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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 בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Our July newsletter comes to you directly from Israel. Our son Shalom and I have just finished with leading the tour, Israel the Land of the Bible. We want to thank those of you who have been praying for all of us, the extreme heat has been quite challenging and we are thankful to the Lord for His help and strength. Our last site to visit in Israel before the group headed to the airport, was in the city of Jaffa, where we read the interesting account from the tenth chapter of the book of Acts. This well-known account, where Peter, who lodged with Simon a tanner, received a special revelation from the glorified Messiah Jesus, instructing him to go to the gentiles and share with them the message of the gospel. God was now opening the door to the Gentiles, who were cleansed by faith in Jesus the Messiah, and uniting both Jews and Gentiles into one body. In Acts 10:34-36 we read, **Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, he is Lord of all.**



It is always a privilege and a blessing to travel throughout Israel visiting the very locations we read of in the Word of God. We are thankful to the Lord for every person that was able to join us, and we trust that the trip was spiritually beneficial to each one. That, as they return to their homes in various countries, they will be able to share the things which they have gleaned on the tour. We, who are believers in Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, have an eternal sure hope, knowing that the work of redemption is completed. Our Messiah, Jesus took our punishment when He became a substitutionary atonement for us, fulfilling the many prophecies which were given to the prophets of Israel. **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.** Isaiah 53:5. You can watch some clips from the various locations we visited [here](#).



Now that the tour is over, we will be staying a little longer in Israel in order to visit with our family, both in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel. We trust also to connect with the believers in Israel, both Jews and Arabs, who by the grace of God are continuing on in following the Lord, boldly speaking of Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah. We would appreciate your prayers for us, our family, and for the believers in Israel. Currently, there is a lot of political unrest in Israel, as both the liberals and the conservatives are strongly at odds with one another, especially in connection

with the way judges are elected. We realize that the same political problems and issues are found in so many countries around the world, including the USA and Canada.

Before leaving Canada for our Israel the Land of the Bible tour, Irene and I were privileged to attend the memorial service for Patricia Rutherford. The memorial service was God-honouring and an encouragement to us all. Dear Patricia loved the Lord Jesus the Messiah and was an example to all who knew her. During her life, Patricia faithfully served her Lord and those who were around her. It was good to be reminded, during the memorial service, of the eternal heavenly city of Jerusalem where sin, sorrows and separation will be no more. **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.** Revelation 21:4. To each of us who is a believer, this is a wonderful truth. Please continue to remember dear brother David in your prayers.



We were happy to be able to visit our dear brother Hans, who is 94 years old and is presently in a retirement home in Toronto. Previously we had tried to visit, but, there had been a flu outbreak and no visitors were allowed. In his younger days, Hans served the Lord among the Jewish people in Toronto. A few years ago he was introduced to the fellowship of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, and since that time Hans has enjoyed the meetings with us, studying the Word of God. It was such a blessing to have him in

our midst. When Covid-19 affected our in-person meetings, brother Hans faithfully attended our three weekly Bible studies on Zoom, from his apartment in Toronto. As Hans's health deteriorated, he moved to a retirement home and eventually he was unable to attend our Zoom Bible classes, which he loved so much. It was sad that we could no longer see Hans on the screen, but we had to accept this from the Lord. Nevertheless, it was so good to be able to see him in person, and share a time of prayer together and read of the unchanging promise of our Lord Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah from John 14. **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.** John 14:1-2. Please remember brother Hans in your prayers.

We had a good attendance at our monthly in-person meeting in Toronto, and the Lord blessed us as we were together for a time of prayer, singing and ministry from the Word of God. It is an encouragement to us to observe that there is interest in learning from the scripture. The believers who attended, had good fellowship one with another, including some young people, which was refreshing to us. Together, we looked into the passage from 1 Kings 10, concerning the coming of the queen of Sheba, who came to Jerusalem after hearing about king Solomon, and his relationship to the LORD. **And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.** 1 Kings 10:1. The queen of Sheba came to faith in the God of Israel, and said to king Solomon, **howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.** 1 Kings 10:7. You may listen to the recorded message by using [this link](#) (Passcode: 73+RsQ%M).

We recently were encouraged by this letter we received from a sister who wrote to us regarding her Jewish friend, to whom she forwards our monthly newsletter. She writes the following, - **It is always an encouragement to read your newsletters. I forward them to a Jewish woman in Dearborn Michigan and last month she said that she had received the Lord! Hallelujah! I**

pray that she will continue to grow and mature in her knowledge of Him. Her husband is a Christian. We praise the Lord!

Dear brothers and sisters please continue to pray for us as we move forward in the ministry of the Lord. Ask God to continue to strengthen us, as we share His word, for the salvation of those who hear the message of the gospel. Also, it is evident that the saints of God are in need of much encouragement. May we be an encouragement to those

whom the Lord brings into our lives. As we look around, and see the sad condition surrounding us, we can truly agree with Peter, who stated in John 6 these words, **Lord, to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.** John 6:68-69.



Please pray for:

- The salvation of many people during these days.
- The spiritual growth of the people of God.
- The national salvation of the people of Israel.
- Those who were with us on the tour to Israel.
- Our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry.
- Our radio and video Bible teaching messages.
- The needed grace for Irene and Gideon.
- **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



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