

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because [He] has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners...”

Isaiah 61:1 NAS

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Shalom my friends,

Although I mentioned this in my last letter, for those that missed it: I am excited to share with you, my friends and partners at **MJMI**, that I just became a Grandpa! My grandson (Nathan Charles Jacobus), was born July 17, 2008 at 10:33am; weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces; and was 21 inches long. Thank you for praying for him, my son Joseph, and daughter-in-law Holly—and also that, when the time is right, he will come to know Yeshua as his Messiah.

We are in the midst of a “God-appointed” time. As a result of the tragic persecution faced by Jewish people around the world, many seem very open to hearing the Good News of the Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus). Terrorism in Israel is causing many to cry out, asking “Why?” They desire answers—and we, as believers, have the answers they are seeking!

Over the past few months, I have introduced you to many of our **Messianic Jewish Movement International (MJMI)** workers in Israel. In November of 2007 while I was in Israel, we (you, the partners of **MJMI**; and myself) started to support the evangelistic efforts of Tom and Ronit, who live on Mt. Carmel, close to Haifa. The fol-

lowing is an update from Ronit about what God has been doing through their ministry.

Summer Camps in Israel

*“Each year Tom and I help a local Druze community here in Israel to run their summer camps. This summer, a visiting **Athletes in Action** team from the Faroe Islands came for two weeks in July to assist us (pictured above). They were all committed Christians who had a love for Israel and who wanted to volunteer their services. For the uninitiated, the Faroe Islands are*

situated between Iceland and the UK.

“The gentle nature of the visitors had a profound effect on the young Druze campers, as they embraced the boys and girls in love and acceptance. During the camp, one of our Druze Youth Club members said she was no longer depressed, and that her nightmares had gone! It was the result of these young people ministering to her.

“While at the camp, I met a remarkable Druze woman named Sharifa. She runs after-school

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MJMI workers Tom and Ronit are reaching many Druze youth in the Mt. Carmel area with the love of Yeshua. Pictured right, Ronit is giving toys to Sharifa, who also works with troubled kids. The team from the Faroe Islands were able to minister deeply to these hurting children. Above, Sharifa and one of the team members comfort an abused girl. To the left, a young boy receives diving instructions.



activities for children who come from violent homes. She provides a loving, caring and secure environment for them, as well as a hot meal. She shared with me some horrible stories about what goes on in some of their homes. One girl saw her drug-addicted father stab her mom nine times in front of her, leaving her lying on the floor to die.

“Then there were two skinny, undernourished boys at the camp who lived in one room with their parents and eight siblings. Their father couldn’t provide for them as he was a cripple. She also told me of women who were raped and later rejected by their families and community, as they were labeled as dirty. As a result, there are many mental problems, as no help or counseling services are available. My heart was burdened as I listened to the stories.

“We gave Sharifa new toys for the children, which were donated by an American Messianic congregation from Washington State. Please pray for this wonderful ‘Mother Theresa’ of the Druze people. The Israeli government is supporting her work, but she needs people to get by her side and work with her.”

A Season of Repentance

As you read this letter, we will soon be entering the seventh month of the



Biblical year, a month full of *mo’adim* (appointed times) with the Lord. The first day of the month, which occurs on September 30th this year, is *Yom Teruah* (Day of Loud Blasts), generally known as *Rosh Hashanah*. On this day, Jewish people around the world begin a time of repentance and “good deeds” leading up to the holiest day of the year, *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement).

Yom Kippur occurs on the tenth day of the seventh month (this year, it falls on October 9). Before the destruction of the temple, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies on this day to make atonement for the sins of the people of Israel. The sacrifice had to be made year after year, since the blood of animals cannot remove sin. As believers in the Messiah, we can rejoice that our High Priest, Yeshua, has entered the Holy of Holies once and for all, making complete atonement for us through His own precious blood!

In traditional Judaism, *Yom Kippur* is a day of fasting and prayer. Repentance of sins and petitions for forgiveness are offered up to God in place of sacrifices. As the Jewish people are turning to God during this season, we need to pray that their spiritual eyes will be opened. *They must realize that without atonement, there is no forgiveness. Let’s lift our voices together, praying that they will finally recognize their Messiah, who alone can take away sin!*

The final appointed time in the seventh month is *Chag HaSukkot* (Feast of Tabernacles). This feast—beginning on the fifteenth day of the month and

lasting for seven days (October 13-20 this year)—is a joyful remembrance of God’s wonderful provision and faithfulness. In the scriptures, the Jewish people are told to go up to Jerusalem

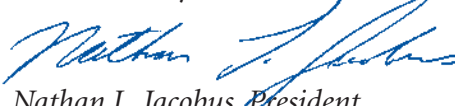
Sharing in the Salvation of Israel

Once again, it is time to say thanks for your heartfelt prayers and your generosity in giving to the work of **MJMI**. Just as God himself spoke to each one of you and called you into His Kingdom, He is speaking today like never in history to his own brothers, the Jewish people! “*I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation!*” (Isaiah 61:1-2, 2 Cor. 6:2b) When you pray in agreement with the Scriptures and your fellow believers for the salvation of Israel, you hasten the coming of the Messiah. When you give generously to the work of **MJMI**, your funds go to support those who live sacrificially to give themselves to the work of testifying that Yeshua is the Messiah of the Jewish people. Generosity and love are closely related. In the same way, your faithful service to this ministry is supplying what is needed by the **MJMI** workers who “*overflow with thanks for you.*” (2 Corinthians 9:12) May your prayers be answered swiftly, and may all your sacrifice be remembered before God. Thanks again from the **MJMI** staff.

and celebrate before the Lord during this time. As God’s people around the world take part in this feast, may they embrace Yeshua—the One who chose to tabernacle among us—as their only source for provision and protection.

Dear friends, please take a moment right now to ask the Lord if He would have you help support our workers in Israel. By giving financially, we are helping them reach many Jewish people with the Good News of the Messiah Yeshua! As we work together for the salvation of the Jewish people, I pray that we will soon hear them cry, “*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*”

With all of my love in Yeshua,


Nathan L. Jacobus, President

