

Rav Shaul (Paul the Shliach) might have thought it was time to bail and leave Philippi, when the Macedonian man he saw in the vision turned out to be a woman named Lydia. But Rabbono Shel Olam opened her heart and her home to become the emissary outpost for the Besuras HaGeulah to touch Europe. The 16th chapter of Acts warns you and me not to be a quitter, and “though the vision tarries, wait for it” (Habakkuk 2:3). But my point is about Lydia. There by the river, when the Word went forth from Paul’s mouth, this event facilitated the work of the Ruach Hakodesh, who touched Lydia so that she could taste koinonia and that Moshiach Adoneinu is good. The word for koinonia or fellowship in Hebrew is hitkhabrut. Today, in the age of mobile devices, one way for the Word to go forth, as it did from Paul’s mouth, is via computer applications or “apps” downloaded by the millions to their mobile devices and smart phones all over the world. What am I saying? Just this. That the embryonic kehilah described in Acts 16:13 can be facilitated millions of times all over the world by means of a computer app, as it says: “On Shabbos we went outside the city gate to the river mikveh mayim, where we expected to find a minyan davening. We sat down and began to speak to the nashim (women) who had gathered there” (Orthodox Jewish Bible). Wherever two or three are gathered, there, with such an app, the Ruach Hakodesh might move on hearts to create an embryonic kehilah. Do you see how momentous this might be? with <http://biblehub.com/ojhb/acts/16.htm> in Hebrew and <http://biblehub.com/ohyb/acts/16.htm> in Yiddish, and with your prayers and support? But as the Wright Brothers did their real Kitty Hawk flights and not mere Aeroscience pencil theorems on paper, so we are at “Kitty Hawk” every weekend in Brooklyn using this app to plant a kehilah. And just as there are millions of airplanes today that ALSO got off the ground on December 17, 1903, think of the Hebrew speaking and Yiddish speaking embryonic kehilot that might ALSO be getting off the ground all over the world IF YOU DON’T QUIT! LOOK AT PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20 AND SEE THAT LYDIA’S PEOPLE KEPT SUPPORTING RAV SHAUL (PAUL) WHEN HIS DONOR BASE HAD SHRUNK AND MANY HAD THROWN IN THE FINANCIAL TOWEL! Orville says, “For heaven’s sake, hang in there, Wilbur!” Please pray over this letter, put it in your Bible, and hang in here with us. Der Oybershter is able! And without a vision the people perish!

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