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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 בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we begin writing our newsletter, we are in the Valley of Elah in Israel, where my sister and her family live. Looking out of her second storey balcony we see before us the valley where David faced Goliath. It is a spot we like to stop with our groups to pick up stones in the now dry brook, from which David picked up his stones. After enjoying a few days with our family, we are going to the airport to pick up our group and start our ten day tour in the Land. While we have been here, Israel held its YOM HA-SHOAH, Memorial Day, where we remember the six million Jews who were killed during the holocaust. As the few remaining holocaust survivors tell their sad stories, we look forward to the promises given in the Scripture, of the glorious days of the Messianic kingdom. Yet, we read in the prophets, that before Israel will enter into this glorious kingdom, there will arise another terrible day, called Jacob's trouble, the great tribulation, Jeremiah 30:7. **Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.** This prophecy makes us realize the importance of praying for our people Israel, asking God that many will come to trust in Jesus our Messiah now, during these days of grace. Tomorrow, Israel will have another memorial day, called YOM HA-ZIKARON, on that day Israel will remember the many fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism. The following day things change drastically, from sadness to happiness as Israel will celebrate its 70th year as a modern state. Israel is indeed a miracle nation which is preserved by God for a future day.



Prior to our departure to Israel, we, at our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship, had our Messiah in the Passover special meeting. We were thankful to host nearly 150 people, mostly believers, but there were also some Jewish individuals in attendance who are not yet believers in the Lord *Yeshua* our Messiah. The gospel was presented from Exodus 12, pointing to the importance of the shed blood of the Lamb for redemption, a vivid type of the Lord *Yeshua*, the Lamb of God. In addition to the gospel message, we pointed out that everything our Jewish people practice during the Passover SEDER meal, clearly point to the Lord Jesus, who came to this world to lay down His life to

provide redemption for all people. We trust that God will use all that was shared during our special meeting, to speak to each of the hearts of those who heard the word of God.

Over the years the Lord has opened doors for us to minister His Word in various home groups and schools. I was recently invited to share a message with students in a Christian school about Passover and Jesus, our Passover Lamb. There are many international students attending the school, who do not come from christian homes and are unfamiliar with the Bible. We trust that the Lord will use the message given for the salvation of many of the students. It is a blessing to receive calls or e-mails from those who use the Holy Scriptures and Israel website to download bible teaching messages. A brother called recently saying that he is thankful to God that he is able to listen to us on the radio and also to hear Holy Scriptures and Israel bible messages on the internet, while on his way home from work, or at his office. This gives us much encouragement to continue on in the preaching of the Word of God, for the Lord spoke through Isaiah to Israel saying. My Word shall not return unto me void. Isaiah 55:11.



The Lord has blessed us with opportunities to have personal conversations with individuals, and to share the person and work of the Lord Jesus our Messiah. Irene and I recently met with someone who had a lot of questions on his heart, regarding the Bible, the need of salvation, etc. We trust the Lord will use the time we spent together to open his heart to the Lord and what the Lord has done for him. We assured him that God is able to give him the answers he is searching for. Paul quoted Isaiah and said in 1 Corinthians 2:9. **But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.** Our hearts go out to those who search for truth.



Another unique conversation I had the other day while in Jerusalem, was with one of the Israeli bus drivers called Amnon. He asked me how I came to believe that *Yeshua* was the Messiah of Israel. Seating together for nearly an hour, I pointed to the fact that both, our law giver Moses and all our prophets of old spoke about the person of *Yeshua* the Messiah. I was reminded of the words in

Luke 24:27. **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** *Yeshua* answered in pointing them to Moses and all the Prophets. Amnon had to leave so we had to stop our conversation, but he thanked me and said he had enjoyed our conversation. It gives me much joy to be able to have simple biblical conversations with my Israeli fellowmen, remember Amnon in prayer.



We have started our tour and our days are very busy. Yesterday we were in Bethlehem and today we have been walking in the Old City of Jerusalem and the City of David, we did almost eight kilometres of walking today. Our group is enjoying to be in the city of Jerusalem, the city in which I and my father were born and raised. Jerusalem and those who live in it have experienced many trials throughout its history. Of old our people sang many songs of praise unto our LORD found in the book of Psalms, including this beautiful Psalm 48, which is about Jerusalem written by the sons of Korah. In verses 1 and 2 it says, **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.** Just imagine, dear brothers and sisters, this city of Jerusalem which was built and destroyed so many times, will one day, once Israel accept the Lord *Yeshua*, be the joy of the whole earth.

We value so much your prayers for us and for the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We realize the importance of the prayers of the people of God. **Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.** Like 18:1

Please pray for:

- Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry.
- Our radio programs and ministry meetings in Toronto.
- All who attended our Messiah in the Passover meeting.
- The people with whom we had personal conversations.
- Our tour group who is now in Israel.
- The salvation of our family.
- The one who serve the Lord Yeshua in Israel.
- **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,

Aileen & Irene

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