
Tuvya and Ellen Zaretsky April Jews for Jesus Update

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TO:Mountain Hill Community Church
c/o: Lee Norris

Dear Pastor Lee,

Shalom! Each time I write one of our monthly updates I am filled with gratitude to the Lord for his grace through your partnership in this work. Ellen and I recognize that you are God's instrument for blessing and enabling all that we do. So, I want to begin by saying Thank you!

Today, I am sending this email while on tour. During this season, in the lead up to Passover and Resurrection Sunday, I'm ministering *Christ in the Passover* presentations, on average, daily. Please pray for Ellen while I'm away from home and safety as I travel across three states through April 20th. I have so much joy sharing these messages during this spiritually alive time of year. Looking forward to seeing some familiar friends and ministry contacts along the way too.

Please pray for an exciting ministry opportunity I currently have with a new Jewish-Gentile couple (JGC). For discretion, I'll call them Mike and Allie. They are exactly the people for whom we started our JGC ministry. Mike is Jewish, an attorney in his early 30s from a culturally traditional family. His parents are now practicing a more orthodox form of Judaism. Allie is the Gentile from the midwestern United States. She was raised a committed Christian and practiced her faith right through college. Then they met on a virtual match-making website. Their relationship grew for five years then they married last year.

In mid-March, Mike reached out to our JGC team, submitting a contact request form on our website. He and Allie wanted an appointment with one of our counselors. Now that they're married, they're talking about children and that is often a flashpoint in which cross-cultural tensions flare up. We all met together just last week. My ministry to them is rooted with prayer for the Lord's wisdom. Allie has returned to her relationship with Jesus, her Savior and Lord. Mike is asking me to help him know the God of Israel in a relationship that is just like Allie's. He knows that involves faith in Jesus. He also recognizes that his religious culture in Judaism has conditioned him to reject that. You and I know that, with the Lord, nothing is impossible. At his request, I should have my next phone meeting with Mike either today or tomorrow. Thanks for praying.

Thank you for prayers over my meeting the Jewish Gentile Couples ministry leadership team in New York and New Jersey last month. I could not be more enthusiastic about the plans that we've made. I now have two terrific younger leaders who are sharing the load with me. They are bright, passionate for the gospel, and I already expanding the reach of our ministry. After Passover, I'll be able to focus more on developing some innovations and

specialized training tools for our missionaries and for church/mission partnerships. Please pray for God's mind as I write curricula to train our global missionary staff and for our online classroom.

In the fall, our Israeli ministry is extending our resources and staff to assist local church planters. We have been requested to assist them as they establish additional Hebrew speaking congregations across Israel. We are working on the plans for my part in providing their training. Please pray with us for wisdom regarding timing for that initiative.

And as you pray for our Jewish-Gentile Couples ministry team. Please pray for Rebekah, Emmanuel and me as we plan the future of our JGC ministry collaboration. Together, we are working on resources as what I call *A Relational Approach to Discipleship*. Our idea is to train as many as possible to share the gospel with the fast-growing community of Jewish-Gentile couples and their children. Perhaps a group or fellowship within your community would like to be partners. Stay tuned. We are workin' on it! The fields are incredibly ripe for spiritual harvest. Thank you for praying, for caring and for giving.

In Jesus the Lamb of God,

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