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

As we write our newsletter for April, we are encouraged by this promise of God, **Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.** Deuteronomy 31:6. God promised to be with His own people as they follow Him. Similarly, the Lord Jesus promised and assured His disciples with these words, **Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.** Matthew 28:20b. We praise God and thank Him for all of His promises.

Due to the current situation in Israel we have had to postpone our bible teaching tours to Israel. In light of the occurrence of October 7th, I would have liked to have gone home to be with family, but, it was not possible at the time. However, recently the Lord graciously opened the door for me to travel to Israel for ten days and be with our family. Mid-flight on my way to Israel I received the message that my aunt Mazal had passed away. I landed in Israel in time to attend her funeral a few hours later, as the custom is to be buried within 24 hours. My sister and her family were thankful that I could be there and we marvelled on how the Lord had orchestrated all the details for that to happen.

My aunt Mazal was 101 when she passed and was the last of our immediate family of that generation. Dear Mazal often took care of me when I was a young child, and I have many fond memories of those times. She has heard the gospel concerning our Messiah Yeshua over the



years, and only the Lord knows whether she came to trust in Him. Mazal, along with her care giver Rona faithfully attended our international outreach Bible classes over Zoom each week. Although, weak and feeble, and having a limited understanding of the English language, we trust that the Spirit of God worked in her heart as she was under the sound of the Word of God. We read in the Psalms, **Whither shall I go from thy spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence. If I ascend up into heaven, thou**

**art there. if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.** Psalm 139:7-8.

We appreciate your prayers for our family and the people of Israel during these days. Please pray for Rona the care giver of our aunt Mazal, who left her homeland in the Philippines to work abroad in order to provide a better life for her family. Rona, is a believer in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, she faithfully cared for our family in Israel for twenty-two years. Rona and my aunt Mazal became very attached to one another and Rona is keenly feeling the loss after so many years together. Rona loves the Lord Jesus the Messiah and is happy to learn and study with us the Word of God. Currently, Rona is preparing all her paper work, in order to return back to her family in the Philippines, where her family members are waiting for her. We will really miss dear Rona, but we wish her well as she adjusts to living back in the Philippines. She plans on continuing to study the Word of God with us on Zoom from the Philippines. We trust that the Lord Jesus will lead Rona on, and strengthen her as she continues to follow Him. **Wait on the LORD. be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart, wait, I say, on the LORD.** Psalm 27:14.

While with my family in Israel, I visited some biblical locations in order to video and record messages for our Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel. Besides traveling to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Beth-Shemesh, Rosh Ha-eyn, Sderot, we visited and recorded in the nearby Valley of Elah. This valley is located between two well-known mountains called Shochoh and Azekah, it was here that the young lad, David, the son of Jesse defeated the giant Goliath, who defied the God of Israel. We read in 1 Samuel 17:1-2, **Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.** It is always fascinating for us, as believers in Jesus the Messiah, to stand on the very location where these things transpired, and read the accounts from the Word of God. There is a sense of a fresh appreciation for our God and for the truth which is recorded for us in His Word.



We also traveled to the south-west of Israel, to the Israeli border with Gaza, in order to see for ourselves the locations where the horrific terror attack of October 7th took place. It was sad to be at those towns and kibbutzim and see, hear, and experience some of the evidence of the horrifying terror which took place there. I was so thankful to meet two American Christians there, who had traveled to Israel, in order to specifically pray at the Israeli-Gaza border. To pray for peace, peace for the people of Israel and for its

neighbouring Arabic people. Together, we prayed and read from the Scripture, the promises of God for the future restoration of Israel and the peace which the whole world will experience once

the Messiah Jesus will return in the future. **Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Jeremiah 23:5-6.

On my return flight to Canada, I was privileged to be able to share the gospel with a Jewish person who sat beside me. To my surprise, upon hearing that I was an Israeli believer in Jesus, this person was happy to meet me as they had a lot of questions. Time just flew by as I answered questions such as, who is Jesus, why don't our people believe that He is our Messiah, why did Jesus die, what about life after death? I explained how and why I believe that Yeshua is our promised Messiah. It was my privilege to go back to the Hebrew Scriptures and respond to the many questions. We are reminded of our Lord, who expounded from the scriptures the things concerning Himself, we read, **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.** Luke 24:27. Jesus our Lord, is the central theme of the Word of God. **Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.** Psalm 40:7.



Once back in Canada, we were busy hosting our Holy Scriptures and Israel international Zoom bible classes. It is such a joy for us to host these weekly Bible classes, studying together the Word of God, and growing to appreciate the Lord Jesus our Messiah. We continue to post our studies series on the book of [Ecclesiastes](#), which is now nearing completion.

We were thankful to be with the believers in our local assembly for the remembrance meeting, as well as to be with the believers of the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach group, for our in-person meeting in Toronto. It is encouraging to have the involvement of other brothers in the meetings, both younger and older alike. It is also refreshing for us to hear of the interest that those who attend have, as they express this to us when they attend the ministry meetings. The subject of the latest ministry of the Word was taken from the letter to the Galatians, where Paul wrote these words. **I am crucified with Christ. nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.** Galatians 2:20. Should you wish to listen to the message, [this is the link](#). Passcode: A3mG\$%Kc



Just a few days ago, Israel was attacked by Iran. This is the first time that Iran has directly attacked Israel from its own territory, launching more than 200 ballistic missiles, drones, and cruise missiles. Sirens sounded in numerous settlements across the country, including in Jerusalem. Ninety-nine percent of these rockets were been intercepted by Israel. Rockets and drones were also launched from Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, some of which were intercepted by the USA, Jordan and Britain. Please

remember to pray for Israel as scripture does speak of terrible days which are still ahead. We thank God for His written Word which promises to deliver Israel out of Jacob's trouble. **Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.** Jeremiah 30:7.

We trust that the Lord will encourage the hearts of those who attend our outreach ministry meetings, and that the believers will grow spiritually, and be strengthened in their faith. We also pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of those who attend the meetings, who as yet, have not come to faith in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. We believe that any labour that is done for the Lord is not in vain, and that the preaching of the Word will bring forth fruit. Pray with us for the outreach, as it is done through radio, video, zoom, websites, personal contacts and in-person meetings. Paul encouraged the Corinthians with these words, **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, un moveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.** 1 Corinthians 15:58.



**Please pray for:**

- For our family in Israel.
- For Rona and her family in the Philippines.
- For the war situation in Israel and Gaza.
- For the on-going zoom Bible classes.
- For the radio and video ministry.
- For the spiritual growth of the believers.
- For the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry.
- For the needed health and strength for Irene and me.
- **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