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## Jewish Outreach International

*"First for the Jew, then for the Gentile." - Romans 1:16*



Newsletter

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### Praise His Name!

God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items. Please pray for **MINISTRY** in Southern California March 10-14. Please pray for our Tuesday Night **FELLOWSHIPS**. We're studying the Book of Revelation & if you are in the Atlanta area, please join us.

Sincerely,  
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### Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Please continue praying for **EDDIE & LURA**. Persecution is heating up in Arad and astronomical gas prices (@\$8 per gallon) don't make life easier. Praise God they renewed the lease on the **CHESS CLUB/BIBLE SHOP** for another year. Thank you for supporting their great witness!

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**Steve Zober  
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**STEVE** was accepted as a volunteer with the **CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST** online outreach **MINISTRY** and will field questions from Israeli **SEEKERS**. He recently went on outreach to Venice Beach and shared with many Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS**. Please pray for the Jewish **PEOPLE** he ministers to.

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### **Church vs. Ministry**

As much as I would absolutely love to volunteer for different activities at my **CHURCH**, it could very well consume all my time and not allow me to fulfill my Jewish Outreach Calling. I get so excited when opportunities arise at my church where I can combine activities with Jewish outreach. **LEE** and I worked our JOI ministry table at my **PASTOR's** Men's conference at my **CHURCH** attended by over 5,000+ **MEN**. We equipped people with 50 Hebrew Bibles, dozens of "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirts and answered questions about witnessing to Jewish people. My Sunday school **CLASS** is divided into smaller care groups. My care group was responsible for outreach one night, and I felt like it was a church activity I needed to be a part of. I walked over to the outreach table with people needing follow-up. I decided to look for people who might be Jewish, and the very first paper I picked up was for a Jewish **MAN** I know! He and his wife were taking a class at my church, and I followed up with them. I reconnected with them, and they visited our class!

### **Atlanta Apparel Mart**

I completely forgot about a show at the Atlanta Mart, but the Lord reminded me about it and put it on my heart to go. It was Super Bowl Sunday, and the mart was absolutely

deserted? I looked around and thought, "Lord, did you really want me to be here?" In faith, I wore my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt and walked around the mart. I purchased some jewelry I had seen at the previous show. There were almost no customers walking around. I stopped at one booth and asked if they sold any Judaica? The **VENDOR** didn't have any. Her **PARENTS** were sitting there and her father immediately jumped up to ask me about my t-shirt as they turned out to be South African Jews! The mother was somewhat hostile, but the father asked many questions and gave me the opportunity to share with this family as well as the **OTHERS** who were just sitting around with nothing to do! Having served as a missionary in South Africa for three months, I was able to relate to them a little more. The father told me there had been another Jewish **BELIEVER** who came by a few days before, and I had absolutely no doubt they were the reason for me being there! The mother wanted to know how many Jewish believers there are, and it gave me an opportunity to say I was going to the regional conference in California because there are so many of us! The daughter got mad and demanded to know why I was at the mart? Thankfully, I had the receipt from the jewelry and showed her proof I was there legitimately!

## T-Shirt Testimonies

A **FRIEND** in South Florida wore her "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt during a race she was in. Several **PEOPLE** approached her afterwards to inquire about her shirt! My friend wore his "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt while ministering around the world. He told me he wore his shirt while ministering in Malta! This is the 90<sup>th</sup> country, we are aware of, the shirt has been used to minister in! Over 25,000 shirts have been made in my garage by mentally challenged Jewish **PEOPLE** who have prayed to receive Jesus through our ministry! Please pray God would open doors for us to equip more believers with these evangelistic tools!

*"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*

## Over and Over and Over Again!

Years ago, a friend (now deceased) asked me to pray for her Jewish **NEIGHBOR** and his **WIFE**. Imagine my surprise when I took an elderly new Jewish **BELIEVER** to dinner and she introduced me to a couple at the restaurant who turned out to be my friend's neighbors! I've run into them numerous times over the years. Recently new **FRIENDS** living several miles from me, sent me an e-mail asking for prayer for this same couple! I prayed for them again, and ran into them at the Kroger the next day!

Years ago I took a class at the Jewish center and met a Jewish **WOMAN**. I've run into her numerous times at the Jewish center, my neighborhood Costco, Kroger, Publix and a restaurant. One time I ran into her at the Kroger in the Orthodox neighborhood while she was with her **FAMILY** from **ISRAEL** who were all challenged by my "*Jesus Loves*

*You*" t-shirt. Recently I ran into her and her **HUSBAND** at the Container store!

Although there are two other Jewish **WOMEN** I have run into numerous times over the years (one sat at my table at a crowded Orthodox café and complained to me about all the Christians who try to convert her husband), I think the Rabbi **COUPLE** from my neighborhood have now surpassed all the others! I've run into them at stores, in parking lots, the Jewish center, various synagogues and while driving. I was invited to a Bible study on the other side of town, and it turned out they lead it! Recently they started working out at my gym!

All these Jewish people are challenged by my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt I'm usually wearing, and I've shared some with them over the years. It's no coincidence God keeps bringing them across my path, and I continue to pray for them all. Please pray God will draw them unto Himself and reveal the love of Messiah to them.

## Southern California

On the way to baggage claim, a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** from Chicago burst out laughing because of my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt and let me share! Another man at the luggage carousel asked if he could take a picture of my shirt to send to his Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** friend. We had a ministry table at the **MJAA** (Messianic Jewish Alliance of America) Southwest Conference and equipped many people with "*Yeshua Loves You*" shirts. While at the conference I was able to share with a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** my friend **CYRIL** (JFJ Missionary) brought by as well as a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** from New Jersey, who I met on line at the café, who just happened to be staying at the hotel we were at!

I met with some Jewish **BELIEVERS** to discuss ministry **OPPORTUNITIES** and shared my testimony at several **FELLOWSHIPS** and/or **CONGREGATIONS**. I usually share about a Jewish Man I met over the Internet several years ago who has since passed away. It turned out his **BROTHER** is a Messianic Rabbi, and the man wanted to know if his brother had put me up to witnessing to him. The Lord connected us over the Internet as I didn't know his brother. I shared this one night, and would you believe this same Rabbi's **WIFE** (now living in Florida) was also speaking at this same fellowship!

I distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts at UC Irvine. Many **PEOPLE** were challenged by my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt. A young man made sure to tell me he was Jewish (common reaction). I was stopped by a Jewish girl working with several other girls at a promotion table and was able to share with them. There is definitely a strong Muslim presence on campus that could use your prayers! My flight home was canceled so I switched to LAX where I was able to challenge dozens of Jewish **PEOPLE** with my "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt!

## First Amendment Rights

My **ACLJ** (American Center for Law and Justice) **LAWYER** told me a case in Georgia was just ruled on in January where the college is allowed to limit free speech areas and this negates my case. This ruling is being appealed and if it is appealed, my Lawyer will pursue my case at Georgia Perimeter College. Similar free speech cases have been won easily in other parts of the country. Please pray.

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