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GOD CHOSE YOU! *By David Brickner, Executive Director*

I frequently meet Christians who exclaim, “I wish I were one of the chosen people!” While I appreciate their love of Jewish people, I enjoy pointing out, “If you know Jesus, the Bible says you *are* one of God’s chosen people.”

Then I might add, “Just remember that being chosen has its burdens as well as its blessings.”

So Tevye the dairy man, beloved character from *Fiddler on the Roof* observed when he dryly suggested that maybe “for once” God could “choose someone else.” From Tevye’s perspective, being the chosen people had a high price—persecutions, wanderings and broken dreams—while the “benefit package” remained illusive and ill-defined.

Others have struggled with the concept of “chosen people.” Some have gone so far as to ask, “What makes the Jews think they are so special, that God would choose them over all other people?” Such questions thinly disguise the resentment that has often boiled up into vehement anti-Semitism. That resentment provoked the poet to write, “How odd of God to choose the Jews, but not so odd as those who choose the Jewish God and hate the Jews.”

The “oddness” stems from a failure to realize that “*chosenness*” reflects more on the One who chooses than on those who are chosen. God’s choosing is

meant to raise our awareness of His character, rather than to raise the status of those He has chosen. In choosing and preserving the Jewish people, God demonstrated to us and to the entire world that He is a loving God who is faithful to keep all His promises.

Nevertheless, the Jewish people are not God’s only chosen ones. The Hebrew

replaced the other. But there are important similarities.

In the Bible, God’s relationships with people are defined in terms of a covenant—a promise, or agreement. God made a series of promises to Abraham and his descendants, beginning with Genesis 12:3. God formalized His promises in a

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word for chosen, *bachar*, reflects the more familiar New Testament concept of election. The Church of Jesus Christ is the elect of God (2 Timothy 2:10). If you have received Him as your Messiah and Savior, that means that God chose you!

There are marvelous parallels in God’s choosing of Israel and the Church, parallels that can help unwrap the mystery of God’s great grace and mercy in this world. These parallels, or pillars of election, can be best understood in the concepts of relationship and responsibility. It is important to think in terms of parallels, because when comparing Israel and the Church, people are often tempted to combine the two. God’s chosen peoples are not the same. One has not

ceremonial covenant (Genesis 15:18). This covenant was binding. God promised a land and a people—and He promised a blessing. Israel was to bless the world, to be a light to the nations.

Likewise, God made a new covenant through Y’shua (Jesus) the Messiah. That covenant was foretold in Jeremiah 31, and Hebrews 9:15 declares Jesus as the mediator of that covenant. Those who receive Him receive the new covenant—and are known collectively as the Church.

God keeps His promises to both His “chosen peoples”—Israel and the Church—for His name’s sake. As certain as God’s promises are to the Jews, so certain are His promises to His Church. That’s one thing Israel and the

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Church have in common: relationships with God are based on His choosing, and sustained because of His character.

Another thing Israel and the Church have in common is that we both experience the same resentment the world feels toward God's chosen people. All you have to do is tell the average person that Jesus Christ is the only way to have a relationship with God. People will resent you for being narrow-minded, just as they resent my Jewish people for being "exclusive."

When God chooses people, He asks us to be different from the rest of the world. The rest of the world has a problem with that. When we don't do as they do, they feel judged—never a good feeling—and they view us as the source of it.

Of course God is the judge, not us. He sets the standards. He determined the basis upon which the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would be called out as the chosen people. Likewise, God has determined the basis on which people can enter into a relationship with Him today. That basis is the new covenant and faith in Y'shua—faith that sets us apart from the rest of the world.

When God chooses people, He charges them with a responsibility as well as a relationship. Part of that responsibility is to obey the commands that make us different from the world. And part of the responsibility is to invite the world into the kingdom of our God.

The Church has a holy duty, an obligation, a burden to share God's blessings with others and to invite as many as we can into this covenant relationship. That obligation is poignant

indeed when we consider God's other chosen people, the Jewish people. In one sense, my Jewish people have failed in our responsibility to be a light to the nations—because the majority of us have not yet realized that Y'shua (Jesus) is the source of that light.

