

*“He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land... and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your forefathers to give you.”*

*Deuteronomy 7:13 NIV*

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Shalom, my friends,

It's hard to believe how quickly this year is moving along! As you read this letter, I am in Israel (July 2-August 11th). Please pray that I do the will of our God and am led

by the Holy Spirit. Also, please pray for my safety.

Over the past several weeks, I have received updates from several of our **MJMI** workers in Israel, and I would like to let you know what is going on in their lives. All of these individuals are gifted evangelists, and your support helps to supplement their income, giving them the available time to share the plan of atonement with their Jewish brothers and sisters.

## Peace Through Yeshua

Two months ago, I introduced you to Simcha, one of our newest **MJMI** workers. He and his wife, Bella, live in the city of Ashdod, just south of the Jaffa/Tel Aviv area. A few days ago, Simcha wrote to me about an event in which he recently participated—an outreach aimed at reconciliation between Israeli and Arab believers. He said:

*“As soon as we crossed the border to Jordan, we entered into another world—as if we stepped back into the biblical time of the Nomads in the desert. After riding a bus for several hours through sand dune scenery, we arrived at the Bedouin tent camp. Our group included pastors from Israeli-Hebrew congregations, Arab-Christian leaders and some visitors from the United States and Europe who support the Israeli-Arab reconciliation initiative.*

*“The next five days were spent completely away from civilization: no electricity, no newspapers, no radio, no television, no*

*computers, no telephones, no emails. We slept in tents and rode camels, ate Bedouin food around the campfire, and had wonderful opportunities to connect with God and each other. We worshiped together, praising the Lord in Hebrew, Arabic and English songs. We prayed and had devotionals on the subject of reconciliation and brotherly love.*

*“As we confessed our wrongdoings to each other (in the name of both our peoples), we felt the love of God poured out to us from our Arab brothers and sisters, and from us to them. We realized how much hurt they have carried for many years, feeling like second-class citizens—feeling left out. We were*



**Youval, one of our MJMI workers in Israel, wrote to us about the work God is doing through his ministry. He is part of a team who are operating a discipleship training center just outside the city**

**of Jerusalem. They are seeing wonderful growth and healing in the lives of their students. Youval and the rest of the team have been working to clear some of the land around their facility, preparing it for agricultural use (see photos above). Youval also spoke of the great joy his son, Yonadav (center photo), is bringing to himself and his wife, Valerie.**



*able to close the gap with much love, compassion and understanding, and we formed a bond that will continue as we stay connected and work together to reach both of our people.*

*“Shortly after we crossed the border back to Israel, while we were waiting for the bus to take us back to Jerusalem, Bella joined Nawal (the wife of one of the Arab leaders with whom we especially bonded) in witnessing to a young Israeli man who was also waiting for his ride. As they hugged each other, they showed this young man—both in words and in deed—how Yeshua the Messiah is the only one who can make former enemies into true*

*friends. The ladies told him of Yeshua, explaining that He is the Messiah to both the Jews and Arabs, and that He fulfilled the prophecies in the Bible.*

*“We plan to meet regularly with this couple, so that we can continue witnessing together to both Jew and Arabs. Thank you for standing with us! Your prayers and support enable us to continue our ministry in the Land.”*

## Growth in Yeshua

Praise God for the great work he is doing in His Holy Land! Another of our workers, Youval, also wrote to me about the things that are being accomplished through his ministry. Youval and his wife, Valerie, are part of a team who are living and working at a discipleship training school just north of Jerusalem. These men and women are not bringing people to the Lord and then leaving them behind. Instead, they are giving these new believers intense discipleship so that, in turn, they can go out and reach many more people with the Good News of Yeshua. Our **MJMI** workers are not just adding to the kingdom—they are multiplying it!

Youval wrote, *“Spring has arrived, and the plants are flowering. We have had great winds, reminding us how the LORD is cleaning*

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us with His Spirit. The Passover season is now behind us, and we are so thankful that He has been pouring His grace upon us. It is so good to see the work that the Lord has done in the life of each student here in the school. Through His Word, He renews and heals the heart. Our joy is great to see these young people growing with a fire and hunger to know more. We can already see that they will be future leaders for our people. We are investing all our strength into the lives that the LORD trusts to our care.

