

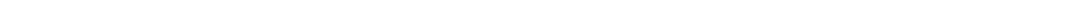


SAR SHALOM ISRAEL

Shalom!

James 5:16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

All of us want to say THANK YOU for praying for us. We could tell that you were praying for us. We were kept safe. There were no bomb alerts so we could get good sleep. All of our personal luggage arrived with us. We had no delayed travel. All the people and venues that we wanted to visit were available. The following is a recap of our wonderful trip to Israel.





Our first outreach occurred at a suburb of Tel Aviv, at a recreational center for the elderly and Holocaust Survivors. The couple with whom we connect in Israel, Shlomy and Miriam, have been in Jewish evangelism for decades. In advance of the gathering, we shipped 50 quilts that a church in the Atlanta area donated. A disc jockey was hired to play fun Jewish/Israeli music. We had much fun and got to share about the LORD. We sang some songs as well, including the song THE BLESSING, the LORD bless you, etc, in Hebrew. It was a great time for all.

On Friday afternoon, we visited a Messianic congregation. One of the leaders is Ari Sorko -Ram. He greeted Jeff and also Ken Berg, who Ari had worked with, on a vdeo project some years ago. We heard a great message that encouraged us. Also, Jeff Lowery has been on some trips with us. Jeff has

great organizational ability, especially with the donations. He can stand up in the bus, and help organize the various items that we bring. Jeff (below) is holding up the medical dolls that we give away to the doctors and nurses. The doctor takes a blue crayon to mark the boo-boo of the child on the doll. Then after surgery, the boo-boo has a red heart around it.





Saturday, also known as Shabbat, we traveled up to a place called Alfe Menashe, where a beautiful couple, Avi And Chaya Mizrachi live. They are pioneers in Messianic Judaism. Their son-in-law is a captain with the IDF. We were able to spend a few hours with them and be filled in on the war and what's going on with the conflict.





On Sunday, which is the first day of the week in Israel, a very busy workday, we first went to Schneider Children's Hospital. You can only imagine the surprise when the CEO of the hospital invited us into the boardroom. Although she is struggling with cancer, she was vibrant and gave us information about the hospital. This has never happened before, in the 20 years that we have been bringing toys to this hospital. All the glory go to God. Please pray for Dr. Efrat. We then went around some of the children's areas to deliver your Stuffed Animals. Thank you so much. We were able to pray for children and entertain them as well. A gentleman who has his own nonprofit, Phillip's love bears, provided many stuffed lambs to distribute to the sick children.



We then visited the rehab rehabilitation center at a very large hospital in Tel Aviv. This is where the soldiers who are injured go to rehabilitate. They have a big department for the injured amputee soldiers. It's always amazing how these young men and young women encourage us! We purchased gift cards for them so that they could get a meal or a treat from a local café.



One of our favorite love works in Israel is Jesus The King Church. The pastor is Saleem Shalash who is an Arab. He really got on fire for Jesus. Not only that, he has a beautiful "Jewish heart." There he is behind Jeff, blowing the shofar. We love his work as he has two distribution centers, one in Nazareth and one in Haifa.



This is a snapshot of what our participants do while we are traveling. We set up an assembly line and one person will have T-shirts, and another one will have socks, and another one will have certain toiletries and another one will have toothpaste and toothbrushes, etc. We then fill the bags with each person's items, and then give those bags to the homeless, street prostitutes, drug addicts, and IDF soldiers as we see them.



The above photographs were taken at Sieff Hospital in Tzfat, up in northern Israel. We had a little concern about the possibility of encountering some rocket missiles, but

everything went well. This hospital cares for the Muslims, Jews, Christian and Druze citizens in the area. Years ago, this hospital provided care for the injured Syrians secretly, with the cooperation of the Israeli defense forces. The IDF would help these young boys to get to this hospital, and then the hospital provided prosthetics after their amputations. Then the young Syrian boys were sent back to Syria. It was a beautiful humanitarian work.

It is a long way to go to this hospital. However, their humanitarian work is beautiful. If anybody makes Lap quilts, we could use the as we take them to the neonatal department, to be used as coverings for the incubators for the newborns.





