

THE SYMES MESSENGER

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Dear partner in the ministry:

Today, Joyce and I sit here grieving the loss of our firstborn son who went home to be with the Lord last night at 6:11 p.m. He had cancer and COPD and has been in and out of the hospital for the past two years. He died last night with pneumonia. In the family he was my go-to guy. We now have lost two of our sons with a third who is dealing with the results of cancer. Danny's wife, Rachael, is devastated as you would expect as they were so much in love. Joyce and I are dealing with it and must be strong for the family. I have just started my treatments leading up to the cyber knife procedure that will destroy the two small cancer spots with no lasting after affects. This should be behind me by mid-May, well ahead of our planned trip north.

Our ministry continues to move forward. Before Donald went in for his heart surgery, I was able to share the Gospel with him from the Hebrew Scriptures. He listened but did not make an immediate decision. The following week I stopped to see him again and simply asked him: "Donald, where is your blood sacrifice?" You see, in sharing the gospel with him the week before, I shared with him Leviticus 17:11. I reminded him that God has provided it for him and he made an open profession of faith receiving Yeshua as his Messiah/Redeemer. About the same time, Jamie, whose background was ultra-orthodox, accepted the Lord. We are now discipling both. Jamie is already attending West Gate Baptist Church with my two co-workers. Donald is home recuperating but is planning to attend soon.

One of our other Jewish contacts turned out to be saved and a pastor at a Messianic Synagogue. We had quite a discussion with him. He is clearly saved but quite confused on other issues. The door is open for us to go back as he told us he enjoyed the discussion and that we are welcome any time.

We continue to make new Jewish contacts as we work new neighborhoods and are following up on each of them. Most are receiving the booklet which opens the door to return. The others we put on a list to return later. As we are working the neighborhoods, we are also visiting Gentiles. Both of my workers are bi-lingual. Thus, we continue to see many Spanish speaking folks come to the Lord. These we are discipling into The Spanish fellowship at West Gate.

I continue to work with three other churches to get them started in reaching out with the Gospel to the Jewish neighborhoods around them. Joyce and I are so grateful to the Lord as He continues to give us motivation, health and strength to carry on this ministry.

We are so grateful for your partnership as we seek to reach the more than 23000 Jewish families here in the Tampa Bay area. May our precious Lord pour out to you His many blessings.

Gratefully, your servants in the Lord's vineyard,

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PRAISE:

1. For Donald and Jamie whom we are now discipling
2. For the open door with the Rabbi of the Messianic Synagogue
3. For the open doors as we contact Jewish families
4. For the Gentiles that we are seeing make professions of faith through our outreach.
5. For our good health and strength enabling us to continue to serve Him
6. For the report that David is now cancer free

PRAYER:

1. More open doors as we seek to expand this ministry.
2. Salvation for the Jewish folk with whom we are witnessing
3. For our son, David, who continues to struggle with the results of cancer.
4. For God's continued provision to meet our needs as we seek to serve Him.
5. For Pastor Myers at First Baptist Church East Bay who has been ill for several weeks.
Pray for His Healing so that we can open this new outreach.