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

We thank God for His help during our recent ministry trip, Irene and I can truly say that the Lord blessed our time in California. We enjoyed participating in the ministry of the Word of God at Pine Valley Bible Camp. We had a full camp this year and it was wonderful to see all the children and the impact the Lord can be in their lives. We thank the Lord for those who came to a saving knowledge, those who reaffirmed their faith, and those who identified with the Lord in baptism.



We pray that they will continue to grow in their faith, we pray especially for those children who come from non-Christian homes that they may stay close to the Lord. Our theme at camp this year was, Friends with Jesus, and in the adult morning study we saw the Lord as our true friend and were impressed with the amazing fact that the Lord - *Yeshua* calls us His friends. We read in John 15:15, **Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.** We also read in Proverbs 18:24b, the words spoken by King Solomon, as he assured Israel our people of old

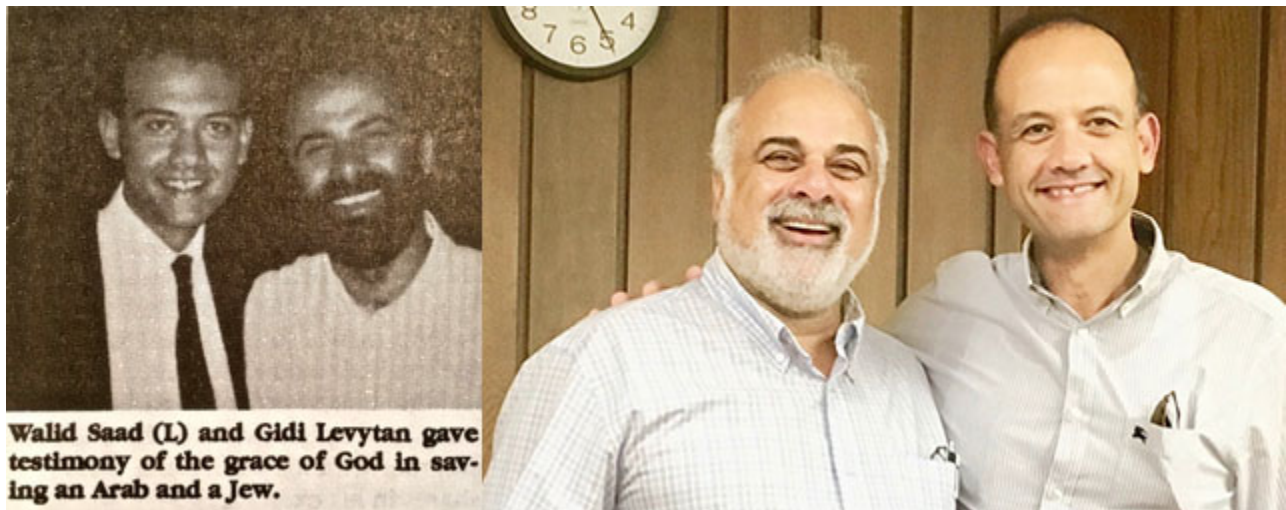
that, **there is a friend – lover, OHEV in Hebrew, that sticks closer than a brother.** While at

camp we enjoyed to fellowship with our brothers and sisters whom we get to see only once a year. Early, every morning after prayer-time, a group of us have for many years made it a habit to take a long walk together where we can share what the Lord has been doing in our lives. This year, my dear brothers were gracious with me and slowed the pace so that I could keep up. We thank God for these opportunities that He gives us for our mutual encouragement. We also thank Him for having given us the needed strength and health for the trip.

Immediately following Pine Valley Bible Camp we headed to Alkarma TV station where I was scheduled to tape an interview for the Sons of Abraham program. Alkarma TV is an Arabic channel and airs on 10 satellites, reaching millions of Muslims in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Australia, and North America with the gospel. It was my privilege as an Israeli, Jewish believer to share my testimony and to answer some biblical questions that Muslims might have. I can truly say, along with my Hebrew - Jewish brethren, the disciples of *Yeshua*, that I have found the Messiah. We read of Andrew, the brother of Simon - Peter, in John 1:41-42a - **He, Andrew, first finds his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Yeshua.** We thank the Lord for His help with the interview, and we trust that the Lord will use it for a blessing to those who watch it.



