



CJF Ministries

Ministry Update



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Shalom and blessings to you!

Haredi Ministry

Praise God that He has gathered workers from several messianic ministries to team up to reach the ultra-Orthodox with the Good News of Messiah, Jesus. Recently, we started an online Bible study geared to believers and seekers from that background. It's so exciting! Please pray for the current attendees to come to or grow in their faith, and pray that God will connect us with others who will join us in studying the New Covenant Scriptures. Pray especially for the secret believers who still live in the community, that they will grow in their understanding of New Testament truths and internalize their freedom from the Law of Moses and the authority of the rabbis.

Another new initiative involves launching a new Facebook group called "Haredi Ministry Focus." This private group is designed to be a forum for believers like you to learn more, be inspired, and participate in ministry to this unreached people group. Through this format, we will offer many resources, such as short videos, articles, and podcasts, to support you in learning about the Haredi community and people. You will also find invitations to our monthly online prayer meetings and discussion groups there. And, of course, you will have the opportunity to ask questions! Please join our group if you are interested in learning with us about the ultra-Orthodox Jewish people and in becoming equipped for potential ministry opportunities



HAREDIM IN BROOKLYN

as the Lord may provide. If you'd like to participate, search for "Haredi Ministry Focus" on Facebook and click "join." If you are interested but are not on Facebook, contact me directly.

Antisemitism

I'm sure you know about the exponential rise in antisemitism since the October 7th massacre by Hamas terrorists in Israel. Please pray this trend de-escalates and pray for a radical shift of American and world culture in this regard. Also, please prayerfully consider what you can do personally to take a stand against this demonically driven evil. For example, this would be a great time to reach out to Jewish people you know—and maybe some you don't know—to express care and concern and to let them know that, as a Christian, you are taking a stand against antisemitism. You could call, send a note or postcard, or just speak with them in person.

Israel and Helping Hands

In the wake of the October 7th massacre, CJF Ministries has established a fund to provide aid to Israel. It's called "Helping Hands Relief Fund." So far over \$80,000 has been raised and distributed. CJFM partners with various ministries in Israel and has been able to assist with several projects. One is the provision and distribution of essential goods for displaced families. We are also assisting a Jewish believer who sustained major injuries in his military service, including the loss of both legs, damage to his cervical spine, and more. We have also afforded scholarships to IDF soldiers who signed up for a spiritual retreat run by one of our partners. Please pray for these I've mentioned as well as for those who are still captive to Hamas and for Israelis in general: for safety, for healing of the wounded, for comfort for the grieving, and for healing from the trauma of the massacre and war. Pray especially that many will turn to God and find their way to saving faith in their Messiah. If you want to send practical help to support Israel, you can donate on the CJFM website under "Helping Hands."

Chanukah

Praise God for a wonderful Messiah-centered Chanukah gathering in my home! There were 24 of

us, including six unsaved adults, four of whom are Jewish. One in particular has been softening toward the Gospel and had good conversations with some of the believers in attendance, in addition to hearing my short presentation. Please pray for the salvation of these individuals and for the salvation of others who were invited but didn't come, and pray that they will come next time!



SINGING AT MY CHANUKAH GATHERING

The Lord had me do something different this year. I lit two menorahs. The second one was for the hostages who could not observe the holiday. I also lit a *yahrzeit* candle for those who perished. This candle is a Jewish way to remember someone who has died—usually a close family member. Of course, we followed the candle lighting with a time of prayer for those who are suffering and grieving.

Conference on Jewish Evangelism

I am super excited that I have received approval of a proposal to share a presentation and workshop at an upcoming North American Jewish Evangelism conference (LCJE North America). My topic is "Faith in Motion: the Dynamic Power of Dance in Messianic Ministry." Please pray that God will guide me as I prepare for this unique opportunity and that it leads to some good networking and further ministry opportunities.

Assisted Living

Before Covid, I enjoyed sharing in-person presentations at nursing homes and similar facilities and hoped to restart. Praise God, late in the fall, He opened up an opportunity for me to minister at a local assisted living facility. I shared my salvation testimony and two of my choreographed dances. Most of the residents who attended were believers. I praise the Lord for their comments afterward about how my presentation had encouraged them in their faith. I hope to return sometime this year and mobilize the believers to invite their fellow residents who do not yet know the Lord to join them for one of these gatherings.



TWO MENORAHS FOR CHANUKAH

Bible Studies

I praise God for the many opportunities He gives me to teach His Word! I just finished teaching through the Book of Matthew on Zoom. One of the attendees is the unsaved Jewish mother of one of the participants. Please pray for her salvation! I also just finished teaching through the Book of Deuteronomy for "The Bible for Food Recovery" ministry. Our next study will be on the Book of Acts. Seeing the participants grow in their understanding of God's Word is so encouraging and inspiring!



ASSISTED LIVING PRESENTATION

Thank You

Thank you for your involvement with this ministry! Your prayers and financial support are the underpinnings that make it all possible. Your love for the Lord and for the Jewish people is so honorable and so vitally important, now more than ever. I pray that your heart will overflow with the many blessings of love, joy, and peace that only the Lord can give as you continue to serve Him with zeal and passion.

Yours for the salvation of Israel,
Diann Parkas