



Chosen People Ministries

# MINISTRY UPDATE: BROOKLYN

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Shalom dear friend in the Messiah,

Your Mission to the Jewish People has had what I can only describe as **an electrifying summer!** It has been **action-packed!** We've had four summer camps for children in the United States and Israel, as well as two weeks of intensive outreach during Shalom Brooklyn. Additionally, we conducted two short-term mission trips to Israel and a heightened season of ministry in the war-torn Holy Land, enabling us to show the love of Jesus to elderly Holocaust survivors and many others.

**We need a rest from the summer!**

Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support that allowed us to reach so many Jewish people for Jesus during the last few months.

## What's Next?

We are turning our eyes and hearts to the tremendous opportunities ahead, as Jewish people will begin celebrating the High Holidays in September: the Jewish New Year (*Rosh Hashanah*), the Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*) and the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*). We will be inviting Jewish people to attend services at Chosen People Ministries' branches and congregations to hear the Gospel with the holidays as a backdrop.

## New Beginnings in Brooklyn

This will be our first full year of ministry at our wonderful new Brooklyn Messianic Center in the heart of Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn—the very borough where Chosen People Ministries began in 1894.



There are almost one million Jewish people in Brooklyn, and less than a half of one percent of them believes in Jesus. There are more religious Jewish people in Brooklyn than anywhere else in

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the world outside of Israel. Brooklyn is "Orthodox Central" and the key rabbis that lead the more Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish movements around the world are based in Brooklyn.

Religious Jewish people rarely travel outside of their communities, so it **would be impossible to reach them without living and ministering among them.** This is why I believe our new Messianic center in the heart of Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn is important.

There are also hundreds of thousands of Russian Jewish immigrants in the immediate vicinity of the new center who have shown a tremendous interest in the Gospel. Forty Russian Jewish people gave their hearts to the Lord last



summer during Shalom Brooklyn. We have planted Russian Jewish Messianic congregations in Brooklyn as well.

## The Charles L. Feinberg Center in Brooklyn

As you know, Chosen People Ministries has purchased and renovated a 14,000-square-foot former Orthodox Jewish funeral home that now serves as our headquarters for our ministries in Brooklyn. It is **the perfect location for Jewish evangelism.**

The center has ample space for classrooms, a library and offices to house our Charles L. Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies program. This is our seminary training program affiliated with the Talbot School of Theology of Biola University. The students who train at the seminary are active participants in local outreach to the Jewish community surrounding the center.

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We are able to help Holocaust survivors and elderly Russian Jewish people who recently immigrated to the United States. We also give support to Jewish families whose children have become deeply involved with drugs and sadly are in and out of prison.

We are now planting an English-speaking Messianic congregation, which meets in the chapel of our beautiful Feinberg Center. We conduct Bible studies, lectures, café outreach, Jewish movie nights, and more...all designed to reach the diverse Jewish community surrounding the center.

Rich F., one of our new staff members who is planting the English-speaking congregation that will meet at the center, writes,

*I wish you could see with your own eyes what God is doing in Brooklyn. After extensive renovation, our Brooklyn property has been transformed into a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose facility to be used by God's grace for worship, the witness of God's people to the Messianic identity of Jesus, and the training of the next generation of Messianic Jewish leaders — all of this right in the heart of Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn!*



## Your Partnership

**Our total budget for Brooklyn projects this year is \$150,000.** This will cover the staffing of the building as well as utilities, and give us adequate funds to provide what is needed for some of our ministries, food for the poor and elderly, advertising for outreach meetings, and much more.

**The Lord blessed us abundantly and we do not have any debt for the building.** As a nonprofit ministry, we do not pay any real estate taxes. So, praise God we have a great head start and so much of the funding we receive is used directly for our ministry programs and caring for the facility.

**Thank you so much for your love and prayers, and for all you do to help us reach Jewish people for our Lord Jesus.**

This is what we are all about, and by God's grace we have remained faithful to the vision of our founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn, who started Chosen People Ministries in 1894.

**Please pray for us as we reach the largest concentration of Jewish people in the world!**

Your brother in the Messiah,

Mitch (Brooklyn-born and bred!)



Dr. Mitch Glaser  
President  
Chosen People Ministries



P.S. Our new book, entitled *The People, the Land and the Future of Israel*, published by Kregel Publications and edited by myself and Dr. Darrell Bock of Dallas Seminary, will be available in mid-September. For your gift of \$300 or more, I would like to send you a special signed copy. I believe this 350-page book will be a great help to everyone seeking to understand the role of Israel and the Jewish people in God's plan.



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