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



Newsletter

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Praise His Name!

Happy New Year! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items. It's hard to believe it's been three years since we started Jewish Outreach International. We couldn't possibly know the full impact our ministry has had, but we trust God is directing us. Over the last three years, millions of people worldwide have been challenged by our "*Jesus Loves You*" shirts, we distributed about 150,000 Gospel materials (including one to **LARRY KING**), equipped **PEOPLE** with thousands of "*Jesus Loves You*" shirts in some 89 countries, minister to hundreds of Jewish **PEOPLE**, continue to **MEET WEEKLY** for prayer, Bible study and fellowship and prayed with 15 **PEOPLE** to receive Jesus. The **BECKFORDS** joined us and were featured in the Jerusalem Post, an International Documentary and other media while managing the **CHESS CLUB/BIBLE SHOP** and all the other **MINISTRY** they do in **ISRAEL**.



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Eddie and Lura Beckford



(Arad, Israel)

Please continue praying for **EDDIE & LURA**. Eddie's house arrest has been relaxed to Arad only, and he's free to move around **ISRAEL!** Please pray for the fabricated **COURT CASES** against Eddie which are constantly postponed? Please pray for God to be glorified through their **MINISTRY**.

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First Amendment Rights

The **AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE** has taken me on as a client. Please pray as we work to secure **RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS** on college campuses around Atlanta.

Palm Springs, California

For the last eight years, I've been partnering with **OHAV SHALOM**, a Messianic Congregation near Palm Springs, California. I arrived for the Palm Springs Thursday Night Street Fair. Ohav had a ministry table (near Chabad's Menorah lighting) and we distributed hundreds of Gospel materials and challenged many **JEWS** going to the Menorah. Before the Festival of Lights Parade, we distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts and shared with many. During the parade, we had a float and proclaimed Jesus (float banners, song, "*Jesus Loves You*" shirts and smiling faces) to the tens of thousands of **PEOPLE** we passed! Some people were so touched by our witness, they stood up and applauded! Others shed tears of joy!

Orange County, California

I distributed Gospel tracts at the Huntington Beach Pier before meeting **FAMILY** for lunch. My friend **STEVE** and I ministered at Cal State Long Beach and shared with many **STUDENTS** and distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts. We met **SAUL**, a Jewish believer, whose **PARENTS** are on staff with **JEWS FOR JESUS!** A Chinese student wanted to learn more about Judaism so I suggested she visit a Messianic Congregation. I shared at a Messianic **CONGREGATION**, and with their Outreach Group. I shared at a large Post-Hanukkah Outreach Party attended by several Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS**.

Los Angeles, California

About two years ago we shared about our ministry credit card debt. I had purchased

thousands of t-shirts and "**Jesus Loves You**" decals in anticipation of national events we planned to have a ministry booth at. We went over our credit limit, and they raised our interest rate to 29.99%. At the same time, the economy slowed down, and events we planned to attend were scaled down or canceled? Spending stopped, the interest rate was renegotiated to 6%, and we now sell the t-shirts. Thank God and you for your support through these challenging times. The ministry credit card is about to be paid off! By selling things, we can afford to attend national events where we equip people with evangelistic shirts and Gospel materials! In addition, we have had numerous interactions with Jewish **PEOPLE**! **STEVE** and I went to the Los Angeles Jewelry District in our "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts and distributed Gospel tracts and witnessed to many Jewish Jewelry vendors! A Jewish Man approached us, let us share and prayed to receive his Messiah! An Orthodox Jewish man ran after us and begged us to come to a prayer meeting because they needed us for a Minion (10 Jewish men are needed to pray)! We went and shared with everyone at the prayer meeting!

