

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because [He] has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners...”

Isaiah 61:1 NAS

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Shalom my friends,

If you received the last newsletter, it covered December 2009 and January 2010. However it was really mostly about the year of 2009. I would like to officially greet you now in 2010

and say hello to you in this new year.

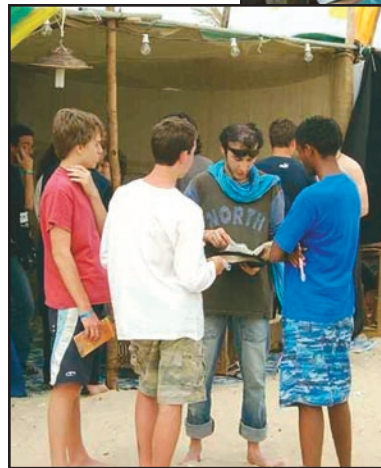
For those that are new partners with MJMI I want to make sure to tell you a little about what we are doing, as a Messianic Jewish Ministry on the International scene. Our vision is Global Jewish evangelism. For this purpose we have a number of different things we do and support in Israel and other countries, including America.

Evangelists in Israel

The largest portion of our time, effort, and funds go to support and work with Israeli Jewish evangelists in Israel. Most of these men, women and families you have read about in past letters, or can read past newsletters. Visit the MJMI website at www.mjmi.org, and click on newsletters. Many years of newsletters are now avail-

able for viewing. This will show you what Adonai (our G-d) has accomplished in the past through these evangelists in Israel.

We do not believe in sending missionaries from America or other places to Israel to tell the Jewish people of Israel about Yeshua, their Messiah and Savior. Instead we help, with prayer, training, providing materials, encouragement and funds, people I have known and Adonai has shown me over the years, who are either **Sabras** (those born in Israel) or those who have come from other countries, settled in Israel, and have been living there many years. All of these evangelists are Hebrew speakers who come into contact with traditional Jewish people (non believers in Yeshua/Jesus), build relationships with them, and many times help needy people with food and other basics. This often gives opportunities to share Adonai's plan of atonement (salvation) for their lives.



As I mentioned in our last newsletter I have heard from our people in Israel that hundreds of Jewish people who have embraced Yeshua as their personal Savior, are now involved in Messianic Jewish Congregations, being disciplined in the faith. (See sidebar below for one such story, sent to me by our friend, Israel P., who leads a Messianic congregation in Ashdod.) I ask you to continue to pray for our friends who are laboring in the harvest field of Israel and continue to support this effort with your love gifts to the ministry of MJMI.

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From Orthodoxy to Yeshua-Follower

Moshe was born and raised in an average secular Jewish family. By the age of 29 he was tired of the way he'd been living his life and he began his search for



God. He enrolled in a Yeshiva (Jewish Orthodox Rabbinical school), and still felt he wasn't getting any answers.

His quest turned very radical and he became extremely religious while seeking closeness with God within different streams of Judaism. Nothing of what he tried quenched his thirst for God, but then he tried calling on God one-on-one and he was amazed to finally experience it.

He began seeing a difference between the private moments he had with God when He felt Him so near and between the times he was in a Synagogue or a Yeshiva and it's as though that closeness would disappear. It really surprised Moshe. He realized the more he read and studied the commandments

of God, the more he saw his sinfulness and inability to keep any of them. He came to the same conclusion Paul came to; that God is holy and he was a sinner, and the more he tried to keep the law, the more he failed. Moshe was so disillusioned with Judaism that he virtually stopped practicing it.

Then he met a non-Jewish girl over the internet and when he saw her picture he was stunned. He said in her eyes he saw something so familiar, as though Love was looking at him through her eyes. They dated for 6 months and she kept quiet about her faith in Yeshua, because she knew about his Orthodox past and that he would have left her immediately had he known.

