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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 "וַיֵּשֶׁן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְיֹל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

A few weeks have past since we returned from Israel and we are over the jet lag. It was so good to travel throughout the LAND with our group, and later visit with our family in Jerusalem and elsewhere. Sadly, the political situation in Israel is not good. The disunity among the various political parties is growing and intensifying with no solution on the horizon. It is also putting Israel in a vulnerable position with her enemies, who are eager to take advantage of the situation. How wonderful it will be when the Lord Jesus will come and take His rightful place in this sad world. The existing conditions in Israel, and the world in general, are so far from what God has in mind for the nation and the world, through the person of Jesus the Messiah. Ezekiel wrote of a future day saying, **Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions, then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions. And join them one to another into one stick, and they shall become one in thine hand.** Ezekiel 37:16-17. This promise will surely come to pass, but not before the time of Jacob's Trouble.

While we enjoyed the time with our family, we continue to pray that God will reveal to them the truth that Yeshua is indeed the Messiah, whom God promised in His Word. In 1 Peter 1:10 we read, **Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you.** We realize that it is our sovereign God alone who is able to save, salvation is of the LORD. We are reminded of the words of Jesus the

Messiah to Shimon Peter, **Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Yona. for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** Matthew 16:17b. God, by His Spirit, revealed to Peter the truth that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Today, He is still able to reveal Himself to those who seek Him.

Returning home and our regular routine, we are occupied with preparing for the weekly Bible study classes of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. It is a privilege to have this little part in sharing the Word of God, whether it is the gospel with unbelievers, or ministry to the believers, truly it is a mercy from the Lord. Paul could say, **we have this ministry as we received mercy,** 2 Corinthians 4:1. Thankfully, there is a desire and interest by the believers attending our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach meetings to grow in the study of the Word of God. It has been such a blessing to us, as together we search the scriptures and grow in the appreciation of the things of the Lord, in a world that resists God and His Anointed. As we study the Bible, learning more of the person of Jesus the Messiah, it helps us to be better equipped as we reach-out to others who need to hear the good news. The Psalmist David spoke prophetically of the coming Redeemer, the Holy Spirit of God guiding David to write, **in the volume of the book it is written of me.** Psalm 40:7b.



Regarding our three weekly Bible studies, we are nearing the end of the eighth chapter of the book of Romans during our Friday morning classes. On our Friday evening classes we are studying the prophet Zechariah, and on our Saturday / Shabbat meeting we are studying the most instructive book of Revelation. The study of the book of Revelation is extremely informative, it is the only book in the Scriptures that begins and ends with the promise of blessing, **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.** Revelation 1:3. We are confident that there will be many questions that will rise up, and we trust the Lord to guide us in our study. Presently, we are in the second and third chapters, dealing with the Word of the Lord to the seven churches.

As we open the Word of God and learn from it, we trust that God will encourage our hearts and strengthen our faith in Him. Paul encouraged Timothy to continue to learn from the Word of God, saying, **Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 2:15. The Word of truth is found in the Scriptures and we, who are part of this present church age, are blessed to be able to learn of the Saviour through the Word of God. David cried to the LORD saying, **O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true,** 2 Samuel 7:28a. We are thankful to have the assistance of

Chris and Justine, as well as others who willingly give of their time and expertise to help in the hosting of our Bible study ZOOM meetings, as well as provide the visuals which greatly enhance the studies. Recently, we were also able to enjoy Chris's culinary expertise with traditional Trinidadian dishes as we enjoyed a time of fellowship and prayer together. Please remember Chris and Justine in your prayers.



Once again, we were blessed to have our monthly in-person meeting at the beginning of August. We enjoyed fellowship with a good number of brothers and sisters who attended the meeting. Our outreach meetings are aimed at reaching out with the gospel and encouraging the believers. The ministry subject was taken from Philippians 2:5-11. We looked at the willingness of God the Son, Jesus the Messiah, who came down to this world, and not only becoming a man, but becoming a servant that eventually laid down His life as a substitute for us on the shameful cross. We read in verse 8, **And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** We were also reminded of the Hebrew servant passage in Exodus which depicts our blessed Messiah Yeshua. We read, **And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free.** Exodus 21:5. It is no wonder that God the Father has highly exalted His Son, the Man Jesus, and placed Him at the pinnacle of the universe, at His right hand. We trust that the believers were encouraged, and those who are not believers as yet, will ponder the message and come to know Him as their Lord, Messiah and Saviour. Please remember to pray to keep them in your prayers.

Thank the Lord for the help of our brother and sister Scott and Connie, who represented Holy Scriptures and Israel at the missionary outreach at the Eastern Bible Conference in the USA. As you know, Scott and Connie help us with preparing our messages for the radio, please pray that the Lord will bless them. We are thankful for those who showed an interest in the outreach ministry to our Jewish people. The apostle Paul had a continual burden for his people Israel, he shared his own heart with the believers in Rome, saying, **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.** Romans 10:1. Paul faithfully continued to emphasize to the Romans the unchanging plan and purposes of God for His earthly people Israel, 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 fulness.** Romans 11:12. Paul continues, **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.** Romans 11:15.

By the grace of God, we continue to share the Word of God through the radio. Thus far the Lord



has sustained the radio ministry which is aired on five radio stations in the USA, Canada and South Africa. We appreciate very much your prayers for the radio ministry. In the beginning of September, our 15 minute program on WDCX radio in Buffalo, which is currently being aired at 8:45 a.m., will be moved to the weekend. The radio station is making some changes, requiring all their morning line-ups to be 30 minutes long. Therefore, we had to give-up our daily 15 minute slot to another ministry. In spite of these changes, the Lord has graciously opened the door for us to air our Holy Scriptures and Israel radio program during

the weekend, Saturday at 5:30 am and Sunday at 7:00 am. Lord willing, we will air two 30 minute bible teaching programs during the weekend. We accept these changes from the hand of the Lord, He is the one who knows all things. We thank the Lord for His goodness in allowing us to still be on the air. Just this past week, we were informed by three different individuals on how much they enjoy listening to our program on their way to work, and would miss hearing our ministry in that time slot. We were reminded of the words of Shaul / Paul, to the Roman believers in chapter 8:28,...**that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.** Please pray with us for the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio ministry, for the will, direction, and provision from the Lord.

As we send this newsletter, we received a letter from an elderly individual from Burlington Ontario, who heard us on the radio and would very much appreciate any literature we have in connection with our studies. Due to various circumstances it is difficult for them to get about, as well as the lack of modern technology. Thankfully, we have numerous books that we can provide which will be helpful. We thank you dear brothers and sisters, for your love, prayers and support of us and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. **In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.** 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Please pray for:

- The Radio ministry and the changes in WDCX radio.
- The Radio listeners to Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The Weekly Zoom Bible classes.
- The believers who attend our Bible classes.
- The YouTube and Facebook Bible video outreach.
- The need to faithfully present the Word of God.
- The needed strength and grace for Irene and myself.
- **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