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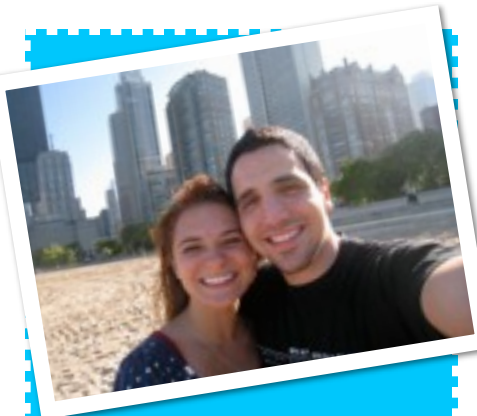
At the beginning of October, Chosen People Ministries hosted a conference in Chicago entitled *Inside the Middle East Crisis*.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Mitch Glaser, Dr. Michael Rydelnik, and Joel C. Rosenberg who addressed various biblical and political controversies concerning Israel. Hannah and I had the opportunity of leading and playing worship during parts of the conference. After the last session, we were approached by congregational leader Roy Schwarcz, who asked us to prayerfully consider joining the worship team at *Adat HaTikvah* Congregation (Congregation of Hope) in Chicago. After much prayer, we joyfully accepted this ministry position. With *Adat HaTikvah* being strategically placed in the middle of a highly populated Jewish neighborhood, we have already begun to brainstorm a door-to-door

evangelism outreach, including events for that community. Please pray for us as we begin engaging with them through *Adat HaTikvah*.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Every year, Moody Bible Institute hosts a one week Missions Conference in the month of October. This event brings over 40 different ministry agencies to the campus with the purpose of presenting their vision and goals to the students. For the first time in many years, we at Ariel Ministries were invited to present our vision. We had the opportunity of leading three different workshops: two on discipleship, sharing our *Come and See* program, and one on Romans 1:16 where we spent time defining the term “*to the Jew first*.” The workshops, which were well attended, proved to be a great blessing as we had the opportunity to share our heart’s



Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for [Israel] is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

(Romans 10:1-2)

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concern for the salvation of the Jewish people. What was quite remarkable was a student who was able to attend our discipleship class where we expounded on the need to reach the Jewish people. While initially bothered by our specific focus, he confronted Arlie Francis (VP of Communications at Ariel) and expressed his concern. I invited him to attend our workshop where we would address the meaning of Romans 1:16. After that workshop, he told Arlie he would now need to re-analyze the way he views the Scriptures! What a blessing to see the Word of God changing the hearts of people! For those who were interested in learning more about the Jewish perspective of Scripture, we sent them a free version of the book *Jesus was a Jew*. My contact information was included in the event that any of them had further questions. Pray that the heart of the student body at MBI will learn to appreciate the Jewish identity of the Messiah and, as a result, love the Jewish people.



PASSOVER SEDER

Dan Rigney was a missionary with Ariel Ministries for over 35 years. After his recent passing onto glory, I spoke about him with some leaders in the Messianic movement. To my surprise, almost all of them had been influenced by Dan's dedication to the Lord and his love for the Jewish people. This past summer, I had the blessing of working with Dan at Ariel Ministries' *Camp Shoshanah* where he taught me how to present Messiah in the Passover. Along with further insight from Dr. Michael Rydelnik, this helped me to prepare for my first presentation at Oasis Church in Aurora, IL. Pastor Mark Strong, an attendee of *Camp Shoshanah*, invited me to give a Passover demonstration in early November. The Lord blessed me and enabled me to communicate accurately the truths of the Passover Seder and its powerful relationship with the Messiah. After the presentation, I mingled with many, and had one believer in particular express his appreciation and excitement that now he would be able to share Messiah with Jewish people. Many others expressed how blessed they were and how much they appreciated understanding the Messianic connection with the Jewish Seder. Please pray for those who have seen the Messiah in the Passover presentation and for their future opportunities to witness. The pastor also spoke to me about possibly leading the entire Passover meal next April. Please pray that many unbelievers would attend and see the Lord through this presentation.



JEWISH EVANGELISM

God has been paving the way for our ministry within the Chicago area! As the Lord has given us a passion for reaching the Jewish people, Hannah and I have dedicated time to minister with the Israelis who work at the malls in Chicago, selling Dead Sea facial products. While we have been praying since September concerning direction in this area, the Lord has moved mightily. Hannah and I have been baking cookies and Challah for them, and the Lord has blessed us with many opportunities to go out with some of the Israelis for coffee and dinner. This month, Hannah met with one Israeli in order to get information concerning Judaism for a school paper. This opened the door for dialogue involving faith! Pray that in this outreach, many seeds continue to find soft soil. Also, we are planning to invite them to our home on December 5th to celebrate Hanukkah. Please pray for our ministry with the Israelis, that the Lord allows us to shed more light concerning the Messiah.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

The Lord has recently allowed me the opportunity to do some teaching at Moody Bible Institute. Over the past couple of months, I was invited to substitute for both Dr. Michael Rydelnik and Eva Rydelnik's classes. This involved teaching classes such as Pentateuch, Hermeneutics, Teaching the Bible Practicum, and a course on Discipleship. The Lord has been very gracious to give me these opportunities, and I look forward to future occasions to teach. Also, Hannah and I had the opportunity of attending the Jews for Jesus Midwest Ingathering in Wisconsin. We led the Junior High students, teaching them the importance of commitment. Studying the book of James, we touched on some important aspects of the believer's spiritual walk (i.e. perseverance). On the last night, we asked all the students to write down certain resolutions or changes they want to see in their lives. We took their answers and we plan to mail it to them in a month's time in order to keep them accountable to those decisions they made! We are excited as we witness the Lord raising up a new generation of believers.



UPCOMING

Although working with Ariel Ministries has been great, I am looking forward to continuing my education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, in Deerfield, IL. For this to occur, I need to receive my Green Card which gives me the liberty to both work and attend school at the same time. Please pray that this will be a smooth process. Hannah is doing very well at Moody Bible Institute and we look forward to the upcoming winter break. May this time be profitable as we contemplate our approach to Jewish ministry in the Chicago area. Please pray for the Lord's guidance.

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