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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 אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִל וְלֹא בִקְצָה כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Summer is in full swing and we are all busy with our summer schedules, be it camps, conferences, or family vacations. Irene and I feel so blessed and privileged to be able to serve our Lord Jesus the Messiah among our Jewish people. At times the Lord allows us to experience some challenges, but we know that in spite of these challenges, we can be encouraged. Over the years Irene and I have received phone calls, e-mails and letters from radio listeners who were blessed, listening to the Bible-teaching program of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. Some of our listeners have mentioned that it is very helpful for them when they hear the Bible taught from a first century Hebrew – Messianic perspective, and others find that the radio program helps them to know how to share the gospel with their Jewish friends. Just today we received a call from Joyce, an 87 year-old Christian lady, who happened to listen to our program on the KDIA 1640 station in San Francisco, California <http://www.kdia.com/>. Joyce couldn't sleep last night, and so she tuned in to the



late night/early morning Bible-teaching program, which airs at 1:30 a.m. the message and the closing Messianic song moved Joyce to tears. Later that day Joyce called the station, requesting our phone number. Joyce called and expressed her love for our Jewish people and we spent more than 30 minutes speaking of the things of the Lord. It was such a joy to my heart to speak with this dear sister, a follower of the Lord for many, many years. At the end of the conversation we prayed together for this dear elderly sister and as we said Shalom, I asked sister Joyce to keep in prayer the salvation of our Jewish brethren and for the radio bible-teaching program of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. These kind of calls and the interest shown by believers encourages our hearts. The words of the apostle Paul to the brethren in Corinth, encourages us to continue on serving the Lord; Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58 **We can praise God for the knowledge that, any labor for our Lord Jesus the Messiah is not in vain.**



In the last while, in our Saturday – Shabbat meetings, we have been studying the book of Nehemiah. Our hearts are drawn to this man Nehemiah whose name means *YHWH THE COMFORTER*. This man Nehemiah was such a blessing to his Jewish brethren who returned from Babylon to the Land of Israel. Nehemiah serves as a clear example of one who has a concern for the care and welfare of God's people. He was so broken before the Lord because of the affliction that God's people, Israel had suffered, and the condition that existed in the city of Jerusalem. We read of his concern in Nehemiah 1:3-4 **And they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.** Nehemiah took this problem to the Lord in prayer and Lord answered Nehemiah, he sent him to build the walls and the gates of the city of Jerusalem. What a builder he was for God and for his people Israel. May the Lord help us all to turn to the Lord in prayer for God's people, the Body of Messiah, who need encouragement day by day, and also may He help us be those who seek to build God's work wherever He calls us to serve. In Jeremiah 33:3 we read. **Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee**

great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. And in 1 Corinthians 3:9 we read **for we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.**



In the will of the Lord, Irene and I will be traveling to the USA for the Pine Valley Bible Camp. This will be the 22nd year in which the Lord has allowed us to take part in this gospel outreach. The Lord over the many years has blessed this Bible camp outreach, where the gospel is faithfully preached and the word of the Lord is taught in Bible classes. Many have come to faith in the Lord Jesus and many have taken their place in baptism, identifying with the Lord Jesus the Messiah in His death, burial and resurrection. We are thankful to the Lord for the brethren that organize and lead Pine Valley Bible camp every year, it is a great responsibility and we pray that the Lord will give them the needed strength and wisdom.

While we are away The Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly meetings will continue on, we are thankful to the Lord for those who are willing to help in teaching the word of God and others who take responsibility in preparing and organizing things.

Irene and I appreciate your love, prayers and your support, which enable us to continue on in this service.

**Please pray for:**

- Joyce, the 87 years old elderly believer in Jesus the Messiah.
- Irene, as she has to deal with her Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- Pine Valley Bible camp, gospel outreach
- Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs in Canada and the USA.
- Holy Scriptures and Israel fellowship bible teaching meetings.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: **they shall prosper that love thee.** Psalm 122:6

*"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



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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