

Jews for Jesus and the Church

BY DAVID BRICKNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It may seem obvious to some and controversial to others but, regardless of how it seems, I need to say it loud and clear: we Jews for Jesus are part of the Church, the universal Body of Christ, the family of God. Through the shed blood of the Messiah Jesus, we are brothers and sisters with fellow believers the world over.

I reiterate this truth because some are making an artificial distinction between Jewish believers in Jesus and the rest of the Body of Christ. A cover story in the magazine, *Christianity Today* gave an example of this in the opening paragraph of an article in their September 1998 edition:

“How long have you been a Christian?’ ‘I’m not a Christian,’ the woman replied indignantly. ‘I’m a Messianic Jew’” (p. 63).

Now she was only one of the Jewish believers interviewed, and others explained that Messianic Jews avoid the term “Christian” because of the common connotation that it is synonymous with non-Jew. Yet there are those within the Messianic movement who have gone beyond a preference for certain terminology to an actual rejection of identifying with the Body of Christ. Now let me say that I, too, am a Messianic Jew and a member of a Messianic congregation. But I am also a Christian and a member of the Body of Christ. I am 100% Jewish and 100% Christian.

Most involved in Messianic congregations do not want to separate themselves from the rest of the Church. Those who do seem to hope that this separation will gain them the acceptance of the rest of the Jewish community. That is a dangerous assumption that can ultimately result in disappointment, syncretism and theological error. These

results are no doubt welcome to another group, however, who would like to drive a different kind of wedge between us.

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Certain Jewish community leaders, along with their friends from among the liberal Christian clergy, view Jewish believers—and particularly Jews for Jesus—as a threat. One way to neutralize the “threat” is to demonize us in the minds of Jewish people who might otherwise want to hear our message, (by labeling us as a cult or accusing us of “preying” on the vulnerable). Another way, however, is to demonize us in the minds of Christians who might want to stand with us. Once we are cut off from

those who share our commitments and stand behind our desire to express our faith in Jesus as Jewish people, we are easily undermined.

Certain notable denominations have withstood significant pressure to hold fast their commitments regarding Jewish evangelism.

Southern Baptist leaders have recently experienced the ire of certain Jewish community leaders on two counts. First, leaders expressed offense that the Southern Baptists had encouraged their people to pray for and witness to Jewish people. Secondly, the Southern Baptists came under attack for affirming that Jews who receive Christ remain Jews and are free to observe Jewish customs in line with the teaching of Scripture and in keeping with their own conscience. In a letter to Dr. Paige Patterson, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Jewish Community Relations Council wrote, “Our quarrel with the Southern Baptist Convention is not over its right to proselytize. Rather, the Jewish community is deeply offended that the SBC has formally embraced a strategy

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that attempts to deceive Jews into believing that one can be both a Jew and a Christian. . . . The Jewish community does not seek to define the parameters of Christianity. We ask that Southern Baptists accord the Jewish religion the same courtesy.”

Of course, the Southern Baptists are not attempting to define the parameters of the Jewish religion. They simply hold fast the conviction that Jews who believe in Jesus are still Jewish. Other evangelical denominations, such as the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, have come under fire for a similar stance.

Other Christian churches and leaders have not withstood the pressure so well. When they hear that it is discourteous or offensive to say that one can be Jewish and believe in Jesus, they back down in the interest of “Jewish-Christian relations.” They have accepted the position of unbelieving Jewish people rather than that of their believing counterparts. They have distanced themselves from some believers to gain the respect and acceptance of unbelievers. This kind of wedge-driving is the saddest of all.

People drive wedges to separate the Body of Christ for different reasons. The common denominator here is the statement that one cannot be Jewish and a Christian at the same time—one cannot be a member of the Church and part of the Jewish people as well. This would have been cause for great surprise among the apostles, Peter, James, John and Paul. I can’t imagine any of their contemporaries insisting that those first Jews for Jesus were no longer Jewish. Certainly Paul identified himself as such (see Acts 11:26 and Romans 11:1). When those who were not Jewish began joining the church, it became what God had intended: a unity of Jews and Gentiles within the same body. What was true 2000 years ago is just as true today, whether or not people will affirm it.