Those of us who have been chosen through physical birth need to be chosen again through new birth in Christ. Our covenant for service and blessing must extend to the new covenant for salvation.

God used the Jewish people to bring salvation to the world, though most of my people failed to recognize the Savior. Now who will bring salvation to the Jews?

Therein lies the burden and calling of Jews for Jesus. We who are twice chosen by God are a reminder of God's faithfulness in calling His chosen people, Israel, to Himself—as well as an encouragement to the Church to shoulder her burden and continue reaching out to fulfill the responsibility God's first chosen people have yet to meet. This is a responsibility that some churches, some believers, strive to meet, while others shy away, often because of the world's resentment.

Thank God that, as with the Jews, the Church's chosenness is not jeopardized by failures, but is secure because of God's faithfulness to keep His promises.

How many sermons have you heard that reflect critically on Israel's unfaithfulness in the Old Testament, or the hypocrisy of the Jewish leadership portrayed in the New Testament? While the Church's blemishes may not receive quite as much attention, she receives plenty of public and private criticism. It is

difficult to balance obvious failures with the facts of God's unfailing love for both His chosen peoples. Yet the Bible manages to maintain this balance, and that is the approach we must insist on from one another today.

Oddly, when it comes to the Church and Israel, many people idealize one while speaking harshly of the other. And while some may be lacking in love for Israel, many who do love Israel seem overly hard on the Church—even though they are part of it. Just remember, Jesus died to redeem the Church. The Church is His bride. If you love Jesus, you are part of His Church and should rejoice in the relationship and the responsibility that gives you.

Israel and the Church both represent the blessing of God's choosing. Both demonstrate the truth of God's love and faithfulness, His mercy and His grace. Both may experience deep and abiding failure. Both may be resented, hated, even persecuted by the world. Yet both are people of great destiny with a hope-filled future. That future is secure, not because of the strength or the goodness of those who were chosen, but because of the faithful, loving and all-powerful God who chooses that He Himself might receive the glory.

Let's rejoice together in the high and holy calling He has placed on all of us who are His chosen people. Let's remember the great responsibility that election places on us to declare His excellencies. "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24-25)

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THE BEST OF The Holy Land TOUR

Lon Solomon, senior pastor at McLean Bible Church and a long-time member of the Jews for Jesus board of directors, is leading his 15th tour in Israel this year. Lon's Jewish background and his faith in Jesus combine for a very personal as well as biblical perspective on the land of Israel.

The tour will include ten days in Israel from October 20-29, 2002, with options to take additional time for a 4-day pilgrimage to Mt. Sinai, a 2-day excursion to Petra, Jordan, and a 5-day Cairo extension.

The package includes five-star accommodations, two meals per day

(full breakfast & dinner); all taxes; entrance fees; visas; boat trip across Sea of Galilee; Masada; St. Peter's fish lunch in Galilee; an opportunity for baptism in the Jordan River; communion at the Garden Tomb and much more.

"Early birds" receive significant price reductions for the Israel portion of the tour, so if you are interested, please ask Lon for more information right away. Write to: HLP Tours, P.O. Box 274, Merrifield, VA 22116.

(Please do not send your inquiry to Jews for Jesus, as the time it could take to forward it may affect your early bird discount.)

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SEE HOW YOU SCORE ON THIS "BIBLE LOVE TEST."

- Jacob loved Rachel so much that he:
- named his favorite camel after her
 - carved their initials on every cactus in Haran
 - worked 14 years for his father-in-law



- When Ruth wanted to let Boaz know that she was available, she:
- hired a skywriter
 - flirted with the field hands
 - uncovered his feet while he was sleeping and lay down next to them

Marry Me,
Boaz.



