

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40 NIV

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Shalom my friends,

We have come to the last month of 2009. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, neither or both, December is a festive time. I want to take this time to thank you

for being partners with **MJMI** in many ways. By your prayers and financial giving, you have helped to make possible all the good things Adonai has done through **MJMI** this year. I know that many of you are going through tough times; with losing jobs, prices of gasoline and groceries rising, and some even losing their houses. Be encouraged: these were your houses for a time, but your HOME is yet to come, and it is much better. I pray that things financial and in every way will improve for you, and that Adonai will bless you abundantly. Through your generosity, the plan of atonement is being preached by Israeli evangelistic workers you are helping to support, and many of our Jewish brothers and sisters are coming to know their promised Messiah, Yeshua.

The Lord Saves!

For me, the greatest highlights of the year have been hearing about the hundreds of Jewish people who have embraced Yeshua as their personal Lord and Savior. Not long ago, **Israel P.**, one of our workers in the Ashdod area, sent me a testimony about a family who came to faith in Yeshua. He wrote:

“I hope you and your family are doing well. By God’s mercy, the congregation

here in Ashdod is doing well. I wanted to share an encouraging testimony with you. Several years ago, a young man named Eliezer was a part of my home group in Tel Aviv, but he never fully gave his life over to the Lord. He served in the military for two years, and during that time, he went astray.

“Some time ago, I ran into Eliezer on the street, and I encouraged him to come back to Yeshua. He told me that he had gotten married, and that he didn’t know how his wife, Anna, would respond. I met with him a few times, and then Anna

family growing in their faith, and they have great joy in their salvation and in their new spiritual family.”

Helping the Needy

Another high point of the year has been providing the funds for many Jewish people from the Former Soviet Union to make *Aliyah* (immigrate to Israel). These families were living in extreme poverty without enough money to meet their most basic needs—much less pay the necessary fees and travel expenses to return to their homeland. In addition to giving these individuals the resources needed to make *Aliyah*, we have also given them the Good News of Yeshua. Many of them have embraced Him as their Messiah, and moved from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Hallelujah!!!

A short time ago, I learned of another opportunity for us to bless Jewish people who are in need. Right now, the Land of Israel is facing a growing problem of poverty, with over twenty percent of the population living below the poverty level.

Simcha, one of our **MJMI** workers who also lives in Ashdod, met two young Israeli women, Avital and Zohar, who are ministering to poor families in the Ashdod area.

In Hebrew, the word for righteousness is *tzadaka*, but this word can also mean charity or good deeds. Avital and Zohar realized that there were sections of their own city filled with people in need of *tzadaka*—both the charity and the righteousness of Messiah. In response, they founded a non-profit organization to distribute food, clothing and money

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This is a wonderful time of year, full of celebration and rejoicing. Whether you are lighting the Hanukkah lights, or remembering the birth of Yeshua at Christmas, we pray that you will have a blessed and joyful holiday season!

said she was willing to come to a service. The first time she came, I saw her crying during the meeting. During that very same week, she prayed to Yeshua, asking Him for forgiveness. Now, both Anna and Eliezer are hungry for God, and they never miss a service or a home fellowship meeting.

“About two weeks ago, they shared even more good news with me. Eliezer’s mother, Ella, received the Lord through their testimony! It is wonderful to see this

Charitable Donations

If you are keeping records of your charitable donations for tax purposes, please know that all gifts postmarked by December 31, 2009 may be claimed on your 2009 taxes, even if we do not receive them until January 2010. The postmark date will be recorded as the date of your gift, and will be reflected on your end-of-year receipt.

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to the needy. They are reaching out with the love of Yeshua to meet practical as well as spiritual needs.

Simcha and his wife, Bella, felt called to partner together with this organization, and they have been using their van each week to help transport food and clothing to impoverished areas. As they distribute the much needed items, they are also sharing the Good News of Yeshua with these precious Jewish people.

While the organization receives many donations of clothing, they are in great need of finances to purchase food supplies and offer other help to those in need. Please pray that God will supply all their needs, and that many hearts will be touched by the love of Yeshua demonstrated in action. If you feel called to give financially toward helping the poor and needy in the city of Ashdod, you can indicate the amount of your special gift on the enclosed reply card.

A Season of Giving

As you read this letter, we are entering a season of giving. Whether you are lighting the candles at *Hanukkah* (also known as the Festival of Lights,



Israel P., another of our MJMI workers, began a Hebrew speaking congregation in the city of Ashdod. The Lord is growing their community, and they are reaching many of their Jewish brothers and sisters with the Good News of Yeshua the Messiah.

or the Feast of Dedication) or remembering the birth of Yeshua at Christmas, this is certainly a wonderful time of celebration and rejoicing.

For many of us, this season is also a time to make generous contributions to various ministries and organizations. As you are deciding where to send your end-of-year gifts, please remember the ministry of **MJMI**. I understand that there are many worthy causes—especially in light of the numerous natural disasters that have taken place this year—but please know that we cannot continue this work without you. There are Jewish people in need, both physically and spiritually, and your gift to **MJMI** can help meet their needs!

I know that the Lord wants to grow and expand the ministry of **MJMI**, and we are trusting Him to provide for all of our needs. **But I also know that God works through people like you!** The funds we receive in the months of December and January are crucial to our ability to minister throughout the entire year, so please take a moment right now to ask the Lord how much he would have you give at this time.

My friend, it is your financial gifts that allow us to reach the Jewish people—especially those in the Land of Israel—with the Good News of their Messiah, Yeshua. If you feel called to partner with us, you can use the enclosed


Simcha, one of our MJMI workers, wrote to me about two young women, Avital and Zohar (pictured with their children in photo below), who are reaching out to the poor and needy in Ashdod. Simcha and his wife, Bella, have been working together with these women to distribute food, clothing and other necessities to those who are in need. Not only are they meeting people's physical needs, but they are also using every opportunity to share the Salvation that comes only through the promised Messiah, Yeshua.



envelope to send your donation right now! Whether you are making a commitment to partner with us on a monthly basis, or you are able to bless us with a large, one-time gift, please know that we are tremendously thankful for your support. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is a great blessing!

While it may seem that I am constantly begging for prayers and money, my only motivation is a deep love for my Jewish brothers and sisters. I know that you share this love with me, and I thank you in advance for helping us reach God's chosen people with the message of Salvation found only in Yeshua. May you and all your loved ones be blessed—both during this special season and always—as we continue to work towards 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

