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Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

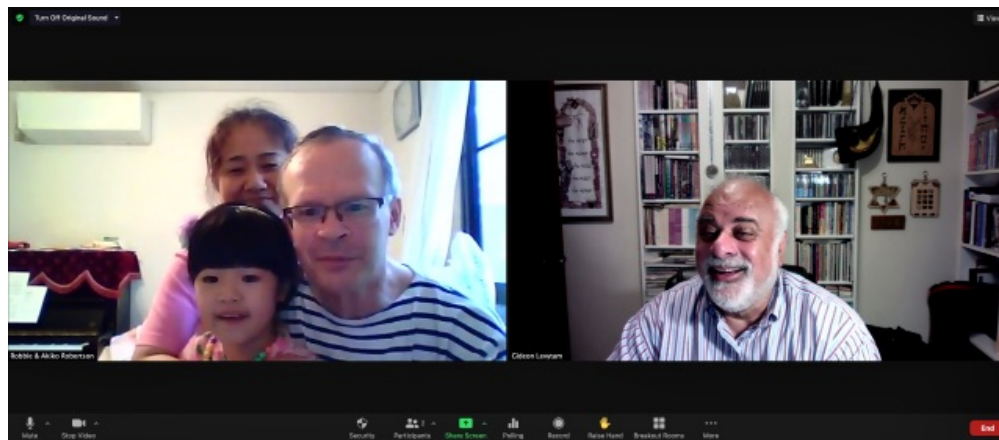
Shalom! שלום!

"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:

We trust that you, dear brothers and sisters, are doing well. Irene and I are thankful to the Lord for His care and we are sustained by His Grace. While currently we are not travelling, and our outreach meetings are still held over zoom, we were thankful to be able to attend the one year memorial service for our brother Frank Rizzuti. It is hard to believe that a whole year has past since Frank went home to his Lord. We were blessed to spend some time with Maria and family and to share from the Word of God and sing some songs of thanks and praise to our blessed Lord Jesus the Messiah. How comforting to know that Frank had put his trust in Him, with the sure knowledge of his salvation.

Last week, following our Friday night zoom Bible class on the book of Daniel, we were able to stay connected with Robbie, Akikko and their daughter Hannah, who now live in Japan. Due to COVID, they are unable to meet together with their local fellowship nor are they able to have local meetings over the Internet through zoom. Knowing this, we are so thankful to the Lord for enabling us to furnish three weekly Bible classes that minister to the people of God regardless of where they live or what country they live in.



Robbie and Akikko are serving the Lord as missionaries in Japan, they are reaching out and ministering to elderly Japanese and sharing with them the message of the gospel. We are reminded of the gracious words of our Lord to Simon Peter before He returned to glory, asking him the third time, *Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me, Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, do you love Me. And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things, You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.* John 21:17. The fact that believers need to be fed is real, and thankfully the Lord gave us His written Word, whereby we can minister to each other.

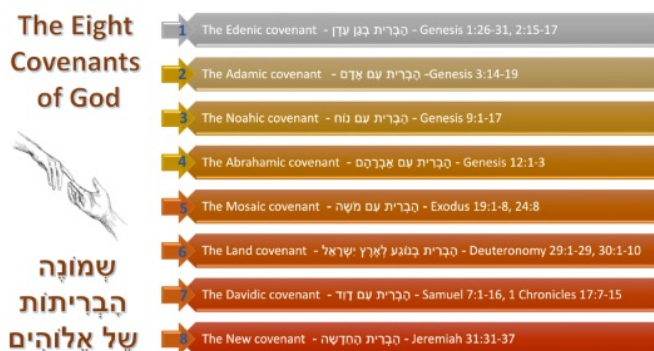
We are so happy to even see my aunt Mazal, who is 98 years old, join us from Jerusalem each week for the Friday or Shabbat / Saturday Bible class. Her caregiver graciously arranges this for both of them, and we praise God for this. We believe that the Holy Spirit is able to reveal to our elderly aunt that Yeshua is our Messiah.



