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**Newsletter**

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### **Steve Kaplan, President Jewish Outreach International (Atlanta, Georgia)**

Praise His Name! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! While at the Messiah Conference near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, I took ill and was hospitalized for high blood pressure. Thankfully, Eddie and Lura Beckford worked our tables and equipped hundreds of people with evangelistic t-shirts, caps, jewelry and other items. I've lost over 30lbs and am doing much better!

While in hospital, there was a parade of doctors, nurses and others. I witnessed to some and had hoped to meet a Jewish person to share with, but it wasn't until I got back home that I was assigned to a Jewish doctor! Lura and I went to dinner in a place where there are almost no Jewish people, but God gave us a Jewish waitress to share with and a Jewish couple to challenge at the store afterwards!

The Lord has blessed me with divine appointments with Jewish people all over the Atlanta area. I took the autistic Jewish man I minister to

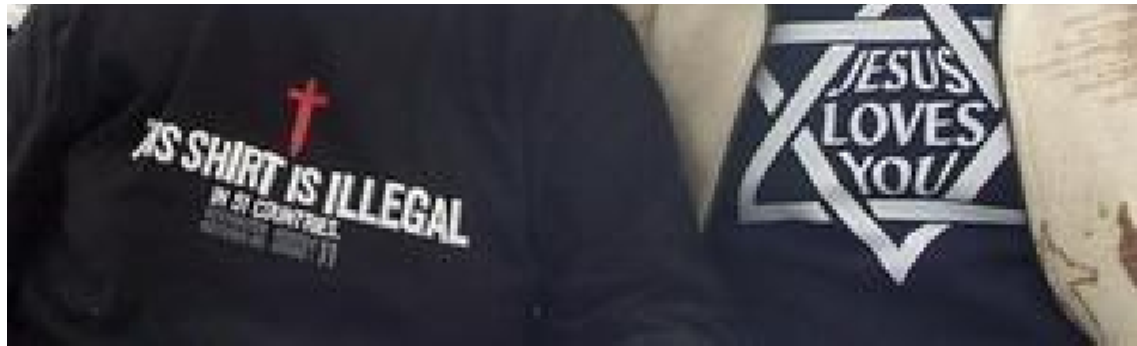
for dinner and the Jewish woman at the next table was curious about my Hebrew t-shirt! She asked what it said, and I told her, "**Jesus Loves You**"! She and her two daughters started laughing. She told me her Catholic husband would have loved that shirt!

While coming out of the post office, I noticed a couple parked next to the ministry van looking at it? When the woman saw my shirt, she told me she had never seen a shirt like that. I asked if they were Jewish, and she said she was Catholic and agreed with what I believe about Jesus. Then she said her husband is Jewish. I asked if he was from New York and of course he was. He told me his name and accepted a Gospel tract!

Sincerely,  
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***"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 (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)**

Lura wrote:

"July was an eventful month, beginning with the Messiah Conference. Eddie and I helped Steve set up the merchandise on the ten tables in the marketplace. By the next day, he wasn't feeling well and ended up in the hospital. So we helped "man" the tables for the week. It was great seeing people from Israel and catching up on news from the various ministries!

Preparations are being made with Calvary Chapel Harrisburg for a Jewish Evangelism workshop in order to do outreach. Mitch Triestman from Friends of Israel is now living in this area, so we are cooperating together. Mitch is also a Vietnam Vet, so he and Eddie are ministering to the Vets together. (For those who knew my late husband, Milt Maiman; Mitch led him to the Lord in 1974)

Eddie is healthy and continues to challenge himself. His latest physical endeavor was entering the Senior Games in Cumberland County. He came home with two 1<sup>st</sup> place medals and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals! Pretty good for 72 years old! Eddie is still involved with veterans, the food bank and the Senior Center, as well as, other good works. He's a busy man!

Update on my book - It is finished with the editing process and is now in the page design process at the Publisher. We both continue giving out the Word and living the abundant spiritual Life in Yeshua/Jesus! Pray for my upcoming trip to Israel! Pray also for the monthly Oneg Fellowships! Thank you for your support and prayers! Love and blessing!" Eddie's new email -- [ebeckigbo@gmail.com](mailto:ebeckigbo@gmail.com)

***"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."-2 Corinthians 5:20***



**CYRIL GORDON  
(Southern California)**

Praise the Lord! My outreach to Jews in synagogues is in full swing, the Venice Beach outreach just had its grand opening, and my ministry to forgotten Jews in care homes is about to take off.



I'm excited to be back at Venice Beach (above pic) with faithful volunteers offering free Bibles to thousands of people who visit from all over the world. People stroll the 1.5 mile walkway to experience this world-famous California beach with its Muscle Beach, skate park, eccentricities, and street performers. Opening day was a huge success! A young man struggling with homosexuality prayed for salvation, we shared the gospel with dozens of people, and ran out of Bibles! We also give away The Life of Jesus DVDs in 24 languages, Hebrew New Testaments, and Spanish books of John. Please pray for us as we minister at Venice Beach on a regular basis.



A homeless man named Howard (above pic) who loves Jesus was very excited to get a free New Testament. We prayed for him as he's presently going through a difficult time; he left with a big smile. We shared the gospel with an Israeli woman who left with a Hebrew gospel tract. She was part of a group of New Agers who visited our table and got the gospel.

One of the things I always encourage when speaking in churches is for Christians who are not from a Jewish background to be bold about witnessing to their Jewish friends as they will listen to them more readily than me, as they tend to see me as a traitor initially because of my Jewish background. Jews who are seeking are more likely to meet with me after they've met with a Gentile Christian who's shared Living Water with them and made them "jealous for Jesus".



I thank God for Paul (above pic, middle), who's a Gentile brother in the Lord, he brought his Jewish friend Jay (above pic, right side) to New Beginnings Community Church where I was sharing a Feast of Tabernacles message. Jay and I hit it off at the church before the service and he asked Paul if we could meet again after the service to talk more about the messianic claims of Jesus-We talked for two hours. Please pray for Jay's salvation-he's very close.

On the home front, my 17-year-old daughter just graduated from High school and is on her way to Liberty University in Virginia. My wonderful wife Rhonda is doing a great job homeschooling our two boys: Daniel 13 (who just had a Bar Mitzvah) and Yossi 9 while she's working several part-time jobs. We also just returned from a fun family camping trip in Sequoia National Park. Thanks again to all of you for your prayers and support. We press on towards the high calling. Blessings, Cyril Gordon, [cyrildgo@gmail.com](mailto:cyrildgo@gmail.com), (310) 991-3990

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