

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”

Acts 1:8 NIV

Cheshvan 5768
October 2007

Jewish Believers and Christians
 working together since 1963



Nathan L. Jacobus
 President, MJMI

Shalom, my friends,

The seventh month of the biblical year, a month filled with *mo'adim* (appointed times) with the Lord, has now come to a close. During this

season, we celebrated *Yom Teruah* (literally the Day of Loud Blasts, traditionally known as Rosh Hashanah), *Yom Kippur* (the Day of Atonement) and *Sukkot* (the Feast of Tabernacles). I hope you had a wonderful time with The Lord during these fall holy days.

For me, my family, and the small congregation that meets in my home, this past month was a very special time, and we fully enjoyed our meetings with the Lord and with each other. Although it will be several months before we celebrate another annual *mo'ed* (appointed time), we still have the joy of meeting together once again this Shabbat. What a blessing to know that our God has laid out a plan for us in His Holy Scriptures, setting apart a whole day each week to meet with Him in a special and significant way!

I am totally excited to share some good news with you, that I will be returning to Israel on November 13th. Please pray for my family and I during this time, as well as praying that our gracious, loving powerful God will arrange for me to meet with all of our MJMI workers and their families, other friends in Israel, and even new acquaintances. Please pray that God would use me to encourage and exhort our workers as we all share Yeshua with the people of The Land of Israel.

God Is Moving

A few days ago, one of our MJMI workers sent me an update about how the Lord gave him an opportunity for ministry during the fall holy days. **Simcha**, who lives in Ashdod with his wife, Bella, wrote, “We went to celebrate the Jewish New Year’s Eve with my family at the Kibbutz, where they were having an outdoor program for the entire community. A few days before, while on a prayer walk on the beach of Ashdod, my foot had stumbled into an object in the sand. When I picked it up, I realized that it was a plastic toy shofar (ram’s horn trumpet). At that moment, I felt an unction from the Holy Spirit that I should blow my real shofar at the Kibbutz’s ceremony.



Simcha, who is one of our MJMI workers in the Ashdod area, is reaching many Israelis with the Good News of their promised Messiah, Yeshua. Pictured above, Simcha is distributing literature on a crowded sidewalk in Ashdod. On Rosh Hashanah, Simcha was given permission to sound the shofar during the evening program on a secular kibbutz (pictured right). God has used this opportunity to open the hearts of several Jewish people to listen to Simcha’s testimony.

“Having grown up in the secular Kibbutz and attended many holiday ceremonies, I remembered that the holiday celebrations were usually void of any religious tones including the blowing of the shofar, so I didn’t know if they would allow it. Trusting that God had a reason for putting it on my heart—and believing that it would happen and that people

would be touched by it—I took my shofar with me in faith.

“We arrived a little early to help with setting up the tables, and I asked the person in charge of the program if anyone was going to be blowing the shofar. She answered, ‘No, but if you have one you can do it,’ and then added, ‘Before you blow the shofar, say, “Open for us the gates of heaven.”’

“As the place filled up with Kibbutz members and guests—right after the announcement of the opening of the program—I went on stage and said, ‘Open for us the gates of heaven.’ Then I blew the shofar several times in the manner they do it in the synagogues. Later, several people came to us proclaiming that they felt something touch them as they listened. One of these was an older man, Shimon, to whom I have been witnessing for years about faith in Yeshua.

“The next day, the Lord put it on my heart to follow up with Shimon. I went to visit him at the Kibbutz and continued to witness to him. But the Shofar story didn’t end there! Yesterday, the organizer of the holidays ceremonies, Sarah, called

to invite me to blow the shofar at the Kibbutz regional high school’s holiday program. She admitted that she had been apprehensive about allowing me to do it on Rosh Hashanah Eve, but that it was so good that she wanted me to come and open the school’s ceremony

with the blowing of the shofar. Little did she know that I saw beyond the shofar an opportunity to witness to her about the true meaning of the season, her salvation.

“At the end of the ceremony, I presented Sarah with some books about faith in

(...continued on back)



(Continued from front...)

Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Messiah), the King of the Jews. Please pray that the effect of the shofar will continue to work in the heart of Shimon, Sarah, and everyone else who was touched by it. Pray for their continued interest in our witness and for their salvation.”

