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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!

Shalom! God bless you and your family. Thank you for supporting our ministry. Please pray for **BOLDED** newsletter items, our **MINISTRY** in general, in Florida June 9-21 and Denver, Colorado June 24-28.

A supporting **CONGREGATION** asked for refrigerator prayer magnets with my picture and ministry information. Please let us know if you would like one?

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Eddie and Lura Beckford (Arad, Israel)

"**RESTORATION**", Korean Documentary about the persecuted church in **ISRAEL** (which includes an interview with **EDDIE & LURA** as well as "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts), continues (4 months now) to play to sold out audiences in Korea and won Grand Prize for featured documentary at the Monaco Charity Film Festival. The Beckfords are available to speak as they **TRAVEL** across the southern



United States, up the west coast and across the north this summer casting our vision for a Messianic Community Outreach **CENTER** in Arad, Israel.

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Torah Study Group

Taking classes at Jewish centers, synagogues, lunch-n-learns and Jewish study groups and Christians asking relevant questions is a great way to challenge Jewish people about false beliefs and pointing them towards Jesus. **EDDIE** and **LURA** came to the Tuesday Torah Study **GROUP**. The **RABBI** said God only answered spoken prayers of the High Priest any time he called upon God's secret name only he knew. Eddie asked the Rabbi, "If the High Priest spoke the name, wouldn't others hear it too?" challenging the Rabbi!

Bible Study Fellowship

An antagonistic Jewish **MAN** who attends our Tuesday Bible Study Fellowship wants to keep the law to be right with God and doesn't understand why he can't? I pulled out the vacuum cleaner and started pushing it around the floor. I asked this man why it wasn't working, and he said because the vacuum wasn't plugged in. I asked how he knew it would work if I did plug it in since you can't see electricity and tried to show him the correlation to faith. Please pray he gets plugged into the Holy Spirit!

Las Vegas Outreach

My friends **SHARI** and **BARRY** (Jewish believers) invited me to share my testimony at **SHARI's DINER**. I traveled through the Chicago airport, prayed for the people of Chicago and challenged many with my "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt. I shared my testimony at one of our supporting **CONGREGATIONS** and a Jewish **MAN** came up to me afterwards and told me he was 75% sure Jesus is the Messiah. I joined a **TEAM** at the University and we distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts and our **LEADER** prayed with **SOMEONE** to receive Jesus! We also gave out tracts at First Friday, the San Genaro Feast and to many **ISRAELIS** at various malls. I called my Jewish **COUSIN**, my Jewish Fraternity **BROTHER** and **LURA's** Jewish **NEPHEW** (who she hadn't had contact with in over 20 years). I had lunch with my cousin and his Jewish **COUSIN** who I happened to share with in Florida in January and Arizona in February! My fraternity brother told me another Jewish Fraternity **BROTHER** happened to be in town. I called him up, and he told me he was a believer too! He was supposed to call me to get together, but didn't and actually ran into me while I was reaching out to Israelis at the Outlet Mall! He told me the other fraternity brother asked him what he thought of my beliefs and it gave him opportunity to share! Lura's nephew called me back just as I was setting up t-shirts for sale before I spoke (primarily to a Jewish **NON-BELIEVER**) at Shari's diner. It turned out he had accepted the Lord



eight months ago. I asked him how it came about. He said he was driving down the road and happened to stop in at Shari's Diner and Shari led him to the Lord (at the very table I was setting up the t-shirts on when he called me back)! On the way home I flew through Washington, DC, prayed for people there and showed off my t-shirt. As I ate dinner, an Orthodox Jewish **MAN** sat at my table and asked about my t-shirt!

Taste of Alpharetta

Street fairs are an excellent place to do outreach. They are usually attended by thousands of people and you can stand in one place and reach almost everyone as they walk by. **LURA** and I wore "**Jesus Loves You**" t-shirts and distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts and had many conversations with Jewish **PEOPLE** and **OTHERS**. Lura had opportunity to share in Hebrew with **ISRAELIS**! As we waited for a shuttle bus from the parking area to the festival, a Jewish **WOMAN** on line behind us "expressed her disapproval" for our shirts. As a result, we shared with her, the other Jewish **FAMILY** behind us and everyone else who heard our conversation. Persecution propels the Gospel message! Don't be afraid to witness boldly!

Moishe Rosen (1932-2010)

Our beloved Moishe Rosen passed away on May 19th after a long battle with cancer. Moishe was the founder of **JEWS FOR JESUS** and served as the Executive Director from 1973-1996. I met Moishe in 1998, and he has been a great encouragement to me and very supportive of our ministry. Last year he asked to serve on our Board of Directors for Jewish Outreach International. We will miss him greatly!



Memorial Day Party

Outreach parties are a great way to share the love and message of Christ! We invited well over one hundred Jewish **NON-BELIEVERS** and many others to our Memorial Day Party. Despite the periodic bursts of rain, about 50 people came to the party and stayed dry under our canopies. Ten Jewish non-believers came as well as some non-believing **GENTILES**. One Jewish woman brought her Jewish **FRIEND**, and she called the next day to thank me for inviting them to the party! Jesus was shared with all!

T-Shirt Testimonies

As I walked into my gym wearing a "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirt, an elderly Jewish **COUPLE** seemed surprised by my t-shirt and allowed me to share! After praying at our Tuesday Bible Study **FELLOWSHIP** for a Jewish **DOCTOR** I've witnessed to, I ran into his **FAMILY** the next day, and they were challenged by my t-shirt! While showing off my t-shirt at my favorite Israeli owned yogurt shop, a Jewish **MAN** said he liked my t-shirt and let me share some! While **EDDIE, LURA** and I were driving up the main road in my neighborhood, we saw a **MAN** at a bus stop wearing one of our "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirts! An eighty-eight year old Jewish **WOMAN** we minister to, invited us to her Yiddish Club which is attended by several Jewish **PEOPLE** living in her senior home. I was asked not to wear my t-shirt because the last time I was there the other residents overwhelmed her with questions about my shirt. Later that night after visiting Jewish **SENIORS** at another home, we went to a diner and I put my t-shirt on. The Jewish **MAN** (who sat next to me at the Yiddish Club) & his Jewish **WIFE** were at the diner and smiled because of my t-shirt! ***From St. Louis, Missouri:*** "Today as you know is National Day of Prayer, and we had a prayer service this morning. I wore my Jesus Loves You shirt with the Star of David. Anyway I had a chance to encourage people to pray for the missionaries going to Israel. When I went to pick up t-shirts for a Jr Hi Dance tomorrow night, the guy who took care of my order is Jewish. He asked about the shirt, and told me his Mother is a Messianic Jew. He didn't know what he believed, so I shared the Jerusalem Road with him. I gave him the copy of the tract that you gave me and challenged him to read it for himself. I will have more opportunities to witness to him."

T-Shirt Sales

As much as we enjoyed equipping believers with "free" "**Jesus Loves You**" Jewish star t-shirts, it just isn't economically feasible to do that at this time. We've decided to sell the t-shirts for \$5 and the sweatshirts for \$10. We are also selling Israeli flags but still give away Gospel materials for free. We sold over 100 shirts while in Las Vegas! However, a t-shirt request from Haifa, Israel went out immediately for free!

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