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One Young Man's Journey

About a year and a half ago I received a call from a young Christian woman with a Jewish friend. She called hoping that I would be able to help them with their relationship. As a Christian young woman I asked her several questions over the phone about their relationship given the fact that her friend was Jewish and did not believe in Jesus. She shared her personal testimony with me and affirmed her love for the Lord. **She was very open and sweet, listening to my counsel, and assuring me that their relationship was based on mutual respect.** I made an appointment to meet with Elizabeth and Zach at a local coffee shop.

I met with Zach and Elizabeth several times over the course of the next year. I was able to share my testimony with them and give them books to read together. We studied the Bible. They read "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel and spent time reading the Bible on their own. **Every time we met they would bring questions they had from their reading or study.** Though I have never, and do not encourage "evangelistic" dating, I could see that these young people not only cared for each other but were intent upon finding answers to their spiritual questions.

I came to not only enjoy our visits but also to appreciate Zach and Elizabeth as individuals. They both had gentle and quiet demeanors. There were a few times I had to work to get them to talk, but we always enjoyed our time learning together. **Every time we met Zach had thoughtful and sincere questions which showed his desire to know more about God.** I could tell that the Lord had His hand on Zach in a special way.



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Zach went off to college this past year. The Lord continued to work on Zach. I called Elizabeth a few months ago and found out that Zach had accepted Jesus at school. **After reading Isaiah 53 Zach knew that Jesus was true and asked Him into his life.** When I heard that my young friend gave his life to the Lord my heart rejoiced and I thought about the fact that I, too, came to know Jesus as a freshman in college. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for Zach as he grows in his faith.

I recently received an email from Elizabeth sharing how God has transformed Zach's life. **Please read it. You will be encouraged.** I also want you to know the impact our ministry is having in the lives of Jewish people.

I will be baptizing Zach on June 20th in Lake Oconee with another Jewish lady who recently accepted the her Messiah Jesus!

From: Elizabeth
Sent: March 28, 2007 12:46 PM
To: tilles@mindspring.com
Subject: Zach and Elizabeth

Dear Mr. Tilles,

I have wanted to write to you for a while, but have been extremely busy with school and making college plans. It's a lot to think about and even more to do. So far, I know that I am going to stay around home for at least the first year and then possibly transfer to another school.

Zach is doing very well at college and playing a lot of baseball. The work is tough, so he is definitely working harder than he ever has. His strong desire to learn and his perseverance when things seem overwhelming are great blessings, considering how demanding school is. He has surrounded himself with a great group of Christian guys who are also on his baseball team. Zach, along with eight of the guys on the team have kept up a Bible study ritual that a few Christian baseball players started many years ago at school. They meet once a week and seem to find their time together very beneficial. Zach has also been visiting several churches around town and has recently found Lake Forest which he really enjoys. He and a friend go each week together.

I have been going up to college just about every weekend with Zach's dad which has given us a great deal of talking time. A few weekends ago on the drive home we got on the subject of religion, which had been discussed before, but this time was more of a stepping stone in the right direction. He told me that he was completely fine with whatever Zach choose to believe. His

main concern was that he wanted Zach to remember his heritage and expose his children to the Jewish traditions. When I heard him saying this I almost could not believe my ears. Zach had not talked to his parents about his new faith in Jesus as Messiah. Both of his parents have been aware of him attending church for some time now and maybe they have seen a change in him; I hope at least.

I explained to Zach's dad that Zach and I both value and respect his Jewish heritage and traditions and would want to teach and embrace both Christianity and Judaism in our home. After this conversation it was not talked about again until this past weekend, and this time Zach got to hear it.

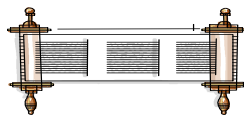
One evening after Zach finished his game and we were sitting a dinner, His dad brought it up once more. He basically reiterated the same thing to Zach that he had said to me several weeks before. **I could see the relief on Zach's face, while hearing those words come from his dad. This conversation definitely gave Zach the peace of mind he had been waiting on for so long. It is so exciting to see Christ working in Zach's life and to know that his example could influence the lives of his family and friends.**

Zach has grown a lot since last year but he still needs a great deal of direction from Christian men. Zach and I both really enjoyed meeting with you and found your guidance and council very helpful. We would love to meet with you on regular bases throughout this summer if our schedules permit.

Please keep both of our families in your prayers. I hope your family is doing well and I hope to hear from you soon.

Your sister in Christ,
Elizabeth

Please pray for Zach and Elizabeth. Pray that the Lord will help them grow closer to Himself on an individual basis. Also pray for the Lord to give them wisdom as a couple and as friends.



2007/2008 Messianic Jewish Calendars

We are again carrying messianic calendars to help you keep track of the Jewish holidays, pray for the Jewish people, and learn about the Jewish roots of our faith as believers in Jesus.

This year our calendar is being printed in Israel by a messianic ministry there, so we are supporting their ministry as well. The calendars are beautifully illustrated by a Jewish Christian artist in Israel. If you desire to celebrate the Jewish holidays in your home, or want to pray for the Jewish people, this calendar is invaluable. They make beautiful gifts as well.

Call our office to order one by phone (credit card orders), order online at www.lightofmessiah.org, or send \$13.00 per calendar to our P.O. Box made payable to **The Shalom Store**.

Shalom Basket Outreach

Our most exciting outreach is quickly approaching and this outreach involves you. Our Shalom Basket Outreach will take place the week before Rosh Hashanah (September 12th...we will be delivering baskets

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from September 5th-12th). A **Shalom Basket** is a basket filled with holiday goodies for your Jewish friend. They are beautiful. You may order them through our ministry and we will deliver them for you, right to your Jewish friend's door. **Or, we encourage you to give the basket to your Jewish friend yourself.**

To ensure prompt delivery and follow-up on all of the contacts we receive we are only taking the first 120 Shalom Basket orders. So, get your order in soon. Order your Shalom Baskets by calling our office (credit card orders only), order online at our web site, or send \$25.00 per basket to our P.O. Box made payable to **The Shalom Store**. When ordering Shalom Baskets please give us delivery information as well as **your phone number and mailing information.**

Please visit our web site for more information about the outreach.

**Orders must be in by
August 20th.**

Thank You!

Please remember that we have a busy summer of outreach planned and we need your prayers. Over the next couple of months we will be traveling to New York City, Poland, and Hungary on ministry trips. We will also be spending time meeting with Jewish people here in Atlanta. Please keep us lifted up to the Lord.

Thank you for loving the Jewish people. Thank you for praying. Thank you for standing with us as we bring Jesus back to the Jewish community.

Your prayers and financial support make what we do possible.

In the service of the King,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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