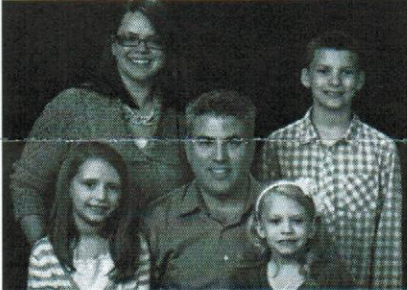


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Richard and Claire



Purim Celebration



Christmas Program-Praying for Easter!

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## Shalom Haverim!

This winter has been one of our busiest winters ever, but we are quite ready for the warmer temperatures and longer days of spring. I've had a wonderful time witnessing to long-time Jewish friends over coffee or lunch, but I'm itching to get outside. There is nothing quite like witnessing on the streets of NYC, but it is just slightly easier to get an audience when not competing with Arctic air!

## MINISTRY UPDATE

We have been continually amazed to see new people in our services through some of our coldest days. One Sunday in February, ice, snow and single digit temps kept many home, but three first-time visitors were in attendance. This happened multiple times throughout the winter; all were people who received gospel flyers months before. Some have remained and are growing in the Lord.

Every week we pick up Richard and Claire for our midweek service. Richard is a Jewish believer who has many serious health problems but prays regularly that he will be able to lead someone to the Lord. Claire is a Jewish lady in her nineties who has been coming for over 11 years but has never made a clear profession of faith. She has learned over the years to "talk the talk" but she would never admit her sin and need for a Savior—"I'm not that bad, God won't refuse me." One evening I witnessed to her again but she did not respond. Richard spoke with her a few minutes later and encouraged her to "give it up", and much to our amazement (and a bit of disbelief), she did! She prayed, confessing that she is a sinner in need of a Savior. The change is subtle, but it is there. The proud heart is humble—she acknowledges her sin need and is grateful for her Savior. Please pray for Claire to continue to grow in understanding and be obedient to the Lord.

Purim was especially exciting this year, as a good number of our Japanese families joined with our Jewish friends and church family to celebrate. They seem much more comfortable in the church since the Christmas program, but this is the first time they "crossed over" to an event not geared specifically toward them. They really loved meeting one of our Jewish friends, Mr. A, who lived in Japan for many years and speaks fluent Japanese. Please pray for both him and the Japanese families to be saved.

Joy is busy getting a children's program ready for Resurrection Sunday. They will sing and recite scripture, but they will also hear two gospel messages in Japanese (bilingual services). Dr. Paul Holritz, who was a missionary in Japan for many years and speaks fluent Japanese, will be with us.

## Prayer Requests:

- Our walk with the Lord, wisdom and filling of the Spirit as we witness.
- Nursing Home ministry; Art&Bible Class; ESL/Ladies Bible study; several other weekly and monthly Bible studies; personal evangelism.
- Passover (Apr. 3) and Resurrection Sunday (Apr. 5) evangelistic services.
- Salvation of both Jewish and Asian people who are understanding more.
- Praise the Lord, the Clapps have officially moved here; pray as they get acclimated and begin their Russian ministry

Shalom in Messiah,

John, Joy, Zachary, Hannah and Valerie Gibson