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## Steve Kaplan (Atlanta, Georgia)

Praise His Name! God bless you and thank you for supporting our ministry! Please pray for **BOLDED** items in this newsletter:

Ministry Tables at the **SOUTHERN WOMEN'S SHOW** August 26-28 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sincerely,  
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## Divine Appointments

As I walked out of the post office, I saw a Jewish **WOMAN** we had reached out to for many years. She had stopped communicating with me, but was glad to see me and told me to call her. She had lost her husband, daughter and brother within two years and was robbed at knife point. She had moved away, and that is why she stopped communicating with me. She is back in my neighborhood, and we went out to dinner together. She's not open to Jesus, but invites me to her synagogue. Please keep her in your prayers!

As I filled my car up with gas, the man in the car in front of me just happened to be my Israeli **NEIGHBOR** who notarized something for the **BECKFORDS** in **ISRAEL** recently. Ironically, he was on his way to the bank and asked if I could witness something he needed notarized! We went out for lunch, and I continue to try to share Messiah with him, but he is not very open yet. Please keep him in your prayers!

## Van Outreach

Praise God **PEOPLE** continually notice our van. We had lunch at a kosher restaurant. A car parked next to the van, and the people in the car got out and took pictures of the van! They ended up sitting near us in the restaurant and turned out to be a group of Israelis!

As I drive, I notice people taking pictures of the van from inside their cars!

We went to dinner and there was some kind of Pokemon event, with lots of people, in the parking lot near the restaurant. One young man who noticed the van, next to the passenger window, said he was Jewish, but Jesus doesn't love him. My roommate assured him Jesus does love him, challenged him to read Isaiah 53, and we gave him one of our Gospel tracts!

## National Baptist Convention

We have been ministering at this event for years, and this is the first time it was in Tampa, Florida which enabled me to visit with my **FAMILY**.

Besides equipping the saints with evangelistic t-shirts, tote bags and jewelry, there are always Jewish **VENDORS** to share with. There is one Jewish couple from South Florida I have been friends with for years. His **SISTER** just moved to Atlanta, and I told them they were welcome to stay at my house any time they wanted! Another vendor came over to borrow my scissors, and she turned out to be an **ISRAELI** promoting a tour booth!

## Messiah Conference

It's always a blessing to minister at the Messiah Conference near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania! Hundreds of **PEOPLE** (Jewish and Gentile) who love the Lord and **ISRAEL** come every summer from all over the world! Not only did we supply conference participants with almost 500 evangelistic t-shirts, but we also sold them evangelistic jewelry and tote bags! We wholesale items to several congregations.

## Church of God International Assembly

It was a blessing to minister at the Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee and equip hundreds of **SAINTS**, from all over the world, with evangelistic shirts, jewelry and totebags as well as witness to **ISRAELIS** promoting Holy Land tours and a Jewish **FAMILY** at the hotel!

## Ministry Partners

It is such a blessing to be able to equip the **SAINTS** with our evangelistic t-shirts and jewelry! People have requested our shirts last month from Massachusetts, California, Virginia, and Georgia!

## The Rabbis' Sons

I wore my Hebrew "*Jesus Loves You*" t-shirt and had lunch at a kosher restaurant. I sat down next to an Orthodox **FAMILY**. A young **MAN** came in and kept staring at my t-shirt. Finally, the young man walked over. His **FAMILY** lives in Atlanta, but he had lived in **JERUSALEM** and was able to read and understand my t-shirt. It turns out the young man's **FATHER** is a local Rabbi, and the man with the family was also the son of a local Rabbi (**RABBI NEW** who I have been praying for many years).

The young man couldn't believe my t-shirt talked of love as he and the other man always thought Christians hated the Jewish people. Jewish people assume anyone not Jewish is Christian. They sited the Crusades and the Holocaust, and I told them not all Gentiles follow the Lord. I mentioned Corrie ten Boone and how she went to a concentration camp for hiding Jewish people in her home and that she is a "real" Christian! I told them real Christians love **ISRAEL** and the **JEWISH PEOPLE**. They were dumbfounded.

As I was leaving, the **MANAGER** (an Orthodox Jewish Man) of the restaurant came over to me to apologize? He asked how many years I've been a believer and thought it was funny that the two men were trying to talk me out of my belief! We both agreed the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is in full control of everything.

Outside, I ran into the young man. He was challenged by my beliefs. I shared Isaiah 7:14 with him and told him to read it in the context of the other chapters around it. Chapter 8 says the Messiah will be a trap and a snare for Jewish people. The young man said he had never really looked at these verses in that context, and we pulled them up on my cell phone. The young man saw our van and wanted to know what, "Save the Jews" meant. It gave me an opportunity to share the Gospel with him!

*"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 (Arad, Israel)

Lura wrote: "We have moved! The house we were in has degenerated into a mass of leaks & because the walls are so wet, half the house does not have electricity. So the landlord released us from our 5 year contract and we are in the middle of down-sizing. We have spent 3 years there and part of that time, the house was used for both the Russian and the Hebrew congregations and is still being used for the children of both.

Moving is a huge operation itself, but the Lord sent 2 different groups to help us pack up the books of the library (we still don't know where to put them - no room in the new house). We are grateful for the help & pray Blessing upon each and every one who volunteered! Despite these challenges, we still get out Bibles and books throughout the Land!

This house is #6 for us in Arad. It is all on one floor - thank the Lord! The owner just had a new roof put on and renovated the kitchen and bathrooms. He has a 20-year guarantee from the contractor, so, hopefully, we will not have to deal with any more leaks. We do have a guestroom, so are expecting visitors! Praise the Lord with us & pray for favor with our new neighbors!"

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