So we Jews for Jesus take great comfort in this historical reality—that the Body of Christ has historically been a unity of Jews and Gentiles. But deeper even than the historical reality is a profound spiritual reality. Our unity is rooted in the eternal truths of the gospel: “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in

ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity” (Ephesians 2:14-16).

Jesus’ work at Calvary did more than provide atonement for our sins. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in his book, *Life Together*, “Christian unity is not an ideal which we must realize, it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate” (p. 30). Regardless of agreement or argument, regardless of nationality or culture, regardless of our own behavior or acknowledgment, all of us who believe in Jesus are one—together in Christ.

This deeper spiritual reality opens up a wonderful world of practical realities. We have a family in the Body of Christ which transcends human barriers and limitations. This is especially comforting to us in Jews for Jesus, because many of us have been alienated from our earthly family, our own Jewish people. Rejection hurts, but we can receive comfort from a family that continues to embrace and welcome us, our family in the Body of Christ. I regularly meet Jewish believers in Jesus who tell me they have received so much love and acceptance from a local body of believers that it helped to ease the sadness of rejection they experienced from family and friends. No one takes the place of our loved ones outside of Christ, but we can bear the pain much better when we are fortified by our loved ones in Christ.

When we openly identify with Jesus, for the most part, we are officially excluded from the Jewish community. Yet, our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ stand with us, pray for us and support us so that we might continue to bear witness to our kinsmen according to the flesh.

So I am proud to be a part of the family of God, the Body of Christ. I am grateful to have been received and loved by my new family in Him. I am anxious to give back and to bless my dear family in Jesus. And I know that one day we will all unite together around the throne of God. Then our unity will be doubted by none and evident to all as together we sing, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready” (Revelation 19:6,7).

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Valentine's Day Greetings from Jews for Jesus

We want to say WE LOVE YOU to:

Our Jewish mothers for teaching us to wear gloves and to button our coats when we go outside, both of which are helpful when we witness during the winter months.

The "opposition" who has tried to harass us, intimidate us, frighten us and who (all in all) have made us realize even more that God is real and able to conquer. Even though they opposed, they helped us to grow as Christians and as a ministry by pointing out that ours must be an invincible and relentless love.

Churches, pastors and other Christians who have opened their hearts and homes to us, taught us, accepted us in true Christian spirit and have been

examples of the love of Christ.

Christian magazines and radio programs which are a haven of

Good News in a world rapidly becoming programmed against the standards of God.

So many people who have worked with us and are now in other places of ministry. We love you for what you left of yourselves with us and the role you had, have and will have in our lives.

The wonderful mothers from churches across the country who have nurtured us, loved us, fed us and scolded us as we toured the country. (They deserve honorary Jewish mother status.)

Come Join Our Team

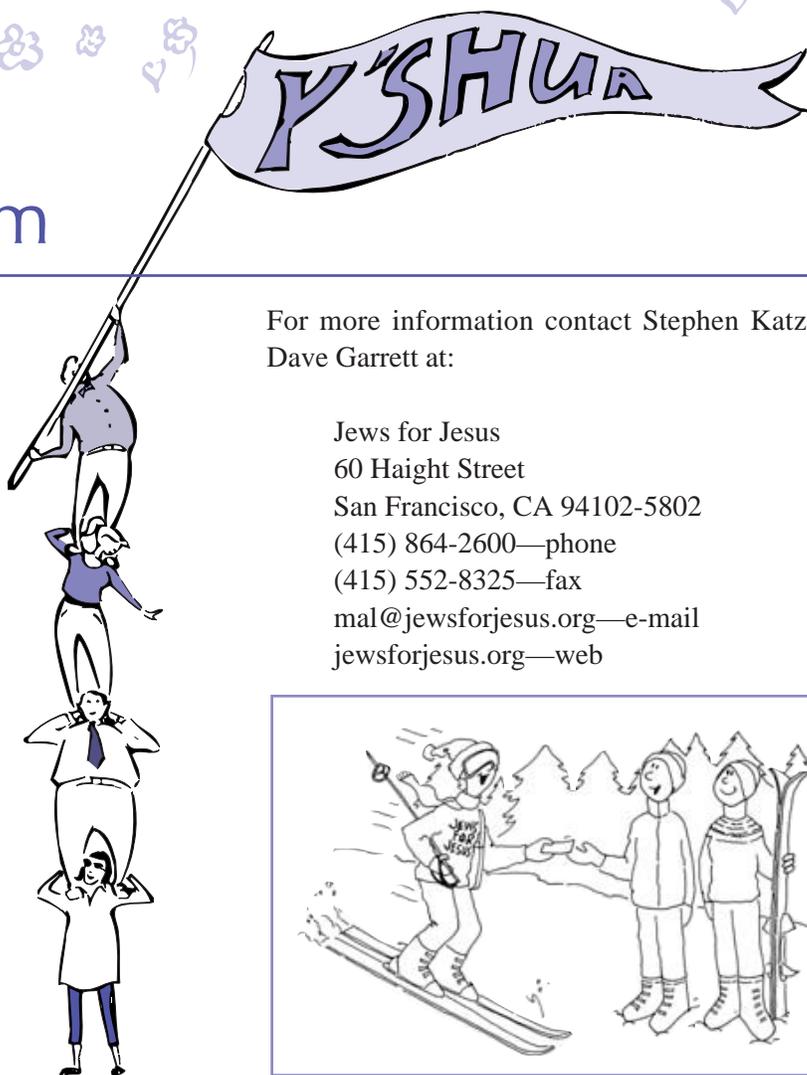
We're looking for committed believers in Jesus to serve in an administrative capacity at our San Francisco headquarters. This is an opportunity for Christians of all backgrounds to become part of the adventure of Jews for Jesus. Current openings include:

