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20 Years of God's Incredible Faithfulness

I recently received a call from someone I had not heard from in 10 years. She was going through surgery and wanted me to come visit with her. Her message went something like this, "Murray, you prayed with me to accept the Lord 10 years ago after a Passover service. I met with some of your staff for a while after accepting Him. I have been in church since that time and have grown in my relationship with Jesus. I am so grateful for the impact you ministry has had on me. I want you to come and pray for me before or after my surgery" Natalie

Of course I remembered Natalie when she called, but if she had not called, I would not have seen her again until we saw each other in heaven. After she accepted Jesus we disciplined her for a short period of time and then made sure that she was involved in a good local church. After that, as our lives got busy we lost contact until she called. I spoke to Natalie after her surgery, which went well. She was rejoicing, as I am, in God's faithfulness.

I began to think, "I wonder how many people have been touched by our ministry of whom I am unaware, or I have forgotten?" I am sure there are many I will meet in heaven for the first time, and others with whom I will again rejoice.

I am grateful beyond words for the many people who have come to the Lord through our ministry here in Atlanta. Natalie is just one of many testimonies. There are many, like her, with whom I have lost contact. Or, we speak on occasion.



There are very few ministries that can say that two of their board members were not believers when they were first touched by the ministry.

Our newest board member, John Liberman, was a single Jewish businessman when I met him about 12 years ago. His then girlfriend, Jenny, a Christian, called to ask me for help. After counseling with them and meeting with Jon frequently over a period of a year or two, he accepted Jesus at one of our Passover banquets. I had the honor of baptizing Jon, officiating at their wedding, and conducting the baby naming ceremonies for both of their beautiful little girls.

Jon went on to grow in his faith, become an elder in his church, and is now on our board of directors.

David Brodsky, the chairman of my board, was a successful accountant when I was introduced to him by his wife's brother-in-law, a music minister at a local church. David and Jill were already married, but David was not yet a believer. He was asking relevant questions, and so we met.

Every time we met I asked David,

"What is keeping you from accepting Jesus?" His main concern was always his family. Yet, God was at work in David's heart. He eventually moved from Atlanta, but we stayed in touch. He gave his life to the Lord with his brother-in-law, got settled in church in Texas, and grew in his faith. He has become a great man of God and has served on our board for several years.

There are many stories of those who have accepted the Lord through our efforts and gone on to not only walk with Jesus, but serve Him, and even begin ministries of their own. The picture to the left is the baptism of Rob Chasser, a dear Jewish friend who is now faithfully serving the Lord in life, business, and through his testimony.

Jewish people are being touched and hearing the gospel!

Over the past few weeks, as the Jewish holidays have come and gone, and as the conflict in the Middle East has escalated, we are getting more questions from Jewish people AND from Christians than ever before.

Our Shalom Basket outreach was a wonderful success. During one basket delivery an Orthodox Jewish man, and long time friend, asked me, "Murray, do you think we will see the end in our lifetime?" After answering with a speculative, "yes", I talked to him about my views on the end times, the return of Messiah, and the millennial kingdom.

During another delivery I was invited back to the home with my wife for a holiday dinner with the family and 20 other Jewish people, including a rabbi, his wife, and daughter. I had

never met these people, or the family, before. And yet God opened up a door for my wife and I to join them all for a holiday dinner. It was an absolutely amazing experience. Now THAT is a story for a future letter!

We have been here for twenty years. Our impact in the community has been strong and is growing. The needs are enormous. Jewish people are asking more questions. Christians are needing more help. We want to do more.

Below is a letter I recently received telling the story of two more Jewish lives touched by our ministry.

Dear Mr. Tilles,

I want to thank you for your ministry. I first heard of you and your work when you visited our church in November 2008 – New Hope Baptist Church in Earl, North Carolina. I have continued to receive your newsletters and because of this I have recently been able to share your newsletters with a Jewish friend.

In the last several weeks I found out that a Christian co-worker's husband is Jewish, although not practicing. His father was diagnosed with cancer and was in Hospice before his passing on 08/16/12 – when I found out that they are Jewish I experienced a tremendous burden on my heart for them, especially his father to come to accept the Lord as his Savior before passing away. After sending the book "90 Minutes in Heaven" to my co-worker's husband to read he gave his life to Jesus!

This burdened my heart even more, and over the next several days, while praying, the Lord placed your ministry on my mind to share your newsletters with him. I visited your website and printed several newsletters. The dying man's son read your newsletters and immediately shared Jesus with his father, praying that God would open his father's heart to accept Him. He was so burdened for his father that he stopped the chaplain in the hallway last Monday and asked him to visit his father. He and his wife have since shared with me that his father did accept Jesus, and that once he did there



was such a peace about him, and a peace with dying – no longer being a struggle.

Mr. Tilles, once again I say thank you for your ministry.

A sister in Christ, JH

Jewish lives are truly being changed by God's truth and by His Word!

As the conflict in the Middle East escalates, as governments around the world struggle, as our nation tries to find its way back to a solid foundation, Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people will continue to be in the center of it all. **The only hope for peace is Jesus. The only hope for comfort is Jesus. The only hope for my people is Jesus.**

We need your support and prayers now more than ever.

Because of the impact that we are having and the important nature of our outreach to the Jewish people, spiritual attack can be great. Your prayers keep us undergirded with His strength. Even as you read now, please take a moment to pray for our ministry, for our families, and for Israel.

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As we come to the end of another year of fruitful ministry please remember that your year end gifts will help us grow into next year. There has never been a greater need. We are working hard. The time is short. Your prayers for us and your giving to our work not only touches our hearts, but also, I believe, the heart of God.

THANK YOU!

We do serve an amazing God whose heart breaks for those who are lost and in need of His salvation.

Thank you for sending us out to the Jewish community with that message of peace and salvation in Jesus. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for standing with us financially. May the Lord richly bless you!

Blessings in Messiah,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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