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When Moshe finally purposed to her, she knew she had to tell him about Yeshua. By that time, he was so in love with her that he didn't care about her faith in Yeshua. She began telling him about the Lord and when he first set foot in a congregation, he experienced a total shock. He had never heard such worship before and the presence of God was so real and tangible that the only way Moshe could describe it was: "Shekhina" (Radiance of the glory of God, Ezek. 10:4).

It's amazing that the bible refers to the Son (Yeshua) as the radiance of the glory of God (*Hebrews 1:3, "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being..."*) Which is the same radiance of the glory of God that filled the Temple in Jerusalem in Ezek. 10:4, it was Yeshua himself! Hallelujah!

Moshe was very upset with God and jealous that *Shekhina* was among the Christian believers and yet he never experienced it in a synagogue among the Jews. Moshe left the congregation asking God, "Why?" He began doing research trying to find every bit of negative information about Christian believers and the Messianic faith, so he can finally prove that it could not be from God, until one day, as he was reading another negative article, a large question in the headline drew his attention. It said: "Who is your God?"

That moment, Moshe felt the glory of God came down upon him and he was hit with the realization that Yeshua was the Messiah and the God of Israel! It was a truly Matthew 16:17 revelation: "...this

was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven".

He received Yeshua as his Lord that very moment and not too long after that Moshe and Katherine, the young believer he was seeing, got married! He went to Bible school, and recently we appointed him as a home group leader! Moshe's story is remarkable, but it is only one of many that reflect so beautifully how God is working among His people these days in the land. God is stirring up jealousy for Him in the Jewish people, and He continues to save His own even today.

"Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious." (Romans 11:11)



Additional Efforts

As I just mentioned, a second part of our ministry in Israel is helping the needy. This is accomplished in Israeli towns and cities such as: Ashdod, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Haifa, Tiberias and other areas.

Thirdly, through partnerships with other Messianic ministries and relationships with our friends/workers in Israel mentioned above, we continue to help many Jewish people from all over the earth come to Israel to live, in what is called Aliyah (the law of return). This allows any Jewish people to come to Israel and become citizens of this Jewish State (country). Many who come through this part of our ministry, become believers in Yeshua

after contact with people we help support either in Israel, in America, or in counties of the former Soviet Union.

Moving Forward

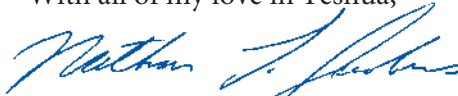
In 2010, I believe Adonai will show us more people He has chosen as Israeli evangelists that we can partner with. I would like to see us become involved with two to four new partners in Israel this year. This results in multiplied harvests of new believer who will be disciplined and lead even other to Yeshua their Jewish Messiah.

I am going to Israel in April this year and would like to have the leading, anointing, direction and sending action of Adonai for this trip to talk with our current partners, and find new friends/workers on this trip. I have to ask you to pray for this, and also to give financially to the ministry for the purpose of partially supporting new evangelists. All but one of the people we have been in relationship, in this manner, have jobs which do not meet their families basic needs and therefore they really rely on the partial support from us (usually \$250-\$500 per month). This frees them up, from taking another job, and allows them to dedicate time to evangelizing, as

well as the evangelizing they are constantly doing on their jobs, and during all times of their lives. I know you realize that a person who is called to be an evangelist will always be sharing their faith.

New projects in 2010 include reprinting many of MJMI's materials that have been provided for sharing the plan of salvation/atonement (pictured in the bottom left corner, I am using one of these resources to share Yeshua with a young woman in Russia). Also, converting materials that are on cassettes to CD's and distributing them to those that want these anointed teachings and messages. Putting together a building fund for an MJMI office in Israel is also a longer term goal of the ministry that must begin in earnest here in 2010, with a bank account in Israel. I so appreciate your partnership with this ministry that has been reaching out to Jews and Christians since 1963. Please participate with us as partners, as you are led. Blessings to you and your family for a wonderful year in 2010.

With all of my love in Yeshua,


Nathan L. Jacobus, President

