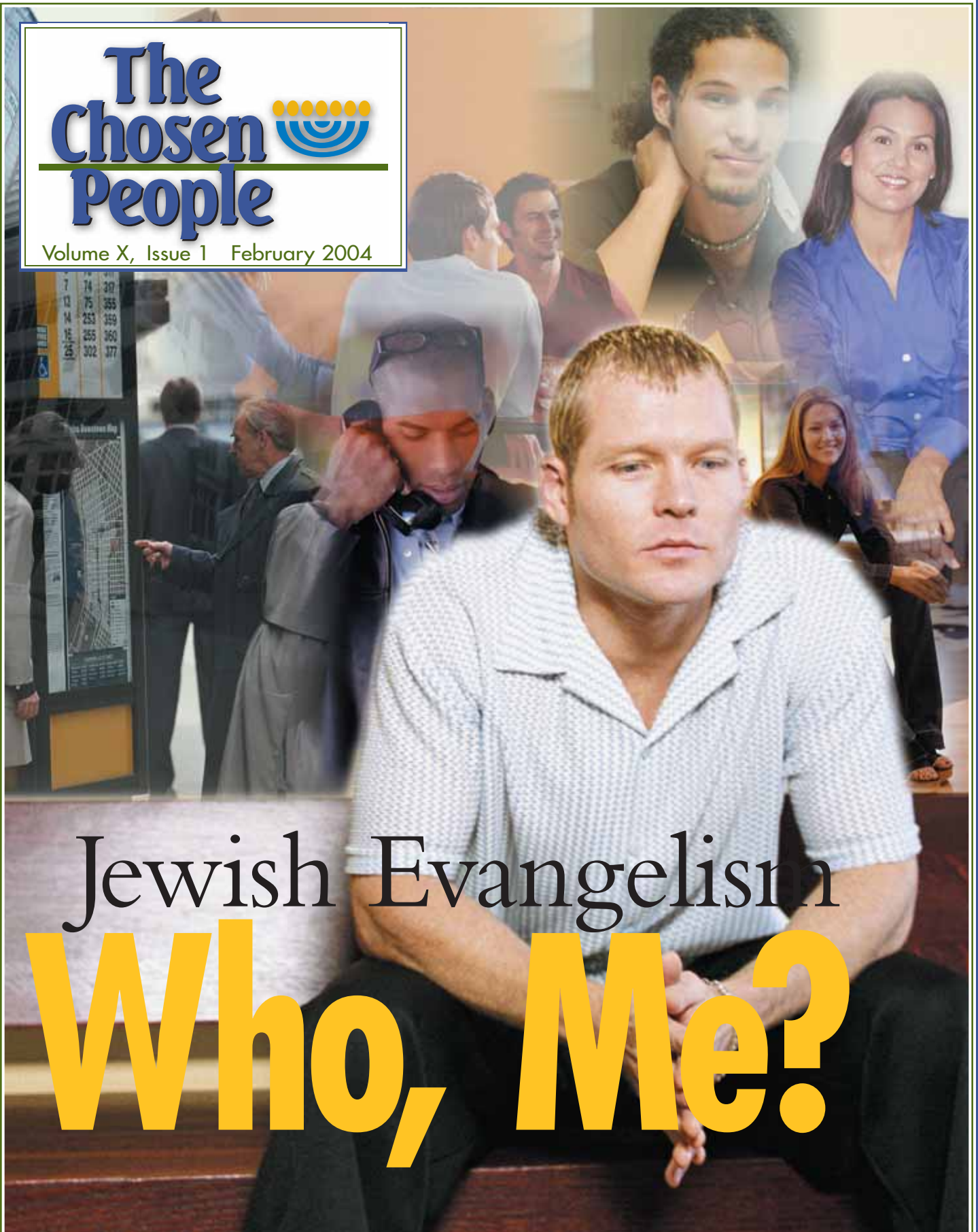


# The Chosen People



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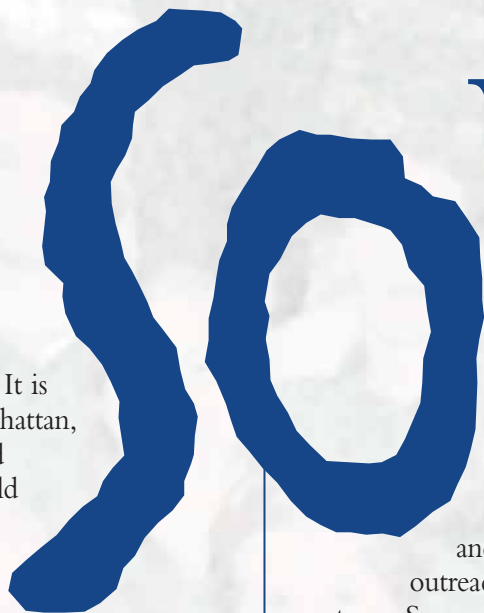
Dear friend,

Shalom from New York City. It is still cold in Manhattan, but if you would allow me, I would like to turn our thoughts to the warm weather.

I know that our friends in the Northeast and Midwest won't mind!

While a lot of folks wind down for the summer, your Mission to the Jewish people "cranks up!" We sponsor a number of wonderful short-term outreach opportunities, and I want to make sure that you—as one of our dear friends—know about some of the incredibly valuable training programs you can be a part of this summer. But since we all have busy schedules, I know that if you are even going to think about doing any type of short-term ministry later this year, you must begin planning now.

We've included a variety of ways and places to minister, so we can include as many friends as possible in serving the Lord among the Jewish people with



# What Are You

Chosen People Ministries. Let me tell you about some of these.

**STEP** – If it's in-depth training and a variety of outreach opportunities you

want, our Summer Training and Evangelism Program (STEP) is our premier "stick your toe in the water" experience in hands-on Jewish evangelism. The four-week STEP program is primarily for students. However, the Lord also draws others to this intensive training and practical outreach program in Chicago and New York.

**"STEP in a Week"** – It's this simple: Got a week? We'll show you the Jewish world in New York City! This one-week program is a combination of training and evangelistic outreach where you'll witness side by side with our staff at Chosen People Ministries' International Headquarters. Plus, field trips will bring Jewish history and contemporary life alive in the heart of the world's largest Jewish community—outside Israel, that is!

**eXperience Israel** – If you're 18-35 years old and have a taste for adventure and a godly desire to take the Gospel to where it was first proclaimed, eXperience Israel could be the missions trip for you. For two weeks, you'll see the people and experience the history of the Land of Promise, while sharing the Good News of Messiah.

## Internships in New York City

If you're a student looking for a summer internship, you might consider working with Chosen

