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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 Johnny Hunt Women's **CONFERENCE** at First Baptist Woodstock **CHURCH** May

2 & 3. Please pray for **MINISTRY** in **ISRAEL** from May 7 to 16. Please pray for our **MINISTRY TABLES** at the Florida Homeschool **CONVENTION** May 21 to 24.

Sincerely,

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One of my Israeli Restaurant **OWNERS** stopped by my table to complain to me about his Christian **WAITRESS** who is always trying to "convert" him? I made sure to tell him he needs a Messiah!

I usually ask the Lord which evangelistic t-shirt to put on before going out. One day, I felt led to wear the Hebrew one. Sure enough, as I walked into Wal-Mart, an Iranian Jewish **MAN** did a double take of my shirt! He knew it was Hebrew but asked what it said? I shared with him and offered him a tract which he refused. He said he already received one from **MESSIANICS** who come to his store and asked what congregation I belong to? I told him I go to First Baptist Woodstock, and he said he hadn't received a tract from there and took one!

As I was driving around the neighborhood, I passed a Jewish **FRIEND** of mine I hadn't seen in a couple of years. He stopped his car and called me. It's the first time he has seen our ministry van with our website: www.savethejews.org, and he wanted to know what the **JEWS** have to be saved from? So I told him!

Puerta Vallarta, Mexico

My friends **BARRY & SHARI** (Jewish believers) invited me to minister with them in Puerta Vallarta, where they have now retired. They minister to many **PEOPLE** through their church's **MISSION**, by teaching english to prostitutes, by mentoring new believers they've led to the Lord, by helping people go into small businesses and wherever else they can.

They asked me to come down and help some with their ministry, but to mainly help promote and lead their church's Passover Seder. They advertised it in the newspaper and on some Yahoo Groups on the Internet. We distributed invitations and Gospel tracts all along the boardwalk area. The Lord gave me Jewish **PEOPLE** (and **OTHERS**) to share with every single day I was there for 12 days!

Eight Jewish people signed up for the seder (but only four came), and we met two before hand. She is British and brought her South African cousin to meet us. Since I lived in South Africa for three months, the cousin and I hit it off. It turns out he used to work out at a gym in Johannesburg owned by my **FRIEND**'s father!

There is a Jewish woman who does catering and sells items at the marina market. I met her and asked if I could go to her seder. She

contacted Shari first to make sure I didn't wear my t-shirt! The seder was held at a restaurant, and I was seated across from a Gentile couple, next to another Gentile man and near a Jewish man. The couple across from me kept asking me to explain the seder. My beliefs came up, and the Jewish man said he read the Old Testament and stopped, the Gentile man said he started with the New Testament, and I said I started with the Old Testament and kept on going!

42 People RSVP'd for our Messianic seder, we set places for 66, had food for 80 and over 100 came! It was a really good time, and one Jewish woman who came said she wanted to start going to church!

"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)

Lura wrote:

"Eddie did something different for Passover Season this year. He & the Sudanese from Arad joined the **Triumphal Procession into the city of Jerusalem**. Beforehand, they walked over the Old City. He wore his "Yeshua loves you" T-shirt. He really enjoyed it, home tired but happy.

I, Lura, spent **two weeks in the USA, a fast trip** to take care of government stuff & getting my driver's license renewed. It was very successful with beautiful weather in snowy PA. The Lord put the

bad weather on hold while I was there, so roads were clear and He went before me everywhere. I have never had such an easy time traveling, flying, driving! I am so thankful! It was so wonderful to come back home to Israel and my beloved Eddie!

I am grateful that the Lord provided time to see my friend, Carol, whose husband died in March unexpectedly. Widowhood is never easy, so to be able to hug her in person was a gift from Yeshua. Then when I returned to Israel, I discovered another friend had become a new widow. Since she is blind, she was no longer able to live by herself, so she had to move back to the USA. Then our good friend, Ali, died. So his wife Aslam and their four children sat shiva for a week. **So three new widows within a month** - pray the Lord ministers His Grace to them as only He can, while they all get used to a new situation.

Praise the Lord! Our stolen laptop computer was returned; the Lord arranged it. The thief left it with a lady temporarily & she showed it to a friend, who told her it was stolen and told her about us. She came to our house and asked us to take it back. She is now attending the Russian congregation as a result of this contact. The Russians are meeting weekly in our

house, as well as Youth from all the congregations. Our garden is looking better since a friend came and painted some of the playground equipment. The children love playing in it. They always greet our doggie, "Matzah" & now play with 3 bunnies, so we have the beginnings of a very small petting zoo. Eddie is still hosting a chess club with the children.

Lura & friends began a **cooking club** for several ladies to teach about whole foods. We had our first dinner sharing with others about nutrition, etc. It was a success! We are combining it with spiritual food as well & planning the next event. The orthodox still come to our house once in a while. The last time they actually rang the doorbell. I asked what they wanted & they said, "**Stop talking to Jews about that man.**" Eddie brought out a Hebrew testimony tape and played it for them, so they decided to leave. Lord willing, as long as we have breath, **we will not stop** talking about our Savior and Lord, Messiah Yeshua (Jesus)!

We still need help with the house & the rent, etc. This place is being used as a Community Center and we are beginning to feel our age as we struggle to keep it up, Please pray for the volunteers to help and for our health; The Bible Distribution is still ongoing, as well as all the activities here at the house. We need to call in a contractor to fix a high wall on the outside. The last couple rainstorms left our bedroom wet on the inside, with plaster falling, so that is not a pleasant way to sleep. (Smile!) The wall is so high it cannot be reached with a ladder, so scaffolding is necessary. Meanwhile, we keep on keeping on with the strength of the Lord and Rest in His finished Work at the Cross and the Empty Tomb! May you be blessed as you enjoy His Rest also!

At times, people ask how can the Lord bless an ungodly nation like Israel? Eddie stopped at a little store and purchased some snacks for the Beersheva Chess Tournament and was not welcomed as a customer. They refused to make coffee for him. He said to me, "It doesn't matter. I am still going to stop there and buy things." That's God's attitude toward Israel in this time of Grace. The Gospel is still being offered, even if it is rejected time and time again. There is a remnant who do accept Yeshua and His gift of Salvation. The devil is mad and that's why we have opposition. We thank the Lord for the Privilege of working in His harvest field. Remember the children in your prayers, please! Thank you for your faithfulness and support in every way! God bless you!"

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