The Power of Prayer

I want you to know that all of us here at **MJMI** greatly need and appreciate your prayers. We have several evangelists in the Land of Israel, and they are in the midst of a spiritual battle each and every day. Please continue to lift up Herzl, Youval, Shlomi, G.G., Israel P., Aviel, Simcha, and their families, asking the Lord to protect them and give them great strength and wisdom as they proclaim the Good News of the Messiah Yeshua.

Not long ago, I received an e-mail from another of our workers, telling how he has seen a beautiful demonstration of the power of prayer. Aviel wrote to me, saying, “I want to share with you a testimony about my friend, Yevgeni, and his wife, Sasha. Yevgeni came to the Lord through my testimony while I was in the army. His girlfriend also became a believer, and they got married soon after.

“For a while, everything was going great, and Yevgeni and Sasha were on fire for the Lord. Eventually, however, we noticed that his wife was growing cold. The

Aliyah Continues

Please continue to support needy Jewish families from the Former Soviet Union in their desire to make Aliyah (immigrate to Israel). These families are struggling just to make ends meet, and they do not have the necessary resources to journey to their true homeland. While it seems like only a small amount to many of us, these families cannot afford the \$300 it takes for each person to complete the Aliyah process. Your gifts can make their dream a reality! Whether you can give a few dollars, enough for one person, or enough for a whole family, your donation will be a great blessing!

next thing we knew, Yevgeni started coming to services alone with his daughter, and eventually he stopped coming altogether. No matter how much I spoke with him, it didn't seem to make any difference.

“Their backsliding story continued for about a year, and throughout this whole period we continuously prayed for them and kept in touch. Yevgeni didn't seem to mind staying in contact with us, but he refused to come to the congregation. Then one day, he called me crying, telling me that his wife had started cheating on him with other men and that he didn't know what to do anymore.

“As it turned out, the infidelity had been going on for several months. Sasha didn't seem to think she was doing anything wrong, and she wanted to file for a divorce. I knew that this was a wonderful opportunity for God to reveal His awesome power. I told Yevgeni we would be praying for him, and that I believed he would see God come through and help him. Tanya and I continuously prayed for him and encouraged him over the telephone, and after a week, Yevgeni was able to testify about what God had done. His wife had come home, repenting to him and asking for his forgiveness. He was overjoyed, and their relationship has become much better. Yevgeni told me that everything started changing after we began praying for them. He saw that this could only be a work of God, and that He is alive indeed! Now, Yevgeni is interested in attending congregation and getting closer to the Lord once more. Hallelujah! Glory be to God!”

A Time of Need

The needs of **MJMI** are especially great at this time, but we know that the Lord will be faithful to provide. This summer has been particularly difficult

for us financially. As a matter of fact, the expenses for this upcoming trip to Israel will come out of my own personal finances. Please know that I am not “crying the blues” for **MJMI** or myself. **MJMI** belongs to God—not me—and He has all the resources we could ever need. He has given us each a portion over which to be good stewards. Remember the

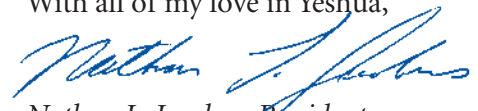
parable of the talents? We need to listen to Him and do what He asks of us—nothing more, nothing less! This ministry will stay afloat by the will of God, and through His mercy and grace.

My friends, Summer is always financially tough for this ministry, **BUT IT IS SUMMER NO LONGER, and God wants the work of MJMI to move forward!** Please take a moment right now, to ask the Lord how He wants you to be involved in this ministry. Maybe you can

start giving today for the first time. Perhaps you can increase or double what you have already been faithfully giving. You may have even been blessed with enough resources to send \$500—just the amount needed to support an Israeli **MJMI** worker for an entire month. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is a great blessing to this ministry.

I am excited about the future, and I look forward with great expectation to what the Lord will do among His people. God is surely moving, and I am thankful to be a part of His plan. As we continue to work together, I pray that we will soon see the day when all Israel cries out, “Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”

With all of my love in Yeshua,


Nathan L. Jacobus, President



I am looking forward with much anticipation to visiting with our **MJMI** workers during my upcoming trip to Israel. Pictured above, I had a wonderful time with Herzl the last time I was in the Land.

