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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
The Cooks**

*"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold I, even I,  
will both search my sheep, and seek them out."  
Ezekiel 34:11*

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Dear Praying Friends,

I hope you and your church family had a blessed holiday season. Now that we have embarked upon another year, let us purpose in our hearts to witness to as many as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in 2009. We thank God for all of the ministry opportunities in 2008, but now we look forward to the opportunities God will present in the New Year.

**2008 ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY TOUR**

My recent trip to Israel was an exciting one. We had 31 people in our group, and God richly blessed our time of Bible study in Athens, Greece, and Israel. We visited the Acropolis, Mars Hill, the Temple of Athena & Zeus, as well as downtown Athens. The next day we flew to Tel Aviv, Israel. From there we traveled to Joppa, Caesarea (Maritime), and up the western coast of Israel. We turned eastward to Mt. Carmel, where we looked across the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon). We made our way down the mountain to Tiberius, where we spent the next two nights. We visited Caesarea Philippi, Nazareth, Capernaum, and saw an ancient fishing boat. We took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visited Beth Shean, and made our way to the West Bank. We traveled up to Jerusalem and got there just in time to see thousands of devout Jews celebrate Shabbat at the Wailing Wall in the old city.



**Israel Tour Group**

The Western Wall of the Temple Mount is the closest thing that Jews have to their former Temple in Jerusalem. Jewish people from all around the world will travel to Jerusalem to observe Bar Mitzvoth, Bat Mitzvoth, and Shabbat. It was quite a sight for our group to see! Afterwards, we settled into our hotel rooms and prepared to continue our sightseeing and onsite Bible study tour. We visited the Old City of Jerusalem, Caiphas' house, the Upper Room, the Tomb of David, and the Mt. of Olives. We visited Mt. Calvary and the Garden of Gethsemane, where we observed a communion service in front of the Empty Tomb! We also spent time at Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial) and the Herodian Temple model. We saw the Knesset (Israeli Government building), and the Menorah given to Israel by Great Britain. We saw Masada, Qumran, Engedi, the Dead Sea, and many other sights. You can view over 200 photos of our trip online at [www.stevecook.org](http://www.stevecook.org).

**MINISTRY UPDATE**

God has already opened several new opportunities for our ministry in 2009. We look forward to returning to Costa Rica, Cuba, Phoenix, Indianapolis, State College, PA, and New York City in the coming months. We are coordinating with folks in other areas of the USA and abroad, as well. Please pray that God will continue to open doors for our to reach out to God's Chosen People. In 2008, my family and I spent several months in South Carolina exposing local churches to the need of Jewish outreach. We were able to meet and witness to several Jewish people and train local believers in effective methods of Jewish evangelism. Please pray that God will continue burden these churches to reach out to the large population of Jewish people in the Myrtle Beach area. We hope to make our way back down there in 2009 to provide additional training.



**Steve Preaching on Mt. of Olives**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember our family in your prayers. Cosie, Kristen, and I are physically well. We have had some flu and colds, but nothing major. Please pray for God to keep our family healthy in the coming months, and that the Lord will continue to protect us while traveling. Our desire is to be a blessing to the Jews, and to provide an effective witness to them. Pray that God will continue to bless our writing ministry as well. JEM hopes to launch its correspondence study course in early 2009. We also hope to produce several new Gospel tracts aimed at witnessing to Jewish people. These tracts can be obtained by simply writing our office. They will ship them to you "free of charge." You can read the contents of these tracts by visiting JEM's website at [www.jem-missions.com](http://www.jem-missions.com).

**Your Ambassadors to the Jewish People,**

**Steve, Cosie, & Kristen Cook  
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*"For we are labourers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9)*

