



# Light of Messiah Ministries

.....proclaiming Jesus, the Jewish Messiah!



## Joined Together

**D**ear Bert,

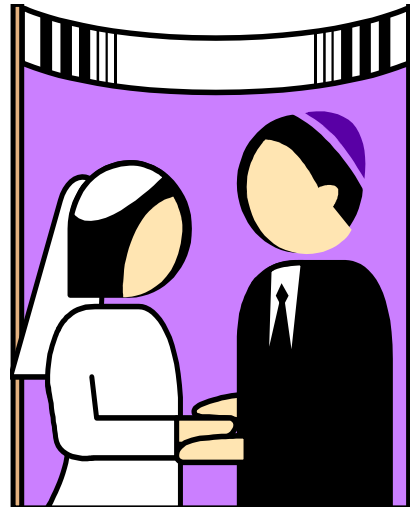
*I apologize for not writing to thank you sooner. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the "Jesus in the Passover" presentation. Even David commented, following Passover in Rome with his family, that your Seder seemed to have more heart and meaning. I think he also enjoyed speaking with you after the event. Since your presentation we have had the opportunity to discuss Jesus and God's plan for us. He still says he has no interest in becoming a Christian, but for the first time he now at least says, "but I know what I might decide later." I at least see a "crack", and he is listening. Last night we were discussing the Bible and I asked him, "Wouldn't you want to know if you're missing something or if you are wrong?" I asked him to simply ask God to show him the plans He has, and to show him the truth. Please pray for David to have an open heart and mind.*

*Bert, please continue to pray for David. Lots of people are doing so, and I will pray for you and your ministry.*

*May God bless you,*

*A loving wife*

**It is not unusual for us to receive a letter like this at our office.** The lady who wrote the letter (and gave us permission to reprint) is married to a Jewish man who does not yet know the Lord. One can feel her passion for her husband to come to know his Messiah and her sadness that they are not spiritually one. **She is not alone.** Over the years we have ministered to many women just like her.



### Recently we have:

- ◆ Met with several people who are either married to or dating Jewish people who do not yet know the Lord.
- ◆ Met with Jewish people married to Christians.
- ◆ Counseled a Christian mother whose teenage son is confused. Her husband is Jewish and the son is torn in two different directions.
- ◆ Heard tragic stories of marriages in turmoil, relationships that are breaking, and children who are confused, because of interfaith relationships.

**According to the most recent demographic numbers over 50% of Jewish people are married to someone who is not Jewish.** Because of these statistics our ministry is responding to the needs of these interfaith marriages. **We are called on a regular basis by professing Christians contemplating**

marriage to a Jewish person who does not know the Lord. We also receive calls on a regular basis from Christians who have already married Jewish people desperately needing help for their unique circumstances. Ministry to interfaith couples is an increasingly important aspect of what we do.

### Why is ministry to interfaith couples so important?

- ◆ **Interfaith couples have unique spiritual needs.** Usually both partners in an interfaith relationship have little connection to their family's religion. The fact that they are dating or married outside of their "faith" is an indication that they are not committed to the religion in which they were raised. Because of the lack of connectedness to religion in general, interfaith couples need to establish a common spiritual foundation.
- ◆ **Interfaith couples have unique family needs.** Even if the couple agrees to "respect the other person's spiritual position", over time, issues arise which may cause tension. The birth of a child, a terminal illness, and family gatherings, all present unique circumstances for the family. As the relationship grows, spouses begin to reevaluate how they want to raise their children and celebrated the holidays. Many of these issues can bring stress into the relationship.

**Our ministry is uniquely equipped to help couples who come from two different backgrounds.** And, it is our goal to point them into the direction of Jesus.

## Atlanta Harvest Campaign

Please pray for our ministry daily from June 26th-July 6th. Our Atlanta Harvest Campaign is going to officially kick off at the Atlanta Gay Pride Parade as we distribute literature and share the gospel. For the following week we will be at Braves games, Stone Mountain Park, July 4th festivities, and visiting with as many Jewish people as we can to share the Good News of Messiah Jesus. It will be an intense period of ministry, but we know that the Lord will bless our efforts. Last year, working together with Jews for Jesus, we distributed 140,000 tracts and saw 39 people accept Jesus. This year we have fewer people and less help, but we are still praying for big results! **Please pray for us.**

### Thank You!

Many of you responded to my request for financial help as we enter the summer evangelistic season. **Your generous giving has helped us enter the summer season in better financial condition.** I am encouraged. Thank you so much for helping us minister to the Jewish community. The summer months are still challenging for us financially. **Please remember us in your giving and especially in your prayers.**

**God is continuing to open incredible doors for us.** I have told many people that sometimes God seems to be quiet, and other time He is moving in enormous ways. **We are experiencing a great move of God through our ministry right now.** And, we are not going to miss the wave. We are ready, able and willing. **Thank you for sending us out and being a part of what God is doing through Light of Messiah Ministries.**

Gratefully in Christ,

Murray Tilles  
Light of Messiah Ministries



Many interfaith families are asking questions and looking for spiritual answers.

We are making the "Joined Together" video available to you.

### **DO YOU KNOW AN INTERFAITH COUPLE?**

Maybe you have married friends where one is Jewish and the other Gentile. Or you may know a couple who is dating. If one of them is Jewish, this video may speak to them in a powerful way. If you know someone who knows an interfaith couple, please pass our information on to them.

**Please contact our ministry so we can help you minister to your friends. We have the resources. You have the relationships. We're here to help.**

**"Joined Together" retails for \$20. However, if you will share the video with an interested couple we will give it to you for free.** We would love to meet your friends personally if you think it appropriate. If you are just interested in purchasing the video for yourself, send what you can afford to our ministry and request a copy of "Joined Together."

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At a recent national conference on Jewish evangelism in Dallas, TX we were introduced to a new video produced by Chosen People Ministries (another ministry to the Jewish people) addressing the issue of interfaith marriages. The video, "Joined Together", documents the stories of several interfaith couples. Each couple has their own unique experience. Each couple struggles with issues common to interfaith relationships. And, all of the couples go on spiritual journeys to find the answers.

During the movie many at the conference were in tears as the couples unfold their lives and stories. Then, each couple comes to understand that their marriage and family could only be healed through a relationship with God through the Messiah Jesus. **The video is professionally done and designed to give to interfaith couples who may be asking questions.**

The "Joined Together" video is a powerful tool to use in sharing the hope of Jesus with an interfaith couple. A workbook can be used with the video to facilitate a personal study or group Bible study to discuss the issue. "Joined Together" is designed for believers to share with their friends who are in interfaith relationships. **It is a video that offers hope, comfort, and answers.**

Bert shares the following story:

*Bonnie is a believer who attends my local church and is married to a Jewish man, Joe. Joe has not been very interested in discussing spiritual matters at all. Bonnie came to me and asked if I knew of any way to talk to Joe about God and especially Jesus. She had tried but he was just not ready to listen. I suggested she take a copy of the "Joined Together" video, view it, and then watch it with him. Bonnie thought this was a great idea. Two weeks after they watched the movie, her daughter was baptized and Joe came. He has been attending church ever since. I am still working on meeting with him one-on-one. Please pray that God will continue to soften his heart.*