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Newsletter

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**Steve Kaplan
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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** May 1-2

at First Baptist Church of Woodstock in Georgia.

Please pray for the final editing of my **BOOK** while working with my **EDITOR/PUBLISHER** in Keller, Texas May 11-15.

Please pray for **MINISTRY** in Southern California from May 15-28.

Sincerely,
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Thursday Mall Outreaches

LEE and I continue to meet for lunch at the Mall on Thursdays when I am in town. Although the main focus is to reach out to the **ISRAELIS** working at various kiosks, many other **PEOPLE** are challenged and/or encouraged by our evangelistic t-shirts as well.

An obviously Jewish **WOMAN** asked me what my t-shirt said (the one in Hebrew). I told her it meant, "Jesus Loves You!" Although, she and her **DAUGHTER** were not very receptive to that message, they heard it!

An Ethiopian Israeli **WOMAN** working at a kiosk, was most excited to see my Hebrew t-shirt! She is involved with the local Chabad Israeli Center, but was more than happy to receive a Hebrew booklet about Jesus!

The Least of These

We minister to several mentally challenged Jewish **PEOPLE** who have prayed with me to receive the Lord. One man puts the labels on our newsletter mailings in exchange for buying him dinner. One afternoon we went to Costco for the \$1.50 hot dog and soda deal before working on this newsletter to carry us over until dinner. Several Jewish and other **PEOPLE** were challenged by my, "*I Love Yeshua*" t-shirt!

There was a **WOMAN** (with children) at Costco who was curious about my, "*I Love Yeshua*" t-shirt. She asked me to explain it, and it turns out her husband is Jewish, she converted to Judaism and just started attending a local synagogue. I explained my belief to her, and she accepted a Gospel tract!

Dinner in Dunwoody

My friend **STEVE** rents a room from me and has come with me on two trips to **ISRAEL**. Steve also wears our Jewish evangelistic t-shirts almost daily. Steve has a security **BUSINESS** and is in the process of

starting a lighting **COMPANY**. Ironically, several of Steve's **CUSTOMERS** are Jewish and they are most challenged by his t-shirts!

Steve and I go out to eat frequently and wear evangelistic t-shirts. One night we went to the Mediterranean restaurant in Dunwoody owned by **ISRAELIS**. The owners think our t-shirts are funny and sometimes even asks their Israeli **CUSTOMERS** what they think about them! Many **PEOPLE** were challenged by our t-shirts, and the **WOMAN** at the next table said she loves Yeshua too!

After the restaurant, we had dessert at Cold Stone Creamery. Several **PEOPLE** were challenged by our t-shirts. There was one couple who were wearing t-shirts with several Jewish items on them making it obvious they were Jewish. The couple didn't say anything to us, but the husband walked outside to read what our van said!

As we drove home, we passed the apartment building of a Jewish **WOMAN** we have been reaching out to for several years and of course she just happened to be out front walking her dog! She was most happy to see me and meet Steve! She said she was looking forward to our next party!

"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: "In the evening, downtown Arad is filled with African refugees sitting around the square. We took advantage of this opportunity to pass out Arabic books and other languages, depending upon which country they come from. Their status is uncertain and most are unemployed. Pray as the Lord leads for these people

(mostly men) who are looking for a better life free from persecution. Some of them are Christians.

The Spanish pastor died this month, leaving a vacancy in leadership for his flock. A woman from Bolivia offered to teach English to the Spanish-speakers, so they began meeting in our house this week. We truly have an international community here.

Eddie had to replace his phone, so we were able to get a smart phone, which has translation capability. He has used it quite a bit to communicate in Arabic, Russian and Hebrew. What a wonderful device!

We continue to pass out the audio Bibles and other books. Pray for opportunities to talk one-on one with Hebrew speakers.

We have had lots of trouble with our van. It is an important part of the ministry here. Our friend, Barry, brought his meter over to check out the voltage from the battery and the result was a missing grounding strap from the engine to the chassis. We took it to the garage and told them what we wanted. Problem solved for 20 shekels - the van is running well and we are back on track with distribution! Praise the Lord!

We are expecting a number of visitors this May. We are planning a trip to Netanya to check out a food distribution program, as well as, a trip to Rishon Letzion to visit holocaust survivors, plus a trip to Tel Aviv to minister to more refugees. So we have a busy month ahead; pray for strength, a well-running van and especially for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we share Yeshua with the people! We thank the Lord for His Provision every day! Thanks for joining the ministry in prayer! The Lord bless you!"

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I will **Bless** those who **Bless** you
& **CURSE** those who **CURSE** you.
It will be through you,



that all the families of the earth,
shall be **Blessed!**
Genesis 12:3

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