- Administrative Assistant
- Church Relations Specialist
- Data Entry
- Human Resources Administrator
- Information Systems Specialist
- Librarian
- Multi-media Video Producer
- Web Developer

These are full-time salaried positions. So if you love the Lord and have a heart for seeing Jewish people reached for Jesus, why not ask Him if He wants you to be part of our Jews for Jesus ministry team?

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gospel with her Jewish son-in-law, Doug. I gave her some pointers and also looked to see if we had a missionary touring the area. Sure enough, Robyn Wilk was in the area, so I called Susan back with Robyn's itinerary. I also sent Robyn an email with information on how to reach Susan and Doug, noting that Doug seemed very open to the gospel and that she should try to connect with him and set up a visit. About a week later, I received a joyful email message from Robyn saying that she had connected with Doug and he had come to faith in Jesus."

friends of the ministry and help us get launched in Australia's Christian community. Over 230 volunteer hours were recorded by the 17 wonderful friends who planned, purchased, cooked and cleaned up, played and sang, danced, and well, did it all."

Rich Robinson reports, "In Morganton, an obscure town in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains, I met a 93-year-old Jewish believer in Jesus named Belle. She's affectionately known as "Bubbe [Grandma] Belle." She doesn't look a day over 73! Belle told us that she had been a secret believer for some time, but finally made her first public profession of faith when she was 80. At the same meeting, I met a Jewish lawyer who was open to discussing spiritual things. He came as a result of a local ad."

Josh Sofaer reported, "One of the highlights of every tour is meeting friends who support our work, and even better is meeting someone who came to the Lord through Jews for Jesus. While in Lexington, Kentucky, I met Angela who went, albeit reluctantly, to hear The Liberated Wailing Wall perform at a local church 15 years ago. She filled out a card noting that she would welcome a call. That same night, one of the singers called her and after meeting a few more times, Angela came to faith in Jesus as the Messiah. This year, I presented 'Christ in the Passover' at what is now her home church. They had a fellowship meal following the services and Angela was in charge of the group who made several Jewish Passover recipes—she makes a mean noodle kugel [holiday pudding]! What a joy it was to see this faithful believer walking strong and proclaiming Y'shua as her Messiah!"

Rob Wertheim reports, "I had a scheduled presentation for a Tuesday morning women's Bible study in Visalia, California. It was quite a distance away and I wondered why the Lord had me traveling so far. I was delighted when, near the end of my presentation, a man walked in and sat down in the back. I approached him after the presentation and learned that he was a new Jewish believer from the Fresno area. He's been seeking Jewish fellowship and had learned about my meeting on the Jews for Jesus web site. Praise the Lord!"

Sharon Freeman reports, "Before I arrived in Yakima, Washington, I received an email from a Jewish believer named Sarah. She was excited about my 'Christ in the Passover' presentation and it 'just so happened' that her unbelieving mom would be visiting. I suggested that she bring her mom to the presentation and that the three of us could have coffee afterwards. Not only did Allegra (Sarah's mom), attend and enjoy the presentation, but we spoke about Y'shua for the next two hours. Although she was not ready to put her faith in the Messiah, she was open to attend a local messianic congregation and to continue receiving ISSUES."