- When Hannah was so depressed that she could not eat, her husband Elkanah tried to comfort her by asking, "Aren't I better to you than . . .":
- chocolate
 - diamonds
 - ten sons

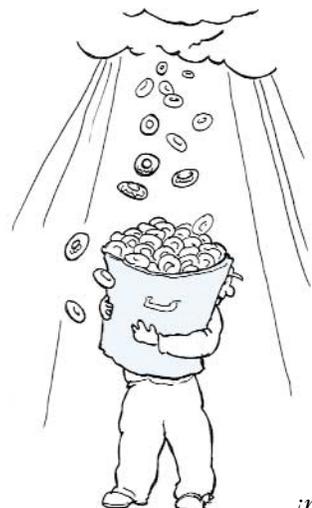


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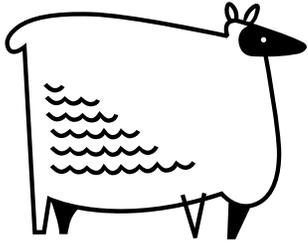
Please pray for:

- ▶ God's special blessing on churches courageous enough to stand for the gospel despite the world's displeasure
- our Tampa Behold Your God outreach (see p. 6 and the enclosed bookmark)
- ▼ salvation for Alexander (Dnepropetrovsk), Martin (Toronto) and Omer (Israel) (p. 8)
- grace and strength for new Jewish believers Klara (Odessa), Danit (Israel) and Robert (Los Angeles) (p. 8)

- God loved the world so much that He:
- gave us the moon
 - invented Krispy Kreme donuts
 - sent His only begotten Son to die in our place and rise from the dead so our sin could be forgiven



Answers: c c c and c how much God loves you!



G O D ' S C H O S E N P E O P L E S

God declares His choice

Deuteronomy 10:15 The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

THE CHURCH:

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light . . .

Not chosen according to merit, but to show God's love and character



Deuteronomy 7:7-8 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

God is faithful for the sake of another

Genesis 26:24 . . . I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake. Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. (see also Deuteronomy 4:31, 1 Samuel 12:22)

1 John 2:12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His [Jesus] name's sake.

Called to be holy

Leviticus 20:26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

1 Peter 1:15 . . . but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct . . .

God chose a mediator



Exodus 31:18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. (see also Exodus 34:28)

Hebrews 9:15 And for this reason He [Jesus] is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

God's grace for forgiveness of sin came through the sacrificial system

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

Hebrews 10:12 But this Man [Jesus], after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God . . .

God blesses those who bless His chosen

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Matthew 10:40 He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. (see also John 13:20)

God is the Shepherd

Jeremiah 31:10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock. (see also Genesis 49:24, Micah 7:14)

John 10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. (see also Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 7:17)

God is the Father



Jeremiah 3:18,19 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers. But I said: How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations? And I said: You shall call Me, My Father, and not turn away from Me. (see also Deuteronomy 32:6, Isaiah 63:16)

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father. (see also 2 Corinthians 6:18, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 4:6, Colossians 1:12)

God is the husband

Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. (see also Hosea 2:16)

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (see also Ephesians 5:23)

Chosen people bring light to the world



Isaiah 49:6 . . . indeed He says, It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth. (Israel brings light inasmuch as the Messiah comes forth from Israel and He is the light.)

Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

God's ultimate purification

Jeremiah 33:8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me.

Ephesians 5:27 . . . that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Called to be a community of priests

Exodus 19:6 You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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Chosen for an inheritance

Exodus 32:13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever. (see also Genesis 13:15 and Genesis 15)

1 Peter 1:3,4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you . . . (see also Romans 8:17, Titus 3:7)

Represented in the New Jerusalem



Revelation 21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel . . .

Revelation 21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.



The BYG* Pic

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to work in the tech industry and other emerging industries. The University of Tampa has some 2,000 Jewish students.

