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## Tuvya and Ellen Zaretsky December Update

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TO: Mountain Hill Community Church  
c/o Lee Norris

Dear Pastor Lee,

A sweet memory popped up this week. On December 7, 1970, I attended a Christmas pageant for the first time in my life. As someone who was raised in traditional Judaism, I believed we Jews just “didn’t do Christmas.” Yet, I was on a serious spiritual search for redemption from my moral brokenness. Since boyhood I longed for a relationship with the God of my people. The prayer was answered that night as I responded to hearing John 14:6. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” Would you like a free digital copy of my journey to faith in Jesus? Send me an email with your name and I’ll email a PDF of *Hineni – Here am I God, But Where are You?* My life was changed forever. And following is some of the fruit the Lord is producing!

Last month, Ellen and I were in London for our international Jews for Jesus Leadership Summit. Aaron Abramson, Jews for Jesus CEO, laid out a vision for the next five years. God has blessed our ministry with some incredibly gifted people who are innovating effective and specialized initiatives that are bringing the gospel to more Jewish people. Our leadership now aims to share those insights and skills with other ministries and church partners. Working together we all should see more Jewish people believing in Messiah Jesus! Plans to make that happen are already underway.

My Jewish-Gentile Couples (JGC) team is producing exciting gospel opportunities and real changed lives. Last month, I connected with Alex and Judy, college students in Los Angeles who first met in high school. Judy is from a Hispanic background that included a nominal Christian experience before she met the real Jesus. She sheepishly admits she knows very little of the Old Testament. Since coming to know Jesus, Judy has attended a church nearby in Los Angeles. Alex has been attending with her.

Alex’s paternal grandparents were from Germany, and then Israel. His mother, a Gentile who he describes as a “Christian,” rarely took him to church. He doesn’t know much about her faith. His father brought him to synagogue where he was confirmed in Judaism. A friend of Ellen’s met Alex and Judy at her church. She told them about our Jewish-Gentile couples ministry. Alex immediately reached out to me.

When we met, he told me he is “trying to find a spiritual balance in their relationship.” Most importantly, he said “I just want to know God.” They were excited when I provided them with a copy of my booklet, [\*Finding Spiritual Harmony in Your Jewish-Gentile Relationship\*](#). Please pray the Lord’s Holy Spirit moves Alex to believe in Jesus and strengthens Judy’s faith in the process too.

Christmas and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah both fall on December 25<sup>th</sup> this year. So, it's a time of unusual spiritual sensitivity. We have so many new visitors investigating our

[www.jewishgentilecouples.com](http://www.jewishgentilecouples.com) website. You might enjoy our new outreach article, “[Finding Spiritual Harmony in the December holidays](#).” Please pray for those new visitors and contacts.

David Brickner's informative new book is available, [Does the Jewish Bible Point to Jesus?](#) Moody Publishers is putting it out. I commended it to a brand-new couple, Madelyn and Moshe. While I was describing it, he went online and bought a copy! It's one more valuable tool from Jews for Jesus.

Thank you for your prayers and wonderful support this year. Blessings as you celebrate Messiah's birth.

Tuvya Zaretsky, DIS

\*Names are changed to protect individual's privacy



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