“We are also progressing with the agriculture side of the vision. We have a small part of the property ready for planting. By faith, we are going to have our first goat very soon—the first of our flock. We are putting our hand to plow, and we are so grateful to work together prophetically and to bring out the good fruit from the land.”

Youval went on to share about his family, saying, “Yonadav just passed his six month birthday, and he is slowly discovering how to use his little body—gradually gaining the ability to sit and turn. He gives us beautiful smiles, showing us his little teeth. We are so amazed to see him growing with strength every day. He is giving us so much joy!”

Youval and Valerie covet your prayers. They ask, “Please pray for the protection of our team and for our unity. Pray for the presence and the authority of the Holy Spirit in all our meetings. Also pray for the favor of the neighbors around our facility and around our home. We rejoice when we think about all of you that are so close to our hearts.”

## 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!

## Seeing the Fruit

Finally, I also received great news from Israel, one of our workers who currently lives in the Ashdod area. Israel wrote to tell me of the work God is doing in the lives of a couple He led to the Lord several months ago. I spent time with these new believers during my trip to Israel a few months ago, so it was wonderful to hear how they are



**While in the Land a few months ago, I had the opportunity to spend time with three young Israelis who recently came to faith in Yeshua. These new believers are being discipled by Israel, one of our MJMI workers in the Ashdod area. [Pictured L-R: Edan, Israel, Isaac, and Maya] Maya is a popular recording artist in the Land, so she has many opportunities to share the Good News of Yeshua with other musicians. Please pray that God would give Maya much strength and favor as she ministers in places of great influence.**

growing in their faith. Israel wrote:

“We have such good news about Isaac, Maya and Edan. Isaac and Maya are growing spiritually. Isaac is preparing himself for Bible School, and he is very hungry for God. Maya’s career as an artist is growing, and she is starting to become more popular. Some time ago, Maya realized how hard it would be to work among artists and to be a believer—she saw much pride and sin. She considered ending her career, and she asked us to pray with her about it. As we were together in prayer, we all felt that she should go on, and that God would help her to be a light in the midst of darkness.

“Now she is doing well—after showing that she was willing to give up her music for the Lord, God blessed her in that career. Sometimes we see Maya on Israeli TV, on the most popular channels. She shares with other musicians about Yeshua, and a lot of them really listen to her testimony. Please pray for Maya, as she is the first young woman in Israel to hold on to her faith in such special places of influence.

“We are very happy to see Isaac’s first fruit. A few months ago, Isaac shared the gospel with his friend, Edan, and he gave his life to Yeshua. Edan, who is 21 years old, was an atheist. Before he met Isaac, he had been in an accident, and he was thinking a great deal about his life and his future. God sent Isaac to him with the message of Yeshua, and he was ready to receive it. Hallelujah!”

“Two weeks ago, Edan’s father, Moti, came to congregation. Moti is 48 years old, and he has a strong religious background. After the meeting we spent time together at my house, and Moti told us that he had decided to give his life to Yeshua. Praise the Lord! Please pray for these new believers. They are on fire for God, and they speak about Yeshua everywhere.”

## Hearts Are Stirring

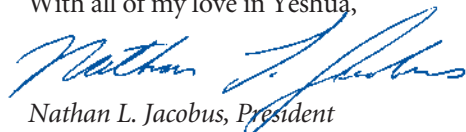
My friends, the Lord is stirring the hearts of His Jewish people. It is our job to tell them of the plan of atonement, proclaiming the salvation found only through Yeshua, their Messiah. Our MJMI workers are on the front lines, speaking with the Jewish people on the streets of Israel every day. As we support these men and women—both financially and in prayer—we are working together for Israel’s salvation.

God has placed a great task before us, but we cannot accomplish anything without your partnership. Please take a moment right now to

ask the Lord how He wants you to be involved with this work. 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

