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Newsletter

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Steve Kaplan (Atlanta, Georgia)

Praise His Name! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! Please pray for **BOLDED** items in this newsletter:

Please pray for our **MINISTRY** tables at the Voice of the Apostles **CONFERENCE** in Nashville, Tennessee from August 10-14.

Sincerely,
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Israel Trip

This was my 19th trip to **ISRAEL**. Our group of three (sometimes four) distributed almost three thousand Gospel materials, challenged hundreds with our evangelistic t-shirts and shared with many one-on-one! I brought several evangelistic t-shirts for distribution for people willing to wear them, and took home 50 Mega Voice Boxes (Audio Bibles in Hebrew) for the **ISRAELIS** in the Atlanta area!

Between the heat, the van breaking down and a tooth filling cracking, it was challenging to minister. Nevertheless, we persevered, and here are some of the many interactions we had:

We went to Tel Aviv and decided to take a bus and train rather than drive so we would have an opportunity to interact with people as we go. We shared with some, and one Jewish young man was so excited to see our t-shirts because he recently became a believer! He asked for a shirt, and **EDDIE** just happened to have one!

A new restaurant opened in Arad. We ate there almost daily as there are few restaurants in Arad, and we became friendly with the wait staff. One day, the waitress/owner handed us three Bibles someone else had left for her! She knew we give them out and we all had a big laugh. The next day we gave the Russian speaking **BUSBOY** a copy of "Betrayed" in Russian, and he was most appreciative to receive it!

We drove up to **JERUSALEM** and stopped at a rest area on the way. The **CLERK** inside and another **WOMAN** outside both wanted to know why I had Jesus in the middle of a Star of David, so I told them!

We went shopping (for souvenirs for our ministry fundraisers) in Tel Aviv to the store owned by two **BROTHERS** that I have been buying from and praying for, for years! I only met the one brother, but also prayed for his brother.

As I was leaving **ISRAEL** last November, a man came up to me at the airport and asked if I bought stuff from his brother in Tel Aviv! He said, "A big man in a Jesus Loves You t-shirt buys from us, and I was wondering if it was you?" Amazingly, it was the brother I had never met but have been praying for!"

This time the brother who I know, was so happy to see me! He was going on vacation the next day and wanted to know if I was going to run into him at the airport too! He was just so happy to see me and smiled the entire time I was in his store! Please pray for them!

While ministering to people late at night in the Arad town square, we were able to share with a Jewish **MAN** visiting from Ecuador. He

spoke English and told us he came to **ISRAEL** to make a documentary. He was not religious, but was open enough to take information about Jesus!

It was so amazing to minister with **EDDIE & LURA**. Almost everywhere we went in Arad and around **ISRAEL**, they ran into someone they had ministered to or knew. They supply several **CONGREGATIONS** as well as many other **MINISTRIES** with evangelistic books, Bibles and t-shirts.

"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 and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Eddie wrote: "Steve Kaplan came to minister with us for three weeks. Here's an account of what transpired during his visit:

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go:
Steve's anxious to get started: Whenever things became slow for one iota, Steve would become anxious; hmmm... or

was it "I'm bored". He hits the ground running, non stop, 24/7/365. (smile)

Ramadan: Steve arrived on July 11th which was during the last week of Ramadan. On day 2 (July 12th), we gave a Bedouin a 'mega voice' Arabic audio Bible, in Arad, Israel. On day 3, we were on the mean streets of Tel Aviv, where we gave away 13 Arabic audio Bibles, 26 Arabic books, 2 Amharic Bibles and 7 Sudanese Bibles. Ramadan ended the very next day, July 13th.

Note: during Ramadan, things can go bad; real bad.

Pro-life Material: We've included Pro-life material along with Bibles and books.

Distribution: In the 3 weeks that Steve's been with us, we were able to distribute a variety of Bibles, books, booklets, and tracts... making a total of 2813 items. Pretty awesome!

BEWARE! Israel Today: "Anti-Missionaries Warn Against New Testament Audio Player"

Fear Not: We just finished doing some business with the Orthodox Maafia, when we ran into a couple of Blacks. Let me try to explain: Maafia means bakery in Hebrew and the Hasidim are called, "Blacks". In other words, we just finished having some snacks at an Orthodox Bakery, when we saw a couple of Hasidim handing out 'Beware of missionaries Eddie & Lura Beckford, with our picture and old address on them. As you can see in the video, we all seemed to have a little fun! PTL. And, we were thankful that we didn't have 4 sliced tires. PTL.

We were also followed by 3 Blacks the other day, in fact it was the 9th of Av to be exact. Likewise, they were handing out red flyers. The T-shirts: Wearing the 'Yeshua Loves You' t-shirt in Hebrew, is a powerful witnessing tool, here in The Land. It was so awesome having Steve with us, walking side-by-side. Usually it's only Lura and I wearing the shirts.

Years ago I did the math: The Orthodox will call up others, but will not get physical until they have at least 10 (a minyan) per man, 4 per woman, and 2 per child. Thus, having Steve with us, they'd need to drum-up at least 24 men before attacking. History/Old News: Here's a video of the Orthodox trying to get a crew to attack our Pastor.

A Sudanese Young Man: While doing the town of Arad, handing out audio Bibles and such, we met a young Sudanese man, gave him an audio Bible, and took him to church in Beersheva the very next day. Bye-Bye Stevie!" (Go to: www.kingsmenarad.com for this text and links)

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