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STEVEN BARRY KAPLAN, PRESIDENT
JEWISH OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL (Atlanta, Georgia)-
God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry!

ADVENTURES WITH AVI: AVI is my Israeli Jewish friend who doesn't believe in Jesus. He owns a restaurant in Marietta, and I try to visit him every week before my Sunday school class prayer meeting at someone's house near his restaurant. One day, I walked in and Avi was meeting with someone. As the **MAN** got up to leave, he saw my t-shirt. The man said, "My name is Goldstein, and I believe in Jesus too!" I just laughed and told Avi, God has him surrounded!

While I was in the restaurant, Avi called his **MOTHER** in **ISRAEL**. They both thought my belief in Jesus was absolutely hysterical and laughed at me? I thought God was so amazing to give me an opportunity to share Jesus with another Israeli who was actually in Israel all the way from Marietta, Georgia!

FRATERNITY REUNION-It's been almost 35 years since I graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida, but I keep in touch with and pray for my Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity **BROTHERS. BOBBY** a Jewish fraternity brother who I ran into during an Atlanta Outreach and visited many times in Las Vegas, moved back to Miami, Florida and organized a reunion. There were over one hundred **PEOPLE** at the reunion. I agonized for months on whether to wear my "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt to the reunion? I finally decided to wear it in hopes of touching at least one person at the reunion!

As I walked around the reunion hotel, both fraternity brothers and hotel guests all complimented my t-shirt! When it was time to go to the actual reunion a couple, staying at the hotel for their son's wedding, made a big fuss about how much they liked my t-shirt. As I spoke with the man, he told me his brother used to go to the University of Miami in the 80s and was also in a fraternity. It turned out his brother was Bobby's little brother **RAY** in our fraternity, and Bobby was most ecstatic about meeting Ray's older brother and asked how we were able to figure out the connection? Needless to say God orchestrated this divine appointment with my t-shirt!

EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEER GOES BACK TO COLLEGE-(Rhonda wrote): Rich (my husband) and I flew to Boston last week for his twin brother's daughter's wedding. I have had Harvard U on my bucket list for several years as a college to go witness at. My Christian brother in law Peter was happy to drive us there. I expected some hostility at such a liberal college. We were pleasantly surprised to be able to hand out many tracts to many receptive students!

We shared the gospel with a young man named Michael who was raised in a Christian home and has started to question his faith. Rich's specialty is Creation, so he was able to answer some of his objections. We prayed with one Christian basketball player from Africa. We saw a boy with Hebrew letters on the back of his t-shirt. He was sweeping leaves, so we weren't sure if he was a student? His mother was talking to him. I approached them and tried to hand mom a tract. When she heard Jesus, she handed it back to me. I wished them a Happy Yom Kippur and left. As we were leaving, I handed tracts to four students. One boy asked me if I had a spare Bible? I had one in my hand and gave it to him. He was very thankful! Besides the narrow one way streets in and out of the campus which made Peter dizzy, it was a very fruitful day!



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 and Friends!

What a wonderful time visiting Eddie's family in Georgia! His Mom is 95 and still gets around very well! His brothers and sisters are doing well in the Lord and we were able to attend his brother's church (he is the pastor). They even loved Matzah doggie! Thanks for the prayers!

After that, we traveled to Myrtle Beach for the Redhorse Reunion of Viet Nam Veterans & their wives. Many canceled their plans, so the group was small and very intimate. It was precious. We volunteered to host the reunion next year, so we shall see what the Lord has in mind; something to pray for!

The Lord made an opening to be able to share some of our books* with the Vets. Most in the group are believers, but there are a couple that are still on the way; we can see the Lord working in their lives.

Eddie began this reunion in 1999 and my late husband was on his way to attend it and was going to share a room with Eddie. The Lord had other ideas & took Milt Maiman home a few days before the reunion, while I was still in Israel. I emailed Eddie with the news. **This reunion is the connection that the Lord used to introduce Eddie to me!** When I came to the USA to do some speaking in churches, Eddie came to Harrisburg to meet me before I returned to Israel. Long story short – He came to Israel to visit, and we went to Cyprus and were married. The Lord used Eddie to reach a lot of people in Israel: the orthodox, the Muslims, the immigrants, etc.

Thank you so much for praying – all of us are ministers of the Gospel – you, too! The Lord has His children in so many places; He is with us as we share His Word (Yeshua) to those around us, just as He was with the apostles in the book of Acts! He is so faithful!

Our picnic to celebrate Sukkot had to be postponed due to a death in the family hosting it. We also have a major disappointment/opportunity happening in our Oneg group. The devil is against marriage and a couple has separated. In the Grace of God, there is NO reason for divorce; Forgiveness and restoration is the Modus Operandi for believers. Pray for restoration of this marriage – God can make a way where there is no way in our human understanding. A major witness has been temporarily set aside, but God is in the business of restoration! We have an opportunity to love and shore up a relationship and demonstrate unconditional love! I praise the Lord for bringing Eddie into my life – he is a precious jewel and has taught me much: We love each other more every day! Our 20th anniversary is Oct. 10.

Yeshua has the victory! Before we knew of this broken marriage, we had already scheduled a special day of prayer for Oct. 3 for the Oneg group. Join us in praying for one another & for the many outreaches we are involved in during the month of October. Thank you and bless you in Yeshua's Matchless & Wonderful Name!

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*Book : **"Stop Doing Good! – a Love Story"** by Lura P. Maiman-Beckford & Priscilla G. Simmons available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc

This book is about some of our adventures in Israel while giving out the Gospel, arrests, persecution, etc. It has 85 pictures in it, which do not show up in Kindle.

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"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

"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 (on Facebook): "Back on the straight and narrow! The Lord brought Michael to our Venice Beach Free Bibles table to rededicate his life to Him, as his faith was starting to waiver in these dark days. Praise God!"

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

Thanks again for your prayers and support!

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