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The Rabbi's Corner
**Our Life Experiences
and their Message
to Us—Part I**

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Normally every month for several years I have written these articles attempting to communicate to you my dear readers some of my understanding of the Bible. Yet today, I want to begin describing a painful experience I had years ago; and I will tell you what I learned going through it. During my first two years in Bible College, I met a brother in the Lord, and we became very good friends during my time at the college. I changed colleges after two years and I lost contact with him. About three years later I was passing by the town where he lived; so I stopped to see him. We had a very good conversation and he shared with me a goal he wanted to accomplish; which was to reach college kids with the message of God's love for them. He invited me to be part of his plan and help him make it a reality. The kids he wanted to reach were involved with drugs and the hippy culture of those days.

I accepted his invitation and for three years, my wife and I, after finishing our week's work in the big city of San Paulo, would take the bus and travel through the night, arriving in his city in the morning. We arrived ready to spend the next two days giving our full attention all day and sometimes through the night to the kids that he was able to gather for us to study the Bible together. Then late Sunday night, we would catch the bus back home arriving early Monday morning so we could be at our jobs ready to work.

All the time and effort we spent was very demanding on us but we were very happy and encouraged with the results of seeing young people turn their hearts to the Lord, giving their lives to him, and wanting to know him more. They were very eager to learn everything they could from the Bible because it was all a new discovery for them. Going to their town and teaching them the Bible was my contribution. I had a Bible study going almost the entire time I was there. During the rest of the week, my college friend spent his time with the kids. With the passing of time our group grew and became very noticed by the Christian community. A great interest arose among the Christians, (especially by the Pastors) to bring our kids to their churches. They were hoping to get the kids in their churches motivated and interested in the Bible the way our kids were. They hoped their kids would become witnesses' for the Lord in their communities the same way our kids were eager to be witnesses in their town.

So I traveled to the three states located south of San Paulo, which is where we live. I visited the pastors in those southern states and scheduled times with them for us to bring our kids to their towns, and conduct meetings for them in their churches and in the town squares.

*To be continued next month.
Shalom to you.*

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