



CJF Ministries

Ministry Update



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Shalom Friends,

In-Person Presentations

One of my goals for this year, for which I asked you to pray back in January, was that God would open up opportunities for me to minister in His Word and in dance at in-person events, including nursing homes, churches, and women's ministry events. Praise God! He has already made a way for me to minister in several of those, and there are now a half dozen more upcoming events on my calendar. Please pray that God will use my efforts to make a difference in the hearts and lives of the believing attendees and that those who do not yet believe will come to faith in Yeshua! Pray also that God will continue to open up further opportunities.

Haredi Ministry

We continue to pray and labor for the advancement of God's Kingdom in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. Please join us in prayer for God's direction as we persevere in developing and refining our social media outreach. Pray that God would use our efforts to connect us with hidden Haredi believers and those who are seeking.

Pray also that God will raise up a vast network of believers who are inspired to become knowledgeable and ready to love and serve Haredi men and women as the Lord opens up opportunities. Pray for those of us who are teamed together to lead this effort, that we will have clarity and wisdom as we continue preparing educational materials and programs that equip believers for this important work.

I encourage you to join our WhatsApp group, our monthly prayer meeting, and/or our monthly discussion group. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will fill you in on the details.

Born Again Anniversary Celebration

This summer, I celebrated the 40th anniversary of my born-again birthday. The Lord showed me a beautiful song by Lauren Daigle that could be my celebratory song. A line in the song was especially

fitting. It says, "I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You; I'd probably fall off the edge!" I was able to use this personal celebration as a springboard for conversation with unbelievers in which I gave glory to God by testifying of His faithfulness throughout the years and how He's the One who has brought great healing to my heart as well as direction and meaning to my everyday life. I also choreographed a dance to the song. Praise God! He opened up an opportunity to share it, along with a spoken testimony, at a secular "open mic" night where about 60 attendees got to see and hear that the Lord is good!



Stating a line in a song that I agree with (or disagree with) is a great way to get some spiritual content into a conversation. Another example in that song is a line that says, "I don't know where I'd go if You ever let go, so keep me held in Your hands." When I think of that line, it reminds me that my confidence and faith are in the surety that God is with me all

the time and that He will never, ever let me go! I shared with quite a few unbelievers that if you can trust anyone not to let go, certainly God would be the most trustworthy! Usually, they nod or tilt their head when they consider that logic! So many people "believe" in God, which means they believe that there is a God, but they keep Him mentally in a proverbial box that has no connection with their day-to-day life.

Leading and Teaching Messianic Worship Dance

This was the 4th summer I attended Ariel Ministry's School of Messianic Jewish Studies as the Dance Leader. I am greatly encouraged to see how this annual ministry has developed. There is a core of women who participate every year, and this year, I could really see the progress we have made in having a strong foundational repertoire that everyone knows and in being more synchronized and close-knit as a group. Because of that, new participants were better able to fit right in and quickly learn the dances. Let me assure you that as the leader, I don't just teach the steps. Knowing the steps is great, but I emphasize teaching people how to experience and express worship as they dance.



I also taught a special session for the children and youth, many of whom joined the adults in our Sunday night and Shabbat worship. One darling young girl was sweet enough to write me a note of thanks for teaching her to dance. This is an answer to a prayer I have prayed numerous times through the years that God would use me to inspire young people to use their gifts for His glory.



End of Year

Thank you for your involvement in praying for and financially supporting this ministry! God is using your prayers and support to make a difference in many people's lives!

It's October, and we've entered the final quarter of 2023. I pray that you will have a wonderful season of holidays as you celebrate the great things God has done and spend time with your family.

Please prayerfully consider what God might have you do in regard to end-of-year support for my work with CJF Ministries. If you haven't given yet this year, you still have a chance! If you have given but are able to give an extra year-end donation, that would be a great blessing. Your commitment to serve God in this way is so vitally important! I am truly appreciative of every person who partners with me in sharing the good news of Messiah with Jewish people and with anyone who will listen. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you" (Phil.1:3)!

Your sister in Messiah, for His glory,

Diann Parkas