



LONDON:

Sometimes, we don't know how much people have been touched by God until we part ways. One, who has been a great friend and has attended many of our meetings, has just moved abroad. Shortly before he left, he said something we've heard before, to the effect that he might believe in Yeshua, but is not sure he could 'measure up.' It usually takes a long time for any Jewish person to take that big step of faith, and we can never make that decision for others. However, we are encouraged when friends let us in on their thought processes and we can see that God has been at work. Our friend has been thinking!

ARGENTINA: MESSIAH'S TRUTH COMES TO JEWISH WOMAN

Ricardo Chemi, who directs Chosen People Ministries' work in Argentina, receives calls from many Jewish seekers. One woman, from a traditional Jewish family, had so many questions about Yeshua that she did not know where to begin. Ricardo gave her a book in Spanish to make it easier for her to understand that Yeshua is the Messiah. Ricardo writes, 'The result was immediate; she received the Lord. Her faith is total, she has no doubt; the Lord is in her heart.' Please pray that she can meet the challenge to talk about Him with her family and friends.

GERMANY: JEWISH WOMAN FINDS FAITH IN MESSIAH

Although the Russian Jewish people who have migrated to Germany have proven to be a fertile field for Messiah's ministry, native-born German Jews are harder to reach. Germany director Vladimir Pikman met with a German Jewish couple—the husband already a believer for a few months and the wife still seeking. Instead of the expected one-hour conversation, they talked for almost three hours. As Vladimir was answering the woman's questions, God touched her heart and she asked him to pray with her. Right there, she received the Lord—and was delivered from some heavy burdens from her past.

MONTREAL: 'I'LL GIVE YOU 5 MINUTES!'

As parents of a young son, staff member Erle Snobel and his wife, Jeannette, have developed some good friendships in their home city of Montreal. One woman's son played in the same football team as the Snobels'. At first she was a little cautious, but one day at a soccer tournament, completely out of the blue, she asked, 'So what is this Messianic Judaism all about and why? I'll give you five minutes.' Not losing a moment, Erle began to share—and thirty minutes later was still talking, quoting Scriptures to her and explaining why Yeshua (Jesus) is the One and Only Messiah for all peoples. Finally, the woman asked if she could attend a Messianic service . . . and she did! Please keep her and her son in your prayers.

Prayer Points

Here are some highlights from Chosen People Ministries' global outreach. Please pray that the Lord will build upon what He has already established!

- ❑ Our new Messianic Centre in London, as we seek to reach more people using it as a base.
- ❑ Strength and protection for Neriyah, Jason, Brian, and our other staff members who minister to the homeless and drug-addicted souls at the Tel Aviv Messianic Centre.
- ❑ The ministry of the 'Tel Aviv Gospel Café' as it opens to serve seekers and share the Gospel.
- ❑ The growth of the already existing Russian-speaking Messianic congregation and fulfilment of the vision for a Hebrew-speaking congregation in the facility.
- ❑ The successful implementation of our plan for establishing a Messianic primary and secondary school.
- ❑ The blessing of the Lord as He guides and directs His growing work, not only in Tel Aviv, but in all Israel and around the world.



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EXTENDING MESSIAH'S MINISTRY IN ISRAEL

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Our entire Chosen People Ministries family is very excited about our new Messianic Centre in Tel Aviv. The Lord has provided a marvellous facility close to the main bus station of Tel Aviv, right in the heart of a metropolitan area, which is home to more than three million Jewish and Arab people!

We have rented this facility in Tel Aviv, as it is currently very difficult to purchase a property. The facility is a former banquet hall, so in addition to offices, classrooms and various other types of spaces, there is a large area where we can seat more than 150 people for congregational worship or about 100 for a meal. This is very important, because one of our ministry focuses in Tel Aviv is work among the poor. The facility includes a full industrial kitchen, in which we will make meals and feed hungry and down-and-out Israelis.



What Jesus (Yeshua) Did

I am reminded of the account in Luke 4:16-21, when Yeshua (Jesus) entered the synagogue in Nazareth and participated in the weekly readings from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets. He began reading from the prophetic portion for the week, which was Isaiah chapter 61, and stopped reading in the middle of a verse:

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD . . . (Isaiah 61:1-2).

The place where He stopped speaks volumes about His ministry. Yeshua stopped in the middle of verse 2, after the phrase, 'to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.' He did not read the second part of the verse, which says, 'and the day of vengeance of our God.' After closing the book, Messiah said, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing' (Luke 4:21).

So we must ask: what are the good tidings that Jesus came to proclaim? What are the characteristics of the acceptable year of the LORD? The answer is in Isaiah 61:1. Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy: He came to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of prison to those who are bound.

