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MISSION REPORT

Year End Summary & Report for December 2012

2012 was a difficult, sad, blessed, and an unexpected joyous journey.

JACKIE ELKIN'S
PASSING INTO GLORY

May 24, 2012

For the first five months of the year I was focused on helping my wife Jackie with her severe medical issues. She had many doctor visits, hospital, and rehabilitation stays. During the last month and a half of her life I would visit her in the hospital in center city Philadelphia on a daily bases. Often traveling by train. I was able to witness to many people while traveling on the trains. I reported many of these witnessing experiences in my prior newsletters. I witnessed to Jackie's Jewish family and the hospital staff through the way I cared for Jackie and a verbal witness. When I was in the hospital I placed Gospel tracts in the visitor areas of the 9 story high building. The last couple of months were very difficult for Jackie and myself. After a long struggle, God mercifully stopped Jackie's suffering, and He brought her into His glorious presence. The last thing I said to my dear wife was, "Jackie you loved God's beautiful creation on earth, now you are going to an even more beautiful place." A couple of minutes later she died. It was very hard



letting go of Jackie, but I am glad that she is with the Lord and her suffering is finished.

Ron's Tribute to Jackie; Jackie blessed me with love, loyalty, supportiveness, a mutual faith in Jesus, a compassionate love for the Jewish people, and a supporting companion on my missionary efforts. While Jackie was essentially a shy artist with a few good friends, she was willing to travel with me to many church meetings and connect with people. This was not her natural ability, but she was willing to put herself out for the mission work. Jackie called these trips, "my little adventures." Jackie has also taught me how to be other oriented. She had a great concern for the well being of people. I often forget the names of people we associated with years ago, but because of Jackie's concern for people, she would always remember the names of these people. Jackie's art work was and still is a great contribution to AMMI Ministry. She also has blessed our home with a beautiful arrangement of furniture and pictures. I have many more things to be thankful for regarding my relationship with Jackie. I miss her laughter, sense of beauty, affection, and outlook on life..

Hungary Short Term Mission Trip 8/20 to 9/18

Prior to Jackie's, a fellow Jewish Christian who heads Jews for Jesus European evangelism work, asked me if I could be part of an evangelism outreach in Budapest. I told him that it



was not possible because of my need to care for Jackie. After death, God brought to my mind the invitation to participate in the evangelism outreach in Budapest, Hungary. I eventually spent a month in Hungary with a ministry team of 30 people. Many of the young people speak English as well as many adults. Because of this I was able to speak to hundreds of people, particularly young adults, prayed with five people who received the Lord, and gave out thousands of Gospel tracts. After the campaign I visited several of the unsaved Jewish contacts we obtained. Our team gave out 168,000 tracts, obtained 92 unsaved Jewish contacts, and prayed with many gentiles who asked Jesus into their hearts.

Videos on YouTube on Evangelism and Israel

I created six videos that are on YouTube and AMMI's website (ammiministry.org). These videos are encouraging people and drawing questions about how to witness to Jewish people. I continue to add information to AMMI's website with the help of our volunteer webmaster, Ken Morgan.



Prayer Post Table

Beginning this week, the idea I wrote about earlier in the year will be put into practice. One of my church members developed a Prayer Post Table display. On Thursday 12/12/12 and Saturday 12/15/12 we were stationed at a local post offices offering prayer and Gospel material. During these two days we witnessed to several unsaved people including a Jewish man who was interested in learning more about Messianic prophesy. I sent him a book on



Isaiah 53. Pray that D.J. would be open to discussing this powerful prophecy. We prayed with many people and invited them to our Christmas Eve service and provided them with the Gospel of John. Please pray for the following unsaved people to whom we

speak; Larry, Yermo, George and Liz. During the week leading up to Christmas we will be doing this on a daily basis. Please pray God brings spiritually hungry souls our way, and we have the Word's of Jesus to share with them. Later we will set this table up at various center city locations and professional sport games.

Street Evangelism

We have contacted a printer regarding preparing tee-shirts and sweat shirts with our new design. We believe the design will open the doors to spiritual conversations. Pray for God to draw to us searching souls. When we get the costs we will notify you to see if your able to sponsor, one or two tee-shirts or sweat shirts.



