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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:

While we all find ourselves temporarily separated from each other and unable to meet together because of the coronavirus pandemic, we must remember that this situation is upon us only for awhile. Our prayer is that soon, in due time, things will return to some measure of normality. Yet, we know that at any time the Lord Jesus the Messiah may come to take the redeemed to be with Him in glory. While we wait for His return, we are assured by the Word of God that He, is always and at all times with His own people, never leaving them alone. God gave this assurance to Israel in Isaiah 41:10, **Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God.** Before returning to heaven the Lord Jesus the Messiah said to the early first century believers, **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.** Matthew 28:20. The Hebrew writer reminded the brethren of the promise of God in Hebrews 13:5, **for he has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.** How good to our hearts, to have these assuring promises which are found in the Word of God.

As we are called to stay indoors in our homes, we keep ourselves occupied with things that the Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus has entrusted us with. Thankfully, with present day technology we are able to communicate through phone calls, texts, e-mails and zoom with our families, friends and fellow believers, both from Israel and from around the world. It has been encouraging to keep connected with brothers and sisters from various assemblies and those from our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly Fellowship meetings, We are encouraged by the words of the apostle Shaul /

Paul who wrote to the Corinthian believers in 1 Corinthians 15:58 saying, **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.** In light of the current situation with many at home and on the internet, there has been an increase in those listening and downloading ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We were encouraged to hear from some listeners in Africa who told us that they were benefitting from the Bible teaching programs on the Holy Scriptures and Israel website. We were also contacted by believers from Mombasa, Kenya, who listen regularly to our programs on-line. These believers expressed their appreciation, saying that they are thankful to the Lord, to be able to listen to these programs on-line. We praise God for this and pray that the Lord will continue to use the radio and internet sites for His honour and glory in these difficult time.



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We are now on the other side of the feast of **Pesach - פֶּסַח / Passover**. In the last couple of weeks we were privileged to look back at this miraculous event, when God delivered Israel out of bondage, some 3500 years ago. God delivered His people through the shed blood of a lamb, which was killed, as recorded in Exodus 12. Along with this historical event we were occupied with a much greater event, which took place some 2000 years ago, when God the Son became a Man, in order to become the Passover Lamb. *Yeshua / Jesus* the Messiah became our substitute when He died in our stead on the tree. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree. 1 Peter 2:24a. While we could not be together physically with our families because of the virus, we were able to connect with our family in Israel via Zoom, for which we thank the Lord. As we had to cancel our annual Messiah in the Passover gospel outreach meeting in Toronto, we have prepared a presentation of The Messiah in the Passover, which you can watch by using this link - <http://www.youtube.com/holyscripturesandisrael>. It is so good to know that our Lord Jesus the Messiah is our **Pesach - פֶּסַח / Passover** as we read in 1 Corinthians 5:7b. **Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us.** In His love for mankind, He shed His precious blood so that anyone who believes on Him will be redeemed. For this we will praise Him eternally.



This past month we were encouraged by a letter from an 84 year-old lady, who listens to our radio program. In her letter this dear older sister thanked us for the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching on the radio and encouraged us to continue to faithfully preach the Word of God. We have since had numerous telephone conversations with her and she has shared with us her love for the Jewish people and her prayers that our people would come to know the Lord Jesus / *Yeshua* as their Messiah. We learned that she listens to two of the three radio stations on which we air our Bible teaching program, just some days ago, we received a precious long voicemail from her, singing for us the closing song of the Aaronic blessing taken from Numbers 6, with which we close our radio program.

During these days the Lord gives us ample opportunity to reach out and keep in touch, especially with the elderly and those who are not feeling well. During one of my phone call visits with a 91 year-old brother, he shared with me how he found out about our Jewish outreach ministry, and where we meet at the Willowdale Assembly meeting hall in Toronto. In the past, in his younger years, he served Jesus the Messiah among the Jewish community in Toronto, teaching the Word of God and sharing the gospel message with those who were willing to hear. Now that he is up in age he is limited, but longs to be with believers and to study the Word of God from a first century Hebrew perspective. It was through one of our sisters, an Israeli believer that he first heard about our meetings. By the providence of God they met in the laundry room of their apartment building, at a time when neither one of them would usually be there. As a result of this pre-ordained meeting he has been attending our Bible studies and outreach meetings when he is physically able, which has been a blessing to both of us.



Staying in-touch and ministering to our brothers and sisters is very important aspect of the Body of Christ / Messiah, as with our local assembly, so it is with the outreach of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. On Friday, March 26th we began holding our Bible study class using the Zoom program as our platform. For the first week we had a Friday morning Bible class, and the following week we had the two classes, one in the morning and one in the evening. There has been a good response to these meetings, we had 56 participating in our last meeting from various cities in Ontario, including a dear couple from Kingstown in St. Vincent, together we enjoyed the study of 1 Corinthians 8, and

Revelation 1. We have now resumed having our regular three meetings per a week, which includes our Saturday / Shabbat meeting.

As we mentioned previously, we are moving along with the exercise to develop the YouTube ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching program. We seek the help of the Lord for this and His direction. We ask that you will pray with us for this as we seek to prepare sound and simple Bible teaching videos, that will be helpful and beneficial to both Jews and gentiles. **The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.** Isaiah 40:8.

We pray that our Lord *Yeshua* will come, as we read in Revelation 22:20b. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus,** and should the Lord tarry, we pray that He will draw us after Him and continue to use us until His sure return. Once again dear brethren, we thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for us and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.

Please pray for:

- The many who are affected by the coronavirus.
- The salvation of many through the preaching of the gospel.
- The needed spiritual growth for believers during these days.
- The elderly believers with whom we are in touch.
- The health needs of our sister Esther, a Jewish believer in Yeshua.
- The weekly Bible teaching meetings over the internet.
- The needed help and grace for our Youtube ministry.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs.
- **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



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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