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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 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִקְצָה כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Dear brothers and sisters we trust that by the grace of God you are doing well. As we observe what is going on in the world these days, it only enhances our heart's longing for the return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who will put an end to all the failures of man-kind. As believers, we can rest in the promise which the Lord gave to His disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem, when He said, **Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.** John 14:1-3. Praise God for the hope that we have! This only encourages us to continue to share the message of the gospel and to minister the Word of God to sinners and saints alike.

We have just returned from leading a Bible teaching group to Greece and Turkey. After numerous postponements due the Covid-19 virus, we were finally able to in the footsteps of the apostle Shaul-Paul. We were blessed, as together we visited the various biblical sights where the apostle Shaul-Paul had preached on his missionary journeys. As we enjoyed reading the very scriptures that the Holy Spirit of God penned for us in the New Covenant-Brit Hadasha, we were reminded of the great commission which the risen Messiah gave to His disciples in

Mathew 28:19-20. **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**



Visiting the sites where the gospel was first preached by Shaul-Paul, is extremely informative for believers in Yeshua-Jesus the Messiah, helping us to understand all that was involved in his ministry. When we read the book of Acts we can clearly see how Paul practiced what he preached, it was evident in his life and in his ministry.

In Romans 1:16, Paul wrote to the believers saying. **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.** This practice was evident in the life and ministry of Shaul-Paul. This verse was especially impressed upon us when we stood in the synagogue in the city of Berea, known today by the name Veria. Our hearts were touched as we stood listening to its rich, yet sad history. A non-Jewish greek woman, took upon herself the responsibility of maintaining the synagogue, hoping that the Jewish community will one day return to Berea, to worship their God. Presently, the synagogue is not functioning, as there are very few Jews who live in Berea since the second world war. You can read more about the synagogue in Berea [here](#).



In the historical records of the synagogue in Berea, [there is an article](#) which describes how, during a visit to Veria in 1941, an elderly man by the name of Isaac Kambelis, a representative of the Thessaloniki Jewish community, was shown an ancient Torah scroll. In the margins of the scroll there was writing describing a visit by a Shaliach-שלח, Hebrew for a sent one, or an apostle, named Shaul, who preached about the coming of the Messiah. When Isaac Kambelis described what he had seen to the chief rabbi of Thessaloniki, Zvi Koretz, the latter asked a respected Jewish scholar to travel to Berea-Veria, to inspect it for himself. That scholar, Barouch Ben Jacob, according to Kathimerini, confirmed, among other things, that the scroll appeared to date back to the second century B.C.E.



It was so precious for our group to read together the scripture concerning the Jewish community of the city of Berea, of whom we read in Acts 17:10-11. **And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.** They were receptive to Shaul's message concerning Yeshua-Jesus the Messiah, searching the Hebrew Scriptures daily to see whether the teaching that Shaul-Paul taught them about Jesus the Messiah was true.

The book of Acts provides us with the record, that many of the Jews in Berea believed, for which we thank the Lord. As we minister these days to our Jewish people, we also pray that many both Jews and Non Jews will come to faith in the person of the Jesus the Messiah, especially during these last days of the church age. Visiting the Synagogues in Thessalonica and Berea had a special meaning for me as well, since my mother and her family had immigrated to Israel from Thessalonica in the 1920s. I was hoping to be able to view the synagogue records for births and deaths etc., but, unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to do so.

By the grace of God, and with His help, we continue in the ministry that is set before us, sharing the Word of God over the radio waves as well as through the internet radio. We are regularly preparing videos of new Bible teaching messages to add to our portfolio for the video channels. Praise God for the measure of grace and strength which He provides. We were blessed in the

study of the book of Ephesians, as it sets before us the spiritual and eternal blessings that we have because of the finished work of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, of these blessings we read in Ephesians 1:3. **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ.** We continue to post on Youtube the study on the book of Ephesians, you can view our latest posting through [this link](#).

Lord willing, we will be traveling to Israel next month, we will be leading a Bible teaching tour group, after which we will remain a bit longer to spend some time with our family. Please pray for us and all those who will be with us. Pray that we will be a good testimony and a blessing to our Jewish people in the land, and that wisely and graciously we will use every opportunity to share the Messiah /Yeshua with our people.

We thank you dear brethren for remembering Irene and me in your prayers as we work among our Jewish people. We value this very much and we trust that the Lord will bless this outreach. **Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.** 2 Corinthians 1:11.

Please pray for:

- The upcoming in-person meeting in Toronto.
- The weekly Bible classes of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The coming Bible teaching trip to Israel.
- The radio and video ministry.
- The spiritual need of the believers with whom we are in touch.
- The Aged brothers and sisters among us.
- Patricia, Esther, Hans, and others who are not 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,

A 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