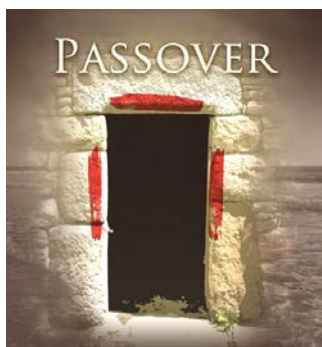


MARCH 2016 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Purim the feast of Esther: Purim begins March 24 at sundown. The story of Esther takes place between 517 B.C.E. and 457 B.C.E. (Before the Common Era). Miraculously a young Jewish woman became Queen of the Persian Empire. Her people were threatened with annihilation by Haman, the Prime Minister, because they would not bow to any man or god other than the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Haman cast lots or "dice," called Purim (singular Pur) to determine the day the Jews were to be slaughtered; hence the name Purim for the holiday. Esther risked her life to go before the king in order to plead for her people. As a result Haman, who asked to destroy the Jews, was put to death for his wicked plot, and the Jewish people were spared. Purim is a day of great mirth and merriment because we remember that God has delivered our Jewish people from many who wanted to destroy them. We eat three cornered (triangular) pastries filled with various fruit flavors because tradition has it that Haman wore a three cornered hat. He wanted to get rid of us, but we got rid of him! Thus we eat Hamantashan, "Haman Pockets". Satan has been behind the many attempts to wipe out the Jewish people, but God has said, "Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep" Psalm 121:4. "He who touches you, touches the apple (pupil) of His eye." Zechariah 2:8. "For You have established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your own people **forever**, and You, O Lord, have become their God." 2 Samuel 7:24. God has promised to bless those that bless Israel and curse those that curse Israel. Let us be among those who bless Israel." **PRAY:** We will be celebrating Purim at our Messiah's Lighthouse congregation service in New York City on **Friday March 25**. We will be inviting our unsaved Jewish contacts. Pray that many will come and that they will be drawn closer to faith in Messiah Jesus.



Passover: On **Friday April 29** we will celebrate Passover at Messiah's Lighthouse and invite many unsaved Jewish people. Passover is the story of redemption when God brought Israel out of slavery from Egypt. The blood of a lamb was placed on the doorway of the Jewish home in Egypt 3500 years ago to protect the firstborn son from death. All homes without the blood lost their firstborn sons. This biblical event points to the coming of the promised Jewish Messiah who is Yeshua/Jesus. He is our Passover lamb who was slain for us to bring redemption to all who trust in Him. Pray that as we share that Yeshua is the Passover Lamb that many will see the truth and believe on Him. **On the 14th day of Nisan** in 32 A.D., on the eve of Passover, Yeshua was crucified. The blood of the promised Sacrifice Lamb was shed: this is the redemption God has provided. The blood of the Passover lamb was placed in a basin in the doorway of the house. A branch from a tree was dipped in the blood and the blood was applied to the top of the doorway and the two sides. What do you see? A cross. 1500 years before it took place God was indicating how the Messiah Jesus would die.



Witnessing Campaigns, Seattle, WA: David and Peggy lead our Seattle Jewish outreach. They have established Shalom Fellowship: a monthly Bible study group of 20-25 people. Abe will be flying out to Seattle March 11 for a few days to share the Purim story with the Bible study group as well as encourage and plan. Pray too for David who has recently had right knee replacement surgery and is making good progress. He told me he is coming to NYC for our witnessing campaign in August. Pray for grace, healing and strength and restoration for his knees.

Begin to pray now for our evangelistic outreaches at two fairs in Seattle: May 21-22 47th Annual University Street fair, and June 17-19 Fremont Solstice Fair. There are 150+ booths at each fair, and usually we are the only light in the darkness:



100-150,000 people come to the two fairs and we will have a booth at each one. The sign on our booth is: "Can you be Jewish and Believe in Jesus?" Many Jewish people come to these fairs and we engage and challenge them to examine the issue of Jesus being the Jewish Messiah. **Pray** for good weather and no rain, for four or five people to join our team, salvations, and contacts to follow up.



