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Some Recent E-Mails

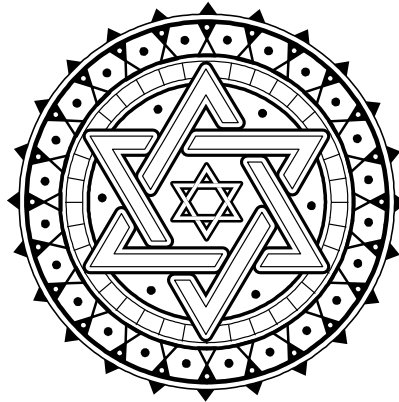
I hope that reading some of the e-mails we receive each month help you to understand the importance of our ministry here in Atlanta. **Not only are we sharing our faith with Jewish people and seeing them come to know their Messiah, but we are helping others with their ministry to their Jewish friends as well.** From counseling a family who has a son dating a Jewish girl, to helping someone buy an appropriate gift for a Bar Mitzvah, or counseling a Christian whose Jewish friend just died, our ministry is actively involved in ministering to the Jewish community. **Of course all of our efforts are steps in the direction of our ultimate goal, which is helping Jewish people come to know Jesus.**

It is also important for you to understand the diversity of our ministry because knowing that we are here to help you with your Jewish friend is critical to the success of our ministry. Most of the Jewish people with whom we meet are introduced to us by their Christian friends. I want to share a few e-mails that we received this spring. I hope that reading them will help you understand the nature of our work. We are assisting so many Christians with their Jewish friends. Ours is an important ministry. **Read about what we've been doing and how we have been helping.**

From: Rhonda
Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2005
To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Jewish Camp

Dear friends;

I live in Blairsville, Ga. and attend the House of Prayer church. A friend and I



have the opportunity to work at a Jewish camp this summer; she as activities coordinator and I as camp nurse. **We both have questions regarding the best way to be a witness to the many Jewish campers and staff members with whom we will come into contact.** We feel like the Lord is saying that our light and our walk will be the best witness we have, but are also interested in knowing if there is anything we can do or say. **Are there any Bible verses that we could use?** I also teach abstinence classes in several counties. I'm hoping to be able to utilize this gift there. All of the Bible verses I use are from the Old Testament.

We don't want to be offensive. Any suggestions you have would be helpful.

In Him
Rhonda

From: Kathy
Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2005
To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Question about Jews and Heaven

I had the great fortune to hear Murray

speaking at Perimeter Church this year. My children attend a private academy and have a good number of Jewish friends. **Their question: "Will Jewish people who do not believe in Christ as the only way to heaven still go to heaven because they are God's chosen people?"** Can you please provide some passages for our referral? I do not think that my Christian children have the intent of evangelizing all of their Jewish friends as much as they want to understand where Jews stand in the realm of Christianity.

Also, is there a tape or CD of the explanation of Passover taught at Perimeter several weeks ago? I would like to purchase it if that is the case. Thank you!

Kathy

From: Lisa
Date: Sat, 23 Apr 2005
To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Blessed Passover

Murray,

I hope that you've had a blessed Passover. It was good to meet you at Perimeter Church last week when you spoke to the young mom's group.

I'd like to follow up with you regarding the visitation of this elderly Jewish couple who live near my sister in the Toco Hills area. My sister, Lauri, was very receptive to the idea to have someone from your ministry contact them. **Thanks very much for the kind offer to visit with them and assist us in sharing the gospel with these dear Jewish people.**

Warmly in Christ,
Lisa

From: David
 Date: Mon, 25 Apr 2005
 To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Question for a Christian Friend

Murray,

I hope you, Alana and the children are doing well. We miss seeing you at FBC, since we began attending another church since last summer. We are being blessed, but we do miss all of our friends we left.

We are currently in a couples Bible study and I am interested in asking you a Jewish question regarding praying (dinner blessing, etc.) in front of a Jewish family member and closing the prayer "...in Jesus Name." This topic is of much interest to one of the couples in our study. I'd love to chat and pick your brain for 10 minutes when you get a few minutes. In addition, if you are available, I'm even open to buying you lunch and catching up more on family and ministry.

All our Love,
 David

From: Ellen
 Date: Mon, 28 Feb 2005
 To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Note from Christ The Shepherd Member

Murray,

Thank you so much for sharing the significance of the Passover with us yesterday. You inspire us with your message of love and your passion to share it touches us very deeply. I am looking forward to being a part of the ministry team at CTS that will work with you and Light of Messiah Ministries.

As you spoke yesterday, my heart ached. My sister married into a secular Jewish family. I know the joy and peace they are missing in their lives. It breaks my heart. Their home is an "empty" home. A sad place. They are living a vague existence. So... your mission is close to my heart.



I briefly spoke to you at the end of the late service as I purchased some books. **I asked "What about the prophets?" "Are they ever discussed in temple services?"** I am going to visit my sister and brother in law in March and I was wondering if Brett, my brother in law, may have ever heard of Israel's great prophets or what they wrote. I am guessing the answer would be no. After reading "Betrayed" I began reading "Evidence That Demands a Verdict" and referenced in the prophecy chapter are excerpts from Targum Jonathan, Targum Isaiah, Targum Onkelos, etc. What are these? What does Targum mean? Are they rabbinical commentary or scripture? Just curious. Also, what is the Talmud? Is it rabbinical commentary on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy? Just trying to seek out some clarification so I understand what I am referring to.

In Christ,
 Ellen

From: Valerie
 Date: Fri, 29 Apr 2005
 To: lightofmessiah@yahoo.com
Subject: Traditional Wedding Gift

Help me with some ideas! I have a co-

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worker who is having a traditional Jewish wedding soon. In this situation I usually give an "Our First Christmas Together" tree ornament. Not a good idea this time. Any suggestions?

Thank you,
 Valerie

Well as you can see we have a variety of issues to deal with in our ministry! The e-mails you have read are only a sample of the many issues we help people with on a weekly basis.

I am often asked, "What does a day in the life of a Light of Messiah Ministries staff worker look like?" The answer is, we never know! The best answer is to say that we are spending all of our time helping Jewish people come to know their Messiah in any way we can. Oftentimes that means helping their Christian friend pick out a wedding gift! Our days and weeks are full. We are working hard. And, **most importantly, we are seeing fruit born for the Kingdom.**

Thank You!


All of the people from whom we receive e-mails have been answered and helped. **I am glad we were here to give them the counsel they needed.**

Please continue to pray for us during our busy summer of outreach. During the summer months we spend more time in people's homes talking about Jesus with those who need help. Thank you for keeping us out there.

Your prayers and financial support make our ministry possible.

Finally, 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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