People Ministries in New York. This most dynamic of cities offers opportunities for outreach experiences with all sorts of Jewish people—from the ultra-Orthodox to the secular and every point in between. You'll be working with the tremendous people and resources at our New York City headquarters. Rachel G., who coordinates our internship program, says, "I love working with interns. They bring such a variety of skills to the task of Jewish evangelism, and it is a joy to

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watch them grow! We can custom-make any internship throughout the year. We can help make a vision happen!" You can reach Rachel at [opportunities@chosenpeople.com](mailto:opportunities@chosenpeople.com).

## More Ways to Serve

There are many other ways to serve with Chosen People Ministries and receive further training. Let me tell you about some of our ongoing ministry programs.

## VIP – Volunteer Involvement Program

Want to stay where you are and serve the Jewish people of your community? Chosen People Ministries' Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) is designed for people who are grounded in ministry where

# Doing this Summer?

God has planted them. If you have a burden for the Jewish people, Chosen People Ministries will help you put your gifts to work. We'll help you start a prayer meeting, host missionaries or coordinate Jewish outreach events in your hometown. We'll also provide training in Jewish evangelism.

## One-Year Campus Internships

Who are the leaders of tomorrow? The students of today! Campus ministry reaches people of influence in their formative years. Other than in childhood, the greatest number of decisions for Messiah are made in college years. If you are interested in finding out more about how to be a part of our growing campus outreach, please contact Darrin and Sharon Speck at [darrinsharon@chosenpeople.com](mailto:darrinsharon@chosenpeople.com).

Darrin says, "One of the great things about working with college students is that they are full of ambitions, dreams and ideas. Challenging them to channel their creativity into a relationship with God is an exciting privilege." We have opportunities in both Washington, DC, and New York City.

