



# Light of Messiah Ministries

...Bringing Jesus to the Jewish People

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## Living Legacies

**O**urs is a relatively simple ministry. We talk to Jewish people about Jesus. And we help other people do the same. Sometimes the whole concept is misunderstood. Most people connect the proclamation of the gospel to “good works” or “helps ministry”. I have discussed this before in my letters. For the most part, our ministry is not a ministry that feeds the poor, educates the uneducated, or helps the homeless. Most Jewish people don't need those things.

**Our Russian ministry is a bit different in that Russian Jewish people are in more need of care.** Our English classes are one way we reach them with the message of Jesus. They need to learn how to speak English, we help them, and at the same time share our faith, hope, and testimony.

**But, for the most part, we are singly focused.** We share the gospel with Jewish people, meet with Jewish seekers, and help Christians share their faith with their Jewish friends in a more effective way.

**Along the line we see Jewish people come to faith and become fruitful disciples of the Lord. That is the most exciting part of the work that we do.**

**I have had a letter sitting on my desk for one year.** Occasionally I read it to remind myself of the impact our ministry has had and is having. When I get discouraged or feel fatigued, I read the letter and it helps me to regain my fo-



**cus. It helps me to remember that God is using our ministry in mighty ways to impact lives.**

February 15th, 2009

Dear Murray,

*You and your ministry have been in our prayer for many years. God has laid a hand on our hearts every time we've read your newsletters or came across your name. Without doubt, He is calling us to get in touch with you. This letter is long overdue.*

*It was 11 years ago when we met you and Alana. Chuck, a Jewish Christian, told us about your ministry and invited us to attend a “Jewish church service”. At the time, C., now my husband, was not a believer, but had been reading the Bible and attending church for more than a year.*

*Growing up Southern Baptist, I had no idea how to explain Jesus to my Jewish friend. But, thanks to you and the time you invested in our lives, plus many prayers from family and friends, C. came to know the Lord on September 21, 1997. We were married the following spring, and you were an important part of the ceremony. You witnessed our commitment to follow Christ for the remaining years of our lives, and you told C.'s family of your love for Jesus.*

*Murray, as C. and I finish our 10th year of marriage, we are reminded of your care and attention. You answered our many questions, encouraging us to study the Bible and to seek God. You have a gift for sharing your love of Jesus and inspiring others to learn about the Jewish people. We are sure your friendship was providential, designed by God who has a bigger plan for all of us.*

*God continues to work in our lives. Our boys are grown up, or so it seems. And we have added two precious girls to our family. C.'s parents are still with us. My mom and dad, who long opposed our relationship, have since become our biggest supporters. They truly love, and respect, their “Jewish” son-in-law!*

*Why such a long note after all this time? Simply said, we want you to know how much your ministry has done, beyond the Jewish community. God has used you to set up an “eternal legacy” in our family—one that has*

touched many people around us and carries on year after year.

**Last year, our oldest daughter was baptized.** She truly loves Jesus, and God has given her a heart to learn more about her Jewish heritage. She loves to tell her schoolmates that she's "Jewish and loves Jesus." For us, this phrase has become almost a "wink from God," a reminder of the many blessings in our lives—and of you.

**C. and I want to thank you for squeezing us into your life so many years ago.** And to thank you for the important role you've played in our eternal life. We will always be grateful to you.

In His love,

K.

**If only this one life, this one family, has been touched by our ministry. But we have seen, and are seeing so many more come to know their Messiah.** Not only are lives changed, but families and marriages are being changed. Legacies are being established.

This past December I got more good news. **Another person who I have been in contact with, who I have met with, and who has attended several of our Passover Seders, gave his life to Jesus.**

**I was not the sole, or necessarily even the main, person in his life.** Another friend, a patient of his, had been witnessing to him and sharing her faith with him for years. She prayed for him and invited him to our Passover events. She introduced me to him and encouraged him to keep seeking.

**When he and his wife had their first child they invited me to be a part of the naming of their baby.** They wanted to keep their Jewish heritage in



their home. He did not know Jesus at the time. Now he does. I received this correspondence in email format in December.

Dr. K.,

*I cant begin to tell you how happy I was when I left your office on Friday. Knowing that you are in the Kingdom of Believers was the best Christmas gift anyone could have given me this year. My tears were tears of JOY!*

*May your Christmas and Hanukkah be blessed. Looking forward to seeing you after the first of the year.*

*Love to you and your family....B.*

B,

*Thank you for exposing me to the truth. You have led me on this path and I am grateful to you and for you. It has been a blessing to have you in my life as well, and thank you for praying for me*

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*to see the light. You have never given up on me and I can't tell you what this has done for me and my family. May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah!*

Yours truly,

K.

**Jewish lives are being changed. Legacies are being established.** We are blessed to be a part of it!

## Passover Seder Services

For the last 15 years we have hosted a Light of Messiah Ministries Passover Seder Banquet at a local Marriott hotel. Many of you have attended our annual Passover banquets and we always looked forward to that special event. **After 15 years of our Passover Banquet Celebration, we are breaking with tradition this year.**

**Due to the struggling economy and the high price of reservations hosting our Passover at a hotel, we have decided to host Passover Banquets at several local churches and invite you to join us.** Please invite your friends, Sunday school classes, small groups, and Jewish friends who do not yet know the Lord. **Reservations will be necessary. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.**

## Thank You!

**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  
 Light of Messiah Ministries