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Shalom, dear friends!

It's the end of February when I'm writing this March edition newsletter. We have been soggy the last few days, with rainstorms pouring over Sydney. We are not getting the worst of it, as others are suffering in floods throughout the state and Queensland certainly got their months ago. Yet, when I see the welcome rains coming, I think of ancient Israel, in the desperate times of judgment, and the words of Zechariah telling us to 'ask ye of the Lord rain, in the time of the latter rain.' (10.1) For them it was natural; for us in these days we also think in terms of spiritual blessings and ask of the Lord those blessings in the time when we are also receiving blessings. I guess, it's almost spiritual gluttony to want more, when we are getting some of his loving blessings. And I'm not ashamed of wanting more!

Let me rehearse some of late:

Gatherings gain momentum

Our OneNewMan gatherings in Sydney have been ongoing for about 18 months. We average 26 people in attendance, some Jews, some non-Jews, some believers, some curious

enquirers. God is bringing people to Himself and we are ever grateful. These take place in Waverley one Wednesday evening per month. If you are following us on Facebook or online, you will be able to join us one month soon. Next meeting is 20 March. <http://bit.ly/OneNMan>.

New life for Jewish people

Two young Jewish adults have been baptized the last few months. This is a good sign of things to come in their lives. Vanessa and Tom are both serious about seeking God and living the life Jesus wants for them. They are also regular attendants at our OneNewMan gatherings. Due to the photos of baptisms that we have put up on my Flickr site <http://bit.ly/BaptismVan>, other Jewish people who are considering following Messiah are seeing what is 'included' and that's excellent. We often make the mistake of compartmentalizing the activities/events of the faith. I recommend instead that we "preach Jesus" (Acts 8) which when received caused the Ethiopian eunuch to cry 'Look, water, what prevents me from being baptized?'

A serious Orthodox Jewish woman in her 30s came to faith last month. She is new to anything Christian although she actually attended



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a Christian church youth group when she was a teen. Since then, she married then divorced a Jewish man, had a child with him, moved back to Australia, and found a synagogue near her home. But when God gets hold of someone and draws them to Himself, He is unrelenting. So Lynn is growing each day in her faith, journaling her story, praying and meeting up with our staff and me, and considering how she will tell others about her new walk with Y'shua. It's very exciting to watch.

Eddy is a young Russian Jewish believer, who is full on in his love for the Lord. He is an engineering student at UNSW and is with us as an intern part time during his final year. We will see what we can do to help him in ministry among the Jewish people. In our first sortie

(street evangelism outreach), in the first two minutes, the first people with whom he shared were Russian Jews! God is so good, amen?
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bobmendo/8487787935>

Passover in Sydney

On 25 March, we are conducting our 15th annual Passover banquet in Sydney. Information here: <http://bit.ly/Passover13>. We expect a full crowd, a five-course meal, a beautiful night of sharing the Redemption we have in Y'shua. BYOJ (Bring your own Jewish person!). It's a great place and a great time to invite your Jewish colleague and workmate to learn along with you and see Y'shua in the Passover.

Email?

Can we send you this newsletter via email rather than in the post? If you are already receiving this via email, never mind. But if not, can we get you off the postal system with its quirks and its costs and send you notices and announcements via email? If so, send us a note to admin@jewsforjesus.org.au and we will see to it.

Tax deductible donations

Steer is a Christian organization <http://www.steer.org.au> that affords people to donate to us, and with tax deductibility. It's a great system and we heartily recommend

it, if you would like to donate to us within their guidelines. We are not sure if this works for those outside Australia. How does Steer work?

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Israeli tourists

HIT (Hosting Israeli Travellers) is an organization based in New Zealand with whom we are in association. Omri Jaakobovich leads the group. Their website helps people to find them. It is a 'home away from home' for Israelis. To Israelis he says, "visit local people in their homes, experience the way they live, learn more about their faith and explore their culture first-hand." Who can participate? Those who love the nation of Israel and the Israeli / Jewish people. Most of HIT hosts are Bible-believing Christians who believe that the Jewish people are God's covenant people. As a result, they want to meet and bless Israeli travellers who come to this region. You can join. Write to omrij@yahoo.com and let

him know of your interest. I think it's a great way to share the Gospel.

Resources for you

Passover this year begins on 25 March. If you need a seder plate or Kiddush cup, if you want to order matzo or Israeli grape juice, if you want a Haggadah or the DVD of "Christ in the Passover"...whatever you need, please contact our office early. Use the website to order materials and products to help you remember the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
<http://www.jewsforjesus.org.au/catalog>

Bob in New Zealand

I'm coming to Auckland for preaching two nights 3-4 April, and to Hobart in May; Melbourne on Good Friday and Saturday before Easter, Singapore at the end of July. There are still some open dates in some regional places, just ask our office if you want one of the missionaries to come along and preach at your place.

Please keep praying. For us, for strength. For the unbelievers, for curiosity and dissatisfaction in their lives. For believers to stand together to testify of Y'shua. For God to pour out His rain on the earth at this time, and until He comes in glory. Thanks!

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