Marcello Araujo reports, "While in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the church arranged housing for me at the Howell residence. I soon discovered that Mr. Howell had not yet committed his life to Christ. I stayed with them for a couple of days, and when I invited Mr. Howell to receive the gift of salvation he prayed to begin his new life in Christ!"

Bob Mendelsohn reports, "The new Sydney branch was looking forward to celebrating our first Passover with many new friends who had expressed interest in our work. We found a Presbyterian church hall that seated 120 with a good kitchen. The pastor of the church was a Jewish Christian from South Africa. We sent out announcements to those on our newsletter mailing list at the beginning of March and hoped that 75 to 100 people would attend. The responses trickled in at first, but as we approached the cut-off date, over 100 reservations (with payment) came in. We were at 200 people! We revisited the hall, realigned the table configuration and set the hall for 260 people—we had 265! The volunteer kitchen crew managed, with God's help, to feed everyone a sumptuous four-course dinner in record time. What an opportunity to see God open hearts, bring out



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THE ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE

Having received so much from the Church, we in Jews for Jesus want to give something back to our spiritual family. We believe that God has placed us in His Body for a mutual building up of brothers and sisters in Christ.

That is one reason why our Jews for Jesus staff travel far and wide to present programs such as "Christ in the Passover" or "Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles." We love opportunities to share the richness of the Jewish roots of our Christian faith. At the same time, invitations to speak in churches often bring wonderful opportunities to reach unbelievers as well. For example:

Greg Savitt reported, "While I was on my 'Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles' tour, a Jewish man named Brian attended one of my presentations. A congregant named Clay had been witnessing to him for an entire year, but Brian had refused his many invitations to attend church. My presentation was an occasion for Clay to extend yet another invitation and, this time, Brian accepted! We met after the service and discussed Jesus at length. A few weeks later, the pastor of the church called to tell me that Brian had said 'yes' to Jesus and wanted to get baptized! Please pray for Brian as he is starting to encounter opposition from his unsaved Jewish family members and his wife (a Gentile) who does not know what to think about his new faith."

Bruce Rapp, the head of our Department of Mobile Evangelism, is usually on the scheduling end of our speaking engagements, so he especially appreciated

the opportunity to go on tour telling about "Christ in the Passover." He reported, "I was setting up the table for a presentation in Fairbanks, Alaska, when Loraine, an unsaved Jewish woman, approached me. We looked up a number of Scripture verses before I started my presentation. She sat in the front row and was attentive throughout the entire demonstration. Afterwards, she lingered as I packed up my materials. I asked Loraine if she believed that Y'shua is the Messiah. She tearfully replied, 'Yes,' and I led her in prayer as she asked Jesus to come into her heart. Since then, I've been in touch with the pastor by email. Loraine has been attending the church faithfully and even went to their Day of Prayer!"

David Mishkin reported, "I met a Jewish man named Robert at a Chinese Baptist Church in San Francisco. It turned out that Robert's sister is a Jewish believer who lives on the East Coast and Robert wanted to meet 'another' Jew for Jesus. Seeing the presentation publicized in a local newspaper enabled him to do that, and after the service he prayed with me to invite Y'shua into his heart! Praise the Lord!"

Dave Garrett reported, "After my meeting at Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan, a man named Mark (who had been raised in a Reform Jewish home) approached me to talk. I asked if he could wait for a few minutes until things settled down at my materials table. Unfortunately, that few minutes turned into 45! But Mark's patience had eternal significance—he prayed to receive the Lord!"

Janie-sue Wertheim reported from Jews for Jesus headquarters, "Susan, a Christian from Scottsdale, Arizona, called our office to learn how to share the

A Dozen Good Reasons for Becoming a Disciple

An “oldie but goodie” by Stuart Dauermann, former staff member of Jews for Jesus, now messianic rabbi of Ahavat Zion Synagogue in Beverly Hills.

