



JEWISH OUTREACH TEAM OF CLEVELAND OHIO

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Hello, Friends,

Last night while doing the laundry, I had an interesting conversation with Marilyn. She said, "I'm going to tell God, "Leave my family alone. Pick on someone else for a while." Her words really surprised me, to say the least! They were spoken because of her brother's passing a few weeks ago. As we talked it was clear that she has little knowledge of God, but she does believe her brother is in heaven.

On the other hand, after Sue's mother died, I overheard her telling several neighbors, "I'm an atheist from a family of atheists, and I'm good with that. If you are going to judge me, don't tell me." (Sue and the ladies she was talking to are all Jewish.) Sue had told me that her Mother was at Menorah Park, suffering with Alzheimer's and many problems. She said, "She's ready to go," but Sue didn't mean what we do when we say that. There are so many who are not ready to go! Please pray with me that the Lord will give me wisdom and opportunities to speak clearly for Him and what He has done. Sue did thank me for the "condolence" card, as she called it

While I'm not ready to go yet, I'm more ready than I was (in a practical way). For years people have asked, "What will happen to Jim if you aren't here?" Recently I went to a lawyer who specializes in elder care law. He will be setting up a Special Needs Trust for Jim, and I came home with a list of things I needed to do – ask people to serve in the positions needed, not just one but a contingent for each one. I have a HARD time asking for help of any kind, so this was a big challenge. When I know I need to do something and put it off, it just gets harder! But I praise the Lord for His help and provision! Two men at church willingly agreed to serve in all the positions, one as primary and the other as contingent!! I can't tell you what a blessing that is!

About six weeks ago I got my back hurt while helping someone. I went to a chiropractor and he told me I already had a back problem and this was just the trigger. My back is much better but still aches when I get tired. I used to walk without thinking about it, but now sometimes I do!

Jim had two skin cancers removed recently. The doctor wants him to go to a specialist for another surgery on the area on his forehead to make sure there are no more cancer cells there. He's also been having a problem following gall bladder surgery. Without that, his food often goes right through him. A medication has helped some, but not completely. He has an appointment with a GI doctor September 24. Please pray for him in whatever may be needed.

Karen used to call at least twice every day. Now she is in bed most of the time and unable to reach the phone. Yesterday I was glad to be there in time to help her eat. She had slid down in bed and wasn't able to reach the food on her tray. I asked if someone comes to help her, and she said "no". It is also very hard for my friend Norma to eat in bed, where she is much of the time, because her shoulder and arm hurt even when she doesn't move them. (But she never complains.) There are so many blessings and abilities that I take for granted, but I surely don't want to take you folks for granted. The Lord uses you in my life in more ways than you and I know – but He knows! Thank you! May He bless you abundantly!

*Happy New Year! a little early?
No, Rosh Hashana is Sept. 30,
and the year is 5780.
Thank you for praying
for the Jewish people.*

In Him,

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