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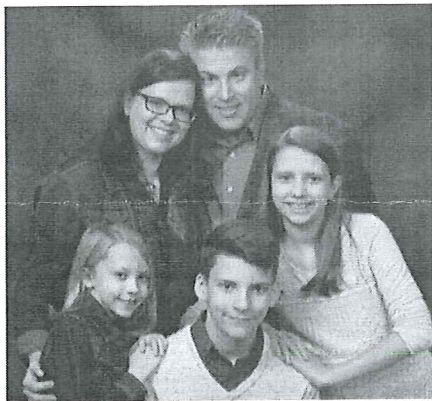
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New Family Picture

(Available upon request...good rodent repellent and prayer prompter)



Beginnings of Youth Group



One by One



Blessed

March 2017

Shalom Haverim,

Winter is coming to an early end, and we praise God for all the ministry opportunities the unseasonably warm weather is presenting.

MINISTRY UPDATE

I often try to go out Wednesday and Friday afternoon with gospel tracts. Friday is especially exciting because the ultra-orthodox Jewish men are out trying to bring Jewish people back to a more observant lifestyle. In addition, please pray for holiday tract outreaches for *Purim* and *St. Patrick's Day*, when both Jewish and Catholic people are receptive.

One of the Russian Jewish ladies who has come for many years recently opened her home to Joy and another believer. This lady has come faithfully, but more for social reasons, and always puts off spiritual conversations. Over brunch, she opened up spiritually more than ever. Please pray. I have had several good opportunities to witness to Manny and Sy this winter, and the Lord has also brought several other new Jewish contacts in this year.

Each Monday my wife Joy has a Bible study with about six ladies who are looking to increase their English skills. Recently one of the Japanese ladies made a profession of faith. I witnessed to her husband during a children's program and he said he has been searching as well, and the Lord has placed a Japanese believer in his workplace who is witnessing to him. Another Japanese believer who has her children in our *Thursday Art/Bible program* said her unsaved husband would be open to have a monthly Bible study. We had our first one and it went well.

Each month we now have "*Shalom Youth*" activities. We had eight young people out recently for a scavenger hunt followed by a Bible study and plenty of food! God is so good, He allowed us to reach children by offering art classes with a Bible study and now some of the kids are older and need a youth group. One of the young ladies is asking questions and trying to figure out what to believe. Please pray for Fernanda's salvation.

On *Sunday, March 12*, we have our *Purim evangelistic service*. The holidays offer great opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus our Messiah with the community. We have many Jewish and Gentile non-believers attend these services where they hear the gospel message.

PRAYER AND PRAISES

Pray for our close walk with the Lord, our family, homeschooling

Pray for the salvation of the lost who attend weekly services/Bible studies

Pray for Shalom Youth and children's ministries

Pray for street evangelism/tract ministry and Purim service

Praise the Lord for the Japanese lady who made a profession of faith

Shalom in Messiah,

John, Joy, Zach, Hannah and Valerie

JEWISH TRIVIA | *You probably know...* the *Book of Esther* is the only Book of the Bible that does not contain the *Name of God*? *But did you know...* According to Jewish tradition, the name of God would be omitted from this book, also called *The Megilla (meaning "scroll")*, because it was a letter sent out to various districts and could be desecrated or mishandled.