We had wonderful Shavout services this weekend in St. Petersburg and New Port Richey Florida. (We had wonderful Purim and Passover services as well – but I did not get around to downloading the pictures and sending them out to you). Richard Elofer, director of the World Jewish Adventist at the GC, also visited us a few weeks ago and taught during our midweek service.

Shavout comes 7 weeks after the first fruits of the wave sheaf offering are presented to the Lord (which is the 3rd day from Passover). The wave sheaf offering begins the barley and wheat harvest, Shavuot culminates it.

Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the Law during the first Shavout. This is also the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and 3,000 devout Jewish people were immersed in Jerusalem. (The Law and the Spirit go hand in hand).

We observed this day by reading the 10 commandments in Hebrew in both congregations (I am sorry I did not get a picture of the St. Petersburg readers) and with an immersion service in New Port Richey.
Brenda is Jewish. She started attending with us several years ago, but moved. She even attended a series of meetings we held in St. Petersburg with the help of ASI youth when ASI was in Tampa. She now lives in New Port Richey.
Arnold is Brenda's husband.
I met Nelson a year ago at a Passover service in a Catholic church. His 1st wife was Jewish and he had attended many Passovers, bar mitzvah’s, weddings, etc. with her before he death. He was intrigued how we viewed the Jewishness and the Messiah as one and he and his current wife started attending services with us. His wife was accepted in under profession of faith.
Doesn’t Florida look like a beautiful place to come and join us in this ministry?