Not only were the Messiah’s contemporaries on earth His disciples; we, too, ought to be His disciples, for a disciple is more or less a learner. The Greek word *mathetes* means “taught or trained one.” Y’shua called us *all* to be his disciples when He said:

“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and *learn of Me . . .*” (Matthew 11:28,29a—italics ours). “Learn of Me” is better translated “learn from Me”; in other words, “become My disciple.” Let’s take a look at three chapters in John’s gospel where we can find at least a dozen good reasons to accept the responsibility of becoming disciples of the Messiah. For brevity’s sake in this chart, the Bible texts are condensed, but we recommend that the entire passages be studied.

	GOAL	SCRIPTURE
	1. Find out what Jesus was like in order to become more like Him.	If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you . . . a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John 13:14-17
	2. Increase our knowledge of the credentials of the Scriptures and of Y’shua.	I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled . . . Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. John 13:18-19 (See also John 14:29)
	3. Learn the what and the how of becoming more loving.	A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13: 34-35 (See also John 17:25-26)
	4. Increase our understanding of our new status and destiny as children of God.	Let not your heart be troubled . . . In My Father’s house are many mansions . . . I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:1-3
omnipotent merciful loving righteous	5. Increase our understanding of who God is and what He is like.	Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him. . . . He who has seen Me has seen the Father . . . The words that I speak . . . I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.” John 14:6-10
	6. Discover the ways and means of supernatural living so that in our daily lives we may experience and express the difference that God makes.	Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. John 14:12
	7. Present opportunities for answered prayer by making our requests known to God.	And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. John 14:13-14
	8. Develop an understanding of the way in which God wants us to live, that we might obey Him and have more intimate fellowship with Him.	If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper . . . the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive . . . but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you . . . I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you . . . he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. John 14:15-21 (See also John 14:23-24)
	9. Live spiritually fruitful lives.	I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:1, 4,5. (See also John 15:16)
	10. Increase our joy.	These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11
	11. Be prepared to recognize and deal with hindrances to our spiritual lives.	If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you . . . If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you . . . But when the Helper comes . . . He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness . . . These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. John 15:18-16:1
	12. Increase our peace.	These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33

I believe the most important thing for each blood-bought child of God is the issue of obedience.

I became an evangelist-missionary because God called me into His service. I felt like I was drafted into God's Army and I wasn't going to be a draft dodger. I would have certainly volunteered, but I never thought that I was qualified. I felt honored that He wanted me.

Answering God's call and presenting myself to obey led me into a career of great joy and satisfaction. Serving God became my life's adventure. At the same time, presenting myself required that I be willing, able and ready to bear a cross.

There is a saying, "We all have our crosses to bear," as though anything which is unpleasant and unavoidable is comparable to the cross. But that demeans the meaning of the cross. Carrying the cross of Christ is much more severe than dealing with daily troubles and the trials of existence, and it carries much more meaning. It has to do with entering into the Calvary experience of Jesus.

Philippians 2:8 describes the cross as the apex of Christ's obedience: "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

And there is no way we can obey God and avoid the cross.

Jesus Himself underscored the importance of the cross for anyone who would follow Him: "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me'" (Matthew 16:24).

God does not call us all to be evangelists, but He does call us all to bear a cross for Him. There is no such thing as an easy way to be crucified with Christ. It is a continual dying to self, a continual separation from those to whom the gospel is seen as foolishness. It is the sacrifice of our self-image to be conformed into the image of Christ.

Yet there is a result of joy in obeying God, even in bearing the cross. We can be lifted in knowing that the burden we carry is one that God laid upon us. We can have confidence that the cross will work God's great purpose not only in our lives, but also in the lives of those whom He will reach by our obedience.

The saying, "We all have our cross to bear," is usually groaned by those who are doing what they must, but only because it is demanded. That was not Y'shua's attitude,

" . . . who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Those of us who have been redeemed by Y'shua's blood do all have our cross to bear. We can trudge along feeling sorry for ourselves under the weight of the cross. Or we can bear it as a badge of honor. We can endure because of the joy set before us. We can present ourselves readily, joyously and obediently because of the great privilege it is to serve the King of the Universe.

Obedience to God is not only the action of the moment. It is the way we think. Obedience to God is the attitude of being alert to Him, having our eyes fixed on the Lord, ready to respond to His gesture. We can cultivate the attitude of obedience by being aware of Him and alert to His cues. We can stand ready to stir ourselves to action. Most of all we can be confident of the fact that our obedience will result in joy.

