



SAR SHALOM ISRAEL

Shalom!

Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and concern. Several people emailed me throughout last week, wanting an update. In 2009 when I began this work, two weeks before I departed for Israel, I walked into a Walgreens, I slipped, and I broke my left foot. I did the entire trip on crutches. It just so happened to rain for the first six days in Israel as well. That was the most difficult trip until last week. It just seemed like there was so much to overcome every day. Usually, our trips to Israel are like gift-wrapped packages. Every day is so exciting and we can see God moving and working. This year was different. It seemed as though challenges arose daily, and sometimes there were a few challenges in front of us. One first-timer lost her passport. One lady fell twice, the second time breaking her tail bone. Others were sick with colds, etc. One lady ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and a lung infection. I will say that I believe these challenges brought us together as one. Our group loved to share the good news about Jesus. There were so many opportunities to pray. People told me when they went to certain places, they got to find out the needs of an individual and then pray for them. I cannot complain about what God did in and through us last week.

One big thing that is concerning me is the Houthi's from Yemen firing upon the state of Israel. In the past few days, Israel has been assailed by incoming missiles. The missile alerts have gone off in Tel Aviv and JERUSALEM. This is not good. I'm praying about what to do in the future.

But I am praying more that this war end, and that the hostages will be released. The price of airfares has skyrocketed. Only El Al, Israeli airline is flying into Israel right now. Several of our pilgrims flew into the country on Delta, only to be left stranded. Each of them found a return flight home. Even the lady Elizabeth, who ended up in the emergency room overnight because of pneumonia, was able to fly home. We all prayed for her connections, she had to stay overnight in Rome, because of a long connection. She has arrived in Atlanta and is currently in an Atlanta hospital getting treatment. Thank you for praying for her and for the lady whose tailbone got broken. Thank you for praying for all of us. All I ever want when we go on a trip like this is to be fruitful. I know that we were. This is the first time that we've gone without really having stuffed animals and things like this. However, we had little MEDICAL dolls that were plain Muslin fabric dolls, that one could color. Those turned out to be a great item to give to the children in hospitals, etc., they could draw on them.

We are so grateful for Pastor Michael Beener, pastor of City Of Life ministries in Sderot, Israel. He sent this video as a thank you to YOU!!! you will see items in the video that you either made, or purchased and has sent to bless the people of Sderot. This is all BECAUSE OF YOU!!! [Michael Beener thanks you!!!](#)

It took me five attempts to get to Israel.

The first day, Wednesday, Dallas had terrible thunderstorms. The flight that I was to take to New York was 13 hours delayed. I did not take it because I would've missed the New York to Israel flight.

The next day, there were no flights out, they were all full.

The day after that Saturday morning, I left to go to the airport. I was standing in line with Air France and they had two delays. The delays were so long that I knew I would already miss the Paris to Israel connection. I only had 90 minutes in Paris. I went home again. Thank you to Pat and Jerry Hudson who continue to picked me up, take me to the airport, only to drop everything and come back and pick me up and bring me home.

Then Delta arranged for me to fly out on Saturday morning. However, a text was in my inbox at 5 o'clock Saturday morning, informing me that

there was no crew for that flight and then I was just going to need to wait.

That would not work so I called Delta back and they put me on a flight that connected me to LaGuardia and I would have to take a taxi over to JFK. That meant only bringing my roller suitcase for nine days and that is exactly what I did.

By this time, I was quite anxious and upset. I'm so grateful that Pastor Ronnie and his wife Tammy from South Carolina took the helm and helped everybody in Israel get to where they needed to go. We also had an amazing driver, Eli. Eli had been my driver back in 2006, when I was just beginning to do tours to Israel. He was a real treasure and I'm so thankful that we were able to have him for the week. He is actually such a seasoned driver, that he drives the groups with Ambassador Mike Huckabee, Franklin Graham, Jack Graham, here in Texas, etc. He was a real gift to us.



Because of the danger in Israel right now, I covet your prayers for October. We all want to go and already there are about five committed travelers who have gotten their airplane tickets. The prices have skyrocketed, and yet I've got to believe that hopefully in the fall, things will get easier. In the meantime, I have a lot of items to ship. You donated so much, that I was going to bring nine suitcases of aid. My across-the-street neighbor has four suitcases from another lady to donate. All that will be shipped over to Israel and hopefully received there in the next couple of months. Thank you, thank you "



This is a photo of Harriette, who broke her tailbone, and Elizabeth, the lady with pneumonia. I wanted you to see their picture because even though they had been through the fire, they still radiate Jesus.

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I had a little Jesus action figure with me and was able to position him in front of the Eastern gate, one of these days, this isn't going be a photograph, it's gonna be the real thing!



Father,

in the beautiful name of Jesus, thank You for the ways that You lead, guide and direct. Thank You for keeping our group safe. Thank You that

You are our strength. Thank You for increasing our footprint in the land of Israel, for Your glory. Thank You for bringing back the American hostage, Edan Alexander. We pray that all of the hostages will be released. Please end this atrocious war, as we are all weary from it. Help us to glean every lesson that You want us to, through these trials, for we pray in the name of our glorious Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Pray for Israel

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