We chose February 1-18 for Operation Behold Your God as it is the heart of the high season in Tampa. The first weekend of February launches the historic Gasparilla Parade and Festival in honor of Jose Gaspar, a legendary French pirate who allegedly buried his treasures somewhere in the Bay. The festival draws some 400,000 people who come to enjoy the three-mile-long parade up Bay Shore Boulevard, along with a 2-day parade

campaign. First, we'll have campaigners distributing broadsides (our gospel tracts) in downtown Tampa, downtown St. Petersburg, and at local tourist spots such as the historic Ybor City. Campaigners will also be phoning people to offer free copies of "Survivor Stories," our video featuring the testimonies of seven holocaust survivors.

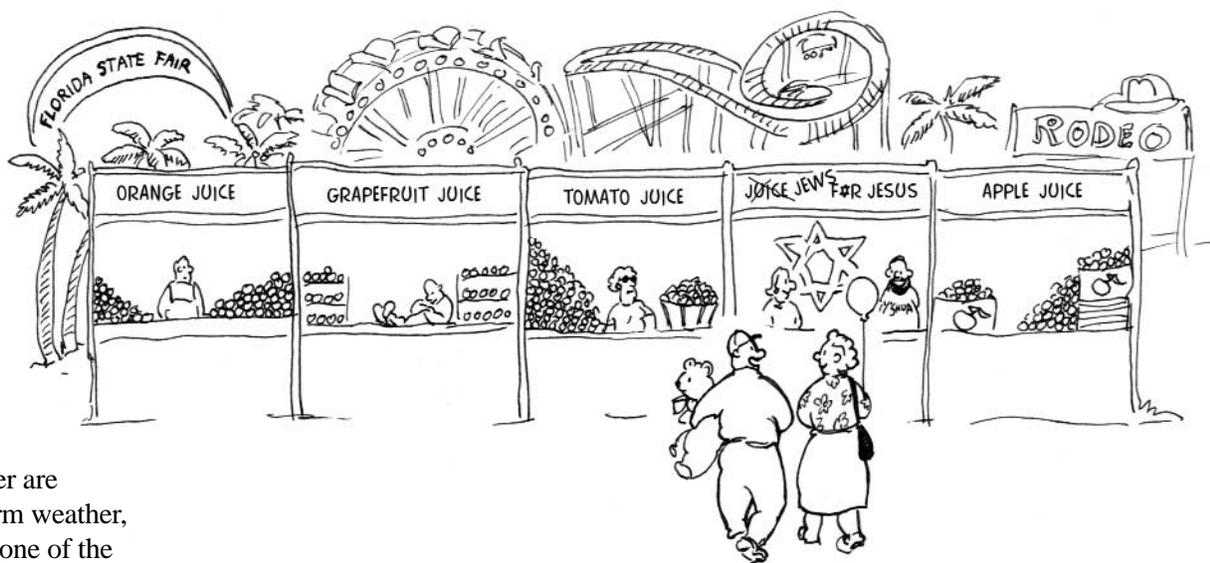
The second "prong" of the campaign will be our booth at the Florida State Fair from February 7-18. We will be in the main exhibition hall to greet guests with the good news of Jesus.

This month begins the second year of Behold Your God outreaches. Operation Behold Your God is our five-year effort to reach every city where 25,000 or more Jewish people live (outside of Israel, where we have a thriving branch).

This year we begin with Tampa, Florida. It is the largest of three cities that—along with a dozen or so beach towns and bedroom communities—make up the sprawling, diverse and frantically growing metropolis known as the Tampa Bay Area. (St. Petersburg and Clearwater are the other two cities.) Warm weather, world-class beaches and one of the busiest ports in the country may be why 2.5 million people have chosen to live there. It is also home to some 40,000 Jewish people, many of whom are "snow birds"—folks who fly in from various parts of North America between November and April.

The Jewish citizens of Tampa have a history of serving in nearly every civic, social and philanthropic agency. The mayor from 1886 to 1894 was Herman Glogowski. M. Henry Cohen served as municipal judge and Harry N. Sandler as circuit judge.

In the last few decades, more and more Jewish people have migrated to Tampa



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downtown. Our outreach also coincides with the Florida State Fair, which draws another 300,000 people.

