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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 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי זְרֻבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְקוֹחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Our God is so good! We are thankful for the daily grace which *Yeshua* - Jesus provides for us. He helps us to continue on with the ministry among our Jewish brethren and with those that are interested. We have joy in our hearts when we see that when the word of God is preached, it does not return back to Him void. The Lord gave His people Israel this promise, through the prophet Isaiah, in Chapter 55:11. **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** God is faithful to work in the lives of those who hear the gospel. This encourages us to seek to follow the instructions, which Paul gave to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4a. **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season.** So by the grace of God we seek to continue to teach the Word, through the bible classes and on the radio.

As we write this newsletter, Jewish people around the world are keeping the fall feasts of YHWH. **Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles.** These fall feasts are three out of the seven given by God to His people Israel, they are found in Leviticus 23. This season is a very solemn season for our people, as Jews worldwide attend synagogues, seeking forgiveness of sins from the LORD, praying and hoping that their sins will be forgiven, disregarding the word of the LORD, which says **For it is the blood, that maketh an atonement for the soul.** Leviticus 17:11b. Our hearts go out to our people. We pray that they may understand who *Yeshua* is and what He has done. *Yeshua* - Jesus is the one who made atonement for us.

He is the one who offered Himself by shedding His very own precious blood, providing atonement for all those who believe. We read in Hebrews 9:14 **How much more shall the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.** This special season gives us the opportunity to present the person and work of Jesus our Messiah, pointing to Him as the Lamb of God, who made atonement for us. We had three special corresponding ministry meetings at Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship, which were well attended with a good response from those attending.

David, whom we mentioned for prayer in our August newsletter, continues to faithfully attend the Bible studies and Saturday meetings at our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship. David, an Israeli, enjoys listening to the word as it is presented from a Hebrew – Messianic perspective. We recently had the joy and privilege of hearing his public testimony of his faith in *Yeshua* – Jesus, as his Messiah. Paul's words in Romans 10:17 come to mind. **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Please continue to pray for David, to grow in faith and in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord.

We are happy to share with you that there have been two requests for baptism; one young girl a dear sister and the other an elderly lady, both wanting to identify with the Lord in His death, burial and resurrection. So we are looking forward to having a baptism in the near future.

In the last month I had the privilege to officiate two weddings, believers who wanted to have the Lord Jesus the Messiah the center of their marriage, and have a God honoring wedding ceremony. What a joy and a blessing to witness couples who want to honor the Lord as they start their new life together as husband and wife.



Recently, we received a second letter from James, a Jewish believer who is an inmate at San Quentin penitentiary, after we responded to his first letter and sent him some of our books and booklets. James writes that he has read them all and that the booklet; *The Uniqueness of Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah*, was very special and he has sent it to a pen pal and asks for her to be on our prayer list. The book of Daniel he is sharing with his study group. James mentions that in 1991 Elohim (Hebrew for God) came into his life in a profound manner and changed his world, and that he owes everything to the word of God and to His Holy Spirit. James also writes that

he continues to listen to our program on KDIA although the signal is very faint. Please remember to keep James in your prayers.



Also, we would ask you to pray with us, that the Lord will open a door for the distribution of copies of Hebrew Braille New Testaments among sightless Israelis in Israel. Pray for these precious blind Israelis who are still living in both physical and spiritual darkness, that their hearts will be brought to the knowledge of forgiveness of sins through *Yeshua* the Messiah. If you have any contact with sightless Israelis or Jewish persons that are willing to accept the Hebrew Braille or the English Braille Scriptures, please let us know.

In the will of the Lord I will be leaving with a small group of believers for our fall Bible Land tour to Israel on the 26th of this month. We value your prayers for our group as we travel. We are currently preparing a Land of Israel Bible tour for March 2017, should the Lord open the door for you to join us, there is information on the Holy Scriptures and Israel website, <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com> Following the tour I will have a few days to visit my family in Israel. Due to health reasons, Irene will not be joining me on this trip.

We greatly appreciate your on-going prayers for Irene and me. The Lord is sustaining us as we continue on in His service.

Please pray for:

- David as he grows in his faith.
- James and his pen pal.
- The radio ministry in Canada and the USA.
- The Bible teaching meetings in Toronto.
- Our families in Israel.
- The upcoming Israel Bible Land tour.
- 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

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