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

Praise His Name! Happy New Year! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry!

Please pray for **OUTREACH** at the Atlanta Gift Show-Tue, Jan 14 to Tue, Jan 21

**FLORIDA**-I visited my **FAMILY** in Tampa. They have a t-shirt business and have been in the same indoor flea market for many years. The flea market closed in November. My brother started selling at another flea market, but it was very slow. He had planned on getting space at a more well established flea market, but that too was sold to developers? Please pray for them to find the right situation for them to continue.

Rabbi **ED** let me set up a table at his Messianic **CONGREGATION** in Westley Chapel, near my family's home. I usually fellowship at this congregation when I visit my family. It was a blessing to supply evangelistic t-shirts and other Judaica to the congregants!

We had tables at the marketplace of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America's Southeast Regional Conference in Orlando. It was a blessing to supply people from all over the Southeast and beyond with our evangelistic t-shirts, caps and back packs and other items. One **WOMAN** took three copies of my book to share with **PRISONERS** she ministers to in three different **PRISONS**.

**NORTH CAROLINA**-We had tables at the marketplace of a Hanukkah Celebration in Charlotte. We supplied people with evangelistic t-shirts, caps and other items.

I had lunch with my bunk **MATE** from sleep away camp in New York who I shared a bunk with over 40 years ago! He is a non-believing Jew who now lives in Charlotte. We had reconnected on Facebook, and he made it clear no Jesus and no politics. As we were talking, I had no choice to answer one of his questions by giving Jesus the credit. He didn't say anything, but I could tell he was slightly put off. Please pray for his salvation.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**-About 20 years ago I went on a mission trip to Portugal. My **ROOMMATE** kept in touch and serves as an interim pastor at a church in South Carolina. His church supported our Israel mission trip in November and now supports our ministry in general!

On the way home from Charlotte, I decided to visit my friend at his church in South Carolina. It turns out they have now turned their church over to another group who loves and supports **ISRAEL**. They asked me to share about our ministry and were curious about persecution I have received over the years.

**THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS**-My **NEPHEW** is in his second year of Law School at Columbia University. He lives about 50 feet from where the Columbia University student was murdered in New York City. **LEE** and I have been meeting at the food court at Cumberland Mall where they just had the shooting. In July 2001, I distributed Gospel tracts in the subway underneath the World Trade Center in New York City. My Sunday School Class team took me out for my birthday at Max Brenner's restaurant in Tel Aviv which was later blown up by terrorists. There have been many other places I have ministered which were later blown up by terrorists. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to share Messiah with a lost and dying world.

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: "Holiday greetings! Hanukkah is almost over and the New Year is approaching! We donated "Jesus loves you" T-shirts to

our church and the people have been wearing them, so we are getting reports of interactions because of the T-shirts! What a wonderful way to identify with the Jewish people and to be able to witness about our Savior! Walking billboards!

Eddie wears the shirts and ministers at the Soup Kitchen, the Food bank, the Senior Center and the Veterans Outreach. He's very busy! We've been passing out audio Bibles in various languages. I am actively looking for Muslims as I have some Bibles in Arabic. The Muslims came here with an agenda, but they don't realize that God has an agenda for them - they are here to hear the Gospel and experience the Love of Yeshua!

We had our Oneg this month and another is scheduled For Jan. 18. These are special times of fellowship in the Lord and all are welcome. I shared in our church about my trip to Israel and how blessed it was to be able to bless the believers in the Land!

I am also scheduled for cataract surgery in January & February: please pray the Lord will restore my sight! Is it a coincidence we are entering into 2020? Right now, my driving is very limited. We are both busy and enjoying the Lord in our day-to-day ministry to one another and to others! The Lord bless you richly in this coming year! Love & Maranatha!"

***"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:

"We witnessed the Book of Acts where the Apostle Paul reasoned with Jews in synagogues. To Paul, it was a priority to reach his brethren with the gospel wherever he went. I've been going to local synagogues looking for opportunities to do the same, the Lord has opened doors and given favor with the rabbis. I've been able to share the gospel with several Jews, but what happened went way beyond that.

One synagogue hosted two "Christianity for Jews" mid-week classes where they taught on the history of the church and the differences between Christian denominations. I used this opportunity to invite my friend and fellow Jew, Pastor Jeff Levine from Bethany Church. The class was taught by a convert to Judaism, and he allowed me to introduce the pastor to 25 Jewish attendees. I introduced Jeff as a "Pastor from a Jewish background", the host believes I'm not Jewish anymore because of my faith in Jesus.

Most in this class were more interested in questions about Christianity than learning about the History of the Church and its many denominations; they wanted answers to questions: how do Christians explain "the Trinity"? How could Jesus be God and man at the same time? What does it mean to be "saved"? The instructor deferred these questions to Jeff who did a great job answering them. Jeff shared the

gospel with the Jews present using God's Word--both Old and New Testament. One Jewish women talked to us and expressed interest in hearing more from Jeff! Please pray for continued open doors."

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