## Is Full-time Service for You?

Short-term missions sometimes lead to longer commitments. But perhaps the Lord is already calling you to full-time service in Jewish evangelism. Have you ever thought about becoming a full-time missionary with Chosen People Ministries? The Mission is now accepting applications for full-time staff members around the globe. If you are interested in learning more, call Stewart Jefferson at 1-888-2-YESHUA for an application.

I want you to know that I have prayed quite a bit before writing this small paragraph! Why? Because joining a full-time ministry among the Jewish people is "more than a job." It is a calling—and we are eagerly and actively seeking those whom the Lord is calling to become full-time, part-time, and "bi-vocational" missionaries with your Mission to the Jewish people.

There are a number of other qualifications besides "a missionary call" to the Jewish people—but "God's call" is what is most important to us. You might be unsure at this moment about your "calling"—that is understandable—but call and speak with Stewart or myself anyway. We will pray with you and do what we can to help you discern God's will. And...joining us for one of our exciting short-term projects would be a great first step!

The other qualifications might mean you will have to get further theological training. And as you know, every Chosen People Missionary raises his or her own support. Why not ask the Lord, "Are you calling me to a ministry among the Jewish people?" I hope you will pray that prayer.

## Be a Church Ministries Coordinator for Chosen People Ministries

There are many behind-the-scenes positions that provide support for our missionary staff. None is as important as Church Ministries Coordinator. Church Ministries Coordinators contact churches, Messianic congregations and schools for Chosen People Ministries missionaries and other Mission representatives to present our calling.

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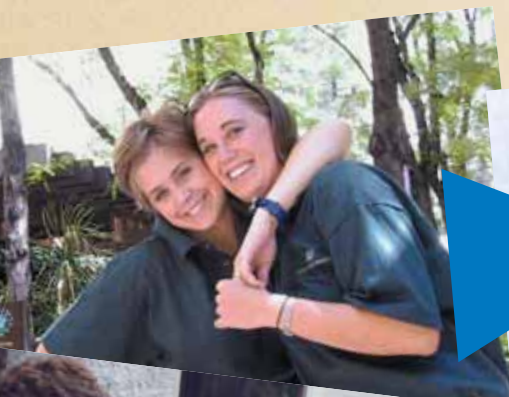
Julia Freeman, who supervises this vital aspect of the Mission's ministry, says, "Church calling puts you in touch with some wonderful ministers, and there are also sometimes unexpected opportunities to minister to others through prayer. Although there are spiritual battles, the work certainly causes us to draw closer to the Lord." This is a full-time, paid position. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, which is available in New York City and Florida, call Julia at 1-888-405-5874 or email her at [julia@chosenpeople.com](mailto:julia@chosenpeople.com).

Although there are many ways to serve in the vineyard of the Lord, none is more challenging or fulfilling than the Biblical mandate to bring the Gospel to the Jewish people—*"Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?"* (Romans 11:12,15).

Your brother  
in Him,



Dr. Mitch Glaser  
President



## STEP into Jewish Evangelism

STEP (Summer Training and Evangelism Program) has served as a gateway to Jewish missions for hundreds of people in the past years. There is simply no better way than STEP to “try on” Jewish evangelism and see how it fits.

This four-week U.S. program (June 8–July 6) begins in Chicago at the Moody Bible Institute. There, STEP participants will learn about Jewish religion, history and culture—and receive training in Jewish evangelism that will shortly be put to full use on the streets of New York City, the heartland of Jewish life in America.

Once in New York, STEPpers are joined by Chosen People Ministries staff members for outreach evangelism and visits to Jewish cultural sites. The highlight is July 4th, when literally hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers gather in Manhattan to watch the fireworks display over the East River. On that day alone, STEP volunteers and Chosen People Ministries staff typically distribute 20,000–40,000 tracts.

And now this year STEP will be held in Canada also. Be sure to see the back page for information about our STEP Canada outreach July 31–August 15.

Regardless of your level of knowledge, the STEP program is designed to provide practical skills and spiritual insights that you will take with you for the rest of your life. The Chosen People Ministries staff will help in every way possible to make this four-week short-term mission meaningful for you and fruitful for the Messiah’s kingdom. And who knows—it might be the beginning of a lifelong calling to service!

