



Light of Messiah Ministries

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

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Prayer Walking

We recently received an e-mail which made me chuckle and brings home an important point for those of us who know and love the Lord. Let me share it with you and then tell you what I mean:

*From: "Small Savior"
To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: the community resources
Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2005*

Hello! May I kindly suggest that you explore certain community resources that may be open to your organization. There are many clinics that offer low-cost psychiatric medication for people who believe in things that don't exist. If medication doesn't help with your irrational beliefs in non-existent things, then perhaps you could also try psychotherapy! Love ya,

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What a creative e-mail! I got a good laugh out of it. But the e-mail also gives us a very sad picture of what many people think about the spiritual realm. **To many people, the existence of God, the reality of spiritual conflict, and the power of prayer, is irrational, delusional, and foolish.** But scripture tells us that the issues pertaining to the Kingdom of God will be looked at as foolishness to those in the world. This e-mail is a vivid reminder of how many people look at spiritual issues.

Of course, we believe that we are in a spiritual battle and that the battle is being fought in the heavenly realm. We are exhorted in the book of Ephesians, "For our struggle is not



against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm." There are forces at work in the spiritual realm that want to discourage us from a forthright witness, prevent us from reaching the lost, and undermine our efforts to bring the gospel to those in need. Therefore, scripture says, "*Pray in the spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests.*" Prayer is a powerful tool that God has given us to make an impact in the world around us.

Given this spiritual truth, those of us who know Jesus also know that we can fight, we can battle, we can see fruit in the spiritual realm and for the Kingdom, through the most powerful resource we have, which is prayer. In our ministry we acknowledge the power of prayer to knit us together with the heart of our Father. I often say that we would not be able to do what we do without our supporters standing with us regularly with their prayers. And I am always blessed when someone comes up to me to tell

me that they pray for our ministry on a regular basis.

Our ministry is always looking for new and powerful ways to include our supporters in what we are doing on a practical level. We want to partner with local churches for the purpose of helping Jewish people come to know Jesus as Messiah. Our Shalom Basket outreach is but one of the ministries which we have designed to include Christians in our efforts. **We are now embarking on a new and regular outreach which will tap into the most powerful tool that God has given to us, the power of prayer.**

Beginning on Saturday, October 8th we will be conducting quarterly prayer walks in the Jewish community, asking God to soften hearts, open doors, and give us fruit for His kingdom. A prayer walk is a very spiritual, powerful, way of connecting with the Jewish people and with the heart of God. During our prayer walks, which will be conducted in Jewish neighborhoods around Atlanta, we will be praying for the community and asking God to expand our territory.

Many people are afraid to talk to Jewish people about Jesus. **Approaching a Jewish person is seen as confrontational, uncomfortable, and scary. We understand that. However, prayer walking is a non-confrontational way to impact the Jewish community.** It is a powerful way to be active in the lives of Jewish people. It is the most effective way to tap into the power that God has given to us to change lives. **Are you afraid of talking to people about Jesus? You can prayer walk with us!**

Let me explain how a prayer walk works, what it is, and what it isn't.

What is a prayer walk?

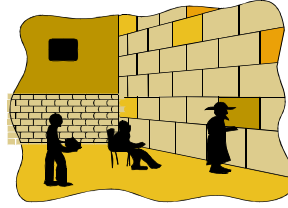
A prayer walk is an intentional time of walking through a Jewish neighborhood and praying for the people. It is a powerful way of ministering to Jewish people by beseeching the Lord on their behalf. It is a spiritually strengthening and encouraging time. It is one of the most powerful ways to be involved in Jewish ministry. It is designed to be inclusive of all believers who have a heart for the Jewish community or for a Jewish person.

How does a prayer walk work?

During our prayer walks we gather at a predetermined meeting place in a Jewish neighborhood. **Everyone dresses in casual clothing. No one is identified as a Christian, therefore we do not wear "evangelistic clothing".** We are not there to talk to people. We are there to pray for them. After praying together, we split up into groups of two or three and begin to walk through the neighborhood. Many people like to carry scripture verses with them to pray over the community. Teams may walk through grocery stores, outside of synagogues and schools, and through the neighborhoods. People pray as the walk, either out loud or to themselves. People may bring up something to their team that the Lord lays on their heart to pray. After an hour or so of walking around the Jewish neighborhood we all return to our meeting spot, close in prayer, and return home.

A prayer walk is not an overtly evangelistic endeavor. We do not "witness" to Jewish people. We do not enter into spiritual discussions. We are merely there for the purpose of praying.

I want to be perfectly clear, praying for people is no substitute for talking to them about Jesus. Praying should not be looked at as the easy way to witness. The Gospel still needs to be proclaimed verbally, sensitively,



and forthrightly. However, prayer walking is a great way to begin the process.

We invite you to partner with us in intentional on-site intercession/prayer in strategic locations in our local Jewish community. You can join us as an individual, a Sunday school class, or a church team. **Call or email our office for more information!** No experience is necessary! If you can pray you can come. Please consider it.

**DATE: Saturday, October 8th
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**THIS IS THE SATURDAY
BETWEEN ROSH HASHANAH
AND YOM KIPPUR, THE TWO
MOST HOLY DAYS FOR
JEWISH PEOPLE.**

Also, please commit with us to pray daily for Jewish people during the 10 "Days of Awe" between Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. During these most holy days Jewish people are asking God for forgiveness and praying they will be written in the "Book of Life". **Pray that many Jewish people will be moved by the Spirit to consider Jesus as their atonement.** The "Days of Awe" are October 3rd-October 13th. Please contact us with any questions you might have.

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Thank You!

Our ministry is continually looking to create opportunities for Christians to be involved in reaching Jewish people with the message of Jesus. Our Shalom Basket outreach, our prayer walks, cleaning up Jewish grave sites, visiting Jewish elderly, and meeting with you and your Jewish friends are but a few of the things that we are doing to accomplish our purposes as a ministry.

In order for us to accomplish our purposes we need two things from you. We need your prayers and we need your financial support.

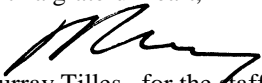
Your prayers support us in the spiritual realm. This entire letter has been about the power of prayer. We believe it. We live it. Your prayers truly support us in a very important way. We could not do what we do without the continual prayer support of you, our friends in ministry.

We also need your financial support. **As our ministry grows, our financial needs are growing along with it.** What an exciting problem to have! I am confident that the Lord will speak to many hearts to help us financially as we bring the message of Jesus back to the Jewish people. The Jewish people gave us Jesus. Thank you for helping us bring Jesus back to them.

Our ministry is dialed in. We are deepening our roots. We are depending on the power of prayer to keep us going and to expand our ministry into the Jewish community. God is honoring our efforts.

Thank you for caring enough, and trusting us enough, to send us back to the Jewish people with the love of Jesus.

With a grateful heart,


Murray Tilles...for the staff
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