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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 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְקוֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As December 31st, fell on a Saturday, the brothers and sisters at The Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach fellowship had the opportunity to end 2016 with a time of prayer and praise, committing ourselves to the Lord for 2017. We are truly blessed, and have so much to be thankful, most of all for the sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus the Messiah who gave himself for us. Paul reminds us of the love of our Messiah Jesus, when he said. **The Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.** Galatians 2:20b.

As we begin 2017, we rejoice in the knowledge of the truth that all the promises of God will surely come to pass. Paul impressed this upon the hearts of the believers in 2 Corinthians 1:20 when he wrote. **For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.** It is so good to know that we belong to the Savior, the Lord Jesus, and that he is in control of our lives. As he allows us to remain here on earth, we can by His grace, continue to serve him.

By the grace of God we see our outreach ministry growing, as the Lord brings into our midst those whom He wishes to attend, both Jews and Gentiles alike. Our burden to reach out to our Jewish people with the message of the gospel is shared with others, and together we pray that the Lord will use His word for the salvation of many. We have also been encouraged by those who have sought to help in the ministry where needed. One such person is Yianny, who started

attending the Bible studies last year. Yianny loves the Lord Jesus the Messiah and has a desire to serve Him in some capacity. Yianny has been a great help in preparing messages for the radio program and it is always an encouragement to see a young brother with a desire to serve the Lord. I have asked Yianny to write a few words about himself.



My name is Yianny Georgopoulos, and I'm 29 years old. I heard about The Holy Scriptures and Israel a few years ago from my parents, Jim and Irene. I had listened to several of the online broadcasts and was encouraged to hear that the Word of God was preached truthfully; the Messianic Hebrew perspective also helped to provide me with a more complete picture of the Scriptures. A few months ago I decided to attend the Friday Bible studies and unexpectedly began helping to prepare the audio recordings of the Saturday, Shabbat messages for the radio. I was eager to do some form of work for the sake of the Gospel, and I am very grateful to the Lord that He has brought me together with brother Gideon to work alongside faithful brothers and sisters in the Body of Messiah.

We had the joy of celebrating a Bat Mitzvah for Sarah, a young girl who together with her parents attends the meetings of Holy Scriptures and Israel fellowship. Sarah just turned twelve, the age which in Jewish tradition, she is accountable to the Lord. Sarah had the opportunity to publicly acknowledge her faith in the Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah and to express her appreciation to her parents and to those who care for her. Several brothers committed her to the Lord in prayer, and we continue to pray for Sarah, that the Lord will bless her and lead her on in her walk with Him.



Recently the Lord opened the door to increase Holy Scriptures and Israel airtime on the WDCX 99.5 FM radio station in Buffalo, New York <http://www.wdcxradio.com/> In the will of the Lord, starting the 30th of this month we will be airing five days a week instead of only one day a week. We are moving from Sunday afternoon to every week-day morning, Monday to Friday at 5:30 a.m. We will be following Walk in the Word with James MacDonald. This additional airtime will cost more, but it will reach more listeners over a longer period of time, Monday through Friday five days a week. We pray and trust the Lord to use the Bible teaching program for the blessing of those who listen. These messages will also be available on Facebook, as we will post them every day of

the week. <https://www.facebook.com/holyscripturesandisrael> We do depend upon the prayers and the support of the people of God, as the Lord opens doors for us to develop the Bible teaching and the radio ministry. We appreciate what the Lord is doing. Your faithful prayers dear brothers and sisters encourage us in the ministry among our Jewish people.

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As to our health situations, Irene and I realize that we are but vessels needing the grace of our God every day of our lives. We are reminded of what the apostle Paul said to the Athenians when he preached the gospel of *Yeshua* the Messiah unto them, He said in Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring. Irene is doing better, the medication has been helping, as have the prayers of the people of God. As for myself, I met with the cardiologist today and the second echo test confirmed severe aortic stenosis, narrowing of the aortic valve. The cardiologist asked me if I would mind if she left the room to confer with two other cardiologists who were at the clinic that day. She came back and said that they felt a stress test would better confirm the urgency of the surgery. It is not a question if I need surgery, but how soon I need to have it done. We will keep you posted as we learn more details. Thank you all for your e-mails, phone calls and most of all your prayers.

Irene and I would like to thank you dear brothers and sisters for your prayers for us, and the ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. We trust that the Lord will continue to lead us. We have such joy and much thankfulness in our hearts to the Lord, when we see our brothers and sisters that attend the Bible classes and ministry meetings growing. They sense the blessing of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah, as together we are under the sound of His precious word. Our desire is to follow the instructions of Peter found in 2 Peter 3:18. **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, (*Yeshua* the Messiah). To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen**



Please pray:

- For Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly meetings.
- For brother Yianny and all those who volunteer to help in the ministry
- For our young sister Sarah to continue to grow spiritually.
- For our radio program new airtime on WDCX 99.5 FM.
- For Irene and my health situation.
- **Pray for 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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