A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...!

On page two of the newsletter, you will see several pictures related to the new office space. But right now, you need to see this picture because truly the old adage of a picture being worth a thousand words is definitely true!

A wonderful Christian friend in Muleshoe, Texas, sent this beautiful piece of woodwork that he did himself to the ministry a few weeks ago. Each letter he carved himself. The Star of David flag and the star inside was done masterfully and you don’t see this level of craftsmanship much anymore. It touches my heart and it will be the first thing I hang personally in the new ministry office space!

However, it also tells the story of global evangelism. The Gospel is “to the Jew first” and it is also to the rest of the world. We cannot reach the world until we begin with the Jewish people and we will never reach the Jewish people unless we have a global concept of the Great Commission. Paul was not only theologically brilliant but also missiologically insightful. Why is it taking Christians and churches so long to catch up to this very simple Gospel message? Shalom. God bless.

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A Page Simply of Pictures!

Last issue ... we shared the need. This issue ... here are some pictures of the work in progress! Enjoy!!!
Kehillah is a vital but little understood Hebrew word in the Christian world. Kehillah means “community” and while churches use such terms as “community groups,” we really do not grasp what the idea of community means to Jewish people.

The idea of community in the Jewish world is literally ... EVERYTHING! The Jewish people have survived since AD 70 and the Temple destruction in Jerusalem because of the concept of community. The glue that has held them together for 2,000 years and wandering over continents and for their lives is the word Kehillah. Even more important than the synagogue for many Jewish people today is the COMMUNITY Center in the city. This is the heart and soul for the people and therefore when we ask a Jewish person to believe in Jesus as Messiah — we must also provide for them a place of community to replace what they are losing.

Therefore, Tzedakah Ministries is planning to expand on our Explore Messiah...? Millennial Outreach by launching a face-to-face fellowship called CAFÉ Kehillah in the next two-to-three years. This fellowship will not be a church/congregation plant. This fellowship will be designed to reach Jewish Millennials (and non-Jewish Millennials) where they are — sin and all. We are hoping to meet them where they are and, in fact, we are hoping to go where they are. We hope to be establishing our first CAFÉ Kehillah in the Uptown Area of Dallas. And for those of you who do not know this area — it is a large area for Jewish Millennials and an area where many young Jewish homosexuals call home.

So ... it definitely will be tough. It will require time and work and prayer. However, these souls need Jesus and if not Tzedakah Ministries — then who? This is why we have developed the idea/concept of Compassion, Acknowledge, Forgiveness, Empathy. For these attributes are needed and wanted and required. Yes, we will be honest about sin but we will also be honest about the fact that Jesus can forgive. We will ALWAYS be truthful about who we are but we will also have compassion about their spiritual and human needs for Kehillah. The Jewish people who will come to CAFÉ Kehillah need to know Jesus and if I remember Scripture ... Jesus often went to the “worst of sinners” FIRST. Please pray for this us and them.
Would You Sit to Save the World...?

Jewish evangelism can be scary at times ... EVEN FOR THE PROFESSIONALS! However, everyone can pray for the salvation of the Jewish people. And that is what Tzedakah Ministries would like to ask you to do today.

Tzedakah Ministries began a new prayer outreach on June 11 requesting people to SIT & PRAY. Yes, just simply SIT & PRAY for Jewish people that they might receive Jesus as their Messiah. Could you join us in this simple act? To find out more, go to http://tzedakahministries.org/prayer-outreach-would-you-sit-down/. We have tools and resources for you on the website. SIT & PRAY!