Central Florida

Many years ago I began reaching out to Jewish **PEOPLE** through the Internet. I met a Jewish man online living in South Florida. I began sending him postcards and even spoke to him on the phone. He had moved, so I asked for his new address. He wanted to know why I was bothering with him, and I told him I wanted him to know the love of Messiah. He asked if his **BROTHER** had put me up to it? I didn't know his brother who happens to be a Messianic Rabbi. They were praying and God happened to use our ministry to reach out to him! It turns out this man's niece is part of **BLUE MOSAIC** and stayed at my house recently! Unfortunately, she told me her uncle was murdered but was seeking God three days before it happened. We had a booth at the **MESSIANIC JEWISH ALLIANCE OF AMERICA**'s Southeast Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida. I finally met this man's Rabbi Brother and **FAMILY** who were most thankful for the witness to his brother. The MJAA has a different way of sharing the love of Messiah with Jewish people, so we had to make a change in the type of merchandise we sell at their events. We now sell "**Yeshua Loves You**" Jewish star shirts and "**I Love Israel**" shirts. To be honest with you, I struggled with this because of my personal witnessing style. However, I believe the Lord wanted this. By having a booth at their conference, I was able to interact with many Jewish believers I know and now know. This helped to build bridges within the Body of Messiah rather than tear them down. Different people witness in different ways, and I really believe it boils down to a person's motivation for sharing. The **WOMAN** at the booth next to ours was an Israeli and probably the only non-believer selling things at the conference. Praise God for these continued divine appointments! I was able to stay with my **FAMILY** in Tampa on the way down and up. On the way home I visited a **CHURCH** in Tallahassee and met with the Pastor and a Jewish believer who are looking to start a Messianic Congregation. The Jewish believer told me he used to work at a gas station and wear a Star of David with a cross in it. He said an elderly Jewish woman saw his necklace and got very angry because she is a holocaust survivor. He shared with her, and said she came back every day, even though she didn't need gas, and asked him questions. He eventually led her to the Lord, and she in turn led her Jewish **FAMILY** to the Lord!

Kingston, Jamaica

PEOPLE, including many of the Jewish ones we minister to, often ask me how I can afford to travel so much? In light of our ministry debt, I tried to stop most air travel, but God is bigger than our debt! I had been invited to an Outreach in Pittsburgh right before a **FAMILY** Bar-Mitzvah on Long Island. My mother wanted to make sure I was at the Bar-Mitzvah, so she bought my plane ticket from Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Long Island to Atlanta. While waiting for the flight to Pittsburgh, I gave up my seat in return for a \$250 flight voucher on US Airways. I thought the only place I can fly to from Atlanta for \$250 was Phoenix. Three days later I was invited on an outreach in Phoenix. At the Phoenix Outreach, I met and worked with **SARAH** who has a Jewish **MOTHER** and a Jamaican **FATHER**. Sarah has a big heart to reach the 200+ Jewish **PEOPLE** who live in Jamaica. She invited me on the outreach. I couldn't use my frequent flyer miles on United because they didn't fly to Jamaica, and I didn't have enough frequent flyer miles on Delta. I told Sarah I couldn't afford to go. I prayed that if God wanted me to be there, He would provide. Sarah told me she had raised the money for me to go! This was the 26th country I have ministered in. Right before I flew down, both my computers died, and I knew it was going to be a great trip! I arrived in Jamaica but my luggage didn't. The car Sarah and her **FRIEND** rented wasn't available? Sarah sent invitations to many Jewish people to provide Christmas gifts at an event she organized at an **ORPHANAGE** in hopes of giving them an opportunity to minister. The contact at the Orphanage died two weeks before the event. We had to take a cab to the event, and the cab **DRIVER** prayed with me to receive Jesus! We brought toys in the name of Jesus and shared with the people at the orphanage. We partnered with a Messianic **CONGREGATION** and gave out our Gospel tracts and added their contact information and left them several thousand. We contacted and met with various Jewish **PEOPLE** and shared the love of Messiah. We toured the synagogue, which has sand covered floors to commemorate the sand covered floors in the basement synagogues (to drown out sound), during the Spanish Inquisition. Afterwards, we shared with some Jewish **TOURISTS** who happened to go to the High School across from my old house on Long Island and one was most touched by that! This trip gave me just enough frequent flyer miles to fly back to Orange County, California in February! Where God guides, God provides!

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