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Steve Kaplan, President Jewish Outreach International (Atlanta, Georgia)

Praise His Name! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

ISRAEL-It was a blessing to minister in Israel again! Lura Beckford and I were based in Arad, Israel for two weeks (Lura three). We collected and gave financial support for two different ministries. One ministers to women in need and the other reaches out to the Arab community as well as Sudanese refugees.

We visited with and encouraged believers in their homes, at restaurants and at the congregation in Arad. We drove up to Tiberias and had lunch with an elderly Jewish woman who has yet to meet her Messiah. She has a Jewish friend who visits her and has seen my picture on her wall and he was curious about my t-shirt! The woman called her friend and gave me an opportunity to talk about my visits!

We met up with a friend and equipped him with 50lbs of evangelistic t-shirts to support his teams from all over the world who come to minister in Israel.

I wore evangelistic t-shirts and challenged people wherever we went! My Hebrew "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt generated numerous conversations on the promenade in Ashkelon. We gave out Megavoice boxes (Gospel and other messages recorded by Dr. Charles Stanley) in various languages. Lura gave out an entire box (50) of Arabic Megavoice boxes at a rest area near Jericho. We had a few outreaches in the center of Arad and gave away about 20 Megavoice boxes. We gave out a few Megavoice boxes while ministering in Beersheva.

We frequented the same restaurants sometimes, developed relationships with restaurant workers and the chef at one restaurant, the waiter at another and the cashier at still another restaurant all accepted Megavoice boxes!

An Orthodox Jewish man noticed me waiting for Lura to pick me up every morning. He and the other people near my accommodations noticed my t-shirt. This Orthodox Man asked me questions, I was able to share with him and he took a Gospel tract!

ATLANTA, GEORGIA-Our annual board meeting happened to be on my birthday this year. Board members Bill and Eleanor stopped at Publix to bring a birthday cake. Eleanor happened to ask the man in the Publix bakery if he knew me? It turned out to be a Jewish man I witnessed to years ago while on jury duty!

I went to eat at one of the Jewish owned restaurants in my neighborhood on a Sunday, but it wasn't open yet? My Jewish neighbor just happened to be standing in the parking lot across from the restaurant. We had a long conversation and made plans to meet in January!

I had an urge to get Ice Cream at the store that freezes liquid forming it into ice cream. The young man on line in front of me was taking a video of the vapor that is created when they freeze the liquid. I said, "Nothing says tourist more than someone making a video!" He turned and laughed. Knowing God had sent me there, there was almost no doubt that this young man would be Jewish! I asked him if he got a picture of my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt in his video? The young man turned around to look at my t-shirt and did a double take. Of course he was Jewish! Unfortunately, he didn't know his Messiah, but he was willing to take a Gospel tract!

Sincerely,
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"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 & LURA BECKFORD

(Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)

Lura wrote: "Thanks for praying for the trip to Israel! It went well and Steve and I were able to pass out audio Bibles in various places; Arad, Jericho, Jerusalem, besides traveling to Tiberias, Ashkelon, Beersheva. I was able to take care of bank & government business. At one point, Steve sat in the center of Arad and people were drawn to him by his T-shirt and he was able to give them audio Bibles. The Lord blessed our efforts. Steve left after 2 weeks. I stayed on for the third week. Eddie and Matzah were busy making their rounds with the Veterans, the Senior Center, the Church and various outreaches he is involved with in PA.

At midnight, on my way to the airport to return home, the rental car flashed a message that I had a flat tire. There was no place to get help for that and if I called, there is no telling how long I would have to wait and possibly miss my plane. I prayed and asked the Lord to fill it with air and keep it full until I reached the airport. I had a smooth drive all the way to the airport, but as soon as I parked the car, 3 guys came running and knelt down by the back tire. There was obviously something wrong but not while I was driving. I praise the Lord for His miracles and His care for me and you! Thank you for praying - Pray for those who received the Bibles & pray for the believers who are still under pressure from the ultra-orthodox. I was able to encourage a number of believers and to give gifts to various Israeli ministries. Praise the Lord who enables us to walk in His Spirit! God bless you as you spread His Word in your sphere of influence!"

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."-2 Corinthians 5:20



CYRIL GORDON (Southern California)

Cyril wrote: "It's been a busy month of meeting with pastors and speaking in churches about how Jesus used the Biblical Holiday of Feasts of Tabernacles to reveal that he's the "Light of the World" and the "Giver of Living Water". It was a time to remind us all how much the Lord dislikes grumbling and complaining, as the Hebrew people suffered greatly for doing so on their way to the Promised Land after being miraculously delivered by the Lord from many years of slavery in Egypt.

As we start the Holiday Season, I've been magnifying my outreach to the Jews in the many synagogues here in Southern California by starting an adopt-a-synagogue project, where volunteers are trained to go to synagogues with the love of the Lord and find those who thirst for Living Water, then meet with them outside the synagogue and share the gospel with them.

This month, I had the pleasure of ministering to a Jew named Zal who I met while visiting a reform Synagogue's weekly Minyan and discussion group. The topic that week was on "What does Judaism say about the afterlife?" Well, I'd been hanging low at the synagogue about my faith in Jesus up until now, but with that topic, I was like a kid in a candy store and had to open up. I shared what the Bible says about death and the afterlife to the over 20 feisty, mostly atheist, Jewish men and the pot got stirred. So much so, that one of them

named Zal stopped me on the way out and wanted to know more. I met with Zal and had a great discussion about Jesus. Please pray for Zal's salvation and a serious back operation, at his age it's risky."

THANK YOU for praying and supporting me as I grow with Jewish Outreach International! Your support keeps me on the mission field. To donate online visit:

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