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Newsletter

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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! Please pray for bolded names in this newsletter.

COVID-19 UPDATE-Please pray for our **SUPPORTERS** who have either lost their jobs or received paycuts. Please pray the Lord protects us all from the virus.

OFFICE CLEANING-Since we are stuck at home, many of us have cleaned out our offices. I received two phone calls from people who found one of my ministry cards they had received some 13 years ago! One **MAN**, in California, ordered t-shirts, caps and a bag to hang on his golf cart! He used to hang his plastic "**Jesus Loves You**" bag on his golf cart, but it finally fell apart.

POSTAL PROSELYTIZING-Praise God for divine appointments. I usually only go out once a day for food and errands. In the 30 seconds I ran in and out of the post office, I ran into my Jewish

NEIGHBOR. He was upset with what was going on in the world. I met him at a Jewish singles event some 15 years ago and then moved around the corner from him. He's been over my house many times, and I have shared with him before. I told him I read the back of the book, my team wins and he is welcome to join my team, but he declined.

As I was driving away from another outing at the post office, I saw another Jewish **FRIEND** I had met 15 years ago at a Jewish singles event. I rolled down the window and said hello and pulled into a parking spot so we could talk. She kept her "**Social Distance**" and we had a nice conversation. She too has been over my house many times. We often invited her to Bible studies, but her response is always, "It's not my cup of tea!"

DRIVE BY WITNESSING-Since people are required to stay at home, I have noticed many more **PEOPLE** walking around my neighborhood. As I drive our ministry van around the neighborhood, I see more and more dumbfounded looks from people I have never seen before. As I turned up my street, the Holocaust **SURVIVOR** who lives nearby, was reminded (by the van) that Jesus loves him!

ONLINE MINISTRY-I continue to reach out and help disciple the two autistic Jewish **MEN** and my Jewish **FRIEND** from high school I had led to the Lord.

Facebook continues to provide numerous witnessing opportunities. I have a fraternity **BROTHER** that was actually younger and I never met in person who went to my college after I did. We are friends on Facebook, and he is a devout atheist. He often puts his two cents in when I make posts. Not only have I witnessed to him, but several of my other Facebook **FRIENDS** have as well. The other day I posted something that he commented on and said he is Jewish. I suspected by his name, but didn't know for sure. I told him the word Jew actually means someone who worships or acknowledges God. He disagreed.

I posted something on Facebook and a Jewish **FRIEND** I've known since elementary school, took offense to it. I shared the Gospel, and he just laughed. I know hundreds of Jewish **PEOPLE** on Facebook. Several have unfriended me because of my beliefs and many others haven't, please pray for them all.

My Sunday School **LEADER** teaches a Wednesday night online Apologetics Class and asked me to give some perspectives on witnessing to Jewish people.

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: "Shalom Friends! We may be sheltering in place, but the Kingdom work continues! We are trusting the Lord for Divine appointments and trusting Him for His postponements! He is in Charge of our lives!

Eddie is continuing to work at the Veterans' Food bank and the Senior Center to help deliver food. I am making masks and passing them out for free, to the delight of those who receive them. I left my sewing machine in Israel to another believer, but the Lord provided a new sewing machine from another believer here in the USA, so I am making good use of it.

While Eddie walked Matzah, her dogs tags fell off (don't know how), someone found them and is bringing them to us - I believe the Lord sets these things up and brings people to us for His Purposes! He is so amazing!

Our Passover Seder had to be postponed and so was our March against Anti-Semitism, but we are looking forward to these things in God's Timing. Meanwhile, we are able to reach more people with the info. We want to do good things while it is yet day, for the darkness is approaching fast. We pray for discernment and wisdom in these days.

We want to adjust to the Lord's Plan and be creative in our outreach. Thank the Lord for His Holy Spirit leading and guiding us to make the Name of Yeshua known!!! Happy 72 Independence Day to Israel! Thank you for your support in every way! Pray for one another and Love one another in His Mighty Name!"

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*For those of you who knew Milt Maiman -May 18 marks 21 years since the Lord took him home. It hardly seems possible, so much has happened since then.

"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: "April of 2020 was a challenging month for many people in California, including me, due to the strict social distancing edicts. My main places to minister: Venice Beach and the local synagogues were all closed, so I focused on meeting one on one with the Jewish men I've met in the synagogues that are showing some interest in Jesus.

One of these men I've been meeting with privately every week is Dan, who's very close to coming to faith in Jesus. I've showed him in Scripture how we are all sinners in need of a Savior, and the many prophecies that point to Jesus being Israel's Messiah. Dan recently confided in me that he wants to believe, but has a hard time believing that God will forgive him of all his sins. Please pray the veil that blinds him to the truth would be lifted, and that he will accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior soon as Dan is wrestling with suicidal thoughts.

April was also difficult financially because most of my many Passover Seder presentations in churches were cancelled. Those meetings were supposed to be my time to build the support I'd be needing to get through the year. Well, the Lord's going to have to do it another way this year, in Him I put my trust.

Please pray the Venice Beach and the synagogues will open up soon, and that 2020 will be my best year ever ministering to the over 600,000 Jews in Southern California."

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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