Dear friends, the Lord has given us the privilege of becoming His hands, His feet and His voice in Israel in a way that we never thought possible. With the Tel Aviv Messianic Centre, we now have an enormous opportunity to bring the message of the Gospel—in both word and deed—to needy Israelis.

Good News for an 'Old-New' City

Tel Aviv, a relatively new city, has been celebrating its 100th birthday this year.

The city's very name combines the contrasts of ancient and modern Israel. Tel Aviv is the Hebrew name for *Altneuland* ('Old-New Land'), the novel penned in 1902 by Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement. The novel described Herzl's vision for what would eventually become the State of Israel.

The city of Tel Aviv was founded in 1909 by several Jewish families seeking to escape the tense conditions in nearby Jaffa. Tel Aviv holds the distinction of being the first modern city in Israel, and immigration in the 1920s and 1930s boosted its population dramatically. In 2003, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Tel Aviv a World Heritage Site on the basis of its international Bauhaus architectural style, which German Jewish architects fleeing the Nazis brought with them to Tel Aviv.

During the city's hundredth birthday commemoration, Mayor Ron Huldai observed, 'One hundred years later, the vision of our city's founders—who looked at the sand dunes and saw the potential for a vibrant city—has been realized . . . [it] is a thriving global city that 400,000 residents are proud to call home.' The greater Tel Aviv metropolitan area actually boasts a population of around three million people.

Chosen People Ministries in Tel Aviv

The glittering image that Tel Aviv presents to the world is, however, only part of the picture. Beyond the nightclubs and beaches there lurks a note of sadness.



The true spiritual hunger behind the party spirit cannot be satisfied with anything less than Yeshua the Messiah, the true Bread of Life.

For over a decade, Chosen People Ministries has borne witness to the transforming power of the Gospel in Tel Aviv. Israel Director Michael helped start a congregation there, and the Lord drew other workers to add their gifts to this growing work. Now comes the next great step forward—the Tel Aviv Messianic Centre.

The Tel Aviv Messianic Centre will build upon relationships and ministries that are already well established, in a city where the human need for God's peace grows greater with each passing day. Staff member Neriya tells of his excitement for this new ministry centre:

The Tel Aviv Messianic Centre is an answer to prayer for many of us serving here. I am so excited that I can't find the words to express what an amazing gift God has given us through the financial gifts of our brothers and sisters in Messiah. I am proud to say that this new facility is going to be the launching pad for a lot of dynamic ministry.

Overcoming Obstacles

Over the past few years, Chosen People Ministries has expanded its outreach in Israel through the establishment of Messianic Centres in either purchased or rented facilities. This has not been an easy task, as many landlords object to our ministry or are afraid to deal with us. On many occasions, we have all but 'closed the deal', only to see it fall through at the eleventh hour—so it comes as no surprise that things were not easy in Tel Aviv. Staff member Jason, who was instrumental in the difficult negotiations to rent a facility, describes how it happened:

The search for the Messianic Centre had several bumps in the road. We successfully negotiated the rental terms on a different facility prior to finding this one. After the negotiations, we were turned down on the ground that we believe in Yeshua (Jesus). They changed their minds, but only after we found our current facility, which is far better. The negotiations were definitely difficult, but in the end the Lord brought us to a facility that is much nicer and costs far less than anything we had seen in our search.

The Lord who calls us is faithful to supply what we need to carry out that calling. Our ministries in Tel Aviv are already bearing fruit—particularly among

those who seem to be falling through the cracks of Israeli society.

A Vision of Hope

Jason shares a bit more about the vision for the Tel Aviv Messianic Centre:

The Centre is centrally located and easy to get to from anywhere in the city or country. It is three storeys high. Once a week, we will open a coffee shop outreach called the Gospel Café on the ground floor. On this floor, there is a distribution centre for the needy as well as an industrial kitchen that we will use to operate soup kitchen ministries. The second floor will be a meeting hall for multiple Messianic congregations, seminars and classes. The third floor will be used for children's classrooms, adult classes and two small offices. Within a year, the children's rooms will be used for the first phase of a Messianic school. This facility will become a major centre for ministry in Tel Aviv—serving the believing community and reaching out to those who still need Messiah.

Michael, who has seen so much growth and development since his early groundbreaking, adds,

If you had asked me just a few months ago, I would have had a difficult time believing all this, and not because I am doubtful of God's ability to do miracles. But such an outstanding miracle does not happen very often, and it comes with tremendous responsibility and a lot of work. We need your prayers as never before, because we are really facing a breakthrough. To Him be all the glory!

Join us in rejoicing in what the Lord has done—and in looking ahead to a bright future for the Tel Aviv Messianic Centre.

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