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...and also to the Greek

Like many of you, I have been both brokenhearted and at the same time fixated by the images coming on the TV screen as a result of Harvey and Irma. The Gulf Coast/ Houston region of Texas and a great deal of Florida have for lack of a better word been devastated by the power of nature over the last few weeks. And now as I am writing the words of this newsletter, the storm known as Hurricane Maria is heading towards Puerto Rico with what appears to be a vengeance.

As I watched TV during the first days after Hurricane Harvey, I became convicted that Tzedakah Ministries must do more than watch ... we must do something to alleviate both the physical and spiritual suffering to help those impacted—regardless of whether they might be Jewish or Gentile. So Tzedakah Ministries contacted other Jewish evangelistic organizations, other churches and individuals and sought to do something/anything. The result in just over a week was more than I could even imagine. Churches from the Panhandle of Texas to East Texas responded. Gifts of water, underwear, socks, toiletries, food, cleaning supplies and clothing from individuals poured in numbers far beyond my imagination and prayers. Two Jewish mission organizations — CJF Ministries and Jewish Outreach International also saw the need to go beyond “to the Jew first.” It was ... AMAZING!

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Yes ... I recognize that this is not the “normal” ministry praxis of Tzedakah Ministries. And no—this is not something that we will engage in on a regular basis. We will, are and will always be about the work of Jewish evangelism and equipping churches to do the same. However, we just believed it was vital and necessary at this time.

WHY? Because sometimes Jewish mission organizations can become tunnel-vision in their approach that they forget about the spiritual and physical needs of “and also to the Greek.” Tzedakah Ministries should NEVER become guilty of this sin.

WHY? Tzedakah Ministries was able to deliver not only tangible supplies of water and clothing but also we delivered to Needham Road Baptist Church (Conroe, Texas), 350 copies of *What Are the Odds?* — the Gospel booklet that illustrates how Jesus fulfilled three prophecies immediately while being crucified — Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; and Daniel 9:24-27. We asked the pastor to find any and all Jewish people he could to present these booklets to as a means of sharing the truth of Messiah Jesus but this booklet is a great Gospel presentation regardless of whether one is Jewish or any nationality.

WHY? Because sometimes the greatest witness we as believers in Jesus can deliver is in giving someone the Gospel in a Cup of Cold Water. And if Tzedakah Ministries can live out this truth to churches and to the Jewish people, we are fulfilling the goal of our vision statement in the greatest way possible. Shalom. God bless.

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Fall Feasts Chart

Rosh Hashanah (Trumpets)	Yom Kippur (Atonement)	Sukkot (Booths)
<p>Leviticus 23:23-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name changed from Feasts of Trumpets to Rosh Hashanah (Head of the Year) AFTER the time of Jesus to reflect changes to Rabbinic or Modern Judaism from Temple Period Modern Jewish custom is to read Genesis 22 and to seek to cast off sins as this time is the beginning period of the Days of Awe (<i>Tashlich</i>) The Christian Understanding of the Feast of Trumpets -- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 	<p>Leviticus 23:26-32; Numbers 29:7-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was to be a day of complete rest for in the days before Jesus it was when the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies to place the blood for the sin offering on the Ark of the Covenant for the people's sins After the Temple was destroyed in AD 70, Rabbinic/Modern Judaism changed the day to a time of seeking to earn repentance, saying ritual prayers and doing good deeds The Christian Understanding of Yom Kippur -- Isaiah 64:6; Hebrews 9:11-12 	<p>Leviticus 23:33-44</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sukkot was to be an eternal reminder of God's provision during the Wilderness days and how God's people should be completely dependent upon God for all needs Jesus was challenged to proclaim who He was during the Feast of Sukkot but instead announced that He was the Living Water (John 7:37-39) The Christian Understanding of Sukkot -- Zechariah 14; Revelation 19:11-20:6

Keeping a Promise...

One of the “Four Questions” from the Passover holiday is—Why is this night so different from all other nights? There are many times that I believe the same could be said about our newsletters — for our newsletter is indeed different!

We do not offer a “tchotchke” such as a shofar or menorah in exchange for a large donation (and we won’t!). In fact, we don’t even ask for support in our newsletter — and it took a lot of convincing for me even to include a response envelope. This is because we made a commitment that most of you have no idea was even made in the beginning days of Tzedakah Ministries. We wanted the newsletter to be educational/informational and not simply promotional. Has it cost us financially? I am not sure but a promise is a promise.

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Tzedakah in Japan!

Before the next issue of *Tzedakah Times* is released, and unless the leader of North Korea starts World War III, Tzedakah Ministries will have come and gone from Japan for the LCJE-East Asia Conference in November.

Tzedakah Ministries is not one of the major speakers at the conference; however, we will have the opportunity to share in Tokyo on 18 November about the need to reach out to Jewish and Christian Millennials with the Gospel of Messiah Jesus.

This is vitally pivotal as Japan is one of the least reached nations in the world, especially among the young AND Asia is one of the landing spots for young Israelis as they go out searching for spiritual answers after their two or three military requirements. Please pray for Tzedakah in November!



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