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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 6:4 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:3. These words of comfort were spoken by the LORD through the prophet Isaiah to our forefathers Israel. God encouraged His beloved people to wait and hope in Him, to trust that He would restore them in a future day. What comforting words these were, to those who had suffered the horrible Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. They needed to hear these words, **Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.** Isaiah 40:1. Years have passed by and many of the promises of God have been fulfilled, the greatest being the first coming of the Messiah, *Yeshua*, who became the Sacrificial Lamb. How thankful we ought to be for His great work of redemption. Yet, this is not the end, we continue reading in the same chapter of Isaiah where God is saying, He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11. What amazing promises are yet to be fulfilled in a coming future day.

We, who are believers in the Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus, ought to be encouraged with the precious promises that God has made to us. We read in 1 Peter 1:2a, that we are, **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, *Yeshua* the Messiah.** Peter continues to encourage the believers, assuring all believers that we are preserved by God for a future day, **being kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the**

last time. These promises remind us that we need to wait upon the LORD in order to renew our strength, day by day, until the Lord *Yeshua* returns, or until He removes us from this world into His presence. May we continue to be reminded of these promises.



It is now nearly two weeks since Irene and I returned from our three week ministry trip to California. We were refreshed and blessed to be with the brothers and sisters at Pine Valley Bible Camp. The gospel message was preached daily, and the Word of God was taught for the encouragement and edification of us all. The theme at camp was the invitation of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, who called all men to come to Him for spiritual and eternal rest, **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.** Mathew 11:28. We thank God that together with our brothers and sisters at camp, we could be occupied with this promise of eternal rest. We rejoiced to see young ones committing their lives to the Lord and we were privileged to witness the baptism, TVILA, in Hebrew, of some of the young people who wanted to identify with the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus / *Yeshua* the Messiah. Please remember the many young people who were at Pine Valley Bible Camp, that the Lord will continue to work in their hearts and that they will be kept strong in a world that rejects everything to do with the Lord.

Following the camp, we were privileged to visit five assemblies, as well as some homes for a time of fellowship and ministry from the Word of God. We thank the Lord for allowing us to make these visits, as our desire is to be an encouragement to the believers, wherever the Lord would lead us. It was good to be with the brothers and sisters, we enjoyed the fellowship and really appreciate the love and hospitality shown to us. God is so good, He seeks to direct our attention to His Son, the Lord Jesus, *Yeshua* the Messiah, the one person who truly refreshes the hearts of His people, who are occupied with Him.

While in California we also enjoyed to visit with our dear friends, Jerry and Nancy, who serve the Lord *Yeshua* in the distribution of the bilingual Hebrew Scriptures. They, as Irene and I have



done over the many years, provide the Hebrew Scriptures to our Jewish people, making them available to Christians who seek to assist in reaching the Jewish population with the complete Word of God. Brother Jerry, who is a Jewish believer in *Yeshua*, along with his dear wife Nancy, have been actively involved in Jewish ministry for many years. They have been a source of great encouragement for Irene and me, as well as to many others, as they understand the conflicts and

challenges that a Jewish person goes through, when they decide to follow Jesus the Messiah. Please remember Jerry and Nancy, that the Lord will sustain them and give them the needed strength as they distribute the Hebrew Scriptures to the Jewish community world wide.

While we were away, brother Alfred Bouter shared the Word of God for one of our Holy Scriptures and Israel Saturday fellowship meetings, after which he travelled to Pennsylvania to attend the Grove City Bible Conference. During the conference brother Alfred represented the Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry at the missionary meeting along with many other missionaries who serve the Lord on the mission-field. We pray for all those who serve the Lord among various peoples, tongues and nations. We also thank God for the interest shown at the conference for the work among our Jewish people. It is so precious to know, on the basis of the Word of God, that in a soon coming day all who have received the Lord Jesus, *Yeshua* the Messiah as their Saviour, will be together with Him around the throne of God. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, He is the Root of David, He is the one who hath prevailed, He is also the Lamb that was slain, what a wonderful person is *Yeshua*. We read of Him in Revelation 5:9.



And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Returning home to Canada, it was so good to see once again our brothers and sisters at the Holy Scriptures and Israel fellowship. We are thankful for those who taught the Word while we were away and for those working behind the scenes to make sure everything continued as usual. In addition to those who regularly attend our ministry meetings, it was good to have some visitors with us. We have been encouraged as of late, as the Lord has brought into our midst additional Jewish individuals, who are willing to sit with us and hear the teaching of the Scriptures and the gospel of *Yeshua* our Messiah. We praise the Lord for this, as the gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believes. Our heart goes out to our people Israel who need to have their spiritual eyes opened. God is able, the apostle Saul / Paul knew this truth and in a very personal way shared this great truth with the Roman believers saying, **for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ / Messiah: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believe; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.** Romans 1:16. As by the grace of God we continue to reach our Jewish people with the gospel message, we trust that God through His Holy Spirit, will work in the hearts of those who hear His Word.

We thank you dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and support, we appreciate it very



much. Please continue to pray for our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly ministry meetings in Toronto, as well as our on-going radio programs which are aired on various radio stations and websites in Canada and the USA. Our desire is that the Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus, in His time, and according to His will, will enlarge the radio ministry outreach of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We remember the man Jabez, a descendant of the tribe of Yehuda who prayed to God, requesting an enlargement of his coast, **And Jabez - Yabets - יַעֲבֵז called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed,**

and enlarge my coast... 1 Chronicles 4:10a. God in His grace granted to Jabez - יַעֲבֵז his request as we read, **and God granted him that which he requested.**

Last month, in our conversation with the owner and manager of the KDIA 1640 AM radio station in San Francisco, we were encouraged to hear that the radio program of the Holy Scriptures and Israel is well received and appreciated, for which we are thankful. Also via e-mail we receive good feedback from persons who listen to our radio program through our website, <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio> or through the other websites which air our program. We recently received this e-mail, *Dear brother, It is good to hear Ecclesiastes 12, the whole chapter! God bless your work! Now, I would like to welcome you in the country for a Seminar at any time, you with your team. God bless you, hoping to hear back. In Him, Pastor Allen. Tanzania E.A.* Our prayer is that the Lord will give us the needed wisdom and guidance, for it is He who said. **I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.** Psalm 32:8.

Please pray for:

- The young people who attended Pine Valley Bible Camp.
- The encouragement for the believers in California.
- The distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures among our Jewish people.
- Alfred and Edith Bouter and Jerry and Nancy.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel Radio ministry.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible Fellowship.
- The salvation of the Jewish individuals who attended our meetings.
- Our families in Israel and around the world.
- **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,

A. Leon & Irene