Stan Meyer, the Jews for Jesus South Florida branch leader, has partnered with Messianic congregation Shoreside David in South Tampa to reach the Jewish people of Tampa Bay. Says congregational leader Steve Weiler, "I'm really excited about this partnership and I hope it will inspire unity within our movement."

Campaigners from across the U.S. will participate in this three-pronged

Finally, we will have a team sweeping outlying areas. They will focus on college campuses and beaches.

If you live in the Tampa Bay area or plan to visit between February 1-18, please drop by our booth at the Florida State Fair. Or better yet, consider joining us to serve for one or two days. We would love to have you with us to share the good news!

You can call Stan Meyer c/o the South Florida Jews for Jesus Branch at 954-917-3404, or e-mail us at JFJTampa@aol.com.

I have been asked about the Ephraimite movement: “Are they Messianic Jews? Is it true that we all have Jewish roots? Is it possible that I (as a Gentile) share in the promises given to Israel?”

The Ephraimite movement is similar to a group that was formerly called The Worldwide Church of God, founded and led by Herbert W. Armstrong. They taught that America and Northern European people were the ten lost tribes of Israel (even though Scripture seems to indicate the tribes were never lost).

The Worldwide Church of God failed to affirm the deity of Jesus. They taught their followers to observe the Sabbath, the Jewish holidays and the dietary laws. They viewed all other churches as apostate.

Unlike replacement theology, which postulates that the Church is the successor to Israel, the Ephraimite people say that they *are* Israel. They make a false distinction between Israelites and Jews. They claim to be true descendants from the ten tribes. They twist their genealogies hoping to wring out an Israelite ancestor, as though that might make them closer to the greatest Jew that ever lived, Jesus Christ.

What can you say when people maintain they are Israelites even though they have grown up with no Jewish relatives or Jewish identity? Such a doctrine is nothing more than identification theft. These people are stealing a background, a heritage, that is not theirs. But why do they do it? They seem to feel that “non-Israelites” have a lesser relationship with God. And that is a subtle form of racism. They overlook the fact that Calvary is a new start for everyone, Jew or Gentile.

Paul, in writing to the Romans, tells them that there are advantages to being Israelites, and that there is something that Jewish ancestry can provide: “. . . who are Israelites, to

whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.” (Romans 9:4-5)

Nevertheless, Paul also emphasizes that not all who are descendants from Israel are Israel: “But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called.’ That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.” (Romans 9:6)

In other words, God made a promise to Abraham, but then He narrowed down the channel of that promise to Isaac, not Ishmael. Similarly, the promise continued through Jacob (or Israel), not Esau. But the ultimate goal of that promise through the physical line is a promise that is met only in Y’shua.

Those of us who have that ancestry can only gain the full advantage by becoming spiritually rooted in Christ, as well as physically rooted in Jewish ancestry. Those who are not Jewish but have their spiritual roots in Christ have all they need. It is like Jesus’ parable of the workers who came at different times during the day, yet the master graciously gave them all the same wage (Matthew 20:1-16). Whether one comes to Christ as a Jew, having a covenant relationship that goes back thousands of years, or whether one comes to Christ as a Gentile, the gift of salvation is the same.

I think it is terrific when Christians want to know more about the Jewishness of Jesus, the Jewish background of the faith. Yet, in a sense, when we talk about the Jewish roots of our faith, we are talking historically, not theologically. If we try



to apply “Jewish roots” as a theological concept, it becomes a mangled metaphor. Romans 11:18 says, “. . . do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but *the root supports you*” [emphasis supplied].

Theologically speaking, the root is Christ, not Israel or the Jewish people. Our salvation and righteousness are rooted in Him alone.

Christ alone is sufficient for any Jew or Gentile. But that does not mean those of us who are Jewish don’t care about our heritage. We do not take being Jewish lightly and we do not think that being an “Israelite” is simply a matter of making a claim. When Ephraimites claim to share my heritage, I wonder if they have endured the insults and epithets that I grew up with as a Jew. I can’t help wonder where they were when Hitler was rounding up all of the children of Abraham for extermination. Being Jewish does not mean being superior, but being Jewish does mean something—and I do not want to see that meaning diminished.