One participant had this to say:

*I love sharing the Lord with people in New York because so many are willing and eager to engage in conversation about God—about things that really matter.*

## Step-in-a-Week

If you don’t have a full four weeks to devote to Jewish evangelism this summer, don’t despair! For the past two years, Chosen People Ministries has offered Step-in-a-Week, a one-week immersion in Jewish evangelism and culture (July 11–18). Training and street evangelism plus field trips and walking tours add up to an unforgettable week of ministry and fellowship.

Participants stay in a Midtown Manhattan hotel and gather each morning at Chosen People Ministries’ International Headquarters for worship and teaching. From there, the day continues with evangelistic opportunities and visits to cultural centers such as Ellis Island, the Jewish Museum and the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

John, who participated in 2003, had this to say:

*Step-in-a-Week has given me greater insight into the Jewish perspective and has equipped me for greater effectiveness in all areas of ministry. I gained a spirit of boldness in sharing the Gospel! It was amazing to see how God laid out ‘divine appointments’ for us...I hope to come back again next year!*

## eXperience Israel

Geared for ages 18–35, “eXperience Israel” is a life-changing encounter with the Promised Land and its people. A rich combination of ministry and travel, eXperience Israel (July 11–25) partners with existing Israeli ministries to provide an opportunity for wonderful evangelistic encounters. Experienced and knowledgeable Israel guides from Chosen People Ministries provide a “Messianic perspective” on Biblical sites that will prove truly memorable.

There are over five million Jewish people living in the Land of Israel—from all walks of life. You might find yourself rubbing elbows at a shop with an ultra-Orthodox Jew in Jerusalem, or maybe you’ll be swimming at a beach and have the opportunity to witness to one of Israel’s secular, atheistic citizens.

eXperience Israel brings alive both Israel’s past and Israel’s present. You will walk where Jesus and the disciples walked, and you will pray where they prayed. But you will also be “up close and personal” with the Israel of today—its places and its people—as you bring the message of Messiah to those who so desperately need to hear it.

One member of last year’s eXperience Israel team summed it up this way:

*This trip to Israel will provide direction and will change your life! The overall sense of peace there provides healing to any soul.*

## Other Opportunities

The variety of opportunities with Chosen People Ministries is expanding all the time. This is due, in part, to the creative vision of our Short-Term Missions Strategist, Rachel G. Rachel writes,

*Our short-term Missions Department can show your church group the needs of the Jewish community through outreach, cultural understanding and prayer. Our experienced missionary staff will train and lead you in outreach to the different Jewish communities of New York.*

Rachel is eager to work with your church group or

campus ministry to customize a short-term missions trip, not only during the summer, but also at other times of the year.

Another opportunity is for a hands-on internship. If you are looking for elective credit or directed study at your school, Chosen People Ministries will work with you to design just the right internship in fields such as journalism, non-profit administration, electronic media, evangelism, campus ministry and other areas.

## The Time Is Ripe!

This is a time of great opportunity for believers who have a heart for the Jewish people. Are you one of them?

Although we live in a modern world, God's mandate to bring the Gospel to the Jewish people remains the same. The words of the Apostle Paul ring as true as ever:

*I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Messiah, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. (Romans 1:16)*

Jewish evangelism is an exciting mission field! If you or anyone you know would like more information, call our headquarters in New York City at 1-888-2-YESHUA.

Join us in the adventure of Jewish evangelism!

# Jewish Evangelism

# Who, Me?

## Short-Term Summer Opportunities with Chosen People Ministries

Although there might be snow on the ground where you are living and icicles hanging from the eaves—summer is coming! Before we know it, the summer months will be upon us. So, before time grows short, we want to showcase some of Chosen People Ministries' short-term missions opportunities. They just might be what you or someone you know have been seeking.

# See the Through Jewish Eyes Bible

by Daniel Goldberg, Th.D., D.D.



## REVELATION SEVEN: THE TRUE WITNESSES OF THE LORD

The seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation is a vision of suspense and majesty. Four angels hold back the forces of nature in a mighty moment of proclamation. The twelve tribes to which the 144,000 Jewish witnesses belong appear as a heavenly roll call (Revelation 7:5-8). They, in turn, are associated with the salvation of an enormous Gentile host.

