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Stories From The Street 2007

I am writing this letter from my hotel room in New York City. I am here with my wife and son (my daughter is in upstate New York at camp) on a two week outreach to the Jewish community in New York City. Though we spend most of our time in Atlanta reaching out to the Jewish community, we also visit other areas, and work with other Jewish ministries around the world, to bring the message of Jesus back to the Jewish people. **New York City has the largest Jewish community in the world outside of Israel.** It only seems natural that we would spend some time here proclaiming the message of Messiah to the Jewish people.

New York City is big and crowded beyond belief. The sights, sounds, and smells can be overwhelming at times. Street vendors yell while you walk by hoping you will stop to look at their wares. It is hot. People seem to always be in a rush. At times, especially during rush hours in the subway, many walk by bumping you without a second thought. The subways themselves are packed. There are a lot of brief cases...and street musicians...and the homeless. People in need. **In the midst of the bustle of New York we meet Jewish people, some who are open to talk, others who are a bit more antagonistic to the message of Jesus.**

I wish I could bring you with me to hear my conversations and witness Jewish people who are open to the gospel. Who are asking relevant questions. Who are searching for the truth. I wish I could have you hear someone walk by me and say, "I hate you", or "You are worse than Hitler". Both those who are open to the message of Jesus and those who are hostile to Je-



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sus need to hear. **Even if the message falls onto deaf ears now, those ears may one day be open to hear.**

I remember as a young Jewish boy growing up in North Carolina we would come to New York City to visit family every year. And every year I would see people on the street, Jews for Jesus, proclaiming the message of the Messiahship of Jesus. **My father did not like them.** I remember how he would tell me to "ignore the Jews for Jesus". Sometimes he would stop and engage them in conversation. Trying to dissuade them from their faith. My father does not know Jesus yet. But I do. **Every seed has the potential to bear fruit. Even great fruit.**

Let me share some of my encounters with you:

Our ministry began in earnest on Monday July 2nd. We are up at 6 AM and on the street for 10-12 hours a day dis-

tributing literature. Talking to people about Jesus. **Everyone's feet hurt.** Usually the early morning and early evening outings are focused on literature distribution. The lunch and late night outings are focused on conversations. **I have had more conversations with Jewish people who have serious and relevant questions about Jesus than any other New York outreach on which I have been.** God is at work!

I met Debbie in a subway. She was on her way to the doctor. She stopped to talk and told me that she is Jewish but attending a "born again" church because she "enjoys the spirituality". **I sensed the hand of God on Debbie. I told her that God is reaching out to her and wants her to accept her Messiah.** She prayed with me for God to open her eyes and to help her believe. I also prayed for her healing.

An hour and a half passed. I "just happened" to run into Debbie again. Her doctor's appointment went very well. I assured her that it was because of the touch of God. She gave me her information and we will be in touch with Debbie to minister to her even more.

While walking to meet others for an afternoon outing my son and I met Moshe (Moses in Hebrew) an Iranian Jewish man. He had many questions about how a person can be Jewish and believe in Jesus. He gave us his address to get more information.

During a lunchtime outing at Union Square I met Chris, Stephanie, and Wendy. Chris stopped me by asking, "Aren't you (Jews for Jesus) a contradiction in terms?" The four of us talked for about 20 minutes about Jesus,

the Bible, God's truth, and how a person can be Jewish and believe in Jesus. They were very open to not only asking, but hearing the answers to their questions.

I met an 80 year old Jewish lady named Betty while walking down the street with her caregiver at Union Square. Her caregiver, a sweet lady from Jamaica, seemed to know Jesus and looked up and prayed during my whole conversation. I could see her lips moving. She said, "Yes" several times while I told Betty about the saving power of Jesus. **Betty agreed to read the book "Betrayed".**

Netanel is a young Jewish man in his late teens or early 20's who stopped me to ask questions about Jesus. He is a very religious young man and has studied Judaism very seriously all of his life. We had a great conversation. **He could not give me his information in order for me to send him follow up literature because he said his parents would get very upset.** Instead he asked me to e-mail him to continue our discussion about Jesus.

On July 7th, 2007 (07/07/07) I met a Jewish man by the name of David who was celebrating his 77th birthday (he showed me his drivers license...he was born on 07/07/1930)! David was one of the sincerest Jewish men I have ever met. Sincerely concerned about my eternal life. **He told me that I was going to go to hell because I believed in Jesus!** David passionately told me that I was on a false path and that I needed to repent of my false beliefs. He even stood next to me and said the Jewish mourners pray for me in Hebrew (that has never happened to me in almost 25 years of ministry). **I gently told David that Jesus is true and that I believed God sent him to me on his birthday (with all perfect numbers!) to tell him that Jesus is true.** Please pray for David.

I could go on with more stories about Jewish people who are interacting with the message of Jesus. **Please continue to pray that more Jewish people will open their hearts to the message of the Messiah Jesus.**



2007/2008 Messianic Jewish Calendars

We are again carrying messianic calendars to help you keep track of the Jewish holidays, pray for the Jewish people, and learn about the Jewish roots of our faith as believers in Jesus.

This year our calendar is being printed in Israel by a messianic ministry there, so we are supporting their ministry as well. The calendars are beautifully illustrated by a Jewish Christian artist in Israel. If you desire to celebrate the Jewish holidays in your home, or want to pray for the Jewish people, this calendar is invaluable. They make beautiful gifts as well.

Call our office to order one by phone (credit card orders), order online at www.lightofmessiah.org, or send \$13.00 per calendar to our P.O. Box made payable to **The Shalom Store**.

Shalom Basket Outreach

Our most exciting outreach is quickly approaching and this outreach involves you. Our Shalom Basket Outreach will take place the week

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before Rosh Hashanah (September 12th...we will be delivering baskets from September 5th-12th). A **Shalom Basket** is a basket filled with holiday goodies for your Jewish friend. They are beautiful. You may order them through our ministry and we will deliver them for you, right to your Jewish friend's door. **Or, we encourage you to give the basket to your Jewish friend yourself.**

To ensure prompt delivery and follow-up on all of the contacts we receive we are only taking the first 120 Shalom Basket orders. So, get your order in soon. Order your Shalom Baskets by calling our office (credit card orders only), order online at our web site, or send \$25.00 per basket to our P.O. Box made payable to **The Shalom Store**. When ordering Shalom Baskets please give us delivery information as well as your phone number and mailing information.

Please visit our web site for more information about the outreach.

**Orders must be in by
August 20th.**

Thank You!

Our summer ministry is going exceedingly well. Our Atlanta Summer Outreach was a great success. We ministered to Jewish elderly, Russian Jewish people, and helped many Christians get involved in our work.

Thank you for loving the Jewish people. Thank you for praying. Thank you for standing with us as we bring Jesus back to the Jewish community.

Your prayers and financial support make what we do possible.

In the service of the King,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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