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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־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we send this letter, Irene and I rejoice in our blessed Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah for His love and mercy. In March we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary, the Lord has been so gracious to us through these many years together. Then ten days later, on March the 29th, the Lord allowed me to go through an open-heart surgery in order to replace my aortic valve. Irene



felt the Lord's reassurance in the waiting room while looking through a magazine on British cottages, she opened the page to a picture of a quaint drawing room and her eyes were immediately drawn to a needlepoint hanging on the wall, the words on the needlepoint seemed to just pop off the page, **My Grace is Sufficient for Thee.** The Lord made these same encouraging words to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9a. **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Irene and I realize that we are weak and feeble people, and that we daily need the grace of God. Shortly after a nurse came out to report that

my new valve was in place and my heart was beating on it's own. An hour later the doctor came out to let Irene and the family know the surgery had gone smoothly and I was in the ICU. We are very thankful for the skilled doctors who performed the operation, under the watching eye of our blessed LORD, who long ago gave this promise to our people Israel by saying, **For I am the LORD who heals you**, Exodus 15:26b. To Him be all the glory.

I am now at home recovering. My sister Noga came from Israel to help out and spend time with us while I recover, for which we thank the Lord. We are also thankful for the opportunity to share once more with her the gospel, especially appropriate this time of the year. We love her dearly and covet your prayers for her salvation as well as the rest of my family in Israel. Noga and Irene have been taking me for short walks in order to regain the needed strength. We trust the Lord will help in my restoration to full health, He is able. We have really felt the prayers of the Lord's people throughout this whole experience. Our desire is to continue on with the ministry that our Lord has entrusted to us. We do realize that we are in the hands of the Lord, and we are encouraged as Paul was, to depend upon the grace of God.



Every year during the Passover season our hearts are once again awakened to the need of salvation of our people Israel, who are presently in the midst of celebrating the feast. Some 3500 years ago, on the 14th day of the month of Nisan, our people Israel of old came out of slavery to freedom, and from bondage to liberty, redeemed by God. Now, in this month of Nisan, Jews throughout the world are celebrating this very special feast of Pesach - Passover, looking back to the great redemption that God had provided for them. Of all the seven feasts that are found in Leviticus 23, the feast of Passover - Pesach is the first one and the most unique of them all. This feast of *PESACH* is a God given memorial, pointing to the necessity of redemption by blood. Sin must be judged, if sinners are to be redeemed.

As our families gather together for the celebration of Passover, they read from the Word of God, the beautiful redemption story, one of the greatest events in Jewish history, some 3500 years ago in the land of Egypt. This feast reminds us of how God passed over the homes of our forefathers, the Hebrews. When He saw the blood of the slain lamb, which was placed on the doorposts and lintels of their homes, the instructions of God were clear, **and the blood shall be**

**to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** Exodus 12:13a. There were only three emblems on the Hebrew's table on that first Passover, the slain Lamb, the unleavened bread, and the bitter herbs. Each one of these three emblems symbolized the complete atoning work of the promised Messiah. Jesus the Messiah, the sinless one who had no leaven in His life, is the One who experienced the bitter judgment for sin from a Holy God on behalf of mankind, and it is He who was willing to die a substitutionary death for us sinners by becoming the Lamb of God.

We, who are believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, are so blessed that God opened our eyes to see and understand what He has done. We rejoice to know that we, like our forefathers the Hebrews, who were once slaves to sin and to sins, are now by the grace of God are forgiven. We are redeemed, not by the blood of an animal, but by the precious blood of our Lord *Yeshua* our Messiah. Peter reminded his brethren of old, saying to them **Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ...But with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** 1 Peter 1:18-19. So during this occasion we reach out with the gospel to our people, pointing to *Yeshua* our Redeemer, the Lamb of God.



Even though I will be laid aside for some six weeks, our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible classes and Saturday - Shabbat meetings continue on. The participation of those who step up to take responsibility is so encouraging to Irene and me. We are so thankful to the Lord that the Word of God continues to be studied. We are happy to receive responses from listeners to the radio programs, some who live in other countries and listen to our radio programs via the internet. It is encouraging to receive e-mails from listeners who live overseas and listen to our bible teaching programs on the internet. Recently, we received an e-mail from a sister in Belarus, she wrote, Good day! My name is Elena, I live far away from you in Belarus, but in spite of that I know about you and I regularly listen with my family to your Radio station on the Internet for several years. I really love your program and hopefully more people will be delighted with your interesting program. I've heard a lot and I would like to ask you, ..... My address is, ..... Gomelskaya obl Dobrush. Belarus. Thank you, have a nice day!



Radio outreach is a unique way to reach many who may never enter a church or an assembly-meeting hall. It has been said that radio is a way to communicate to the heart and mind of each individual listener. One never knows who is listening to the preaching of the gospel and the teaching of the word of God. We are encouraged by Shlomoh - Solomon the King of Israel, who by divine inspiration wrote, **Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.** Ecclesiastes 11:1. As we prepare our daily messages for the radio stations, we trust that *Yeshua* - Jesus our Messiah, who is the bread of life, will be

found in due time by those who listen to the Word. **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17.

As to our plans for the summer, Lord willing, as my health improves we plan to hold at Holy Scriptures and Israel fellowship, our belated Messiah in the Passover special outreach meeting in the month of May. We will have a special gospel presentation pointing to the Lord Jesus as the Lamb of God. In July, in the will of the Lord, we trust to be at Pine Valley Bible Camp in California and plan to visit some of the local assemblies for the ministry of the Word.

Dear brothers and sisters, Irene and I wish to thank you all so much for your love and care, we are so blessed to belong to our blessed Lord *Yeshua* - Jesus the Messiah, without Him we can do nothing. Your prayers for us, and your support during these challenging times are much appreciated. We are so thankful for the many cards, e-mails, phone calls, texts etc., which we have received. We were not able to respond to each message that we received, but we do want to acknowledge our appreciation for your love and prayers. We realize that we are in the school of God, our Lord teaches us that we are but dust and that without Him we can do nothing. David the sweet Psalmist of Israel wrote these words as a prayer to God.



**Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.** Psalm 86:11. May the Lord help us all in this.

**Please pray for:**

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel Radio Programs.
- The Bible classes and ministry meeting.
- The spiritual growth of our brothers and sisters.
- My sister Noga and our family in Israel.
- The physical health of Irene and myself.
- **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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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