

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRAYER LETTER



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## GOD: Working for Those Who Wait for Him

Dear Friend in Messiah,

Shalom and blessings to you in Yeshua's mighty name.

*"From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him." (Isaiah 64:4, NRSV)*

When Louise and I started the work of Celebrate Messiah in Melbourne 20 years ago, we certainly did have a vision we believe that the Lord had given us; to establish an evangelistic mission organisation reaching out to Jewish people in Australia. But God in His infinite wisdom and power had much more planned than we had ever imagined. He has multiplied our vision way beyond our human ability, and has enabled Celebrate Messiah to reach into Jewish communities all over the world, including places we never even knew existed.

While Celebrate Messiah is based in Melbourne, and much of our effort is focused on the large Jewish

community here, we have an outreach worker in Sydney with a strong team of volunteers, contact into all States through our mission's itinerant ministry in churches, and our benevolent work of *Tikkun Olam* now operating in each mainland State.

Our direct work overseas reaches all the way to Far East Russia, and we also support and are involved in Jewish mission and ministry in Israel and New Zealand. Through our partnership with Chosen People Global Ministries we have involvement with work amongst Jewish people in 16 countries.

Allow me to give you a bird's eye view of Celebrate Messiah's ministry as we invite you to pray with us for God's continued guidance and blessing:

- **Events & Festivals** – we regularly organise outreach and community events for the Jewish festivals of *Pesach* (Passover), *Shavuot* (Pentecost), *Sukkot* (Feast of Tabernacles), and *Hanukkah* (Festival of Dedication). We encourage people to

bring their not-yet-believing Jewish friends to these events. This year we had 460 people at our at St Kilda Town Hall and 160 in Sydney. Next year, Passover Seders are planned in Sydney, Canberra, the Sunshine Coast and Adelaide. Our annual Simcha conference on the last weekend of November at Phillip Island draws hundreds of people from throughout Australia

helping Christians to connect deeper with Yeshua and the Jewish people. This is a vital part of our ministry and we are always seeking to introduce our ministry to new churches and groups.

- **Outreach and Evangelism** – Our youth and young adults have led the way, encouraging and inspiring our Messianic community to explore innovative ways to reach Jewish people. In March

'PRAYER POWER HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED TO ITS FULL CAPACITY...IF WE WANT TO SEE MIGHTY WONDERS OF DIVINE POWER AND GRACE WROUGHT IN THE PLACE OF WEAKNESS, FAILURE AND DISAPPOINTMENT, LET US ANSWER GOD'S STANDING CHALLENGE, "CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHOW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT."'

~ J. HUDSON TAYLOR



A BAR MITZVAH OF A YOUNG MESSIANIC JEWISH BELIEVER

- **Beit HaMashiach Messianic Congregation** – is a growing community of Jewish and Gentile believers with an expectation for a great harvest amongst the estimated 75,000 Jewish people in the *Melbourne Eruv* and surrounding suburbs. Beit HaMashiach will soon undergo a major redevelopment into the *Caulfield Messianic Centre*.
- **Talmidut Groups** – *Talmidut* is the Hebrew word for discipleship. We are building a network of groups to study the Bible, support each other through friendship and prayer, and creatively explore opportunities to evangelistically engage the community around us.
- **Dom Missi'ee Russian-speaking ministry** – is our outreach to the estimated 25,000 Russian speaking Jews in Melbourne. This mission continues to show solid growth and has its sights on ways to bring the Good News of Messiah Yeshua to immigrants' children and grandchildren. Dom Missi'ee Congregation hosts a monthly Shabbat service and a monthly outreach lunch as well as festival events.
- **Church Ministry** – Celebrate Messiah outreach workers travel throughout Australia to bring teaching on the Jewish roots of the Christian faith,

a team of 27, aged 18 to 80, ministered God's love at an alternative New Age Festival called Maitreya. By loving and prayerful evangelism, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, many lives were impacted through encounters with God, including a miraculous healing.

- **Israel Tours** – Everyone who has had the privilege to go on a *See Israel Through Jewish Eyes* tour with Celebrate Messiah has returned with a greater appreciation of the Bible and have been deeply encouraged and impacted in their faith. Lawrence and Louise Hirsch will lead a tour 13-27 May 2016.
- **Mission in Israel** – With around half of the world's Jewish population, and being the birthplace, ministry place and the place to which Yeshua our Messiah will be returning, Israel holds a special place in our hearts and minds. Celebrate Messiah supports a wide variety of ministries in Israel, including a congregation in Tel Aviv, outreach workers and special projects, such as events to bless Holocaust survivors.
- **Far East Russia** – Through God's providence and Rita and her team's hard work and prayer over many, many years, this work is growing with



two Messianic congregations now planted in Birobidzhan and Artyom. Rita will this month conduct an outreach conference in both of these two cities.

- **New Zealand** – The latest news from this flourishing mission field is the purchase by Celebrate Messiah New Zealand of a ski lodge in Wanaka to host Israeli backpackers. Hosting and

**What does the future hold?** Only the Lord knows the complete answer to this question, but we are determined and committed to continue moving ahead with this ministry – Celebrate Messiah, your mission to the Jewish people. We are proactively training up a new generation of leaders by providing internships for young aspiring leaders, exploring new forms of worship services in tune with the newer generations' needs, and leading an international



CELEBRATION AT THE BEIT HAMASHIACH MESSIANIC CONGREGATION



OUTREACH AT MAITREYA NEW AGE FESTIVAL

the evangelism of Israelis is the main focus of the ministry in NZ. We believe that this is such a great way to connect and serve Israeli travellers, most of whom have just completed their compulsory army service.

- **Tikkun Olam** – A Hebrew phrase meaning *Repairing the World*, is our benevolent ministry. It is our way of providing material assistance to the physical and spiritual needs of people in the Jewish community including Holocaust survivors. Hampers are packed and delivered by hand by volunteers to private and nursing homes in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane, mostly around the time of the Jewish festivals.
- **The Caulfield Messianic Centre** – We are excited to be nearing the start of work on this development, dreamt of for decades, planned for years and now in clear sight. God has faithfully provided most of the financial resources to undertake this project, which will provide a renovated sanctuary for worship, a commercial-style kitchen and modern amenities for us to offer a wider range of opportunities to connect with our local Jewish community. Please pray for this endeavour.

movement which culminates in a biennial conference, Muchan (Hebrew for 'ready'), to raise up and train new Messianic leaders for here in Australia and around the world.

We certainly cannot do this ministry without your committed prayer and support. Thank you for standing with us as we "*Bring the Message to the Original Messengers.*" We invite you to continue to partner with us on this journey, providing whatever support you are able.

In this new financial year, we are hoping to raise an extra \$50,000 to be able to launch an extensive online evangelistic campaign using some of the wonderful materials that our partner organisation, Chosen People Ministries, has produced. If you're online please have a look at [www.ifoundshalom.com](http://www.ifoundshalom.com) and [www.isaiah53.com](http://www.isaiah53.com). We are hoping to launch this campaign later this year or early next year.

Thank you so much for your prayerful support.

Your brother in Messiah,

Lawrence Hirsch



**Lawrence Hirsch**  
Executive Director  
of Celebrate Messiah  
Australia

# Celebrate

## Feast of Tabernacles

A Messianic Family event not to be missed



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**St Kilda Town Hall**

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**Thornleigh Community Baptist Church**



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