

World Mission Outreach

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Dear Partner and Kingdom builder,

Shalom from Jerusalem and blessings in our Lord Jesus. By God's grace each year during Passover week we preach the Gospel of Jesus through Messiah in the Passover presentations. This time we taught in Hawaii and it was truly a blessing coming home to the many churches and friends the Lord has given us there. We thank God for the fruit of the Gospel which touched the lives of so many. We found people in church which are Christian by title, but they do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. There is no personal relationship with HIM. We were blessed to see at different meetings some making that public decision of commitment to Jesus. Also, many believers made a recommitment to Jesus as Lord God and to walk in obedience. Today, it is harder for believers to stay focused with so much evil and pressure of the world. At all levels in our meetings, we found ourselves ministering the Word of Jesus to people.

We had several unsaved American Jews in many of our meetings. We thank God for the Gentile believers who made an effort to bring them to hear the love of God in Jesus. We have many testimonies, but our space is limited so we want to tell you about Jeff. Jeff is an American Jew from New York living in Hawaii for over 25 years with his Hawaiian wife. Jeff was brought to this special meeting by his wife. He felt loved and welcomed by the church in Maui Hawaii. Before the service Darlene and I went for a walk to pray to Jesus to bless the meeting, and Jesus to bless Jeff in a unique way, and that he would understand the Gospel. I (Henry) asked; "Lord, if possible, I would love to wash Jeff's feet during the Seder. At that moment, Jeff was walking by and I sensed in my spirit to ask him if he would allow me to wash his feet as part of the Seder. He was shocked, but I explained that I had no time to wash everyone's feet that evening, but I would like to do it for him. Jeff said, "Well, yes."

During the first hour of the Passover Seder and all its teaching, we came to the part of washing the hands. We explained that in the upper room 2000 years ago Jesus did something out of the norm. He would take on the role of a servant and wash the feet of the disciples. When He came to Peter (John 13: 3-10, emphasis on verse 8), **"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."** At this point I approached Jeff; he took off his shoes, and socks. I put a towel under his feet and poured water, and as the water was being poured out, I said; "Jeff the Lord Jesus has washed you, He wants you to have part with Him, just repent of your sins and turn your heart to Him."

After the service Jeff came to me and shared with me a personal thought saying, "Henry you are an interesting person." So, please pray that Jeff will be touched by the Holy Spirit with the message already in his heart will take root and he will be born again and come to Jesus, The Messiah, The Lord God of Israel and the Nations of the world.

We thank you for your continued prayer and support. May the Lord bless you and keep you. We thank God for you and all He does.

In His Love,

Henry and Darlene Matarrita



Henry and Jeff after service



TESTIMONY TIME: Fruits of the branch of the Vine – John 15

My name is Martha Edwards. I was born and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the US. I was raised in the Catholic faith but my family did not attend church. In fact the only time the name of God or Jesus was used in my childhood home was to curse. I attended Catholic schools but in all that time I only gained 'head' knowledge of God. I had no idea I could have the kind of relationship with Jesus like I now have and He wanted to have that kind of personal and intimate relationship with me. In September of 1988 I was struggling with an addiction that I knew would kill me if I didn't do something. I went to a recovery support group that followed the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. I came to the third step which is "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him". I can remember throwing my hands up in surrender and telling God I could not do this but I knew He could. A sense of peace like I had never known before instantly surrounded me. I say that was the day Jesus made the journey from my head to my heart. I knew I was a mess and needed Him. I began to read the Bible and I understood it. For the first time I felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit with regard to sin in my life and my need for forgiveness. I have been on this journey for almost 23 years now and rejoice that I have come know Jesus the Messiah.

In the summer of 2004 I was attending World Mission Outreach's annual update, here in the Milwaukee area. Henry gave an invitation to join a team in Israel to share the Good News with God's chosen people the following year at an outreach. My heart stirred. My late husband who was very ill at the time was there as well. We knew the Lord was calling him home but only God knew the day that would be. Mercifully he went home a few weeks later so when in the fall of 2004 Henry invited me to join the outreach in May of 2005 I knew I would be available. By God's grace I felt called to go to Israel and minister with WMO at a festival called Shantipi in the north of Israel. Shortly before departure date the US State Department issued a warning against travel to Israel. God confirmed His desire for me to go. The morning after I prayed and asked for affirmation God led me, as part of my daily devotion, to John 20:21 which are the words of Jesus to His disciples "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you*". God is so faithful to show us His will if we come to Him with a heart that desires to follow Him. Reading that verse was all I needed to pack my bags. At the outreach we discovered that the people of Israel are very spiritually hungry. Sadly they are trying to feed that hunger with false gods just like the forefathers. Many of those false gods were being offered to them at Shantipi. Our team of 18 went out among the lost crowd and shared the love of the one true God, the long awaited Messiah who had, unknown to them, arrived over 2,000 years earlier. I can recall how the air was thick with the dark forces that work to stop His light from going forth into this dark world. From the moment we arrived at the festival grounds the battle had begun. I knew why I had been sent. God had called me to pray for the work the team He had put together was doing. I spent many hours in prayer and reading the Word aloud during those three days. God was faithful to keep the team safe and open many doors to share the Gospel. There were four individuals that saw their need for a Savior that weekend and they surrendered their hearts to Christ. One of the things I appreciate about the work of WMO is that they connect the individuals who accept Christ to local church communities so they have the opportunity to grow in their faith and their walk with the Lord. I would never have imagined 23 years ago that God would not only send me to Israel, the land where Jesus walked and ministered, but He would use me to minister to His people. All praise, glory, and honor to our gracious God for the marvelous things He does. ~ Martha

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