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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!

**JOHNNY HUNT MENS CONFERENCE**-This was the first time we have had ministry tables at the JHMC in a long time because I usually travel out west this time every year. Thanks to Covid-19, my western conferences were canceled. It was a blessing to minister at my home church. We equipped people with many evangelistic t-shirts, souvenirs & copies of my book, *The Green Velvet Missionary!*

**FLORIDA TRIP CANCELED**-Unfortunately, because my back was hurting and four friends passed away at about that same time, I decided to cancel my trip to Florida. My roommate Peter died of a heart attack. My fraternity brother Pocho died from Covid-19 complications. My friend Rabbi Mario in Ft. Worth, Texas died of cancer. My friend Jerry died of cancer. I had known Jerry and his family for over 20 years and was able to attend his funeral which was the same week as the trip.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH AVI**-I try to visit Avi at his sandwich shop at least once a week. He's from Israel and tells all his customers that he loves them! Avi used to work for another Israeli and told me he remembered me coming in with my t-shirt during one of our Hanukkah Outreaches several years ago. When I first gave Avi Gospel materials in Hebrew, he showed me his collection of Bibles and Gospel materials others had given him. I take my time eating and hang out with Avi. He often asks his other customers what they think of Jesus? Most are Christians, but there have been a few I was able to share with as well!

I seem to be quoting Jeremiah 31:31 lately when sharing with Jewish people. This verse clearly states there will be a new covenant. Avi challenged me and wanted to know what the verses after it says. There is a verse that says the law will never be done away with. I explained Jesus is the fulfillment of the law, and asked why Avi no longer has a high priest? Avi thinks he doesn't need to have a high priest, but I showed him scriptures in Leviticus which command us to have a High Priest (chapter 8). I forgot to ask Avi why he is open on Shabbat?

**WHAT'S WITH THAT VAN?**-I've been developing relationships with the people at various Israeli restaurants around Atlanta. One woman told me she liked my van so I gave her a Hebrew-English New Testament Prophecy edition Bible! Another man asked me about my van so I told him about my beliefs. A religious man, who wraps me with Tefillin when I come in, overheard our conversation and suggested we have a Bible study the next time I come in! Orthodox Jews usually have prayer services on Mondays and Thursdays. If they can get a non-religious Jew to wrap Tefillin and say prayers, it is considered a "mitzvah" (good deed). I purposely eat lunch at this particular Israeli restaurant in hopes of running into this man so I can get to know him better!



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 family & Friends!**

**Purim** has passed and **Passover** is on the way! We are preparing for a full Seder with our **Oneg** group and guests on March 27. We love it when the focus is on Yeshua! Pray the Lord uses this for a witness!

We are also getting ready to do a **“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR”** walk on May 23. The date has been confirmed with the City of Harrisburg and the paperwork is finished. I just have to arrange for insurance again. I was hoping to get a sponsor so we could just get a rider on a church’s insurance, but that is not working out. It would have saved a lot of money. God knows and He will provide it! We plan to give out “Yeshua loves you T-shirts” and literature. People will be giving testimonies as to how the Lord is working in their lives. Pray for people to volunteer to play music at this rally and to provide for all the expenses.

Pray for the Muslims – Ramadan is coming up in April! They need Yeshua!

Eddie is doing what he does best – helping people to look to the Lord, as he helps them with physical needs. I praise the Lord for a Godly husband! He is helping at a recovery center for addicts. Sometimes a conversation can be a turning point in someone's life. He also helps at the Veterans' food bank & two different PTSD groups. He is busy! Praise the Lord for his health! Mine, too!

Two of our Oneg people have Covid and are quarantining at home – Please pray for a speedy recovery for Dennis & Betsy. We are so thankful the Lord is in charge of our lives. Nothing happens to a believer without the Lord knowing beforehand and using it for our own spiritual growth.

Thank you so much for your kind support and prayers! We are blessed by your blessings and I pray in turn, you may be blessed by participating in this outreach! Happy Pesach, Unleavened Bread, & Firstfruits! We died with Messiah, our sins were buried and we live in His Resurrected Life! Hallelujah! Christ in us – the Hope of Glory!!!

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"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:

"For two years now I have been attending events at local synagogues like: Shabbat services, Torah studies, Bar Mitzvah's, etc.... to get a feel of where my Jewish people are spiritually and to make myself available to any Jews I meet that are showing an interest in Jesus. Sadly, I have come to see that my Jewish people are for the most part a misled people, many of whom do not believe in God or have any reverence for the Holy Scriptures. In this godless environment, I look for every opportunity to build their faith and encourage them to seek God. This must be done gently and with the Lord's guidance as I am open about my faith in Jesus in the synagogues and this could cause suspicion. So far, the Lord has given me favor and I have yet to be kicked out of any synagogue, but that could change if salvations start happening, and that's okay with me."

\*Cyril's praise reports can be read in their entirety on our website: "www.savethejews.org"

Thanks again for all your prayers and support!

Shalom,  
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