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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 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we write our February newsletter, we are experiencing the cold and snow of a Canadian winter after yet another winter storm. At the same time, we are thankful for the Lord's provision as we enjoy the cozy warmth inside our home. We are mindful of many who are not enjoying the same comforts, and pray for those that are in need of warmth and shelter. Thankfully, our Bible classes are held over Zoom, and so the bad weather and hazardous road conditions do not negatively affect our classes. Neither does distance, as Robbie, Akiko and their daughter Hannah can attest to as they join our Bible class from Japan.

We first met Robbie and Akiko when they were living in the Toronto area, quite some years ago, and attended our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible studies in Toronto. They love the Jewish people and enjoyed being with us, and we missed them when they left for Japan. Robbie, a Canadian, with his wife, Akiko, are now serving the Lord Jesus the Messiah in Japan. When I flew to Japan in February 2018, due to our son Yoav's accident and subsequent surgery, they met me in the hospital in Otaru. It was such a blessing to have them there, and as the staff and doctors had very limited English, Akiko was a great help translating for us.

Despite the distance, we have maintained our friendship and when their family attends our bible classes over Zoom, their daughter Hannah, who loves the Lord is our youngest student. Please



pray for Robbie, Akiko, and Hannah as they serve the Lord by sharing the gospel in Japan. Their ministry involves visitations and follow-ups, often with individuals affected by illness. Currently, the Lord has placed three individuals with cancer on their hearts: Mr. U and Ms. M, both believers, and Mr. O, an unsaved man. Mr. O's wife is the only professing believer in their household. She is also a mother of three sons and a foster caregiver.

We are encouraged that some in our Bible study group can join us even from hospital beds, some while awaiting surgery and others in recovery. Recently, our dear sister Michelle underwent surgery for a broken femur. Attending the Bible classes is a real priority for Michelle, so we are thankful that she could still join us. It is such a blessing to gather around our Lord Yeshua the Messiah and learn from His precious Word. **The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.** Psalm 19:8.

In our recent study of Acts 4, we examined Peter's words concerning the name of Yeshua the Messiah: **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.** Acts 4:12. Peter emphasized that salvation is found only in Jesus because He is Jehovah the Savior. **I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.** Isaiah 42:8.



To join us on Zoom for the Bible studies, you can write to [this e-mail](#). You can also view and listen to the messages by subscribing to our [YouTube channel](#).

When communicating with our Jewish people and with others, we strive to explain the important truth of Yeshua's divine nature. Sadly, for many in our Jewish community, Jesus is perceived as merely a man who claimed to be the Messiah, and was followed and worshiped by Gentiles.

They do not understand that Yeshua is not just another man but Jehovah God, the eternal Son. How wonderful it is to know that as He is Jehovah the Son, so is His name: **And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.** Exodus 3:15.

Over the past month, we have resumed work on a long-postponed project, editing and preparing a collection of 190 Bible teaching messages recorded 30–35 years ago. These messages, originally recorded on cassette tapes during our ministry with a Jewish Messianic congregation in Toronto in the early 1990s, were later transferred to CDs and now to MP3 format. Brother Yianny has been diligently editing these recordings to prepare them for online publication. We appreciate your prayers for him as he continues this important work. The messages will be available on our website, but for now, they are being added to our Holy Scriptures and Israel page on the [SermonAudio website](#).



Our recent in-person meeting in Toronto was fruitful, with good attendance. We are blessed to have faithful brethren assisting in these gatherings, which seek to reach both Jewish and non-Jewish individuals, believers, and the unsaved alike. Some of the attendees are believers without a local assembly, and their eagerness to attend is an encouragement to us. We studied the first three chapters of Genesis, focusing on the creation of Adam and Eve and the fall into sin, which we have all inherited. **Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.** Romans 5:12. Praise God for His grace in providing His only Son as the Redeemer. And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.** Revelation 5:9.

We thank the Lord for His goodness in making these gatherings possible, and we appreciate the brethren in Willowdale who have been so supportive and accommodating these many years. You can listen to the recorded message using the following [link](#). Passcode: @p*MCJs2



We encourage you, dear brothers and sisters, to continue praying for the people of Israel. This morning, we witnessed the heartbreaking return of four hostages who were kidnapped by the terrorist organization Hamas, a mother with her babies and an elderly man, whose bodies have now been brought home to Israel. The sorrow and heartache their loved ones, especially the husband and father of the children, must be experiencing are unimaginable. Many other kidnapped Israelis remain captive in Gaza. While anti-Semitism continues to rise worldwide, Israel faces an ongoing conflict and attacks, just as it was foretold by the Hebrew prophets. In the midst of all this, we pray that many in Israel today will come to faith in Jesus, their promised Messiah, as we are looking forward to Israel final national regeneration.

Yet, praise God, His Word is unchanging, and He will fulfill every promise spoken by the

prophets. **Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.** Psalm 121:4. **Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.** Jeremiah 31:10. We long for the day when Israel, as a nation, is redeemed, for only then will the world know true shalom. We echo the desire of the Apostle Paul. **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.** Romans 10:1. He further declared: **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.

Please pray for:

- Yianny as he works on editing older messages.
- Robbie, Akiko, and Hannah as they serve in Japan.
- The ones who are sick among our brothers and sisters.
- The weekly Bible classes over Zoom.
- The end of the wars in the Middle East and elsewhere.
- The radio and video outreach ministry.
- The kidnapped Israelis in Gaza and their families.
- The national salvation of the people of Israel.
- **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,

Aileen & 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