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FLORIDA MESSIANIC CENTER



Chosen People Ministries



The Heart of Our Ministry: EVANGELISM

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Chosen People Ministries is dedicated to presenting the Truth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to Jewish people all around the world. The ministry was founded in 1894 in Brooklyn, New York, and its headquarters are still located in New York City, home to nearly three million Jewish people. Chosen People Ministries is global in scope, with ministry branches in thirteen countries:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States

Chosen People Ministries continues to reach the growing and changing Jewish communities around the world through five distinct program areas:

- *Missionary Outreach*
- *Evangelistic Centers*
- *Messianic Congregations*
- *Training Programs*
- *Materials in various languages*

The heart of our ministry is **evangelism**. We are called to share the Gospel with Jewish people and to equip and empower fellow believers in Jesus the Messiah to do the same.

Jewish people come to faith in the Messiah largely through the power of trusting relationships. There is a widespread perception that when a Jewish person accepts the message of the Gospel, he or she ceases to be Jewish. Thankfully, this perception is not true and can be overcome when a Jewish person feels comfortable with the one sharing the Good News and with the setting in which it is shared. This is why our ministry centers are so important.

Our Jewish Evangelism Centers in Jerusalem and New York City have been pivotal in bringing Jewish people to Jesus. We know the same strategy will work in South Florida.



- 800,000 Jewish people live in Florida, making it one of the world's largest Jewish regions
- 650,000 Jewish people live in South Florida alone

South Florida is a land ripe with opportunity for Jewish evangelism!

The proclamation of the Gospel is what Chosen People Ministries is all about, and we have two critical methods for doing this:

The Evangelistic Center

The Messianic Center seeks to emulate a uniquely valuable social center for Jewish life — the Jewish Community Center. The Messianic Center is a public reminder that Jesus was Jewish, and is, in fact, the Messiah.

The Messianic Congregation

At Messianic congregations, Jewish seekers can discover the Gospel of the Messiah in a welcoming and comfortable environment. Chosen People Ministries actively plants Messianic congregations around the world.

Chosen People Ministries has already planted a thriving Messianic congregation in the midst of the Jewish community of South Florida. Now we feel led to add an Evangelistic Center to our ministry work in the area, and God has confirmed this by allowing us to purchase, nearly debt-free, a wonderfully located, 2400-square-foot building in Boynton Beach, Florida.



This is the perfect location for the new Messianic Center, just off of busy Interstate 95 in the middle of an established Jewish neighborhood, and surrounded by astounding growth. It will be a marvelous home for Jewish evangelism.

The property requires extensive renovation and we plan to expand the facility by another 4,000 square feet. The potential is limitless, and we will be able to reach thousands of Jewish people of all ages through various and creative ministries, allowing us to share the love of Jesus the Messiah.

My Grandparents and the Gospel by Mitch Glaser

Many of the Jewish people in Florida today are "snowbirds" in their sunset years. My grandparents, both Orthodox Jews, were typical examples of the winter "Miami

migration" of Jewish people that started some decades ago. When my grandfather retired, they moved to Florida permanently. I am sad to say that after I became a believer in Jesus, my grandparents refused to talk to me any more. They would not meet my wife and children. Our ruptured relationship broke my heart. Losing my grandparents for the sake of the Gospel continues to be the most painful sacrifice I have ever made as a believer. I really loved them. Unfortunately, as far as I know, they died without knowing the Lord. And so did many of their friends who never heard about Jesus in a way they could understand; they were never given the opportunity to hear the Gospel from a Jewish perspective. So, I'm sure you understand that I have a special burden for all of the Jewish grandparents in Florida and am determined to see that as many of them as possible have the opportunity that my own grandparents may have missed ... to know that Yeshua, Jesus, is the promised Messiah and they can have peace with God through Him.



This new facility, like our existing Centers, will be similar to a traditional Jewish Community Center. We will serve Jewish people in all stages of life — from children to the elderly. Everyone will have the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus and come to know Him personally.

