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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 Palm Desert, California March 22-25. We'll have tables at **OHAV SHALOM** (Messianic)'s **PROPHECY CONFERENCE** which is being held at a Reform Synagogue!

Sincerely,
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Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Please continue to pray for **EDDIE & LURA**. Here are highlights from Lura's last e-mail: "Israel is preparing for war; we expect to be attacked any time. We helped distribute emergency food rations for the shelters in our area. Our friend, Polly, opened a house of refuge (The Ark in the Negev) for women & children under the auspices



of Teen Challenge. I am painting a mural on a wall. The congregation is growing despite opposition. Eddie helps set up each Shabbat and I use the van to pick people up and bring them to whichever house we are meeting in. This means running the gauntlet of the ultra-orthodox Jews who gather at the believers' houses to harass us all. Pray for continued Grace from the Lord to endure. We are noticing a fascinating by-product of the persecution: Love for one another grows and is very evident to those outside our group. Please pray for a believer friend with heart issues, our upcoming trip to the USA, finances for our 10 year old van and a bigger place for the Chess Club/Bible Shop (lease runs out in August).

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 "

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Steve Zober (Orange County California)



Please continue to pray for **STEVE ZOBER** and his **MINISTRY** in Southern California. He continues to minister to new Jewish **BELIEVERS**, participates in **OUTREACHES** with **JEWS FOR JESUS** and **THE GIDEONS**. He is planning to start a monthly **HOME FELLOWSHIP** on Friday, March 2.

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What's Your Typical Day Like?

People ask me what my typical day is like, and I just laugh! I had dinner with **FRIENDS**, and while waiting for our table, a Jewish **COUPLE** recognized my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt from the Atlanta Mart. I went to the Atlanta Mart to replace some of the items I had sold and to look for that Jewish couple. The young man at registration turned out to be Jewish, and let me share! I passed a showroom with an Orthodox Jewish **MAN** and made sure to show off my t-shirt! I walked all around the Mart and finally found the Jewish man from the restaurant. He knew some of my vendors and was very helpful. Before I left the Mart, I felt led to visit the Orthodox Jewish man again. It turned out he is Israeli, I had shared with his **RABBI** and actually visited his **CONGREGATION** several years ago. He invited me to visit again!

On the way home I stopped off at my Orthodox Jewish **MECHANIC** for an oil change. The many Jewish **PEOPLE** there are challenged by my t-shirt! A new customer attends the Congregation I was just invited to!

I went and visited my new friend's synagogue on a Friday night. I parked the car a few blocks away and started walking towards the synagogue, but I arrived just as all the synagogues were letting out? I wasn't wearing my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt. I wanted to witness to **PEOPLE** so as I walked past one man, I asked him if he had heard the good news? To my total shock it was a Rabbi I had taken many classes with for many years from another synagogue! He was most happy to see me and asked what the good news is, and I proclaimed, "Jesus is the Messiah!" He kept on smiling and said that was old news. As I approached my intended synagogue, everyone had left except for one adult and several children standing outside. Miraculously, it turned out the adult was my new friend who invited me! He said he couldn't believe that I came. Please pray for my visits!

"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

Equipping The Saints

What a blessing it is to make our evangelistic shirts and jewelry available to so many **PEOPLE** while selling them at various conferences! At a mens conference in Georgia I met a pastor who just happens to be discipling a new Jewish believer who we prayed for many times over the years! At a mens conference at my church, a man told me his children weren't allowed to wear t-shirts with writing on them at their school in Tennessee, and he was most happy to purchase some evangelistic wristbands for them to wear! While at the Messianic Conference in California, I gave a tract to an Israeli and shared with a Jewish couple who just happened to be checking into our hotel, saw the marketplace and came to our tables to buy something!

JONATHAN from Tulsa, Oklahoma wrote: "Dear Steven, So good to hear you on Bagels and Blessing just a few moments ago. Wonderful work and fabulous testimony Steven. My wife and I are Messianic Pastors at our congregation. Just wanted to make contact with you and we will be praying for you and your ministry at our Shabbat morning prayer meeting before the service. Blessings."

SUZANNE from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania wrote: "It's always great to get your newsletter. It's always an encouragement to me! I stopped at Wendy's and got delayed at the counter because there was only 1 clerk to take orders and the customer ahead of me had a complicated order. I waited patiently, knowing there was a reason for the delay. An employee came from the back and saw the delay and waited on me. He noticed my Jesus Loves You shirt and he noticed Jonathan Bernis's magazine in my hand that had an article about Israel. He said he is Jewish and that his parents want him to study in Israel. As he took my order we talked about Israel and about the Messiah. He kept checking out both the shirt and the magazine. I read the magazine as I lingered over my dinner and on the way out the door, I saw him again and offered him the magazine which he eagerly took. Please pray for S*."

TERRY from Cumming, Georgia wrote: "Shalom Steve, I was challenged by a very elderly Jewish woman when she saw me wearing one of your shirts at my fitness center. She stopped me and said, "No, He doesn't." I said, "Yes, He does." She countered with, "No, He doesn't." Once again I said, "Yes, He does." She said, "My name is Cohen." I shook her hand, called her Mrs. Cohen, introduced myself and added, "The Bible clearly says He does." She said, "Not my Bible." I said, "Yes, it does." Later, during the aerobics class I helped her pick out the exercise weights and stretch bands she needed, plus a chair for her to sit on during the exercises, and when I left I wished her a good day. This morning I handed her a typed note referencing our previous meeting and asked her to please read Isaiah 53 in her own Bible, pointing out some verses from various other chapters that Jesus does indeed love her. We'll see if any further dialog develops, but I am doing my best to out-love her."

SHELLEY from St. Louis, Missouri wrote: "Shalom Steve! Mardi Gras New Orleans Outreach was amazing! There were 16 of us that wore Jesus Loves You Star of David t-shirts. A man name Kirk wore his while he was standing at the 12 foot cross. He had many conversations that spring boarded from the t-shirt. Some wanted pictures of him in the shirt standing in front of the cross. A television cameraman asked to interview him and he called me over. It turned out that 3 of us were interviewed on German television wearing the t-shirts and standing in front of the cross! They asked questions trying to get us to raise objections to gals flashing in the streets, but they got the gospel from each of us! Praise God. Monday night on Bourbon Street I was handing out tracts and heard a man blurt out in Hebrew, "Mogen David, Mogen David, Mogen David" with an Israeli accent. I turned around and saw three Israeli's. I got to tell them my story how I went to Israel to learn Hebrew so I could read the Torah in the original language for the purpose of knowing God. I was able to tell them how I

came to faith and give them the gospel. Praise God."

A new Jewish Believer stood with me on Bourbon Street. He was sharing his faith with everyone that crossed his path! Praise God. Before I left New Orleans, I gave him a Jesus Loves You Star of David t-shirt, my hat, Jewish tracts, and a Hebrew/English New Testament. He called me 6 days later and let me know he's been reading the Hebrew/English NT. He is overjoyed to be reading it! He made a comment about the Hebrew School studies he was forced to take as a kid are now paying off. Praise God.

Mardi Gras 2012



John writing down details and contact information after having a conversation with some folks on Bourbon Street.

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