For more information on the Ephraimites as well as a variety of information on “the Jewish roots movement” check out these web sites:
<http://www.jewsforjesus.org/ephraim>
<http://www.jewsforjesus.org/roots>



Dnepropetrovsk

Valera Bolotov reports, “I was handing out a broadside (gospel tract) titled ‘I’m a strange guy,’ when a man asked me, ‘What do you think, do I look like a Jew?’ I replied, ‘No,’ and kept handing out tracts. But he stayed close by, and after watching me for several minutes, he said, ‘I’m a stranger guy than you, because I *am* a Jew and I want to understand all this!’ 66-year-old Alexander S. grew up in an atheist environment, but has always realized the Creator’s existence. Please pray that the heard word of Good News would reach the depth of his heart and bring a worthy fruit of repentance.”

Odessa

Larissa Savelieva reports, “I had visited Klara and frankly did not think she was interested in the gospel. So I was surprised when she began attending our Sabbath services. Then she asked to study the Bible with me and we began meeting regularly. Klara asked me to pray for her relationship with her daughter. Recently at our Sabbath meeting I told Klara, ‘I want to talk about your relationship with Jesus. You should repent by now.’ She said, ‘I’ve been thinking about it, but I can’t do it in front of everyone—I’ll cry!’ After the service, Klara came with me to visit a new Jewish believer named Katya. We were discussing the Bible and I asked Klara if she wanted to repent then and there. She nodded her approval and we prayed. Please pray for Klara’s growth and also for her relationship with her daughter.”

Israel

Miriam Abramov reports, “I made a phone call to follow up on a referral and Danit, the young girl on the other end of the line, was eager to know

more about Jesus. However, I discovered that she was not yet 18. When I spoke to the parents, her father assured me of his permission to send his daughter literature. However, the mother was not as open. Knowing our policy, (and the law of the land) I decided to wait until her 18th birthday. I called Danit after her birthday and she was glad to hear from me. She had obtained literature from another

He reminds me so much of myself before I got saved. Please pray that Omer will soon come to faith.”

Toronto

Marcello Aurajo reports, “During a recent sortie (tract-passing expedition) a middle-aged man approached me, took a tract, stopped at the corner, and read it. Then he returned and told me that he was Jewish and found the idea of Jews for Jesus disgusting. I could see that he was distressed, so I asked if I could pray for him. He stopped, looking very surprised and said, ‘Yes!’ He then told me that his wife had passed away two weeks before, after a long battle with cancer. I prayed with him right then and there. Martin then gave me his phone number and asked me if I could call him.”

Los Angeles

Cyril Gordon reports, “A wonderful door opened for my wife Rhonda and me to minister at a home for the aged in North Hollywood. We led two Sunday afternoon services there, and then a rabbi found out about it and pressured the activities director to kick us out. (She actually had some women falsely accuse us of going door-to-door trying to convert them and soon after, we were asked to leave.) However, I had already met a 92-year-old Jewish man named Robert W. who wanted to know more about Jesus. I visited and shared the gospel with him every week for two months, and just the other day he prayed to receive forgiveness of sin through our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Praise God. All the hassling was worth it on account of Robert, a Jew whom the Lord was drawing to Himself for 92 years. Better late than never!”



source, but when I met with her in person, I had the privilege of helping her invite Jesus into her heart! Pray we will direct her well in the things of Messiah and for her growth in Him.”

Dan Sered reports, “A year ago I met a young man named Omer. He would not give his phone number but gave his address, asking me to send him a New Testament. Well, I sent it to him with a letter sharing my testimony. Three weeks ago Omer called and left a message, asking someone to call him back. I finally connected with him and he was very open for us to meet. He has been reading the New Testament for a year now and has many questions. He is studying computer science in Haifa.

