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...Bringing Jesus to the Jewish People

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We Aren't Always There

Our ministry to the Jewish community is focused on meeting with Jewish people to share the Gospel. **It is our hope and desire to be with Jewish people as they are searching spiritually, but also when they come to know the Lord.** I have had the opportunity to pray with many Jewish people to accept their Messiah. There is nothing more gratifying than to hold someone's hand while they pray and ask Jesus into their life. **A life touched by Jesus. A life changed. Changed for eternity.**

But the work that we do often occurs through others. **Statistically speaking more Jewish people come to know Jesus through the witness and testimony of their non-Jewish Christian friends.** A vast majority of Jewish people who accept the Lord are first touched by a Gentile Christian. Of course, there is a very important place for ministries like ours in the process. But oftentimes we are only a part of the process.

It is not unusual for us to receive a note like this one, *"I just thought you would appreciate knowing that my neighbors that you delivered a Shalom Basket to have been baptized."*

Another letter received last year, *"My husband and I wanted to let you know that Mike accepted Jesus as his Messiah. His wife, Amy, also came to the Lord through your witness. Forever we will be grateful for your ministry to them and for your part in bringing our dear friends to know Jesus as their Messiah."*

And another note that we received just last month, *"Murray...Just to let*



you know that P. and S. did accept Jesus as Savior October 15th! Thanks also for your diligence with them."

Let me tell you the story:

I first met P. and S. at a church function in Atlanta. P. and S. had been befriended by members of the church. P. has had severe physical and health challenges over the years. He is not Jewish but his wife S. is. **Their Christian friends spent a lot of time over at their home helping during times of struggle.** They would bring over food, encourage the wife, and pray for their friends.

Over the years P. was in and out of the hospital battling a very degenerative disease. I never met with them outside of the church and only saw them at church on occasion. **During a Christmas eve service last year I noticed them in the front row I went up to say hello.** P. had not been doing well and had even come close to death but each time bounced back. **We talked and I shared my story with them. I prayed for them and even asked God to help them make a decision for Jesus.**

I knew that one of the pastors of the church had befriended P. and S. I knew that their Christian friends were not only sharing their lives with P. and S., but sharing the Word of God.

One day, after a long struggle with a flair up of his sickness and a stay in the hospital where he almost lost his life again, P. and S. were visited by the pastor of the church. **They accepted the Lord that day.** A Jewish lady and her husband became believers in Jesus. Lives changed for eternity.

I was a part of it. But I was not there.

If most Jewish people come to the Lord through their Christian friends, then where do we fit in? Why are we needed? Let me explain.

We Are Encouragers

Oftentimes we get calls from people who need our encouragement to witness to their Jewish friends. They are unsure of what to say, how to say it, or whether or not they should even pursue the issue. **We are able to help people go beyond their fears and circumstances to talk to their Jewish friends in culturally relevant ways.** We can help people understand that there are non-confrontational ways to connect with their Jewish friends.

We take non-Jewish people on prayer walks in the Jewish community and to synagogue services so they will feel more comfortable around their Jewish friends. We want to help Christians understand Jewish culture and traditions so that they can more easily communicate Jesus to any Jewish person who God might bring into their lives. We

encourage people in personal Jewish ministry.

We Are Teachers And Trainers

In the process of encouraging we also equip. We have the materials and resources that are most useful in sharing the message of Jesus to a Jewish person in a culturally relevant way and a way they will understand. **We are constantly coaching people in their ministry to their Jewish friends.** Many times Jewish people come to the Lord because of resources that we have given to their Christian friend.

Some of our time is spent in the local church helping Christians understand our Jewish roots. Through these church services we equip people to share Jesus with their Jewish acquaintances. We also meet people in the church who use our ministry as a witnessing resource. Quite often pastors will use our ministry to help congregants who are in need of help sharing Jesus with Jewish people.

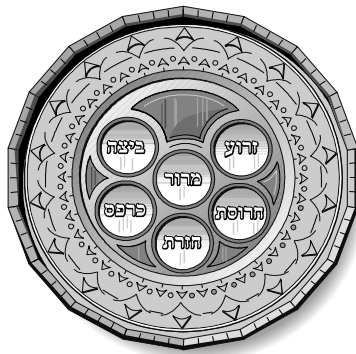
We Conduct Outreach That Most Non-Jewish people Do Not Do

We have a Russian Jewish outreach. We do Jewish ministry on college campuses and in nursing homes. We go to Israel, Poland, and to other parts of the world to share our Jewish message.

The outreach that we do to the Jewish community both in the metro-Atlanta area and around the world is full time ministry and proclamation of the Gospel. In the case of the Russian Jewish community we are developing deep relationships with a special group of Jewish people from a cultural perspective that most non-Jewish people would not understand.

We Can Answer Questions In Ways That Most Non-Jewish People Can't

I have 25 years of experience in Jewish ministry and am familiar with how to present the Gospel to a Jewish person from a Jewish perspective. We have experience answering uniquely Jewish questions. We are used to using both



the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament as well and the New Testament to present the message of Jesus to a Jewish person in a Jewish way, a way they will understand more clearly from a Jewish perspective.

There is something that I have that most people don't. I have a uniquely Jewish testimony. Oftentimes Jewish people need to hear my story. They get to the point in their journey where they are saying to themselves, *"This whole Jesus thing looks good, it sounds good, and it makes a lot of sense. But I am Jewish and Jewish people don't believe in Jesus."* It is at that point in their journey when I want to step in. I can help them understand that being Jewish and a Christian are not mutually exclusive terms. I can help them understand the family issues. **I can share Jesus with them from an exclusive platform.** Many people who I pray with to accept the Lord have already been witnessed to by their non-Jewish friends, they just needed to talk to me to help them feel comfortable from a Jewish perspective.

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Though we do not pray with the majority, we do pray with many Jewish people to accept Jesus. **And we are grateful that we have the help and the support of Christians excited about sharing Jesus with their Jewish friends.** If you have a Jewish friend let us know. We want to help.

Messianic Passover Banquet 2009

We are excited about our upcoming 2009 Light of Messiah Ministries Passover Banquet. Our ministry banquet is one of the highlights of our year. This year our banquet will again be held at the **Atlanta Marriott Alpharetta at Windward Parkway on Friday night, March 27th, beginning at 6:30pm.** We are expecting a great turnout. **Reservations must be in by March 20th.** You may use the enclosed order form or make your reservations online.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wonderful traditional dinner, fellowship, and worship, as we remember Jesus' last meal and God's faithfulness to Israel.

Bring your friends, Sunday school class, small groups, and church. Your Jewish friends are welcome too!

Thank You!

Our ministry's impact goes far beyond the prayer of salvation. Sometimes we are there. Other times it happens without us. But the work that we are doing helps to make many Jewish decisions possible. Thank you for sending us out with the Gospel.

Thank you for standing with us in our efforts to reach Jewish people with the message of Jesus. Your prayers and financial support help to make our ministry possible.

Rejoicing in Him,


 Murray Tilles
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