This past month we have been occupied with the preparation of new recordings, audio as well as video. We are recording audio messages on the Book of Daniel, which will take us some time to finish all twelve chapters. We are also preparing video recordings of the messages on the study of the Eight Covenants of God. Over the years, we have learned that it takes much grace and help from the Lord to prepare these messages for the radio stations and websites. As we prepare, we prayerfully seek the help of the Lord to give guidance in all. We need the Holy Spirit of God to give us understanding and clarity as we study the Scriptures. There is a lot that is involved in preparing a series of messages, there is editing to be done, listening and re-listening, finding errors that need to be corrected, adding an introduction and conclusion to each recorded message, which is then posted to the various stations. We thank the Lord for our little team of brothers and sisters who faithfully assist in all this. Scott, Connie, Lisa, Pamela, Shalom our eldest son, and Ruth who has recently joined the team. We are also very thankful for Justine and Chris and their help with the zoom meetings, providing visuals such as charts, maps, etc. We value your prayers for all those who take part in this ministry.



Presently we are posting on our Holy Scriptures and Israel [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels, a new series called, The Eight Covenants of God, שְׁמוֹנֶה הַבְּרִיתוֹת הָאֱלֹהִים. A careful study such as The Eight Covenants of God is a very beneficial study, as it helps believers understand the ways in which God has dealt with mankind, whom He has created and placed on this earth. It also shows the way in which God is still dealing with all humanity until the end of the promised Messianic kingdom. The study of the Eight Covenants of God also assists us in understanding the truths concerning Dispensations, a word which is mentioned some four times in the New Covenant, and simply means; to manage or to administer. Although God never changes, yet, the way in which He manages the affairs of this world changes, therefore He made eight Covenants, which are set and given by Him for the blessing of mankind. It was God Himself who spoke to His people through Malachi the Prophet saying. **For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.** Malachi 3:6.



We, who are believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah are blessed to have assurance of Salvation, living during the last days of the church age. We know, on the basis of the Word of God, that soon the Lord will come and take the redeemed to be with Him. Israel, and our Jewish people who are still without faith in *Yeshua* the Messiah, do not have this assurance, though they long to have assurance of forgiveness from God. It is interesting to know, that during the months of August and September, which are the Hebrew months of ELUL and TISHREY, that our Jewish people who read and study the Torah, are very much aware of the need of forgiveness from God. For forty days, beginning with the first day of the month of ELUL and continuing on into the tenth day of the following month of TISHREY, it is customary to come before God with prayers of repentance. Each day, starting very late at night and continuing on into the early hours of the next morning, prayers for forgiveness are raised up to God. These prayers are called in Hebrew, SLICHOT - סְלִיחוֹת, forgivenesses, the SHOFAR, Ram's Horn, שׁוֹפָר, will be blown, calling the Jewish people to repent.

Some of you may have seen the movie called Fiddler on the Roof, where the song called TRADITION is sung. Over the many generations our parents and grandparents, as have other nations, developed many traditions, some good and some not so good. This tradition of

gathering together for 40 days of prayers and repentance is a good tradition. It is linked with the event which occurred some 3500 years ago, when Moses the servant of the Lord ascended to Mount Sinai the second time, Moses was there for 40 days and 40 nights, Moses confessed before God the sins of his people Israel who had violated the first commandment by making the golden calf.

We read of this event in Exodus 32:31-32, **And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin, and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.** It was right there and then, that the Holy God of Israel revealed to Moses His unmeasurable love, grace, and forgiveness, which overwhelmed Moses. The LORD said of Himself, **And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.** On the basis of this historic event, the conservative Jewish communities developed this 40 day custom seeking Forgiveness from God. We pray that the Lord will respond to the cry during these 40 days. May the Lord open the eyes of many, that spiritually they may see that our Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus is truly the promised Messiah, the Son of God who became a Man. And that by shedding His own precious blood for the sin of Israel and for the whole world, He became the final Sacrifice.

Just recently I was interviewed on the Christian radio station Arise Christian Radio AM1380 in Brantford, Ontario. Thankfully, there are many Christians who are burdened with the need to pray for Israel and the Jewish people and share with them the message of the gospel. It was my privilege to share how I found the Messiah, or rather how the Messiah reached out and redeemed me. The interview will be aired at a later date on Arise Radio and will be available to access on their website, <https://arise1380.com>

We thank you dear brothers and sisters for your prayers for us in the outreach ministry among our Jewish people. We thank God that His Word continues to be sent forth as a beacon of light in this dark world. Praise God for those who listen and respond to His invitation of saving grace.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel Radio and Video ministry.
- Brother Gideon to teach the Word of God faithfully.
- Our team who assist in radio, website and zoom outreach.
- The [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) outreach.
- The 3 weekly zoom Bible studies.
- The Lord to use His Word, and for listeners to respond.
- Encouragement to Robbie, Akikko and Hannah in Japan.
- The brothers and sisters who are not feeling well.
- **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,

Gideon & Irene