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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 בִקְחָץ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We thank the Lord *Yeshua* for His grace in bringing us safely back home after nearly three weeks in California. Our God is so good and His ways are perfect. We were blessed to take part



at Pine Valley Bible Camp once again this year. The camp theme was Come Unto Me, taken from Isaiah 55:3, **Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.** The Lord encouraged the hearts of young and old alike as we spent the week in His Word. It is always a joy to see young ones commit their lives to the Lord and witness those who take the public step of baptism. The time of fellowship with other like minded believers is so refreshing and much needed these days.

Following camp we visited various assemblies and homes for the ministry of the word. Our desire was to encourage the believers and we trust that with the help of the Lord we did so. We also had the opportunity to meet with some of the Jewish brethren who live locally. As Jews we share common challenges unique to our background. We long for our brethren and our own families to understand the truth found in scripture concerning *Yeshua*, that they would come to a saving knowledge of *Yeshua* our Messiah. During this trip, the Lord also privileged me to share the word with one of the local Messianic Congregations and we were happy to hear that we were a source of encouragement to them.



Irene and I also spent some time with our dear friends Jerry and Nancy who serve the Lord *Yeshua* through the distribution of the Hebrew Old and New Testaments, called the Tanach and the Brit-Chadasha. Jerry and Nancy serve our Messiah in the USA with the Society for the Distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures which began in the UK. Copies of the Holy Scriptures are made available to Christians who have a burden for the salvation of Israel, who have Jewish friends or co-workers whom they would like to share a copy with. I myself was blessed many years ago to receive such a copy in Hebrew from my future mother-in-law. Receiving the scripture in our Hebrew language makes it easier for us to be willing to even read the New Testament, which we were hindered from reading as we were taught that *Yeshua*/Jesus is not for the Jews. But we thank the Lord for Jerry and Nancy, and their testimony as they faithfully labour in the distribution of His Word. Years ago, in 1983, The Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry began with the desire to distribute the Hebrew Scriptures. The Society for the Distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures provided us with Old and New testaments in various languages, and we were able to distribute hundreds over the years. God uses His Word for the salvation of many, and it will not return unto Him void. **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17.

In addition to our visits with the brethren in California, we recorded two television programs at the Al Karma TV station. The subject dealt with the suffering servant of the LORD found in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22. The question was, who is this person, and is the servant that Isaiah is talking about *Yeshua* / Jesus the promised Messiah of Israel. One of the programs was aired live, while the other will be aired at a later date. As these programs reach out to the Muslim world, our prayer is that the Lord will use them for His own glory and the salvation of many Muslims. The Muslim world, just as our Jewish community, needs to know that Jesus is the Messiah. The Lord Jesus prayed in John 17:3, **And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.**



As to our Holy Scriptures and Israel meetings in Toronto and the radio programs, the Lord continues to bless both avenues of this outreach. We are encouraged to see the interest shown in the Bible studies on Fridays and we see a good attendance as we study together the whole word of God, both Old and New Testaments. In Acts 20:27, Paul reminded the Ephesian elders that he was faithful to teach them the whole word of God, he said **For I have not shunned to**



declare unto you all the counsel of God.

The Lord has directed us in the study of first Corinthians and on Saturday for our outreach meeting we have begun the book of Amos. Amos and Paul, both men of God, were guided by Ruach Ha-Kodesh, the Holy Spirit. One was used to charge Israel and the other to charge the church, to turn back and submit to the authority of God. We ought to be challenged by these accounts, may they cause us to seek to walk in closer fellowship with the Lord.

We have had numerous occasions of late to meet with individuals who have benefitted from our radio programs and they have expressed their appreciation. We are so thankful for all who support the radio ministry and make it possible for us to be a source of encouragement to others.

The Lord continues to open doors for us in ministry for which we are thankful. From time to time we receive requests from believers to come and speak with their Jewish friend or to give them some guidelines as to how they can share Jesus the Messiah with a Jewish friend. Sometimes, I am asked to share a gospel message and give my personal testimony as to how I found the Messiah. Thankfully the Lord gives the grace needed to be a help to others. It is encouraging to see that there are those who have a deep burden for the salvation of our Jewish people. It is wonderful to know that the Lord raises up servants who become missionaries. He gives them a burden for a certain group of people, then He sends them out to minister among them. **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.** Matthew 28:19.



We are blessed to have in our fellowship brother Ron and sister Gladys McNaughton, who will be celebrating 65 years of marriage. They are a living testimony of God's love and grace and we count it a real blessing to have had them in our midst for so many years. Their love for the Lord and His people, their faithfulness in attending the meetings despite their age has truly been an example and inspiration for all of us. We have benefitted from their wise council and appreciated Ron helping with the Bible studies when we have had to be away. Ron and Gladys have sold their house to be nearer to their daughter and therefore not able to attend all the meetings. We still enjoy to have Ron and Gladys with us for our Fridays nights bible classes, we trust the Lord will bless them and continue to use them for a blessing to others.

For those who ask about our health situation. We thank the Lord for the measure of health that He gives, and appreciate you remembering us in prayer. We learn that the Lord *Yeshua* teaches us lessons that cause us to draw closer to Him.

Please pray for:

- Our Holy Scriptures and Israel radio ministry.
- Our weekly outreach meetings.
- The Lord to use the interview on Al Karma TV station.
- The salvation of the Muslims.
- The distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures by Jerry and Nancy.
- The salvation of our families in Israel.
- Ron and Gladys.
- **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,

G. Leon & 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

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