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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 אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We want to begin our newsletter by giving thanks to our God, who in His love and grace toward us, fulfilled that which He promised in days of old through the prophets of Israel. He provided His Son, the Saviour, the Lord Jesus the Messiah, who willingly came into this world in order to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. We read in Hebrews 10:12; **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.** We are reminded of a hymn which we often sing, the first stanza reads; **How Wonderful that Thou the Son hast come, and here for us as Son of man hast died. Our sins were laid on Thee, Thou didst become Salvation's Rock, when Thou wast crucified. And faith perceives Thy finished work the rest. Where love well known, yet passing human thought, Has set our feet, as those Thy love has blessed, we praise and worship by Thy Spirit taught.**

A couple of weeks ago Irene, and I with our youngest son Nathaniel returned from leading our yearly Bible teaching tour to Asia Minor and Europe. During this trip our group visited some of the locations which the Apostle Paul visited on his second Missionary Journey, as recorded in the book of Acts. In Acts 16:36 we read, **And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.**



Our group enjoyed good fellowship, as we journeyed together in the footsteps of Paul. From the Scriptures we learned how God by His Spirit, worked in the heart of Saul, who initially opposed the Messiahship of Jesus, and persecuted his Jewish brethren who followed Jesus as their Messiah. **And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.** Acts 9:1-2. The glorified Lord Jesus revealed Himself to Shaul, as He was on the way to Damascus, saying; **Saul, Saul, why persecute thou me, And he said, Who art thou, Lord, And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecuting.** Acts 9:4b-5a. It was then that Saul / Paul, trusted in the risen Messiah, and was later used by Him to be the apostle to the nations.

It was very meaningful and instructive for us as we visited some of the locations where Paul and Silas shared the gospel, such as Athens, Mars Hill, Corinth, Philippi, Ephesus, Miletus, Neapolis, Thessaloniki, Berea etc. We are confident that each one of us was touched as we read how God used His servants to bring the gospel message to Asia Minor and Europe.



While in Philippi our group visited the location by the river where we read of Lydia, who, as Paul & Silas shared the gospel on that Shabbat day, became the first person in Europe to become a believer in the Lord Jesus. Mars Hill in Athens is another location which was very moving to us, as it is here where Paul made known THE UNKNOWN GOD to the Athenians, who were idol worshipers. To them, Paul graciously said, **Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I**

unto you. Acts 17:22b-23. Paul pointed them to the true God, who can be known, the person of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who indeed is the Creator, Ruler, Sustainer and Saviour.

In Thessaloniki we read of the experiences that Paul went through, when for three shabbat days

he shared the gospel of the Messiah in the synagogue there. And how, because of opposition, the brethren sent Paul and Silas away by night unto Berea. We read, **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.** Acts 17:11. While visiting the remaining synagogues of Thessaloniki and Berea, we also learned of the more recent sad history which took place in these cities during the second world war, when sadly thousands of our Jewish people were deported to the concentration and extermination camps. At that time Thessaloniki had a large thriving Jewish population, unfortunately, very few survived the camps. Thankfully, my mother's family who lived in Thessaloniki made aliyah, immigrated to the land of Israel prior to the second world war.



As you may know, I was scheduled to travel to Israel to visit our family immediately after our Bible teaching trip, but because of the on-going war situation in Israel, my trip was cancelled. After having the dates and airlines changed and cancelled numerous times, we were led to accept this from the hand of the Lord, and returned back to Canada. While our family was disappointed, we trust that the Lord will open a door for us in His timing.

Upon our return to Canada, we are naturally busy catching up on correspondence etc., preparing studies for the Bible classes, as well as recording bible teaching messages for the Youtube video outreach ministry of the [Holy Scriptures and Israel](#). For our three weekly outreach Bible classes, we have begun the study of two new books, the book of Ezra and the Acts of the apostles. At the same time, we continue to post previous studies on the books of Romans, Hebrews and Malachi. You can find those [here](#).

We began the study of the new books by bringing out the historical background of these portions of scripture and we will continue on with the study one verse at a time. As we read in Isaiah 28:10 **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.** We realize that it will take some time to cover such studies, but praise God, we all benefit from searching the scriptures.

In our outreach, we seek to be helpful to our Israeli - Jewish friends, and to those who watch our bible classes on social media such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter which is now called X. <https://x.com/holyscripturesi> Some of our listeners do not attend any local congregation, therefore, our radio, video and website outreach is important. Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to bless and use His Word for blessing. King Solomon wrote **Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.** Ecclesiastes 11:1. The radio, video and website outreach has a powerful impact, and the Lord is using His Word to reach out to many hearts. They, as well as all of us, need to be fed by the Word God, and presenting the Word of God from a first century Hebrew - Messianic perspective is important.

Visiting some who are not well, we would like to ask for special prayer for George who has terminal cancer and is suffering tremendous pain. We thank the Lord that he is a child of God and is secure in his salvation. I was able to visit George a few days ago and he expressed His desire for the Lord to take him home to be with Him, and relieve him from the pain and suffering. He also shared his concern as to the salvation of his two children and we would ask you to pray for them as well. **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.** Ephesians 6:18.

We do appreciate brethren your love and prayers for us and our family, and for the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Pray with us that the Lord will use His Word which is shared. We also give thanks to the Lord Jesus, for His grace towards each one of us, by making each of us His children. **Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.** Colossians 1:12.



Please pray for:

- The end of the war in the middle east
- The open door to see our family in Israel
- The Salvation of those who listen to our radio program
- The encouragement for the believers who attend our Bible studies
- George and those who are sick among us
- Physical and spiritual strength in the ministry
- **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,

Alison & Irene