

Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter - 1-7 July 2020

You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favour her, Yes, the set time, has come. Psalm 102:13

Over the last week virus infections have increased in Israel and there are some concerns that it will continue to increase. Please pray that this will not be the case. Also pray for the UK, and our government, national, regional and local for strategy, for wisdom and for courage. Remember that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind.

In Israel we continue to provide for around 300 families with finance to buy basic food and other needs as the effects of the lockdown continue.

Pray for our team in Israel as they deliver this project. Pray for the families, that they will be able to return to work soon.

Pray for the non-believers who have also been able to benefit from our help. We have already seen some come to know the Lord through it.

Pray for businesses owned by Messianic believers and Christians, particularly those linked to the tourist industry.

Pray for our work in Israel and the UK

As you will know the transition of the leadership of Maoz ministries is progressing, with only 5 months to go before Kobi and Shani Ferguson assume full responsibility. Ari and Shira will still be very much involved.

Pray for Ari and Shira Sorko-Ram and Kobi and Shani Ferguson, our senior leadership team in Israel.

Pray for the transition of leadership.

Pray for our team in Israel. They are working remotely and have done a great job in still running our projects.

Thank you for praying for our **UK Trustees** meeting held last month. Although it had to be held by zoom it was very successful with involvement from the UK, Ireland and Israel. We discussed many things and had some important outcomes. We identified a particular need to reach the young generation with the message about Israel.

Pray for us as we seek to find ways to do this.

Pray for our new chair of Trustees, Phil Herklots.

Pray for our other outcomes that the Lord would continue to guide us and give us wisdom.

One key area of change that we implemented over the last year was to spend more time in prayer. We have to testify that this has been a real blessing as we have experienced greater stability in many areas since we did this.

Focus – New Ambassador

Tzipi Hotovely is Israeli's new ambassador to the UK. Hotovely was previously settlements minister so this has been seen in some quarters as controversial. She has previously had disagreements with the Board of Deputies of British Jews over Judea and Samaria. In 2015, as deputy foreign minister, she said: "The land is ours. All of it is ours. We did not come here to apologise for that." Then, in 2019 she said: "For 52 years, we were feeding this myth of occupation. It's a myth. It's not true." (That sounds like Israeli diplomacy!)

Pray for Hotovely as she takes on this role.

Pray that she will work well with the British Government

Pray that she will work well with the British Jewish community

Pray that she will seek to make strong connections with Christians who have a heart for Israel in the UK.

Pray that she will be favourable towards Messianic believers and that she will come to faith in Yeshua.

Thank you for your Prayers for Maoz – may the Lord bless you from Zion!

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Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 8-14 July 2020

For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; You shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; When He hears it, He will answer you. Isaiah 30:19

8-9th July is the 17th of Tammuz in the Hebrew calendar. The Seventeenth of Tammuz also marks the beginning of a period known as the Three Weeks, or Bein Ha'Meitzarim ("between the straits"), which ends with Tisha B'Av. It's a period of general mourning because of many sad events that happened on this day: Moses smashing the tablets; the Babylonians crashing the gates of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E; the Romans burning the Torah in 50 C.E. and the Libyans confiscating Jewish property in 1970 are just four.

Sovereignty

The word annexation is on the lips of many politicians at the moment. Israel is going to find itself under immense pressure this month if these plans do go ahead. However, it is significant that this year marks the 100th anniversary of the San Remo treaty. The San Remo Resolution raised the Balfour Declaration to the status of an international treaty. **The Mandate for Palestine that resulted from it enshrined the title deed that Almighty God gave to the Hebrew Patriarchs into international law.**

It is no coincidence that Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria is being challenged at this time.

Please pray for wisdom for the Israeli government

Pray for the UK government, that it would stand with Israel.

Please pray for the EU, UN and other international bodies. Wouldn't it be amazing if they stood with Israel.

Pray for the Palestinian people, it's about time they got a better deal than living under a corrupt dictatorial leadership.

The Fellowship of Artists incorporates all of our creative ministries: the development of modern Israeli worship, helping young children in their vocal training and musicianship, supporting young artists in performance and recording a fresh new expression of sound. This is based at our studio in Jerusalem. Over the summer they have set themselves a target to record and release many new songs.

Pray for this project that it will grow and have impact right across Israel.

Pray for our studio, it is used by non-believers regularly so Pray for their salvation

The Maoz team is working on creative ideas to reach Israelis with God's message of love and redemption that can be used on a new Hebrew language channel.

Pray for wisdom and favour in carrying out such activities that will have a lasting impact on people's lives in Israel.

Pray for our Israeli team to develop increased unity

Prayer focus Little Hearts Pre School

The only Messianic preschool in Jerusalem — a rare oasis where Jews and Arabs learn together — is in danger of having to shut down after suffering severe monetary losses during the COVID-19 closures. The school is home to 60 children and run by believers, but is open to anyone and welcomes Orthodox Jews and Muslims as well as children from believing families. It was forced to close for three months just like all other educational institutes in Israel. They have to raise £55,000 just to stay afloat. This is one of Maoz featured projects this month.

Pray for the school to be able to raise the necessary funds

Pray for the staff of the school that they would keep strong in their faith

Pray for all the families that use the school – it is a great place of witness

Pray that the school will not close

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Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 15-21 July 2020

Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth. ⁷ Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:6-8

Translation work

One of the key areas of our work is translating good Christian books into Hebrew. Our books are distributed via congregational book stands, sold via online outlets such as Amazon in Israel and are provided in electronic form through the equivalent of Kindle. They are also provided free where necessary to help those who cannot afford them

Pray for our translation work – good books are vital to the growth of the body of believers in Israel and evangelism.

Pray for more people in Israel to purchase our books. We have a wide variety available; teaching, testimony, devotional etc.

Pray for these books to be shared in many homes.

Pray for the production of the children's comic-style popular Action Bible.

Previously we have asked you to pray for our **offices in Tel Aviv**. It is one of our largest running costs and we have been trying to move out to cheaper premises outside of Tel Aviv, so that we can use more of our funds on projects and furthering the Gospel in Israel.

Thank you so much for praying for us, we can report that our landlords have allowed us to leave our lease and we shall be moving in August (next month).

Please pray for our move, that all will go well and give thanks for this answer to prayer.

Maoz UK – New Partners

As you will appreciate during these times, we have had to cancel all of our church and conference visits. This is one of the principal ways we grow as a ministry, so there is some concern that we are not able to reach potential new supporters. Could we ask your help? Could you think of somebody to whom you could pass on a copy of our report with a recommendation to receive it. Or could you email them with our latest report? This would really help us to grow as a ministry. If you could help us with this, please contact the office to request copies of the report.

Pray that Maoz UK will grow during this time

Pray for a growing awareness of our ministry and its work.

Events Gradually the UK team has had more opportunities to connect with churches, via zoom or by recording short videos. If you would like a video to show to your church about our work, maybe a worship video from our studio in Jerusalem, or just a greeting from the Israeli or UK office, please let us know.

Focus:

Focus: Pastor Roman Glis, Pri Hagafen (Fruit of the Vine) congregation in Or Akiva, between Haifa and Tel Aviv. The town has a population of about 16,000 and is home to several large factories.

Prayer points: Please pray for Roman, his family and the leadership team there.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the future.

Please pray for health and wellbeing.

Please pray for people to become open to the Gospel.

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Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 22-30 July 2020

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷ And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7

Pray for the salvation of Jewish people in Israel and across the world

Pray for Israel to turn to the Lord so the veil may be taken away (2 Corinthians 3:11-16), and for their spiritual blindness to be removed.

Pray based on the Lord's promise that **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this My covenant with them, when I take away their sins" (Romans 11:25-27).

Proclaim also God's promise that "I will cleanse you and give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36).

Aliyah.

Israel is preparing for a surge in applications from Jewish people to make Aliyah to Israel after the virus. The Immigration minister says Jewish State expects arrival of some 90,000 immigrants in 2021, compared to 35,463 in 2019;

Many Jews around the world have long felt that Israel would always be a sanctuary if things at home went bad. Some have moved because of anti-Semitism or economic crises, others because of their religious or Zionist ideologies. But now the sudden realisation they would not always be able to enter Israel as non-citizens have pushed some to opt for Aliyah.

"We must tell the Diaspora Jews we are with them in these testing times, when communities are in duress due to the coronavirus," Diaspora Affairs Minister Omer Yankelovich.

Pray for those who have made Aliyah so far this year

Pray for those arriving this year, that they will integrate well into Israeli society.

Pray for Jewish believers in Yeshua who wish to make Aliyah, that opposition to this from some quarters of the ultra orthodox will be defeated.

Pray for the Maoz UK office team Brian and Elizabeth, Colin, and Petra. May the Lord keep them healthy and focussed on His priorities. Also, Pray for Dan and Helen who normally visit and keep contact with many of our partners, this is just by phone at the moment.

Focus: Pastor Andrey Farbin - 'Aliya Netanyahu'

Andrey is the Pastor of "Aliya Nataniya" Messianic Congregation. 8 years ago God called Andrey and his wife to serve in Israel. They have 4 children. Netanyahu is a city of around 250,000 about 20 miles North of Tel Aviv. It has some lovely beaches.

Please pray for Pastor Farbin and his family

Please pray for their meetings to experience the power of God.

Please pray for increasingly maturing of the believers

Please pray for outreach to be effective

Please pray for financial support for their work

Brian is due to speak to an online conference on Wednesday 22nd July. Please pray for this opportunity, that the technology will work and Maoz UK will have the opportunity to reach more people.

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