Ultimately, Jewish witnesses will fulfill the Great Commission as given by the Messiah in Matthew 24:14, "And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." The Lord also declared to Isaiah that His people Israel were to be His special witnesses: "You [Israel] are My witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant

*whom I have chosen...*" (Isaiah 43:10). Meanwhile, Revelation 7 emphasizes three demonstrations of God's grace during the Tribulation Period.

### **SPECIAL PROTECTION IN MINISTRY (Rev. 7:3)**

All the witnesses are sealed on their foreheads and protected from harm until they accomplish their ministry. In contrast to the "mark of the beast" (Revelation 13:17), the 144,000 have the Father's seal inscribed on their foreheads (Revelation 7:3). This special mark of ownership secures their protection until their witness work is accomplished. The seal of ownership guarantees their arrival in heaven (Revelation 14:1-3). Today all believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13,14).

### **THE SUPERNATURAL PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL (Rev. 7:4-8)**

The identity of the Jewish people in relation to the tribes of Israel is problematical, as the genealogical records were destroyed when the Temple was burned in AD 70. The ten so-called "lost tribes" were deported to Assyria in 721 BC. But nothing is lost to a covenant-keeping God! Even though the tribe of Dan is excluded from the list in Revelation 7:5-7 and Joseph is named instead of his son Ephraim, no tribe is ultimately lost. Ezekiel lists all the tribes of Israel for inheritance of the Promised Land when Messiah Himself will return. There we see Dan and Ephraim are included (Ezekiel 48:1-6). The Lord has promised supernatural preservation for His witnesses throughout the ages (Psalm 89:30-37).

### **REPENTANCE AND REVIVAL (Rev. 7:9,10)**

Until the time of Messiah's first arrival, the greatest Gentile revival of all time was the repentance of Nineveh under Jonah's preaching (Luke 11:29-32). Here in Revelation 7:9 is the greatest revival of Gentile believers of all time, before the Second Coming of the Messiah. The text indicates that "a multitude which no man could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples" are regenerated. What a demonstration of God's grace in the Tribulation time!

### **JEWISH WITNESSES IN EVERY AGE**

In every age, God specially employs Messianic Jews as His witnesses. In Old Testament times, Israel gave us the prophecies that Messiah Jesus has fulfilled. In New Testament times, Jewish evangelists like Paul planted churches among the Gentiles. In the terrible Tribulation time, the true Jewish witnesses of Revelation 7 will win a great multitude. Little wonder then that we are given the Biblical priority that the Gospel is "for the Jew first and also for the Gentile" (Romans 1:16). ✨

**TWO SALVATION DECISIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Mark Ellick and Olivier Melnick, Chosen People Ministries missionaries in Southern California, recently visited Janice and Roger\*—a Jewish woman and her husband to whom they had been witnessing. Roger was in the end stage of cancer, and once again, they shared the Gospel with him. Clearly, God had been working on Roger’s heart, as he was ready to receive Yeshua as his Savior. Mark led Roger, whose voice was barely a whisper, in a prayer of salvation. Next, they turned their attention to Janice. She was hesitant, but after some conversation and questioning, she also prayed to receive the Lord. Roger died two days later, and now both he and Janice are resting in Messiah’s peace.

**A “HANDPICKED” GROUP FORMS BIBLE STUDY**

Randall and Luda Ford have begun English/Bible classes in Queens, New York. All the students except one are unbelieving Jewish people, and most of them are Bukharan Jews, the unreached sub-culture that Randall and Luda feel called to reach. None of the students had ever heard that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah foretold in Hebrew Scripture. The community center in the complex where the Fords live in Queens has provided space, and Randall and Luda are greatly encouraged. They say, “God seems to have handpicked each of the students!”

**ORTHODOX JEWISH MAN PRAISES MESSIANIC CONGREGATION**

Recently, an Orthodox Jewish man began attending services at the Messianic congregation in Montreal led by Percy Johnson. At first, the man just watched and listened. Then one day, he said to Percy, “I was looking for a place where I would feel at home, and I think I’ve found it. I see such joy here! Never in all my 55 years of attending synagogue have I seen services like this. If I had raised my own children like this, they would not have left Judaism. If there could be more congregations like this, more Jews would come back to their God.” What a blessing!