Prayer Prompters

Please pray for:

-  many unbelievers to attend our "Christ in the Passover" meetings, and God's strength for our missionaries as they are away from home.
-  spiritual growth of those Jewish people who came to faith during last year's tours: Lorain (Fairbanks, Alaska), Robert (San Francisco), Mark (Michigan), Doug (Scottsdale, Arizona), Angela (Lexington, Kentucky) (pp. 4,5)
-  grace and strength for newish Jewish believer Brian who is encountering opposition from his unsaved family members (p. 4)
-  salvation for Allegra in Yakima, Washington (p. 5)
-  grace and strength for new believer Kim, especially among her young peers (p. 8)
-  salvation for Shelley and her mother (South Africa), Gabriel (Israel), David (Rancho Mirage, California) and the two Jewish college students in Washington, D.C. (p. 8)
-  spiritual growth for new Jewish believers Edna (Rancho Mirage, California,) and Kaye and Olga (Sydney, Australia) (p. 8)

Bits from the Branches

From **New York**, missionary Kina Forman reports, “It was such a blessing to be part of the teen program at the East Coast Ingathering. One night, I was walking Kim, the daughter of Carlos R., our building manager, to her cabin. When I asked her a question about her faith, she told me that although she prays every night, she doesn’t feel God’s presence. I explained God’s promise never to leave us or forsake us when we accept His gift of eternal life. She wanted to be close to God, but admitted she did not want to be tied to a set of rules. I explained the work of the Holy Spirit to her, how God can transform the desires of her heart when we trust Him, and she gave her life to Jesus! She immediately called her dad to tell him what she had done, and the next day she told all her friends the commitment she made. It was terrific to be a small part of God’s big plan for these young people.”

From **Johannesburg**, Theresa Sischy (married to missionary Michael Sischy) reports, “When my husband and I went to visit Shelley, we discovered that she’d been reading our *Questions & Answers* booklet and was eager to ask us a whole new set of questions. When her mother, Kathy, came into the room, I was concerned that she would disapprove of our meeting. To our surprise, however, she jumped right in and said, ‘I get very angry with people who dismiss Jesus, because He *did* exist and He *was* Jewish.’ By the close of the visit, Kathy explained to us that her brother Solly believed in Jesus. Mother and daughter have both agreed to meet weekly for a Bible study. Please pray for their salvation.”

Moshe Shuai, outreach worker in **Israel** reports, “Gabriel owns the store on a corner where we frequently sortie. I recently called him to suggest that we meet. We had a great conversation! I learned a lot about him and his family and he decided to take me up on my offer to get together. Gabriel seems to be very open to the gospel; please pray for his salvation.”

From **Washington, D.C.**, branch leader Garrett Smith reports, “Two Jewish college students saw our new sign and came in. They had many questions and agreed to meet with one of our missionaries, David Rothstein, to study the Bible. They even came back later that evening for our Bible study! God is really at work here in our new office!”

From **Southern California**, outreach worker Stephen Babkow reports, “I arranged to visit a new Jewish believer named Richard who was very interested in learning more about the Lord. On entering his house, I was introduced to his mother, Edna, who was not a believer. After going to the kitchen to get something for us to drink, Edna returned to listen in as Richard studied the Bible with me. She seemed very encouraged by my visit

with her son, so I then turned my attention to her and explained the gospel. She expressed a desire to ask Jesus to forgive her, so we prayed. Richard was so excited to be there when his mother prayed to receive Jesus. Since then, she has been attending church with her son every week. Now David,

Edna’s husband (who is 83 years young), is open to considering Y’shua’s claims.”

Branch leader Bob Mendelsohn reports from **Sydney**, “It was a joy to have our executive director, David Brickner, accompanied by David Mishkin, visit us from San Francisco. They both spoke at Bible colleges, church meetings and were interviewed on TV, radio and for the newspaper. Kaye, a Jewish woman, accepted Jesus during a visit while another Jewish woman, Olga, heard the gospel when she came to hear David during Jews for Jesus Family Night.

Also from Bob, “To answer the ‘It won’t work here like it does in America’ challenge: all I can say is that David Mishkin and I secured the names and addresses of seven unbelieving Jewish inquirers in less than two hours as we handed out broadsides together! Proof’s in the pudding, eh?”