During the following two weeks, Irene and I were able to visit and minister the Word at five local assemblies in southern California. We visited the assemblies in Orange County, Montebello, Pasadena, San Diego and Brawley. It was so good to be with the brethren and share together some encouraging thoughts from the Word of God. It is always a blessing to have a time of fellowship together, especially when one is an Arab and one is a Jew, now brothers in the Lord, as in the case of Walid and myself, both of us born in Jerusalem. Walid and I were reminiscing about the first time we met, some twenty-seven years ago and thought it would be nice to have an before and after picture. We were also very happy for the opportunity to visit my cousin and her family who live in San Diego. Since returning home we heard that my cousin had flown to Israel as her mother had passed away. I was able to talk to her today as well as her sister who seemed very open to hearing about *Yeshua* and would like to carry on our conversation in October when Irene and I will be in Israel for the tour. Please keep them in your prayers, that the Lord will work on their hearts and open their eyes to who *Yeshua* is, not merely a good man or great prophet, but the Messiah of Israel. At the end of our trip we had couple of days to ourselves where we could rest and enjoy the beautiful ocean and weather of southern California.



Walid Saad (L) and Gidi Levytan gave testimony of the grace of God in saving an Arab and a Jew.

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The radio programs of the Holy Scriptures and Israel continue to do well and the gospel

message is shared as we study through the Bible. We are blessed to regularly receive communication from some who listen to the radio Bible programs. We are always encouraged to see some of our listeners attending our Friday Bible classes or our Saturdays - Shabbats meetings. Truly, people need the Lord, without the Lord Jesus man is lost, there is an emptiness in the heart which only our Lord *Yeshua* can fill, and He does so through His Word. Isaiah could say by the Word of the Lord. **Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.** Those of us who know the Lord Jesus, who are believers, we too need much of His grace day by day, as there are so many failures in us and so many challenges we experience in our lives. In Matthew 11:28-30 the Lord said to His disciples, **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.** Only as we are close to Him will we have rest.



The Lord has blest us at our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship with believers who are both Jews and Gentiles, together we represent the positional unity of the body of Christ - Messiah. **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit,** 1 Corinthians 12:13. Some of our Jewish brethren experience a very difficult time from their families because of their faith in *Yeshua*. It is not easy to sever relationships with our families and our people, which sometimes is the price we have to pay when we share our faith in the Messiah *Yeshua* with our families. We are so

thankful to the Lord for Christians who understand their Jewish brethren and patiently help them to be strengthened in their faith. We have confidence in the Lord, Who alone is able in His timing, to open doors enabling our families to know who *Yeshua* is. I, personally, was so thankful to the Lord, as He recently allowed me to speak freely and openly with one of my relatives who knows that I believe that *Yeshua* is the Messiah. I felt an openness, even though my relative has not come to faith as yet, but God knows each heart and He is able to work in their lives, bringing them to a knowledge of the truth.

In our Saturday - Shabbat meetings we have arrived to the portion of scripture which deals with the rapture or the snatching up of the assembly, 1 Thessalonians 4. In preparing for this passage, I am learning that unfortunately, throughout church history believers in the Lord Jesus have had all sorts of views, and many differing positions concerning that event. In reading the text we understand that Paul received this special revelation, which he shares with the Thessalonian believers and us, saying in verses 16-17. **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** We praise God for this truth, which was given to Paul by divine revelation. May the Lord hasten that day in which He will remove His heavenly people out of this world, which is full of sorrow and sadness, in order to meet Him in the air and to be with Him in the Heaven. We also pray that the Lord will hasten the day in which He will restore His people Israel to Himself, as He promised through the prophets. **Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel,** Ezekiel 37:12.



We are now in the midst of our final preparations for our annual Israel the Land of the Bible tour, which departs from Toronto on October 26th, returning November 5th 2017. Should you wish to join us please call us or go to the website. <http://holyscripturesandisrael.com/tours>

Dear brethren, we want to thank you for your love, prayers and financial support, they are greatly appreciated. We have felt the uplifting of the many prayers on our behalf. Please continue to pray for us, and the ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. May the Lord bless you and keep you in all that you do.

Please pray:

- The young boys and girls who attended Pine Valley Bible Camp.
- The AIKarma TV interview.
- Our upcoming Israel the Land of the Bible tour.
- Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry meetings.
- Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs.
- For physical and spiritual strength for Irene and myself.
- For our family.
- **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