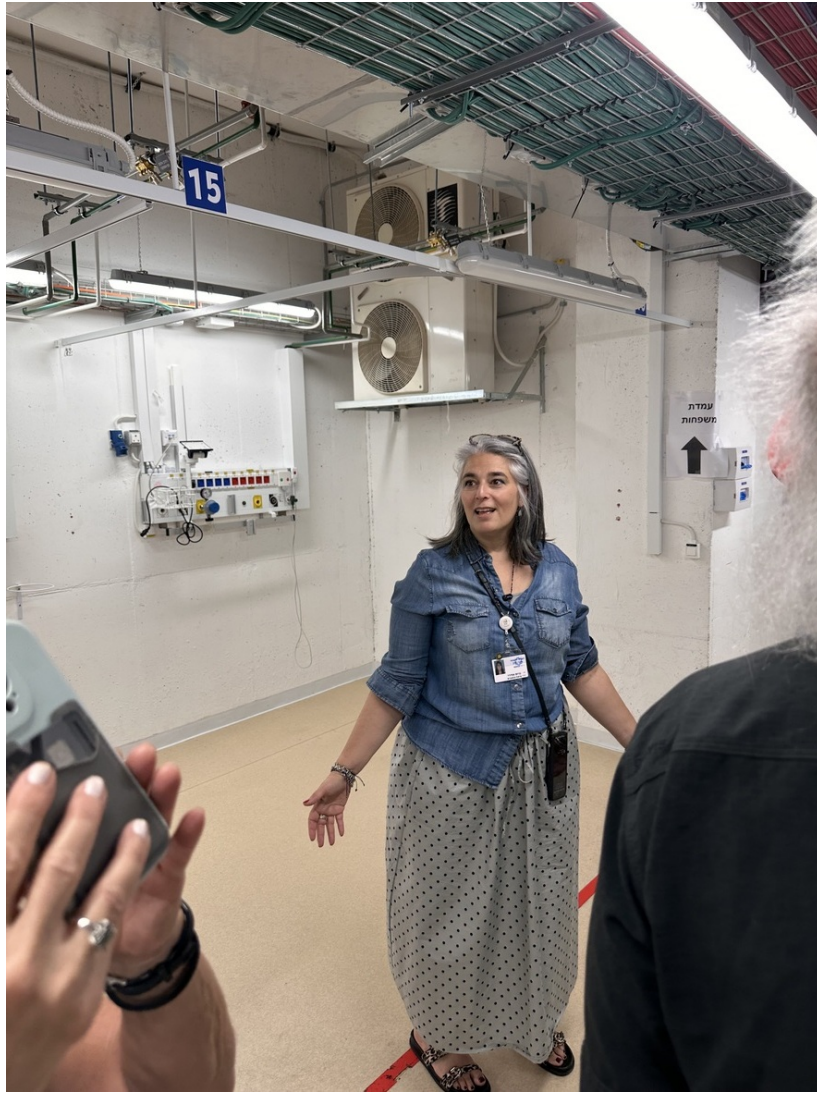
There is only one pro-life organization in Israel that cares for any woman, regardless of what religion she is. It is Be'ad Chaim. We love to go to these gardens to hear what beautiful work this organization is doing, all across Israel. In addition, it gives us the opportunity to plant trees in the name of a loved one who either died, or is suffering, or to plant a tree in their honor.



We really do not tour Israel. We serve in Israel. One of our favorite venues is to help out at this charity farm in Rehovot. All of the food that has grown here is given away to Charity.

We had the opportunity to pick peaches. It was 90° that day, but we really worked quickly and we were able to fill up this entire bin with freshly picked peaches.





If you have a 500-bed hospital, what do you do when war and conflict are approaching? You move all of the patients below ground. Almost all of the hospitals in Israel have underground facilities for patients who cannot walk to the bomb shelter. We were able to distribute some of our toys that you provided us. In addition, we were given a tour to one of the underground areas. The hospital converted one of the parking decks into an ICU unit.

We were thankful to have seen this after the fact. We continue to pray that peace will rule in Israel and in the region.