The Center will provide space for many activities that will advance the cause of Jewish evangelism:

- Evangelistic outreaches
- Worship services
- All-purpose rooms for Bible studies and special gatherings
- Kitchen and banquet facilities
- A coffee house
- Hebrew classes
- A bookstore
- Special outreach ministries to young parents
- A Messianic Jewish Hebrew School for children
- Evangelism training

A portion of the facility will house the office for Chosen People Ministries' South Florida missionaries and staff, led by Dr. Rich and Julia Freeman. Our committed staff and faithful volunteers are focused on reaching the Jewish people of South Florida for Jesus.

Most importantly, the Messianic Center will provide a safe place for Jewish people to consider the Gospel, and it will serve as a home base from which Chosen People Ministries' trained evangelists can reach out to the Jewish community.

“Our team of more than a dozen staff members has been laboring for nearly a decade sharing the Gospel with the local Jewish population. Our missionaries have led many Jewish people to faith in Jesus, and their ministries continue to grow.”

*—Dr. Rich Freeman
Vice President of Church Ministries and Conferences*

The Big Picture

Right now, we want to establish a Jewish Evangelistic Center in Florida, but this represents just one part of our vision for expanding this ministry. Two other components are:

- Expansion of our New York City Headquarters – It is imperative that we expand the main facility of our ministry Center so we may continue to grow in one of the most densely populated Jewish areas in the world, New York City.
- Seminary Expansion – With the crying need for the Gospel among Jewish people all over the world, we must train more ministers and evangelists! Our accredited Jewish Evangelism Program in New York City works in partnership with the Talbot School of Theology, which is part of Biola University. The current facility needs more space to train future missionaries and is a critical component for worldwide Jewish evangelism. God is leading us to expand.

Seen in this context of expansion on three important fronts, the South Florida Messianic Center is clearly essential. After New York City, southern Florida has the largest Jewish population in North America.

Messianic Centers break down barriers that keep Jewish people from responding to the Gospel. They can then hear the message of Messiah in a non-threatening way. As you read Marc's story, remember those with whom we will have the privilege of sharing this life-changing message.

Personal Testimony

Marc S.

In January of 1989, I became a believer in Messiah. One of my first acts was to tell my Jewish parents. My father's attitude was tolerance mixed with incredulity. My mother simply looked heavenward and asked, "What did I do wrong?"

Over the next ten years, I tried to persuade my parents any way I could. To see them begin to follow Messiah was my most fervent prayer. One Sunday, at a meeting in a small church, we had a guest speaker from Chosen People Ministries. In response to his invitation, I filled out the postcard requesting that someone contact my parents. Six months or so later, I received a phone call from someone named Rich Freeman. On a family visit, I arranged a lunch date for my parents to meet my new friend Rich and his wife Julia. My parents fell in love with them on the spot.

For the next six years, Rich and Julia proved to be faithful friends to my parents. Through them, Messiah's message began to make sense to them – particularly to my father. One day, during a phone conversation, he calmly said to me, "You know, Marc, when I lie on my deck and look at the sky, I see the face of Jesus."

I replied, "Dad, how do you know it's the face of Jesus?" Then I heard his life-changing answer, as my dad said in his sweet, matter-of-fact way, "Oh, come on, Marc, you know when God is looking at you."

I cannot describe the emotion I felt as tears of joy flowed down my face in stunned and joyful silence. Of course, my next call was to Rich and Julia!

In April of 2006, my dad passed away quite suddenly, and my fiancée and I flew down to Florida to be with my mom. On the night we arrived, my sister, my niece and I went to a local deli for dinner, while my fiancée stayed with mom. Over a meal, as I shared my faith in the Messiah, God used the taking of my dad to bring my sister and my niece to faith. But when we got home, my fiancée had something equally important to tell me. While we were at the deli, she had led my mother in prayer for the Lord to fill her heart.

In His perfect timing, our awesome God revealed His plan of redemption to my whole family!

The Current Need: South Florida Evangelistic Center

Challenge: The first phase of remodeling, expanding, and equipping the new Evangelistic Center in South Florida.

Funding Need: \$1,050,000

We fully believe God will speak to the hearts of our partners in ministry, those who are dedicated to making this Center a reality.

The expansion plans have been drawn. Our staff is ready to serve. Yet we cannot commence without additional financial resources. We need your help to begin and complete the construction and remodeling of the new Center. Please consider a significant gift of support today.





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