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Newsletter

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## Steve Kaplan (Atlanta, Georgia)

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

Please pray for **MINISTRY** at the Atlanta Gift Show January 12-18, **MINISTRY TABLES** at the **GA MENS ADVANCE** January 22-23 and **MINISTRY** in the Tampa, Florida area January 25-31.

Sincerely,  
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## Around Atlanta

My friend STEVE and I were wearing evangelistic t-shirts at the Cheesecake Factory. A WAITER told us ISRAEL is his favorite country, and that he was Jewish. He accepted a Gospel tract!

10 years ago a friend from church (now deceased) invited me to breakfast with a Jewish MAN he had been sharing with. I shared my testimony and the Gospel with this man! Unfortunately, when I tried following up with him, he was no where to be found but I often prayed for him?

I realized there was an Italian restaurant nearby that delivers. The delivery man looked at my t-shirt and told me he was Jewish and believed in Jesus, then I realized it was that same man from 10 years ago! He didn't remember meeting with me, but did remember my friend. He had problems, went for rehabilitation out of state and claims to have met the Lord!

My friend STEVE and I wore evangelistic t-shirts and had dinner at the Pita Grille, an Orthodox Israeli-Owned restaurant in my neighborhood. There were a bunch of Emory College STUDENTS eating there. One of them was wearing a Jayhawks sweatshirt, and I asked if it was the Jericho Jayhawks (my high school in New York)? Sure enough it was, and we had several people in common even though I am some 30 years older!

## Hanukkah Outreach to Israelis

We had made up 50 Hanukkah gift bags for **ISRAELIS** working in the Atlanta area. Each gift bag had chocolates from the Judaica store, and several **PEOPLE** were challenged by my t-shirt when I went to buy them at the Judaica store! Each gift bag had a Hebrew/English voice box I had brought back from a previous trip to **ISRAEL**.

I went to several malls, wore my, "*I Love Israel*" t-shirt and gave out 44 of the gift bags. The Israelis lit up when they saw my t-shirt, and almost all of them were most appreciative of the gift bag! (Picture above taken by an Israeli) I had deeper spiritual conversations with some!

I gave the remaining bags to Israeli restaurant owners around Atlanta. I've been reaching out to them for years and praying they will want to know their Messiah!

While out delivering gift bags, a Jewish **WOMAN** must have seen the ministry **VAN** because she left a message on our voice mail! I called back, but I only got her voice mail and haven't heard from her?

## Equipping the Saints

We had ministry tables at the **MESSIANIC JEWISH ALLIANCE OF AMERICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE** in Orlando, Florida. I arrived at the hotel early and was able to show off my t-shirt to the group that was just leaving. Praise God the group before us was **HILLEL**, the college organization for Jewish students on campuses! I was actually a member in college. We sold over 100 t-shirts at the conference as well as other evangelistic items we carry.

After the conference, I spent some time with my **FAMILY** in Tampa. A local Messianic **CONGREGATION** asked me to share my testimony and sell Judaica and t-shirts! This is one of the congregations that use our shirts on a regular basis. They bought lots of t-shirts to use for outreach!

*"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*

## Ministry Partners



My friend **RICH HILL** with the **CHRISTIAN JEW FOUNDATION** and his Hanukkah Outreach **TEAM** wore our t-shirts and actually gave them out to **ISRAELIS** at the malls in Las Vegas, Nevada!



**Eddie and Lura Beckford  
(Arad, Israel)**



Lura wrote: "A couple in Holland sent us calendars with Bible verses in Russian, Arabic ad Amharic. We have been passing them out. People are grateful for them!"

Also, still distributing Bibles & books despite the bad weather here. Praising the Lord for His Grace!

Last month, the Interior Ministry refused to renew Eddie's status in Israel. This month, they changed their mind and renewed his status. (This is good) Legally, he should have had permanent status here ten years ago, but the ultra-orthodox keep coming up with excuses not to give him permanent status.

They began an investigation on me about 5 years ago & although there is nothing to investigate, they keep using that as a reason no to give him permanent status. We are going to court to resolve this issue.

Thank you for praying; Against all odds, we are still here. When God wants you in Israel, nothing can thwart that. Please remember us in your prayers."

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