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Ministry Update

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SHALOM

Spring has sprung! I pray you are filled with joy and delight at the beautiful weather and foliage God provides every year! Praise God, it seems that the colder and snowier the winter, the more glorious the springtime display!

Haredi Ministry

Our list of Haredi contacts has continued to expand, and I am overjoyed to report that two more Haredi-background believers have been baptized! Praise God, and thank you for your prayers! "Harry" had planned on being baptized in the past but had backed out. This time, he again struggled with fear and doubt, but with many praying and with him pressing on in his faith, he followed through. What a joyous occasion! Please pray for Harry to continue to grow in his faith, and that we will see more and more Haredi background believers take this significant step of faith. Pray especially for those who have already expressed a desire to be baptized, that arrangements can be made and that they will follow through.

And another exciting praise report: One Haredi background believer who was baptized recently, along with her husband and some of their children, has gotten so excited about what the Lord is doing that she wrote, "I believe that one day there's going to be an incredible move of God in the Haredi community. And now, I know it's possible—because it's already happening in my own home." Please pray that the whole family continues to grow in faith.

Please also pray for Mitchell. He is a Haredi seeker who is studying the New Testament and considering the claims of Yeshua. Pray that he will come to saving faith even soon!

Passover

I praise God that some of the Haredi believers who came for Chanukah were also able to join me for a Messianic Passover Seder in my home. Besides the content of the seder service, the gathering itself was another great opportunity to nurture and cultivate relationships.

It's exciting to see that since I decided to remain in my house, God has been opening the way for more ministry right here in my home. Please pray that God will continue to develop this area of hospitality ministry in conjunction with my work on the team to reach the Haredim for Messiah, that He will guide us regarding any future events we plan, and use our efforts to advance His purposes.



Senior Program

I praise God for opening up an opportunity to share a testimonial presentation along with several dances I've choreographed. The gathering was for a large senior group who were very appreciative of what I shared. In addition to ministering to the almost 100 older adults in attendance, God orchestrated the opportunity for my son, Levi, to come. He was a great help with some technical issues, and it turned

out to be a blessing for him personally and for our relationship, as he had not heard my story before in the way I presented it. Please pray that God will open up opportunities for me to minister in additional venues, including nursing homes and other residential facilities, as well as in churches and Women's Ministry events.



Family Update

Praise God, my children and grandchildren are all thriving! I think you'll enjoy seeing this picture of the family's women. On the left is my youngest daughter, Simone, and my son Josiah's wife, Nicole. On my right is my granddaughter, Yael, and her mother—my firstborn—Arielle. The occasion was my niece

Stephanie's bridal shower, the daughter of Peter's half-sister, Valerie. In my next update, after the wedding, I will include a picture of the men!



We have no family graduations this year, but we had one last year and are on our way to celebrating two more next year. Last year, my son, Josiah, graduated from law school and is now working at a big law firm in New York. He's gaining experience in mergers and acquisitions and in capital markets. His wife, Nicole, is finishing her third year of medical school.

Simone is also graduating next year with a PhD in psychology. She started out mainly interested in research and policy-making, but now that she has been training in clinical work, she loves that, too. Her husband, Mark, has a good job as a Senior Treasury Analyst and is developing his career by supervising others. They have a darling little son, James, who turns two on the 4th of July, pictured here.



Levi continues to work as an audio engineer for live events. He has continued to develop his expertise and reputation, working extensively across a variety of settings. His top commitment is to a Hasidic band. He goes wherever they go for concerts, weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, and other events. He also works at all sorts of venues and has even been involved in sound at places like Radio City Music Hall, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and more. For fun, he plays his electric bass in a touring band.

Arielle is Chief Operating Officer of Jews for Jesus, overseeing their work throughout North America. Her husband, David, opened a local children's book store, which hosts birthday parties, baby showers, story times, and even a Bible Kids Club. It's only

been open about a year, and it is thriving as a business and as a place to meet and get to know many local families.

Arielle and David have three children. The oldest is 10-year-old Yael, who loves soccer and has just been accepted into a very competitive league, which she will play in starting in the fall. Gideon is just finishing Kindergarten, and Ezra is about to turn four.



Thank you

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