



Light of Messiah Ministries

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

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Rejoicing With the Angels

The greatest testimony our ministry has is the testimony of those whose lives we have touched by the work that we do. Our ministry exists for the benefit of others, not ourselves. So when a Jewish person asks Jesus into his or her life, and steps into the kingdom, I want you to know about it. **There is no greater event in heaven, or on earth, than when someone asks Jesus to be the ruler of their life.** It is a life changing event, a family changing event, and a event which rocks the heavens. If the angels in heaven rejoice, shouldn't we?

This month I want to share with you the story of a man who I prayed with to accept the Lord on October 5th. Our meeting was the first ever for me and Larry, but our meeting was providentially set and divinely directed. The most unusual part of the meeting was that Larry pursued us. Very rarely do we have Jewish people calling us to ask for help. **Though a Jewish person may feel as though something is missing from their lives, a Christian friend is usually the first person they go to.** They may be looking for a deeper relationship with God, they may even be in a life crisis looking for an answer to financial, health, or marital problems, however, very rarely does the Jewish person call us first.

Larry initially contacted our ministry several months ago interested in knowing how a person could be Jewish and believe in Jesus. He had several questions which I answered. He told me that he had been visiting church with his wife of 11 years, but was still confused about the whole idea of a person being Jewish and also believing in Jesus. I answered Larry's questions as



best as I could and then asked him if he wanted to get together again. **He told me that he was very busy, and would contact me again if he ever needed help. I didn't hear from Larry again. Then I received an email from Casey...**

I hope and pray that Larry called you on your cell phone, and/or will meet you tonight. He's ready to talk. He is in an interfaith marriage, and things are not good. I spoke to him last year, and he has read "Betrayed". He had my cell number and called me today. I was busy. He even called back, so, he's motivated. I imagine you have already spoken with him by now. But just in case, I wanted to give you his information. He's seems pretty torn up.

Larry, his wife, and I, met at a local restaurant in Roswell, GA. We sat at a back table in the corner so that we could talk. Larry sat across from me and his wife sat next to him. Larry is a very unassuming man, in his mid 60's, with graying hair, and a nice smile.

Larry's wife and I listened as he began to speak. "Murray," Larry said, "I want to know how you became a believer in

Jesus. I have been thinking about my own spiritual life and have been asking a lot of questions. The most important thing to me is my wife and I want to make her happy. I want to be able to be on the same page with her spiritually. I want to know more about the Bible. Can you help me out?" **I was impressed by Larry's insight and desire to be right with God.** I looked at his wife and said, "You have a good guy here." "I know," she said.

You see, Larry's wife is a Christian who has been talking to her husband about Jesus for many years. She has prayed for him, had others pray for him, introduced him to Christians, and taken him to church. Larry, in his own way had come along, but, because of the spiritual distance between them, life had become frustrating. **Larry, feeling the distance between himself and his wife, intensified his search until our meeting that day.**

It was the day after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. I could see God's hand on Larry's life and in our conversation. I told Larry how I became a believer in Jesus. **I explained that Jesus was truly the one sent by God, to be our Messiah, and the fulfillment of all that the Jewish people were looking for.** I also told him that he didn't have to stop being Jewish to believe in Jesus.

At that point I asked Larry to read Isaiah 53 to me, out loud. I did not tell Larry what he was reading. I just wanted him to verbalize the prophecy that so clearly points to Jesus in the Old Testament. He read, "*All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way but the Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. He was bruised for our transgressions, pierced*

for our iniquities, and by His stripes we are healed..." "Larry," I asked, when he was done reading, "who does that sound like to you?" "Jesus," he said. "It has to be." "Yes," I said. "Do you know who wrote what you just read?" "No," he said. "I know it is in the Bible, but that's it."

I explained to Larry that Isaiah, the Jewish prophet, wrote of the Suffering Servant of God 750 years before Jesus. We read Psalm 22, the crucifixion Psalm. **Larry agreed, it sounded like Jesus.** I showed Larry, in the Old Testament, how all are separated from God because of sin. I showed him how God provided for atonement through the sacrificial system in the Old Testament but promised a New Covenant, because though sacrifices provided for a relationship with God, it was never complete. **I told Larry that Jesus was the one who became our sin-bearer. He is the Jewish Messiah.**

After explaining the Gospel to Larry, I told him that the truth of Jesus requires a response. I asked him if he was ready to ask Jesus to be his Messiah, his sin-bearer. "Murray," he said, "this is a process, I don't know if now is the time." "Larry," I said, "when you met your wife you fell in love and at some point you knew she was the one with whom you wanted to spend the rest of your life. Then, there came a day when you stood at the altar and said, 'I do'. Yes, it is a process, but there comes a time when you have to say 'I do' to God. Jesus is true. You have seen Him. He is waiting at the altar. Are you ready to say 'I do'?"

The pause seemed endless, but Larry pondered, looked at his wife, looked at me, and said, "I'm ready." **As tears welled up in his wife's eyes, we all joined hands, and I led Larry in his "I do" to Jesus.** What an incredible and miraculous event.

Please pray for Larry as he grows in his faith, and for his wife as they grow together. The angels are rejoicing. We need to rejoice with them! Thank you for being a part of Larry's new life.



Shalom Basket Update

We delivered a total of 152 Shalom Baskets to Jewish people to wish them a sweet new year from their Christian friends. A worker among the Russian community here delivered thirty of those baskets to the Russian Jewish community. Twenty of the baskets were given to local college students to personally give to their Jewish friends on campus.

We were invited into the homes of several Jewish people who were so overwhelmed by their Christian friend's gesture of friendship that they wanted to talk to us. Several people wanted to discuss spiritual issues. **We will be meeting with a few of these Jewish people again who have expressed an interest in talking to us further.**

Our Shalom Basket outreach was an incredible success. The Lord gave us divine appointments. Relationships between Christians and their Jewish friends have been enhanced. Jesus has been lifted up. We are grateful. **Please pray that the seeds that have been sown will bear much fruit for the Kingdom.**

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Thank You!

No matter how many times we pray with someone to say "I do" to Jesus, it will never cease to be the most exciting part of our ministry. The fruit is not always ready when we want it to be, but when God moves in the life of someone we want to be there for them. **We were there for Larry, and we are there for many other Jewish people who are searching spiritually.**

Your financial support makes it possible for us to be there for people like Larry. Your prayers give us the strength to continue our efforts to reach Jewish people with the message of Jesus.

As we come to the end of the year please remember how important it is to bring Jesus back to the people who gave Him to us. Thank you for your faithful support of what we do.

With a grateful heart,

Murray Tilles...for the staff
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