Arizona is leading a Tour **GROUP** to **ISRAEL** in April. They want to be evangelistic, so they plan to wear "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirts and pass out tracts! My friend **ABRAHAM SANDLER** in Pennsylvania uses and/or resells our "*Jesus Loves*

**You** t-shirts and shopping bags for his general **MINISTRY**, at Jewish evangelism seminars, church meetings and outreaches. Our friend **EDY** in Massachusetts requested an "**I Love Israel**" sweatshirt to show her support for **ISRAEL**! The **WOMAN** in Georgia at the post office said she gets compliments on her "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt! My friend **ED** in Indiana said he equipped several believers with "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts at the **INDY 500**! My friend **PAUL** in Georgia equipped college students with "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts and went on campus!

My friend **JOHN** in Georgia gave our tracts to a **MAN** to give out while carrying a cross around town! My friend **BETTY** in Missouri ordered dozens of "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts for the ones who saw hers! Our **MINISTRY** gave dozens of "**Jesus te Ama**" t-shirts to my **CHURCH** mission teams in Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Many of the team members wore them and shared with **PEOPLE** as well as equip others! My friend **SHELLEY** in Missouri and her **TEAM** wore green "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts and shared with many people at their St. Patrick's Day parade! My friends **LISA**, **JOSH** and **CHRISTIAN** in New York wear "**Jesus Loves You**" shirts almost everywhere they go. They requested Hebrew/English Bibles to give to people they met!

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