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THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much for all of your prayers and help this past year. The many things we accomplished would not have been possible without God's help -- and your prayers, love, encouragement and financial support.

Everywhere I go people tell me how hard it is for them to believe that I'm 78! But laughingly, I tell them I'm really only 27 years old in the Lord ... and it is His joy which keeps me young! ☺

Yes, it has been a joy-filled year for Elaine and me and much has been accomplished.

THE MAJOR HIGHLIGHT

In many ways, the major highlight of 2002 for me, was my participation with Jews for Jesus in the "*Behold Your God*" campaigns. As you will recall, Jews for Jesus is actively involved in a five-year program to share the gospel in every city in the world that has a Jewish population of 25,000 or more. In each city visited there is one objective: "*To make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people.*"

This year, campaigns were held in sixteen cities. It's hard to measure the results, because campaigns of this kind have never been held. But the reports were very gratifying. Millions of pieces of literature were distributed, thousands of contacts were made, hundreds of people were led to the Lord and many more hundreds agreed to receive additional information.



I served in four of the campaigns: Tampa, Atlanta, Boston and Hartford-New Haven. And I have to tell you that I was blessed in each one!

We all have to thank God that He continues to raise up wonderful men and women all over the world who recognize that the most anti-Semitic thing that anyone can do is to withhold the gospel from Jewish people. In every city we found people – Gentiles as well as Jews – who were willing to give of themselves to reach the Jewish people with God's joy-filled message of hope.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT

Another major highlight for me was the response I received from Pastors and congregation members all over our country after I ministered in their churches. The people caught the vision and wanted to help. They recognize that this is God's time to reach the Jewish

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people. And they know that no missionary organization or group of missionary organizations can do the job. It's going to take the efforts of the world-wide church. Indeed, isn't that what the Apostle Paul said the Church was to do: "*provoke Israel to jealousy*" – as we go from Jerusalem, to Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world!

A GOOD LAUGH

I end most of my church meetings by introducing, Elaine, my wonderful wife. With her permission, I ask the people to raise their hands if they believe that God has a sense of humor. Invariably, they smile as they lift their hands. Then I ask them if they think that God has an *unbelievably great* sense of humor. They raise their hands again and their smiles grow bigger. Then I ask Elaine to stand as I tell the people that she is of Syrian –Arab descent. Invariably they applaud and the laughter mounts. Then I point out that perhaps this may be the best way to achieve peace in the Middle East! More laughter.

But then I explain that if we are really concerned about peace in the Middle East we have to pray not only for the Jewish people, but for the Arabs as well!

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

I have been blessed by the faithfulness of those who have been supporting our ministry. And I thank God for you. As 2002 closes, it would be most helpful if you would send in an extra-generous gift. And speaking of gifts, I need to remind you of something that is very

important. Whenever you send gifts in to Jews for Jesus, it is important that you indicate on your check that the gift is for *our ministry*. If you do not designate your gift, it could go for "General Evangelism" and not help us do what God has called *us* to do. Please be diligent in writing *our name* on your gifts.

AND DO PRAY

Pray for our Nation and for President Bush. Pray that all of our elected officials will be led by the Spirit of God in all they do.

Pray that more and more believers will take on the burden and privilege of being used by God to reach out to the Jewish people with His love.

Pray that the new Jewish people who came to faith during the BYG campaigns will remain steadfast and grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Messiah.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. And pray for Arabs everywhere to really hear the gospel and to come to faith in Jesus, our Messiah.

Pray that God will continue to give me wisdom and strength so that I may continue to serve Him.

MY PRAYER FOR YOU AT CHRISTMAS

As we get ready to celebrate the birth of Messiah Jesus, I pray that you will remember the wonderful words He spoke in John 15:11: "*I have told you*

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this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” Truly, the joy of the Lord IS our strength, no matter how many people would try to take it from us. Let your joy in Him... empower you to rise above every circumstance in your life... and may His grace envelop you and yours as you continue to serve Him in the year to come.

I appreciate you and thank God for you.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Joy-filled New Year!

Ever your brother,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan".