

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them.... Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Matthew 9:36-38 NIV



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Shalom, my friends,
 As you know, earlier this summer I had the blessing of once again traveling to Israel, with the purpose of encouraging the evangelists that we support in Israel and building relationship with other evangelists and Messianic Jewish leaders. I was able to encourage my friends through the Word of God, as well as through several books the Holy Spirit has used to do a deep work in my life over the last year (*Crazy Love* and *Forgotten God*, by Francis Chan; *The Luke 10 Manual*; and *Wild at Heart*, by John Eldridge; among others). This is all any of us can do: give to others what our Lord, Yeshua, has been giving and doing with us.

The July newsletter gave you a pretty good picture of the persecution Messianic believers and congregations are going through. In the end, Yeshua always triumphs, and the truth ends up being spread even through these attacks against our Brothers and Sisters. This month I want to give you reports on some of the victories, and what our Messianic Jewish friends are doing in The Land.

Testimonies from Israel

Recently, I received an update from one of these friends (we'll call him Liav), who wrote, "I am so happy to send you news of the work that is taking place here in Israel. The Lord is great, and He is doing a new thing! Recently, we began a new wave of outreach with two Russian brothers who came to Israel to share the Good News. We began last month with a few

cities—Eilat, Harad, and Beer-Sheva. This month we have focused on Ashdod, and there is fruit. Five people came to know the Lord and we already started a home group with them, which is going well. Most of them were drug addicts, and the Lord has truly changed them. This is only the beginning—much fruit is still to come!

"I also want to share one other testimony of salvation with you. Not long ago, I met an older gentleman we'll call Zaki. He was tormented by loneliness because his wife went back to Kazakhstan (where they were originally from) and wouldn't



God has truly given our friend "Liav" the gift of evangelism, and he is seeing much fruit. He has just begun a new home-group with five brand-new believers (above). Another new believer, "Zaki" (on left in photo to the right), has embraced Yeshua with his whole heart and become part of the congregation in Ashdod.



return. He was so lonely that he started seeking God; but because of his religiously confused background, it was very hard for him to make sense out of everything (his father was a Muslim, his mother was Jewish, his wife is Christian and he was an atheist). Zaki went to synagogues and Russian Orthodox churches (he was afraid to go to a Mosque), but wherever he went, he felt an emptiness that couldn't be filled. When we met him, we embraced him with our whole heart, gave him a lot of attention, helped him

when he was moving to a new apartment, and blessed him with food. Eventually, his heart was opened, he received Yeshua as his Savior, and now he comes regularly to our congregation and also to my home group. Zaki testified that when he saw the love in us, he instantly knew that he had found the Lord. Hallelujah!

"Nathan, I want to tell you and all the MJMI partners how thankful we are for your continual faithfulness in supporting me and my family. We truly appreciate it, and see it as God's helping hand to us. May the Lord bless you richly according to the richness of His glory in Messiah Yeshua!"

Expanding the Reach

Thanks to the blessing of our Lord, and the way you partner with MJMI in finances and prayers, Liav is now a full time worker for Congregation Beit Hallel. He works with volunteers, outreach (evangelism), small groups, the program to give food to the hungry, and anything else that needs to be done. While I was in the land, I was blessed with the opportunity to help with some of this very practical work. Along with two other members of the Beit Hallel team, Liav and I took a van to the industrial area of Jerusalem, in an area called Talpiot, and picked up a large number of evangelistic books and Bibles from the printer there. We then drove back to Ashdod where we unloaded these books into an area of the congregation building.

To see all these people working together to get the materials unloaded was amazing. These books and Bibles will be used to help many come to know Yeshua, as well as then be discipled. Your partnership with MJMI helps to make all of this happen. The congregation leader of Beit Hallel expressed to me that he really needs about \$600 per person for two more full time evangelists. Please pray that these resources will be provided—and if God leads you to do so, please make a commitment to help this need be filled.

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This congregation leader and MJMI have been partners in ministry for eleven years now. He started as an evangelist and then associate pastor for a congregation in the Tel Aviv area, before he began Beit Hallel (in Ashdod) about five years ago. The work he is doing has been greatly blessed, and now—in addition to being the head Pastor of this congregation—he has started four other congregations around the same area. Many Jewish/Israeli people have come to know Yeshua as their Messiah through those the Lord chooses to use in all these areas. As I have mentioned in previous letters, the numbers of Jewish people who now know their Messiah as a result of what Adonai has done through these works and people have been in the hundreds.

Please take a minute now and think about what I just said. In a land that many know as a Jewish state—and in the midst of persecution of Messianic believers that I spoke about in the July letter—our Lord is moving and using the ministry of MJMI to bring *hundreds* of His chosen people into a personal relationship with Him.

This congregation leader (and it is on purpose that I am not using names), and I spoke at great length during the five days I spent with him at his home—in fact, I was with him or some other leader from his congregation during that entire time (the photos to the right were taken during this time). Though he is facing many difficulties, I was able to give him a personal encouraging word: “May the same Spirit that raised Yeshua from the dead be upon you. Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land, a friend that will always be there for you.”

I ask you to pray about an idea this pastor believes was given to him from our Lord. That is, that he and I speak at congregations, churches, and conferences in the U.S. There is so much he can share with you, your church or congregation, from the sixteen years

he has lived and ministered in Israel.

Near the end of the year, we have plans to start a ministry trip in Dallas, Denver, Phoe-



While in Israel, I was blessed to be able to help meet a practical need, as we picked up and unloaded a vanful of evangelistic materials.



nix, and other places that have not yet invited him/us. Please pray and talk to your Pastor or Missions Director (or maybe yourself and your Board if you are the pastor/leader) about inviting us to come to you on this trip. It seems like this will be a trip in the West, as the church that invited him and is paying for his airplane ticket is in Dallas. However, if we start planning now, maybe we can also come to you on this trip, or on another trip to the East area. Something could be scheduled for this fall or winter (sometime between October 21, when the Feast of Tabernacles has ended, and before the 2012 spring holidays). We could even plan as far ahead as next summer! I would love to see you, and I know you will be blessed by the message my brother from Israel brings.

The Harvest Continues

The harvest is continuing, and our ministry friends are hard at work in the fields. These



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,

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