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Newsletter

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**Steve Kaplan  
(Atlanta, Georgia)**

Happy New Year! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! Please pray for **BOLDED** items in this newsletter.

Please pray for **OUTREACH** during the Atlanta Gift Show from January 7-13.

Please pray for **OUTREACH** in **ISRAEL** from January 14-25. The **BECKFORDS** have invited me to minister with them.

Please pray for our **MINISTRY TABLES** at the Johnny Hunt Men's **CONFERENCE** in Woodstock, Georgia from January 31-February 1 & February 7-8.

Sincerely,

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## Van Testimonies

While pulling into a parking space, a young **MAN** sped around me and parked next to me. He is Jewish and saw our ministry van. He's a personal trainer and claims all the **ISRAELIS** use him. He wanted to know if I would be willing to distribute his flyers, so I made sure to give him one of our Gospel "flyers"!

A new shop opened up near the post office several months ago, and I noticed a Mezuzah on the door. I felt led to go in, and the owner turned out to be a Russian **JEW!** He told me he always sees our ministry van, accepted a Russian tract and was excited it was in his language!

While eating dinner at my favorite Israeli **OWNED** restaurant, I noticed a Jewish **FAMILY** of five being challenged by our ministry van outside!

While waiting for a Jewish **BELIEVER** we minister to come out of a store, three young **PEOPLE** going into the store noticed our ministry van, and I saw someone take a picture of the back of our van. My friend said while he was in the store, he heard the three young people talking about Jews believing in Jesus!

## Hanukkah Outreach

Our ministry usually gives evangelistic Hanukkah gifts of some kind to **ISRAELIS** in Atlanta primarily working at the malls. This year we gift wrapped a Hebrew copy of Stan Telchin's book "Betrayed" and attached chocolate Hanukkah gelt (coins). It's the story of a Conservative Jewish Businessman who is challenged by his daughter's new found faith in Jesus. He sets out to prove her wrong, but ends up finding Jesus! Many have come to faith after reading this book!

We gave 60 gifts to **ISRAELIS** in the Atlanta area. When I was down to the last three gifts, I had dinner at my favorite Israeli owned restaurant and three Israelis sitting next to me were most excited to receive their free gifts!

Most were overwhelmed to receive a present, and from past experience, they are excited to receive something in their own language. The Christian **SERVER** at one restaurant told me she prayed someone would give her Israeli boss Gospel witness in his own language! After approaching a group of Israelis at the mall, one was

hesitant about taking the free gift, but later I noticed him reading the book we had given him!

### Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (Orlando, Florida)

What a blessing it is to equip **PEOPLE** with evangelistic shirts especially the congregations in Southwest Florida who use them for outreach!



### Christmas in Florida

Since most things are closed on Christmas Day, most **JEWISH PEOPLE** eat Chinese food and go to a movie. It's challenging to share Jesus with **FAMILY**, so I prayed!

My **FAMILY** met for dinner at a Chinese restaurant, and God had me meet a Jewish Believer Missionary (from Tennessee) I know who happened to be eating there with his **FAMILY!**

Afterwards we went to my Cousin's apartment, and they turned on "King of Kings"? The movie gave me opportunity to explain the Biblical references to them!

*"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*



**Eddie and Lura Beckford  
(Arad, Israel)**

**Lura wrote:** "Christmas eve, we had a few close friends over to fellowship -- really enjoyable! Christmas day we traveled up to Nazareth, distributing books, Bibles and calendars along the way. We were able to visit a Pastor & and his wife, who minister in Nazareth & surrounding areas. They were instrumental in

beginning an Arabic group in Arad. Praise the Lord for friends who are committed to obeying the Lord in spreading His Grace!!! So encouraging to one another! There is no better way to spend Christmas than giving out the Gospel!"

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

Steve wrote: "I was invited to be a featured speaker on an international call, with a group of believers wanting to reach the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish people, led by Jim Melnick. Jim is part of the Lausanne Conference that meets annually concerning Messianic Judaism and reaching the unsaved Jews. They are doing a report as well about the specific group I was part of as a Chassidic Jew, the Breslevers in Jerusalem. I will be giving them my report shortly.

I use the Christmas season as a great opportunity to give out, by the thousands, my "Christmas Card" which is our wonderful "Do you know the Messiah?" tract. I gave them out before a Beach Boys Concert on Dec 7th along with a CD of Christian music with testimonies on the tract. During the Dec 7th outreach before the Beach Boys Concert, a Hindu cult lady was passing out magazines. I spoke with her, but she said she had to get back to the magazines. I told her that her Buddha was dead but Jesus is alive and can save her from her sins and give her new life in Christ. She listened and took the tract.

A couple of days before Christmas I kept hearing a nudge to go to IHOP for breakfast. While sitting at the booth I called my wife to tell her she needed to cancel our debit card and get a new one because of the Target hacking incident done during the time she had shopped there. I explained this won't be happening anymore after 2015 because the credit cards in the US will start having imbedded chips that can't be hacked into since the chips reconfigure the card number after each swipe.

A lady sitting near me said "I couldn't help listening to your call. It sounds so interesting about the chip in the card, etc." The Lord nudged me to talk to her and discuss what the Bible says in Rev 13 about the one world money system and the 666 imbedded in our hand or forehead. I continued to expound upon the Gospel and what Christmas is really all about. She was so open! I gave her a "Do you know the Messiah?" tract. She said, "I am listening intently to what you are saying and it is so interesting." A seed was definitely planted in her heart. Looking back I realized why I felt nudged to go to IHOP. God had been preparing this meeting! I should have given her an invitation to ask Jesus into her heart right then, but I did highlight the prayer she could use to ask Jesus into her heart.

I met an evangelist at a Gideons Christmas party. He just opened a Christian store for people to pick up FREE tracts. He came by my house a few days later and took a large bundle of "Do you know the Messiah?" tracts.

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