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Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

Shalom! שלום!

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

זְכַרְיָה 4:6 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי צְרָבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְצָח וְלֹא בִקֹּחַ כִּי אִם בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we look around us we can clearly see that the world is in a desperate need of the Lord - God's anointed one. As a young believer, I remember hearing the following statement from various brethren. When we look around us we get discouraged, when we look within we get disappointed, but when we look up to the Lord, we get delighted. As redeemed believers we praise God that by faith we can look up to our Lord *Yeshua* – Jesus the Messiah, who paid the price for our redemption and rejoice in the knowledge of who our Messiah Jesus is, and what He has done for us. **He hath done all things well.** Mark 7:37.

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in the radio program Life Line with brother Neil Boron on WDCX in Buffalo, along with other Jewish believers. The topic was regarding Israel, it's people and feasts. We felt the Lord's help and it is always a blessing when there is opportunity to give testimony to God's saving grace. We trust the Lord will use it to speak to those who needed to hear. We will be putting it on our website <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio> for those who would like to listen to the program.

In March we once again had the privilege to lead a Bible teaching tour to Israel. Our guide Eli was a Jewish-Israeli believer in *Yeshua*, which made the whole experience even more meaningful. The Lord really blessed our time together as we traveled the land with Bibles and cameras in-hand. As we visited the many sites, reading the related passages in the scriptures, our hearts were really impressed with the fact that God sent His son *Yeshua* the Messiah to this very Land, in order to deal with the question of sin. As we visited Bethlehem, the words in Micah 5:2 were brought to mind; **But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.** As we shared a wonderful time of fellowship together in the Word, in prayer and song we rejoiced to know that one day this same Jesus is coming back to this Land to reign and rule as King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen, even so come Lord Jesus.

I also had the opportunity to visit with some believers and spend some time after the tour to visit with my family, for which I am very thankful. Our prayer is that my family will come to understand who *Yeshua* – Jesus is. I often think of Shaul – Paul's heart of love for his people, how he longed to see his Jewish brethren come to know that *Yeshua* is the Messiah. To the Roman believers Paul wrote; **I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ - Messiah, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:** Romans 9:2-3. The apostle Paul understood that salvation is a divine work, writing to the Ephesians in chapter 2:8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.** We need to understand this truth, that salvation is a gift of God and that it is only the Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, who can open our eyes.

While I was away the ministry of Holy Scriptures and Israel continued, brother Alfred Bouter ministered the Word on Saturday while other brethren continued with the teachings in our regular Friday Bible classes. I am thankful that the meetings continue on when I am away. Whether a small or large group, we seek to have the Lord *Yeshua* as our object and not men.

Lord willing, we will hold our special Messiah in the Passover presentation on Saturday April 23. This occasion gives us an opportunity to look back at the exodus of our people Israel out of the land of Egypt, from bondage to liberty. God gave this deliverance to Israel through the blood of the Lamb as we read in Exodus 12:13b: **when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** In the Passover Seder, a Passover order of service, we clearly see how this feast points to our Lord Jesus the Messiah. *Yeshua* became the Lamb of God, as John the baptizer proclaimed in John 1:29b: **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** As believers we can praise God today for the knowledge we have in our hearts that *Yeshua* – Jesus the Messiah is our Passover Lamb. All our sin and sins are forgiven because He bore them all when He died upon the tree. Messiah, our Passover is sacrificed for us. This occasion gives us the opportunity to preach the gospel and focus on the person of *Yeshua* the Messiah, unsaved guests will hear the gospel message of Jesus the Lamb of God. Our hearts desire is that sinners will be saved and saints be instructed and encouraged through the Word of God.

We value your prayers and we appreciate your support.

Please pray for:

- For Irene's health.
- For Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs. <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio>
- For our Friday Bible classes and Saturday ministry meetings.
- For our upcoming Messiah in the Passover outreach meeting.
- For our contacts with those who show interest in the gospel.
- For our upcoming October Prophecy tour. <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/tours>

*"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."
Isaiah 62:1*

God bless you.

In Messiah,

Gideon and Irene Levytam



Please pray for Israel to open their hearts and see Yeshua our Messiah who said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

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