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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 your family. Thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items and **MINISTRY** in general. Please pray for our Independence Day **OUTREACH** on Saturday, July 3 and **OUTREACH** on Sunday, July 4. We'll be ministering in Florida from July 23 - August 1 with a ministry booth at the Biennial Church of God International Assembly in Orlando, Florida.

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

Please pray for **EDDIE** and **LURA** as they continue to travel around the United States sharing our vision to establish a **MESSIANIC COMMUNITY CENTER** in Arad, **ISRAEL**.

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## Internships

Two **INTERNS** want to learn about Jewish Outreach and plan to move into my home. Eight years ago I began reaching out to a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** in Atlanta over the Internet. He told me his nephew in Florida is interested in Jesus. It turns out his nephew is a believer and wants to go into ministry! Our other intern met Eddie and Lura in Pennsylvania, wants to be trained and then volunteer with them in **ISRAEL!**

## Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship

I served on the nominating committee, and we meet just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention. This year the convention was in Orlando, Florida. We had a double booth at the convention and equipped people with over 2,000 of our Gospel tracts, 650 "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts and various other materials relating to Jewish Outreach. A Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** walked through the exhibit hall, noticed the "**Jesus Loves You**" logo and let us share! I was elected to the position of Southeastern Director and will be helping with Messianic Congregation planting and Jewish Outreach. While in Florida, I met with two Jewish **BELIEVERS** wanting to go into ministry, shared with **ISRAELIS** and my **FAMILY**.

## To the Jew First

**DR. RUDY GONZALEZ**, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented a two day seminar "**To the Jew First and also the Gentile**" in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Gonzalez explained how the Great Commission in Matthew 28 really started in Mathew 10 when Jesus sent people out to the Jews first. Matthew 28 says to go to all nations, outside of the Jewish nation, implying there must be some basis for Jewish evangelism. Matthew 28 commands us to follow all the commands which goes back to Matthew 10. Dr. Gonzalez further explained even though Paul said he was going to the Gentiles, he always went to the Jew first when he entered a new area. We equipped people at the seminar with Gospel tracts and "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts. Right after I committed to going to the seminar, **FRIENDS** in Atlanta asked if I could give them suggestions on witnessing to their Jewish non-believing **FATHER**. I asked where he lives, and they said Denver. While in Denver, I shared with their father and showed off my t-shirt to the other Jewish **PEOPLE** at his healthcare facility. I had lunch with their **BROTHER** (believer) at a Kosher restaurant and some two dozen Orthodox Jews were challenged by my t-shirt! I went to several malls and shared with several **ISRAELIS**. One thanked me for wearing a big Jewish star (my t-shirt), one lit up when I gave her something to read in Hebrew (a Gospel tract) and one told me he heard about Jesus all month! I gave out lots of tracts at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. After asking God why I didn't speak with any Jews, he gave me **THREE** to share with! My t-shirt challenged people in airports in Atlanta, Houston, Denver and Washington, DC and shared with a **MUSLIM** from Kuwait!

## The Noachide Covenant

A Jewish **MAN** I shared with several years ago popped up on my AOL buddy list for the first time in years! I started chatting with him, and asked how Gentiles go to heaven? He told me through a "Noachide Covenant". I pointed out no churches teach this, and he hasn't responded to me yet?

## Divine Appointments

While walking around my neighborhood while my car was being repaired, **FRIENDS** from church (who live half an hour away) saw me, took me for coffee and gave me the names and addresses of their Jewish **DOCTORS** who I sent some Gospel materials. While on another walk another **FRIEND** (Jewish believer) saw me and took me to lunch and a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER** we've been reaching out to for years, saw me twice, called me twice and we went out for dinner. I stopped off at my favorite yogurt shop and sat outside. A Jewish **MAN**, who argues with me often, sat inside. Before long almost everyone inside the shop was staring at my t-shirt! I stopped off at the grocery store and ran into a Jewish **WOMAN** I have probably run into more times than anyone else. When she saw me, she kind of smirked and rolled her eyes.

## I'm Not a Sinner

An 88 year old Jewish **WOMAN** we minister to is in the hospital with congestive heart failure. We've been telling her about Jesus for years. She said she has dreams about Jesus and is forced to look at a crucifix on the wall directly across from her bed in her Catholic Hospital. I went to visit her and tried to share with her, but she doesn't think she is a sinner? I asked if she ever lied or stole. She says she hasn't? I asked what she did at synagogue on Yom Kippur, but she didn't even know what Yom Kippur is? She said she wasn't very religious when she was growing up. I told the Old Testament says, "Surely you were sinful from birth, since the time you were conceived in your mother's womb."-Psalm 51:5. She really didn't understand, so I just sat at her bedside, held her hand and prayed for her.

## T-Shirt Testimonies

**Chicago, Illinois**-**SOMEONE** in Texas told **EDDIE** they saw a picture of him in a "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt hanging up at Moody Bible Institute!

### **Toronto, Canada**

-**DANIEL** told me he wore his "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt to the Toronto Jewish Festival!

### **Oslo, Norway**

-**BRUCE** saw someone wearing a "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirt on his cruise ship!

**Wroclaw, Poland**

-Hello I recently asked you to send T-shirts for my family. Today they came in the mail. I am very grateful to you, you are helping people. If you need help from our group, please do not hesitate to write us, we will be very glad to reply and help. Our church is very grateful to you. Best regards, Yours sincerely, Dmitry

-Hello Steve In our area a lot of Polish Jews. We have our own church where we go on weekends and in spare time. Thanks again for your help.  
Regards, Dmitry

**Union City, New Jersey**

-Shalom Steven..I got the blue shirt today....thank you from my heart..YOU ARE THEE BEST!!!!!!

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