

Meet Our Mission Partners

THE WAMBOLD'S: ROGER & PHYLLIS

MINISTRY PARTNER/ ORGANIZATION:

HEBREW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

WHERE THEY SERVE: SUBURBAN PHILADELPHIA



THEIR STORY:

ROGER'S HEART FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE BEGAN DURING HIS FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE, WHEN HE MET A JEWISH BELIEVER WHOSE LOVE FOR THE LORD AND PASSION FOR REACHING HIS OWN PEOPLE LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION. THAT EARLY SPARK CONTINUED TO GROW THROUGH HIS YEARS OF COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

WHILE SERVING IN PASTORAL MINISTRY IN PHILADELPHIA, ROGER AND HIS WIFE, PHYLLIS, WERE PART OF A CONGREGATION THAT SAW SEVERAL JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN COME TO FAITH IN YESHUA (JESUS). DURING THAT TIME, ROGER WAS INTRODUCED TO HEBREW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (HCF) AND BEGAN SERVING ON ITS BOARD, MARKING THE BEGINNING OF A LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY.

AFTER MANY YEARS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY, ROGER SENSED THE LORD LEADING IN A NEW DIRECTION. IN 1991, HE STEPPED INTO THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OF HCF, WHERE HE CONTINUES TO SERVE WITH JOY, HELPING EQUIP BELIEVERS AND CHURCHES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

WHAT THEY DO:

ROGER SERVES WITH HCF IN BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY OUTREACH. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE REPRESENTING HCF IN CHURCHES, SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS, AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OVERSEEING PARTNERSHIPS WITH MINISTRY AFFILIATES IN ISRAEL.

ROGER AND HIS WIFE, PHYLLIS, HAVE ALSO LED MULTIPLE TOURS TO ISRAEL AND HOST ONGOING TEACHING GATHERINGS THAT BRING TOGETHER BELIEVERS FROM CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA. THROUGH THESE MEETINGS, ROGER SHARES NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH WORLD ALONGSIDE IN-DEPTH BIBLE TEACHING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, EMPHASIZING GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

IN ADDITION TO HIS OUTREACH AND TEACHING MINISTRY, ROGER HOSTS THE PODCAST ANCIENT WORDS, MODERN MESSAGE, REGULARLY TEACHES ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, AND PREACHES PERIODICALLY. HE ALSO WRITES AND PRODUCES MANY OF THE RESOURCES HCF PROVIDES TO CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH JEWISH PEOPLE.

HOW STEAM VALLEY WALKS WITH THEM:

SSVBC HAS BEEN SO VERY FAITHFUL IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PRAYER SUPPORT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SO VITALLY NECESSARY IN THE CONTINUATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS WORK. PHYLLIS AND I HAVE ALSO BEEN GREATLY BLESSED AND ENCOURAGED BY OUR PERIODIC VISITS TO SVBC TO SHARE ABOUT THE MINISTRY. THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS LEFT US BUILT UP AND STRENGTHENED AFTER BEING THERE.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

WE ARE GETTING OLDER (NO SURPRISE THERE)! SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND STAMINA AND HEALTH, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF SOME OF THE MEDICAL CHALLENGES PHYLLIS HAS FACED AND IS FACING. HAVING SAID THIS, WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE MEASURE OF HEALTH AND STRENGTH HE HAS GRACIOUSLY PROVIDED, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONTINUE "FULL-TILT."

OUR ISRAELI BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD (BOTH JEWISH AND ARAB) NEED OUR PRAYER SUPPORT FOR STRENGTH AND WISDOM IN NAVIGATING THROUGH THE VERY TROUBLESOME TIMES INSIDE ISRAEL. WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE GROWTH OF THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ISRAEL AND FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL ON THE PART OF JEWISH PEOPLE IN ISRAEL, THE U.S., AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

A DECLINING INTEREST IN JEWISH EVANGELISM AMONG EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IN THE U.S. IS OF GREAT CONCERN AND SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE REQUEST PRAYER. THIS DECLINE HAS ALSO IMPACTED FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN REACHING YOUNGER BELIEVERS WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THIS WORLD AND ITS FUTURE, SO WE INTEND TO FOCUS MORE ON THIS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP.

WE ALSO WANT TO PRODUCE SOME ADDITIONAL HIGH QUALITY, CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE TOOLS IN EQUIPPING BELIEVERS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE WITNESS TO JEWISH FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, RELATIVES, AND CO-WORKERS.

FAVORITE VERSE OR TRUTH THAT KEEPS YOU GOING

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST; FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERYONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. (ROMANS 1:16)

I SAY, THEN, HATH GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE: GOD FORBID. (ROMANS 11:1A) FOR THE GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD ARE WITHOUT REPENTANCE. (ROMANS 11:29)