MORE on NYC Messiah's Lighthouse Congregation: Rich, a Jewish man who is part of our congregation, has been witnessing to his sister Susan. She had pain in her back, and an exam showed a spot on her spine. We prayed for her and most tests have come back indicating it is benign. She continues to ask for prayer from her brother, knowing he is praying in the name of Jesus. **Pray** that God will continue to heal her, and that He will take the veil off of her eyes and she will soon come to faith in Messiah Jesus.

On February 12, Eric (one of our congregants) led David, a Sephardic [Spanish/Middle Eastern] Jewish man in his 60's, to pray to receive Jesus as his Messiah and savior at our ML service. David asked for a Bible. We have not seen him since that night. Pray he returns. He had previously visited our service from time to time.

Witnessing Campaign, NYC: Our annual witnessing campaign in Manhattan is August 11-19, 2016. This is a short-term missions opportunity open to anyone from age 16 and on, with a heart to share the Gospel with Jews and Gentiles in NYC.



There are over 3 million Jewish people in this area, and they need to be reached with the Gospel. This year, we will be reaching people through a variety of methods including broadside distribution, tables set up in high traffic areas and more. [see picture] Would YOU consider partnering with us? **The cost is \$750, and includes housing, meals, local transportation during ministry days and training.** Out of town participants need to arrive on August 10, as training starts early on the 11th. The dorm accommodations are spacious and comfortable, and for married couples there are a few private rooms available. Please contact us if you have questions. Bring your Youth Group, bring your "seasoned citizens" group, and bring comfortable shoes! For more information, please see our brochure, attached to this email, or contact us through the contact page on the website, phone or email. We'll mail out your application forms right away!



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Pray for Workers: We are looking to develop some new ways of reaching the Jewish people, including consideration of personnel to handle **media outreach**. We are also working on new ways to broaden our reach to Jewish **college students**. *"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38 NIV*

AOIJM & Sandler Family News: **Abraham**, our son, and his wife Sheila are living in Pittsburgh and reaching out to Jewish people there. He recently developed a back problem, herniated disc, which left him in great pain and unable to walk on his left leg. He has had some treatment (and much prayer) and is well on his way to full recovery. **Please pray for a quick recovery and for God to heal completely.**

Kim, our Office Assistant, had surgery on December 2 to remove a small cancerous tumor on her kidney. Praise God all went well; she is recovering nicely with no further treatment needed.

Philadelphia PA area: a coffee house ministry in Willow Grove PA, **FRESH GROUND Coffee House**, hosted a Philadelphia area Jewish musician on stage. He brought his Holocaust-survivor (almost 90 years old) grandfather, who shared his experience, and sang "Prayer for the *Tzahal* (the Israeli Army): Avinu Shebashamayim". The entire coffee house became enthralled in honor of this man and his song. One could have heard a pin drop. Grandfather read the Jewish literature the coffee house provides which includes a clear presentation of the Gospel. One of our congregants clearly heard the Lord prompt her to bring a homemade challah bread for this family, and their response was one of delight and surprise that the people in the church would so honor them. **Please pray for the salvation of this family.** Also, another Jewish lady, Ruth, attends the coffee house regularly. **Pray that God will increase her hunger for Him** and that His kindness will draw her to repentance.

Your prayers and support enable us to continue bringing the message of salvation to our Jewish people. Thank you and God bless you as He promised to bless those that bless Israel Genesis 12:1-3.

"Jewish people are not unreachable, they are just unreached."[®]

For God's Glory and Israel's Salvation,

Abe and Janet Sandler

Our mission: We exist to bring the good news of Messiah Yeshua/Jesus to Jewish people in the United States of America and worldwide, and to make disciples of Jewish believers.

Newsletter and E-mail Prayer Information: We send out our paper newsletter 4 times a year. We also send out a *monthly* email update: these contain up-to-date information on: campaigns, contacts, congregations and prayer requests. Contact us for JETS at your church, missions presentations, interest in short-term missions for Summer 2016, college visits & more!

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