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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 בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

It is incredible how time is passing by so quickly, it seems like the year just started and here we are writing our last newsletter for 2019. We are reminded of this song, Life at best is very brief, like the falling of a leaf, like the binding of a sheaf, be in time. Fleeting days are telling fast that the die will soon be cast and the fatal line be passed, be in time. Be in time, be in time, while the voice of Jesus calls you, be in time. If in sin you longer wait, you may find no open gate, and your cry be just too late. Be in time. How important it is for mankind to be in time and to turn their hearts to the Lord Yeshua before it is too late.

Our family and the Jewish community will soon be celebrating the Feast of Hanukkah, in English it is called the Feast of Dedication. Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days starting on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev. This year the first day of Hanukkah falls on the 22nd of December. At our ministry meeting we will be studying the 8th chapter of Daniel, who prophesied of the events leading to Hanukkah which happened in 165 B.C., Hanukkah is the celebration of the re-dedication of the temple in Jerusalem after it was desecrated by a wicked Grecian-Syrian king, named Antiochus Epiphanes. This evil king ruled from 175 to 164 B.C., and captured the city of Jerusalem in the year 168 B.C., Antiochus



committed an abomination before the God of Israel by sacrificing a pig on the altar in the temple in Jerusalem, offering the pig to his false god Zeus. God miraculously freed our Jewish people from Antiochus Epiphanes, allowing them to cleanse and rededicate the temple. It is into this same temple that Joseph and Miriam brought baby *Yeshua* to be presented before God. We read of this in Luke 2:29-30. Shimon, who was waiting for the consolation of Israel, took *Yeshua* up into his arms and blessing God said. **Lord, now let thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.** The word salvation is the Hebrew name, *Yeshua*, the very name that God gave to our Messiah. We read in Matthew 1:21; **And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name *Yeshua*, for he shall save his people from their sins.**



While Scripture does not give us any date as to the birth of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, yet soon millions around the world will be celebrating His birth. Sadly, many who celebrate the birth of the Messiah, do not know Him as their Lord and Saviour, nor do they understand the reason for His birth. We are thankful for the birth of *Yeshua*, He was born in order to pay the price for our sin and sins through His substitutionary death. Just before His death, *Yeshua* said, **For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.** John 6:38, and, **I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.** John 10:11. In John 10:17 *Yeshua* said, **therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.** We are grateful for the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah, and we pray that during this season many around the world will turn to the Lord for salvation. While the world is eager to celebrate this season, many do not want to hear about the one who came as a babe in order to save us from our sins. At this season we use the opportunity to share the message of the gospel with those around us who need to hear of the love of God. God loved us so much that He was willing to send His only Son to save us from our sins.

Thank you for those of you who have been praying for our brother Chris. The Lord has graciously answered our prayers and we were very happy to see our brother Chris and Justine at our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach meeting last Saturday. We did not expect to see them so soon as it has only been days since Chris had open-heart surgery for quadruple by-pass, but



Chris wanted to come as soon as possible to the meeting, and see his brethren who were praying for him. Chris and his wife Justine heard of our ministry among the Jewish people, then over a year ago they traveled with us to Israel for our Bible teaching tour. Since our return from Israel, they have continued to faithfully attend our Friday Bible classes and the Saturdays/Shabbat ministry meetings. We are so blessed to have brothers and sisters like Chris and Justine in our midst, who love the Lord *Yeshua* and His word, and seek to be a blessing and of service to their brethren and participate in Jewish outreach. Please remember Chris and Justine in your prayers.

During our Saturdays meetings we have begun the study of the book of Galatians. It is refreshing to learn of the deep concern that Shaul / Paul had for the Galatians, and his concern that they would understand the truth of the gospel. The book of Galatians is not easy to appropriate by many, as it points to the fact that there is nothing that any of us can do to gain Salvation. Nothing but the blood of *Yeshua* can save. Please pray with us that the Lord, by His Holy Spirit, will use His Word to help those attending the meetings to understand this.

Looking back on the past 12 months, Irene and I can truly say that we are very thankful to the Lord, *Yeshua*. It is through His grace that we are sustained and in spite of challenges in our lives, we continue on, strengthened with the strength that the Lord gives us. It is important for us to continue sharing the gospel message and praying for the salvation of the many who are still without our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah. In His parable, the Lord Jesus said, **Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.** Luke 14:23b. God wants His house to be full. We are also reminded not to forget Israel and the Jewish people. The Psalmist of Israel requested that those who believe in God will remember Israel, saying in Psalm 122:6. **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.** We as believers ought to align ourselves with the heart and plan of God and continue to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people, as well as the national regeneration of Israel. Scriptures clearly teach us that this world will never see true Shalom / Peace, until Israel as a nation is fully restored unto her God through *Yeshua* the Messiah. The future restoration of Israel will bring about the promised Messianic age of blessing for the whole world. The Apostle Paul reminded the believers in the assembly in Rome, concerning the future of Israel in Romans 11:12 saying, **Now if the fall of them, be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them, the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their, -Israel- fulness.** And again in Romans 11:15; **For if the casting away of them, be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them, be, but life from the dead.**

We include this information update on our ministry outreach and we appreciate your on going prayers.

1. Radio Programs: Holy Scriptures and Israel is airing its radio programs on three radio stations.

- JOY 1250 AM in Oakville, Ontario: <http://joyradio.ca>
- WDCX 99.5 FM and 970 AM in Buffalo, New York: <http://www.wdcxradio.com>
- KDIA 1640 AM in San Francisco, California: <https://www.kdia.com>

2. Bible teaching ministry: Holy Scriptures and Israel is also registered with additional 5 radio website channels through which we are reaching out to many around the world with the message of the gospel and with the teaching of the Word of God.

- [Facebook](#)
- [Sermonaudio](#)

- [Transworld Radio 360](#)
- [Oneplace](#)
- [Bible Voice Broadcasting](#)

3. On November 1, 2019, we started to air our "Holy Scriptures and Israel" Bible teaching program on the "Bible Voice Broadcasting" Internet radio, which is available internationally. "Bible Voice Broadcasting" exists to proclaim the Good News to the nations in languages they can understand. It began as the Voice of Hope radio station in 1979, located in a buffer zone between combatant Israeli Military and Lebanon based terrorist forces. The Voice of Hope stood as a beacon of hope for the Middle East where many longed for peace. Its message of Biblical hope, healing and encouragement touched many lives.

4. Holy Scriptures and Israel reach-out through weekly meetings for the study of the Word of God. We are currently studying three books of the Bible.

- Friday morning bible class at 11:00 a.m. 1st Corinthians.
- Friday evening bible class at 7:00 P.M. Isaiah.
- Saturdays/Shabbat meeting at 1:00 PM. We study the book of Galatians.

Our Saturday/Shabbat bible teaching ministry is recorded and is aired on the radio stations at a later time.

5. We continue to have contacts with both, Jewish and non-Jewish individuals who show interest in the things of the Lord. We also correspond with those who are reaching out to us with many questions.

Irene and I wish to thank you dear brothers and sisters for your faithful prayers for us, our family and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Without the prayers of the people of God this ministry would not be possible. We also wish to thank you for your financial support of us, your gifts have been greatly appreciated. Together with the Psalmist we will praise God for all that He is doing. **For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endure to all generations.** Psalm 100:5.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel radio ministry.
- The weekly bible classes.
- The growth of the believers who attend the meetings.
- The restoration of Chris to full health.
- The salvation of our family in Israel and Canada.
- The needed physical and spiritual strength for Irene and I.
- **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