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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 Dec 2-13 (including outreach at the Festival of Lights Parade in Palm Springs Dec 4). Please pray for **MINISTRY** in Florida Dec 15-20 (including a ministry booth at the MJAA SE Regional Conference in Orlando). Please pray for **MINISTRY** in Kingston, Jamaica Dec 25-31 (we will be attempting to reach out to the 200 Jewish **PEOPLE** who live in Kingston).

Sincerely,
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Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

Please continue to **PRAY** for **EDDIE & LURA**. God continues to use the Beckfords in mighty ways. They and their **VOLUNTEER** supply Gospel materials and evangelistic t-shirts, host **CONGREGATIONS** who have lost their building, reach out through the Internet as well as continue to minister to the many **PEOPLE** they have touched around them! Eddie's



Nov 21 **COURT DATE** was postponed until Dec 8. Their **LAWYER** was able to have the **CASES** combined to show a pattern with the persecution, and the lawyer was able to get Eddie's house arrest relaxed to Arad only! Eddie is allowed to be free outside of Arad!

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Blue Mosaic

We had the privilege of hosting **JEWES FOR JESUS** new Music Ministry Team **BLUE MOSAIC**. They stayed in my home for a week, and we partnered in **MINISTRY**. We had an evangelistic **OUTREACH** at Kennesaw State University and shared with many Jewish and other **STUDENTS & FACULTY**. We drove to the Orthodox Neighborhood in the Jews for Jesus van wearing evangelistic t-shirts. Many **PEOPLE** were challenged as we ate lunch at a Kosher restaurant and shopped in the Kroger. We had a concert at my home attended by several Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS** and **OTHERS**. **NATHANIEL** went outside to move his van and ended up in a 45 minute conversation with one of my Jewish neighbors! They also did the worship at our Tuesday Night Fellowship which was attended by some Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS**. It's a powerful ministry to have five Jewish believers sharing awesome worship & testimony, invite them to minister!

First Amendment Rights

Over the years I have ministered on the campus of Georgia Perimeter College, a two year college near the Atlanta Jewish Center. Unfortunately, the last time I ministered there, I was told I was not allowed to? Although this is a state school, they do not have a free speech area and claim you have to be voted on to be allowed on campus to minister in any way? I recently contacted the **AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE** and they are looking into this matter. Please pray for the right to share!

Blasts from the Past

I ran into an Orthodox **WOMAN** I know at Wal-Mart. She and her **HUSBAND** befriended me for seven years in hopes of getting me to renounce Jesus, but gave up on that! I ran into a Jewish **WOMAN** we reached out to for many years at the post office. I met her at a Shabbat Dinner and spent most of the evening trying to convince her I'm Jewish and believe in Jesus. She had moved away but is back now. We went to eat at a local restaurant, and there was a Jewish **FAMILY** there who almost choked on their food when I walked in with my "**Jesus Loves You**" sweat shirt. I met the wife several years ago, and when they found out I happened to buy a house on their street, they made it clear they didn't want to have anything to do with me?

T-Shirt Milestone

Since 2002, we've equipped **PEOPLE** with **25,000** t-shirts in at least 89 countries. The t-shirts are made in my garage by mentally challenged Jewish **MEN** who've prayed to receive Jesus thru our ministry. There are numerous "t-shirt testimonies" on our website. A **FRIEND** in Paris, France was depressed, wore the t-shirt to the Eifel Tower & met 3 Brazilian **BELIEVERS** who were ecstatic to see him in the shirt!

Israel

This was my 10th Mission Trip to **ISRAEL** and my eighth time to Arad to minister with the **BECKFORDS**. Here are but a few of the many highlights the Lord allowed me to be a part of:

Wed, Nov 17

Praise God for allowing me to fly to **ISRAEL** on my birthday! Many **PEOPLE** were challenged by my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt at the Atlanta airport where I rode up an escalator with **PERRY STONE** (International television program about **ISRAEL**) and his "Manna Fest" **ENTOURAGE**.

Thu, Nov 18

My connecting flight was in Frankfurt, Germany. The gate for the Tel Aviv flight was in a separate area with its own security. As I cleared security and walked into the waiting area, I noticed many of the hundreds of **PASSANGERS** staring at my "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt! I arrived in Tel Aviv with two duffle bags full of supplies. One for the Beckfords in Arad, and one for a **CONGREGATION** in Nazareth. Lura and the Pastor from Nazareth met me, as well as a long time **COLLEAGUE** who happened to be at the airport!

Fri, Nov 19

We walked into the Arad town center distributing Gospel materials and sharing with **PEOPLE** as we went. One by one the Orthodox started following us and shouted, "Missionary, Missionary!" Eight of them followed us into a store and caused a scene. They tried to warn one **WOMAN** about us, but it turned out she is a believer! One of the Orthodox spoke English. He wasn't dressed in black. I shared with and challenged him!

Sat, Nov 20

We drove outside of town to have tea at one of the **ARAB** tent and camel stops. There was a homosexual **COUPLE** visiting from Tel Aviv, and we were able to share some with them. Some of the local **CONGREGATIONS** were forced out of their meeting place, so we went back to the Beckfords to host one.

Sun, Nov 21

Almost every night some of the Ultra-Orthodox would come to the Beckford's house and harass them with "curses" and anti-Christian rhetoric. This has caused many of the **NEIGHBORS** to come out against the Orthodox and even call the police on them! Because of this, we were able to share some with the neighbors!

Mon, Nov 22

We met my **FRIEND** at the train station in Beersheva, and she came back with us to Arad. We visited the people at the Chess Club/Bible Shop, stocked up on Gospel materials and distributed them at the Shuq as Mondays are Shuq Day. We gave out almost all the Gospel materials we had, and had to stock up with more!

Tue, Nov 23

My friend and I went back to the Chess Club/Bible Shop and stocked up with more Gospel materials which we distributed in the center of Arad. We met a new Jewish **BELIEVER** who practically begged me for Gospel materials, was most surprised to find out there were other believers and gave me his contact for follow-up! Orthodox took Gospel materials from people and lit them on fire then harassed us as we left town.

Wed, Nov 24

I went up to Jerusalem and had numerous conversations with **PEOPLE** because of my t-shirt and distributed many Gospel materials. A woman disagreed with me on a crowded bus giving opportunity to share!

Thu, Nov 25 & Fri Nov 26

We had an American Thanksgiving at the Beckfords and a Thanksgiving Shabbat Service/Dinner for English **SPEAKERS** before returning home with lots of conversations because of the t-shirt!

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