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Newsletter

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**STEVEN BARRY KAPLAN, PRESIDENT JEWISH OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL (Atlanta, Georgia)**-God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! Happy Hanukkah and a very merry Christmas!

**FLORIDA FLEA MARKET**-A Messianic Congregation in Orlando, Florida invited me to sell ministry merchandise at their home fellowship. I thought I would stay with my family in Tampa, and try to sell our Christian inventory at the flea market my brother had been going to. I had hoped to sell there for a month, but after getting up at 4am a couple of times and standing in the sun all day to only make a few dollars, it wasn't worth it. Fortunately, I was able to wholesale several scripture bracelets and other religious items to a church representative. After a week in Tampa with my family, I visited the Congregation in Orlando and equipped them with many t-shirts and other items on my way back to Atlanta.

**POLITICAL RALLIES**-I went to a few political rallies and showed off our ministry van and my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt. People were challenged, and I actually met one Jewish man who graduated from high school with my cousin on Long Island in New York!

**WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?**-My friends own a UPS store in a strip mall in Marietta. My friend told me he met an Israeli who owns a sandwich shop in the same strip mall. He wanted to know what the verse is that people often use to witness to Jewish people with. I told him it is Isaiah 53. I went over and met the Israeli. I gave him a Gospel message in Hebrew. He showed me a bag of Bibles and other materials people have given him. Now he has something to read in Hebrew! Please pray God draws him onto Himself!

**INTERNET OUTREACH**-Would you believe after I posted in the newsletter last month that my nephew won't accept my friend request on Facebook, he actually did? I spoke to my cousin and re-friended him on Facebook, but he continued to be obnoxious, and I had to unfriend him again? I continue to reach out to my fraternity brother, but he is a die hard atheist and barely acknowledges his Judaism?

**BIRTHDAY PRESENT**-One of the men I minister to took me to dinner for my birthday. I had an overwhelming urge to start a conversation with our waiter. It turned out the waiter was from New York and grew up in the Russian Orthodox church. I asked if he was Jewish, and it turned out he is! His family was actually living in a hotel because a storm caused a tree to fall on and destroy his house. I asked if he had a personal relationship with Jesus, but he didn't know for sure and prayed with me to receive his Messiah!

**23 AND ME**-My friends have the same last name as me and wanted to know if we were related? They bought me a DNA test (23andMe) and it turns out we are actually distant cousins.

A new Jewish believer found me and friended me on Facebook because we had mutual friends and went to the same high school. She had no idea I was best friends with her sister's boyfriend in high school and we often double dated. She was even more surprised when the DNA test showed that I am actually related to her aunt!

The DNA test shows 1,500 Jewish people who I am related to! I contacted one of them, and she wanted to know why I moved to Atlanta and what I do for a living? God answered my prayers big time!!!

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:

"We're thankful the Lord arranged for our March against Antisemitism to finally happen! Nov. 15 – it was cold and rainy, but 25 + people (brave souls) showed up and we marched with our flags and signs. A number of cars honked in favor of our march! We are planning a "Love Your Neighbor" March for next May. Hopefully the weather will be better and more people will participate!

We are still praying for the election outcome, since there has been so much fraud and now the courts are involved. We pray for the Lord's Will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We are living in a time when we have an entire generation who is ignorant of the history of the United States of America and its foundation on Biblical principles. We're praying for God's Mercy upon our nation, and we have a greater impetus to get the Gospel of Yeshua out to the unreached people!

We shared the Yeshua Loves you T-shirts with two other churches in the area; the more people who wear them, the more the witness goes forward!

The monthly Oneg was held in our apartment again. We had a full house and it was so enjoyable! The Lord is always honored at these Onegs!

Eddie was able to share his testimony on Veteran's Day at a special ceremony. It made an impact on those who heard it. Eddie made a special trip to a local mosque and gave away Arabic/English audio Bibles, along with some items we brought from Israel. These things were gratefully received. The Muslims need to hear about Jesus!

Other endeavors – Toys for Tots, Christmas Child box for Samaritan's Purse, giving away blankets, coats, shoes, etc. Eddie has passed out quite a few "Daily Breads" in various places. It's so much fun to give items, Bibles to those in need. We are so privileged to be involved with this ministry!! Thank you for your gifts to help us in this outreach!

Please pray for the next March (we will need insurance money for the city of Harrisburg again.) We are thankful for you! May the Lord of Israel bless you and give you opportunities to share His Awesome Messiah, Yeshua!!!! He's returning soon! Maranatha! Our love and blessings upon you! Lura & Eddie Beckford, [lura\\_eddie@hotmail.com](mailto:lura_eddie@hotmail.com) – **PHONE – 717 395 2804 Camp Hill, PA Come visit us if you are in the area!"**

"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:

"Greetings from Los Angeles California (AKA Gomorrah),

A warm THANK YOU to all of you who are faithfully supporting me and praying for me as I continue to serve the Lord through the ministry of Jewish Outreach International. Thanks to you, the gospel is being effectively preached to the thousands of people that visit Venice Beach and to the local Jewish community. In this time of political turmoil and unrest, I send you a short but sweet word of encouragement from the Psalms:

*Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.*  
(Psalm 31:24)

This month has been an amazing month of breakthroughs at our Venice Beach Outreach here is one of them:

A New Age Jew named Laurie stopped by our Free Bibles table and made her self right at home by taking a seat. After hearing about her spiritual journey, we had her read from the book of Isaiah from the Hebrew Bible, after which she reluctantly admitted that Isaiah was talking prophetically about Jesus in Chapter 53. Unfortunately, because of Laurie's heavy involvement in Eastern religion, she was blinded to the truth that was right before her eyes. Laurie is a local that has visited us several times over the years, but this week our interaction with her was the most profound ever. This time Laurie spent almost an hour with us talking about the claims of Jesus as Israel's Messiah. Laurie grew up in a very secular Jewish family that taught her nothing about God, but thank God that she had a wonderful Christian nanny who always pointed her to Jesus. We gave Laurie as much of the gospel as she could handle and sent her off with a New Testament. Please pray that she would turn from her devotion to Eastern religion and embrace the gospel of salvation."

Shalom,  
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