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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:

Ministry Tables at the **MESSIAH CONFERENCE** July 3-9 in Grantham, Pennsylvania and at the **CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** July 17-22 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sincerely,  
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## Persecution Propels the Gospel



### [This is why people hate the Jews 5](#)

About 12 years ago, I received an e-mail from someone in Israel. They were asking for help for EDDIE & LURA BECKFORD, who were being persecuted by ORTHODOX JEWS in ARAD, ISRAEL. I said, "*Lord, here am I, send me!*" What a privilege and joy it has been to serve with the Beckfords all these years!

It has not been easy for the Beckfords. They established a Chess Club/Bible Shop in the Arad Shuq (marketplace). This club provided a shelter for elderly HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS & OTHERS who wanted a place to play chess and dominos. Eddie and Lura provided Bibles & Gospel books in many languages. They had a bathroom for the men (they used to meet in a park with no facility) and hooks for their coffee cups as well as coffee and donuts.

On Shuq day (Mondays) the Beckfords would distribute clothes to the poor and provide soup for the hungry as well as free Bibles and books. The unemployed would open, set up and close up the chess club giving them a sense of purpose and belonging. There were chess tournaments and people came from all over ISRAEL!

Many PEOPLE came to faith through the Chess Club/Bible Shop. An alcoholic man would open, set up and close up every day. This became his calling, and he eventually came to faith!

An Orthodox woman watched the other Orthodox harass the Beckfords as they gave away clothes to the poor. Another Orthodox woman asked the first one, "Are you with them, or are you with us?" She looked at the Beckfords helping the poor, and she looked at the Orthodox harassing the Beckfords. She took off her head covering and said, "I am with the Beckfords!" Not only did she come to faith, but her family did too!

An Arab woman came to the Chess Club/Bible Shop with migrain headaches. She told the Beckfords that she had heard they are people of prayer! The Beckfords prayed for this woman, and her migrains were healed! Not only did she come to faith, but her family as well!

The ministry was so successful, the Orthodox would stand outside and protest the Beckfords. The Orthodox would pay people to sit outside the Beckford's house and harass them. The Chess Club/Bible Shop was blown up twice, but thankfully, no one was hurt.

The Orthodox would bring false charges against the Beckfords, and Eddie was falsely imprisoned. The Orthodox would put false information in the newspapers about the Beckfords, and the Beckfords would counter act the accusations and share the Gospel!

Eventually, the Orthodox got to the newspaper owners, and the Beckfords were no longer allowed to buy space? Instead, the Beckfords wrote their own newspaper full of Gospel messages in Hebrew and Russian. While I was visiting about nine years ago, they asked me to distribute their newspapers in the Arad town square.

At first, people would walk by and take a newspaper or not take one? Then the Orthodox showed up. First there were a few, but soon there were about 20! They surrounded me, and as I distributed the papers, they would rip them out of people's hands!

Eventually, the police came and told me to stop? I told the police what I was doing was perfectly legal, but the police insisted I was causing a problem. I said to the police, "I'm not causing the problem, they are! What if I were to walk down the street with 20 of my friends and come across a man wearing a black hat. If I don't like black hats, should we demand he take his off?" The policeman scratched his head and told me to wait right where I was.

The policeman was gone for 30 minutes. During that time the Orthodox began lighting the newspapers on fire and throwing them at me and around the area! When the policeman returned, he allowed me to continue. By this time many people had gathered. Lura came to pick me up and started filming the scene. The head Rabbi leaned into Lura's video camera and practically pushed her over. The policeman asked Lura why she pushed the Rabbi?

After I left Arad, the Beckfords said many PEOPLE came to the Chess Club/Bible Shop for copies of the newspapers (that caused all the trouble) and wanted 10 copies at a time for their NEIGHBORS! An Arab man wanted to know why Jews were fighting Jews? The Beckfords explained, shared the Gospel and led him to the Lord! Lura's video was put on YouTube (This is why people hate the Jews 5) & reached 1,000,000 views on Father's Day 2016!

*"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 (Arad, Israel)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**-We are most honored to have had the Beckfords join the staff of Jewish Outreach International on July 1, 2009!

On July 2, 2009 The Jerusalem Post wrote an article about Orthodox opposition to a new parking garage in Jerusalem. The Orthodox did not want the garage to be open on Shabbat and protested it!

The Post wrote a story about the Orthodox being obnoxious and used the Beckfords as an example of how bad they can be towards people! As a result the Beckfords were featured in the Post and the picture above actually appeared in the

post for all to see that Jesus Loves Them! Persecution propels the Gospel!

The Chess Club/Bible Shop was eventually taken away by the Arad city government, but the Beckfords continue to share Messiah with the **PEOPLE** of **ISRAEL** and around the world!

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