The Joseph Project is the largest humanitarian distribution center within Israel. Its founders are Jewish believers. We were able to go and bring a donation but also to assemble boxes for the needy. We put in toiletry products, toothpaste, hygiene items, etc..





We love this young man, Michael Beener. He is Jewish, he is Russian and he is a believer in Yeshua. He pastored a small flock of about 50 people and then when the October 7, 2023 war broke out, he helped 20 of his congregant families to leave Sderot, and flee to West Jerusalem. Every time I see him, I tell him that he needs to eat more!

He works tirelessly on behalf of his people and in the community. . He has encountered so much hostility against the religious community in his town. However, he continues to persevere and help the poor citizens. Please keep him in prayer. We would love to be able to help him acquire a small building to avoid the hostility that he constantly faces for his faith.

Some women in our congregation have made these gospel dolls, on the backside there is an unhappy face, and on the front side, a smiley face. We tell people that without God, you are sad, but with God, you are happy.



You might think I am crazy to want to go visit Santa's branch

office in JERUSALEM. This wonderful man has one of the largest hearts I know. He is a Christian Arab and the heart of Jerusalem. He brings joy to Jewish, Muslim and Christian children at Christmas time. He has an outreach and he said that people are lined up for hours, just waiting to get into see the branch office of Santa.



May 15, on Friday of last week was JERUSALEM day. It was the day of re-unification, when the Jews reconquered the entire city of Jerusalem back in 1967. Jewish children from the settlements, from Samaria, come into JERUSALEM and I've never seen so many Jewish people at one time.



Sandy Shoshani, the national Director of Be'ad Chaim, Pro-life, came to our hotel to pick up your items that you donated. As far as I'm concerned, she has the most sacred work in the world. She saves unborn babies lives. This organization never discriminates. They help unwed moms, married women, ALL women - those who are Jewish, who are Christian, who are Muslim, who are Druze, to keep their babies and not abort them.



Our last stop before we have our farewell dinner and head to the airport is always at Aviv center, in South Tel Aviv. This organization has a beautiful outreach to the homeless, street prostitutes, drug addicts and the down and outers. They have over 40 different groups who come in and help serve meals all through the week. We thank you for your support of Aviv Centre. We were able to walk through the streets and provide Coca-Cola to some of the homeless people. We handed them little toiletry bags. Although they wanted money and some of them, you could tell, were whacked out on crystal meth or whatever. However, they respond to love and a smile.

When I have gone to Israel before, I have had people show concern. However, this was the first time ever that I had people come up to me and warned me not to go. One lady

said that this is not the time to go. Another lady said that she had a dream that I would not come back from Israel. Yet another lady told me that war was eminent within a day or two. However, I knew that God told me just to continue to go forward. Thank you for your prayers that sustained, not only me, but all of us.

From the bottom of our hearts, we really want to thank you for praying. I know it probably sounds crazy, but we can really feel your prayers when when we are over in Israel. Whether it was making appointments on time or our luggage arriving when we did or not getting sick or even sleeping well, we thank you for your prayers for this love work ministry. We cannot do it without you. You go with us in our hearts to Israel. Thank you for sending us. Many places that we went, people just could not believe that we came all the way to let them know how much we love them. There were countless people where we would hug them or smile at them, and when they found out that we were from America, they were overjoyed. Thank you again for allowing us to be your boots on the ground in Israel.

Father,

In the name of Jesus, thank You for the privilege of being able to go to Your land and serve Your people. We do not take it lightly. We thank You for going before us, You are the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. You are the same God, the God way back in the times of Moses and Joshua, and You are the same God today. Thank You for everyone who reads the newsletter. Bless them and thank You for their prayers for us. We do not take it lightly. Thank You for allowing us to be Your ambassadors there in the land of Israel and now as we return, back here in the United States. Please eliminate the conflict in the Middle East. Please protect Israel, please protect Jerusalem, please protect the region, please protect the United States, and give the country leaders wisdom going forward. Thank You again for every person that has prayed for us, who have sent support, who have sent donated items. We can't do it without them. Bless them back ,Lord ,thank You again for Your goodness to us in the land of the living, we

pray this in the name of Yeshua Jesus, the name above every other name. Amen.

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