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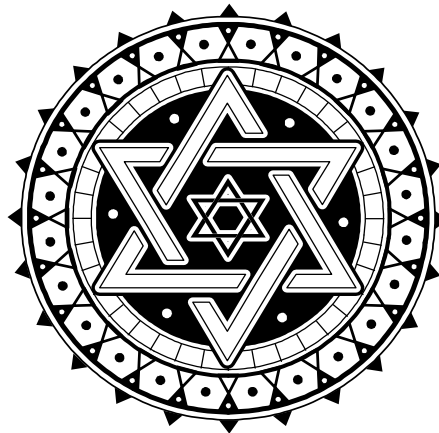
I am baptizing Adam on October 14th. Adam was raised in a Jewish home. I prayed with him to accept his Messiah in August. We planned to baptize Adam two other times, but two hurricanes interrupted our celebration. Adam is going to be baptized in the pool of his friend's house. I didn't do most of the work. I was just there. Bob, Adam's friend, did most of the work. I take that back. God did the work. He merely used his faithful servant, Bob, to share the love of Jesus with Adam. Bob and Adam are business associates. Bob answered Adam's questions, gave him appropriate literature, and answered more of his questions. Bob also called us at the right time.

I prayed with Adam to accept the Lord during our first meeting together. We were in Bob's office. Adam just needed to hear that it was ok for him to accept Jesus and remain Jewish. Adam merely needed to talk to someone who had felt the fear he was feeling. He needed someone to understand his thoughts, "What about mom and dad? What do I tell my grandparents? How will I act around my Jewish family during Jewish celebrations?" His heart had already been prepared. Adam was ready.

I thank God we were there.

Adam is married to a Catholic young lady. **Their lives have now been changed for eternity. Their children's lives have been changed for eternity. Their grandchildren's lives have been changed for eternity.** We were there to help.

I received an email from Adam a few weeks after he accepted Jesus. He had just told his parents about his faith.



Murray,

Having an extremely tough time with my relationship with my parents right now, any advice? My last correspondence with my mom ended with "may you rest in peace" and "What happened to the Adam we used to know?"

Thanks for your continued support.

I called Adam after receiving his e-mail. We only spoke for a little while. It was a very emotional conversation. "I never knew it was going to be so hard," he said.

Pressure from the community can become great when a Jewish person accepts Jesus. Sometimes it means misunderstanding from one's family. I've been through some very difficult times with my own family. One of our other staff workers, Bert, has been through it with his family. We have both experienced our parents not talking to us, in my case for two years, and in Bert's case for longer than that. **When a new Jewish believer calls us suffering the pain of rejection from his or her family we can understand.** We have been there.

It is not easy to help someone feeling the pain of rejection. But we have experienced the pain ourselves. We have experienced the rejection as well. The good news is that we have also experienced the comfort of God when difficult times come! We have experienced the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have prayed for us and wept with us as we grieved over the hurt we felt. We have experienced the comfort of God through Jesus. We remember how God met with us so we can confidently tell new Jewish Christians that everything will be ok. God will be there with them through it all. **We're there for new Jewish believers like Adam.** **Please pray for him and his family.**

I recently received a very special e-mail from a Jewish man I had the privilege of praying with to accept the Lord fifteen years ago. Mike is a friend I have not heard from or spoken to in several years. Mike wrote,

Murray,

I was thinking about you today as I was listening to a message about how God puts the right people in your life, at the right time. The speaker was referring to a pastor who God used in his life as a young boy. I know we haven't stayed in touch, but nevertheless I can't tell you how grateful I am that I met you. God used you as my bridge to Jesus and the new life that I have in Christ Jesus. If you hadn't been so persistent, who knows what might have happened. But you were persistent and I thank God for that. I can't imagine now how I would ever survive without knowing what I know today; that nothing can separate me from the love of God.

So please always remember, whenever

you feel like you should have done something else with your life, and it feels like things aren't going the way you want; there is one person in Chicago who is now a born again child of God and forgiven person whose life will never be the same.

With the love of Christ,

Mike

As I read Mike's e-mail the satisfaction of knowing that God has used our ministry in the lives of so many brought great joy to my heart. Mike is not alone. There are Jewish people all over the country who have in some way been touched by our ministry. We praise God for that!

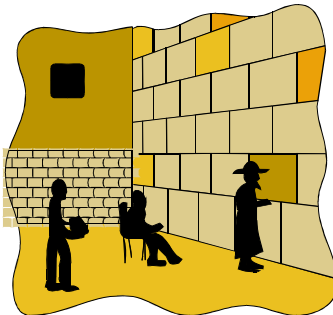
There is great excitement in knowing that God is using our ministry to touch so many people. What is even more exciting is knowing that it is God's work and not ours. We make ourselves available. We do our best to be persistent. We put the word out. God brings the increase.

We were there to help Mike. Mike's life has been changed. Since Mike accepted the Lord he has married a beautiful woman who knows and loves Jesus. They have three little girls. Those girls are learning about the Messiah. Mike is helping other people learn about the grace of Jesus now, too.

There are also many Jewish people who we have not had the opportunity to talk to yet. We may have the opportunity in the future because their Christian friends are talking to them and are in touch with us. **It is not unusual for us to receive six or more e-mails a week from people who have a Jewish friend with whom they need help sharing Jesus .**

The following e-mail was recently received. It is just one of many recent e-mails asking for help:

We have a Jewish friend who today asked (and listened) about Jesus and Christianity. It was a very exciting conversation and response. When Murray was at First Presbyterian



Church in Winston-Salem earlier this year, I think he mentioned a book that would be good for a Jewish person considering Jesus. I cannot remember the name of the book, and would love the name or any other suggestions that may be helpful for our friend.

We have responded to the e-mail. Maybe one day we will be able to talk to the Jewish person. If not, that's ok. We know that someone is talking to their Jewish friend. And, that's a good thing. **If we can put equipment into their hands to help them do what God has called them to do, then we have done our job.** We're here to help.

Please pray for us as we continue our efforts to reach Jewish people with the message of Jesus. Pray that we will have the strength and wisdom to deal with the many situations we are confronted with on a daily basis. And pray for our Jewish people. Pray that hearts will be softened and eyes opened to Jesus.

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Thank You!

I hope your heart has been touched by the stories in this letter. For each story told, there are many more stories that cannot be told because of the limitations of space in our monthly prayer letter. We are praying with Jewish people to accept Jesus. We are helping new Jewish believers as they struggle with the difficulties of the rejection from their Jewish families. We are helping Christians sensitively share the love of Jesus with their Jewish friends on a regular basis.

Thank you for helping us do our work. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for supporting us financially.

We want to do more.

We need your help.

As always, thank you for caring enough about my Jewish people to bring Jesus back to them.

With gratitude,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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