God's Provision of a New Wife

The past five years (particularly the last two years) have been a great challenge because of my dear wife Jackie's illnesses and death. During this difficult time I consulted with several key people, particularly during the last two month's of Jackie's life. One of the people I often spoke to was Donna Weidringer, my sister-in-law who was the windowed wife of Jackie's brother Allen. Providentially both Allen and Jackie developed the same rare disease called calciphylaxis. This highly fatal disease causes multiple life crippling infections and eventually death. In the process of consulting with Donna, I experienced unusually good communication with her. Donna and I, even though related through marriage, had really not gotten to know each other very well since she and Allen lived over 500 miles distance from Philadelphia.

After Jackie passed onto glory, I realized that I had developed affectionate feelings towards Donna. At first I focused on grieving for Jackie. Because of Jackie's serious illness prior to her death, and years of her having a weakened condition I was already in the grieving stage for many years. In time I slowly began to explore my feelings towards Donna through telephone conversations. Eventually, I visited her and we found that we were very compatible. Since Donna lost her husband 3 years ago she was ready to marry months before I felt ready. Everyone grieves in different ways, I am still grieving for Jackie, but after spiritual counsel, prayer, and discussions with fellow Christians, I came to the conclusion that God had provided me with another wife. Donna and I deeply love one another, and are both joyful for God's provision. We were married before family and friends on 11/18/12



Donna is suffering vertical on an off from benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, or BPPV. This is caused by crystal particles or “rocks” that are a natural part of the ear structure, falling out of where they belong into the inner ear. This causes severe vertigo. The treatment is particular movements of the head that cause the crystals to go back in place. Donna experienced relief from this problem after doing the exercises, but after a couple of days the symptoms returned. We are going to a physical therapist this week to see if their treatments will accelerate the healing and prevent it from recurring. Donna will also be having a stress test on January 9th, to learn what is the condition of her heart. She sometimes experiences shortness of breath. Please pray for her to be healed.

\$Year End Financial Request\$

This past week I received two letters from long-time supporters. They informed me that due to financial conditions they could no longer support AMMI. A month ago we received a third letter from a supporter explaining that circumstances in their lives prevent them from continuing their support. We need three new regular supporters to make up this loss. Also, please consider a year end special gift to help AMMI continue to serve the Lord in 2013. All donations are tax-deductible. Our commitment is to use the financial investment of fellow Christians to further the Gospel to the Jewish people and everyone else that God brings to us.



Thank you for the many cards, e-mails, and phone calls we received to encourage us in our new relationship. Donna also loved

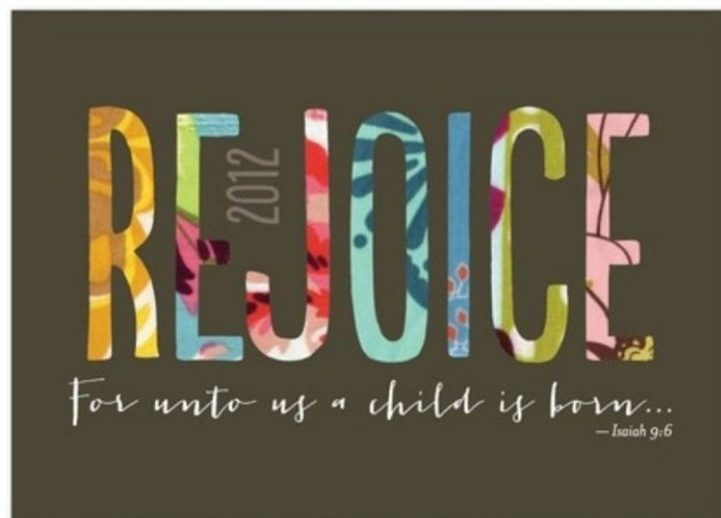
Jackie and is a great encouragement as I continue to go through remembrances of my relationship with Jackie while enjoying my new life with Donna. Below is a link to pictures taken by professional photographers members of my local church.

Please cut and paste into your internet browser.

<http://rondonnaelkinweddingphotos.shutterfly.com/pictures/8>

Health Information

Good news, the biopsy on my pelvic mass was benign. However, my doctor wants me to consult with an oncologist to track the mass to make sure it is not growing. I still have an elevated enzyme in my muscles that can be caused by statin drugs. It has become lower but is still considered high. The danger with this enzymes that it can cause or is the result of muscle breakdown. I need to retest to see what is going on with the elevated enzymes in my liver. Please be in prayer regarding all these issues.



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year in the Lord Jesus!**

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