**PRAYER UPDATE FROM FRANCE**

Many friends of Chosen People Ministries have expressed prayerful concern for Daniel Solomon, the Mission’s outreach worker in France, who was diagnosed some months ago with a terminal illness. We are happy to report that Daniel’s health is improving. However, he will not be able to continue with the work. Before he became ill, Daniel had been able to bring unity to the work in France, and he established excellent relationships with different ministers. Guy Athia, an old friend of the

Mission, has been helping in the work. Please keep the Solomons in your prayers.

**WORK IN MEXICO EXPANDING**

Elias and Rosa Habif, Chosen People Ministries’ missionaries in Mexico, have much to rejoice about. From a group of three women who began to meet in the Habifs’ dining room three years ago, the Messianic fellowship has grown to over 50 people. Last year, the Habifs started another congregation in Pachuca City, about 50 miles from Mexico City, and it already numbers 30 people. A member from the Pachuca City congregation has offered to donate land for our future Messianic Jewish facility there. Both fellowships consist of Jewish and non-Jewish people and have been reaching out to non-believing Jewish people, praying for them and inviting them to Bible studies and special services.



**PHONE CALL LEADS TO FAITH DECISION**

Steve Fenchel, Chosen People Ministries’ congregational leader in New York City, recently received a telephone call from Jacob,\* a Jewish man in his late thirties who called with spiritual questions. Steve invited him to meet, and the next day, after sharing the Gospel, Steve led him to the Lord. Jacob has started to attend services and is eager to learn what it means to be a Jew who believes in Messiah Jesus. Jacob will be the first person baptized in our New York City congregation and, as Steve says, “He came into our midst because he had heard that we would speak to Jewish people about faith in God!”

**ORTHODOX JEWISH MAN MAKES FAITH DECISION**

Isaac,\* an Orthodox Jewish young man, recently contacted our staff in Brooklyn through a series of referrals that involved relatives in Israel and the United States. Isaac asked serious questions about Jesus and also requested a New Testament. Then he started calling three or four times a week. After the first week, his calls came from Israel, where he had journeyed because of the death of his grandmother. During one of their discussions, our staff member sensed that Isaac was ready to accept Yeshua, and they prayed together that evening. Our worker wrote, “Isaac prayed from his heart as if he had done so all his life.” Please pray for Isaac to grow as a new follower of the Lord and for salvation for his entire family.

\* Names changed



“Building Redemptive Relationships”  
at  
**SIMCHA 2004**

Simcha means “Joy”—and this annual Chosen People Ministries conference promises to be one of our best, with special speakers Rev. Scott Brown, Dr. Mitch Glaser and Rev. Dennis Karp exploring the theme of redemptive relationships in Messiah.

**When:** May 27-30

**Where:** Philip Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Enjoy a joyful respite of teaching, worship, fun and fellowship with your whole family, and renew your appreciation for the promises of God’s Word. For more information, call Chosen People Ministries headquarters at 1-888-2-YESHUA.

October 18-28, 2004

See Israel  
Through  
Jewish Eyes

When is a good time to visit Israel? The answer is “Now!” There is no better time to see the land of the patriarchs and the Messiah! Make your plans now to join Dr. Ben Alpert, Chosen People Ministries’ veteran Israel guide and gifted Bible teacher, for the trip of a lifetime, October 18-28. Make this the year that you walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles.

For more information and a free, full-color brochure, call 1-800-459-9402.

**2004 Summer Missions Opportunities**

**STEP - June 8 - July 6**

Challenging and rewarding! Spend a month reaching out to the Jewish people of Chicago and New York City!

**STEP-in-a-Week - July 11-18**

The perfect evangelism program if you only have a week to spare—on the street in New York City.

**eXperience**

**Israel - July 11-25**

Tour Israel and bring God’s Word to the Promised Land—for ages 18-35.

For more information on any of the above programs, call

**1-888-2-YESHUA**

**STEP CANADA - July 31 - Aug. 15**

Share the Good News of Jesus the Messiah with the Jewish People in Toronto and Montreal.



This new Chosen People Ministries short-term mission is open to adults 18 and over with a heart to reach the Jewish people of Canada. Attend one or both weeks.

STEP in Toronto – July 31-August 8

STEP in Montreal – August 7- 15

For more information, call **1-888-4-HALLEL**

Be sure to ask about STEP CANADA scholarships and the “early bird” discount when you call!



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