



For Zion's Sake Ministries

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Our Vision

- *"For Zion's Sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not hold my peace..." Isaiah 62:1*
- Striving for the reconciliation of Christians and the Jewish people, as believers in the one true G_d
- To bless and comfort the nation of Israel in practical ways
- To bring good news, to proclaim peace and salvation, to say to Zion "Your God Reigns"



Scripture

But now thus says the Lord who created you O Jacob and He who formed you O Israel "Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are Mine. For I am the Lord your G_d, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Isaiah 43:1,3

Shalom Mishpacha!

Greetings!

This year is the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem! This is such an important year prophetically. Miracles are happening!

For the first time, Yeshua's name was proclaimed in a very positive way on national television in Israel. This is an historic event and G_d's timetable is perfect!

The Messiah's name was proclaimed on a major television channel during a primetime news show. A secular Jewish reporter was visiting a couple of believer's homes in Yad-HaShmonah, a Messianic neighborhood, doing a show on Messianic Judaism in Israel! On Friday, February 16th at 8:30pm, this reporter went into a home as the family observed Shabott. The young daughter was praying in Yeshua's name. To his amazement, he announced that they were and Israeli born family that loved the G_d of Israel and that they were kosher-keeping, Torah observant Jews that believe Yeshu was the Messiah. He stated that they prefer to call Jesus Yeshua (Salvation) instead of the Israeli word Yeshu (may his name be blotted out). Throughout the remainder of the show, he used the name Yeshua! He noticed only Jewish items in their home, not Christian. There was no contradiction in their Judaism and their belief in Yeshua. He emphasized that these faithful people did not have to give up anything Jewish to believe in Yeshua. He allowed them to explain how they can believe in Yeshua without giving up their Judaism regardless of what most Israeli's believe. He was amazed that the son had been circumcised on the 8th day and that a Rabbi performed the circumcision. He stated that these Messianic believers are from traditional and secular homes in Israel. They are faithful Jews who believe in the G_d of Israel and support the State of Israel. Many are Israeli army officers who give their best to serve G_d in everything they do, even in their military service. This program positively portrayed these families celebrating Shabott, and a Messianic congregation singing and praising Yeshua. The show then aired a demonstration by radical, orthodox Jews protesting and persecuting a Messianic synagogue. Please email Bobby if you would like this link.

For the name of Yeshua to be proclaimed in such a wonderful way on a major Israeli channel, is without a doubt a miracle brought about in G_d's timing and purpose!

Prophecy is being fulfilled during this month of Adar, which is a celebration of Purim. The book of Esther will be read in synagogues throughout the world as a time of remembrance. This was a time in history when evil men in Persia (Iran) were plotting to wipe Israel off the face of the earth, vowing to annihilate the Jewish people. In Esther it looks like there is no way to turn things around, no way out. But the faithful ones who trusted in the G_d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that help would come for the Jews. I encourage you to read the book of Esther and think about Israel today. Even

Upcoming Events:

Join us for weekly prayer for Israel as we meet on the steps of Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, on Thursday nights from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Discovering the Jewish Roots of Your Faith classes on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at Bell Shoals Baptist Church

Beginners Hebrew Class starting February 5, 2007 (Monday) from 5:45- 6:45. If you've taken a class before, there are other advance classes to join, call for details 813-413-4776

Please plan to attend the celebration of **Passover** at Bell Shoals Baptist Church on Thursday, April 5th at 6:30pm

Israel Mercy Team June 2007 – June 2- 16, we are now taking deposits.

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now an evil man from the same country is vowing to wipe Israel off the map. As Mordecai told Esther, "if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place". (Esther 4:14) Let these words remind us not to be silent. Let your voice be heard. Support Israel with your prayers and giving. Stand with us on Thursday nights from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on the steps of Bell Shoals Baptist Church as we lift up Israel and her needs to Yeshua. If you cannot be there physically, please let us know that you are joining us in prayer where you are.

Please consider helping us financially as the Mercy Team prepares to bless Israel in June. Scholarships are needed for our trip and your financial help will allow you to be involved with what G_d will accomplish this summer. G_d has chosen the people who will be part of this team, they are willing to go but need financial help. We want to carry more supplies to Israel and hand out more food vouchers on the streets than on previous trips. We will be working with CFI at military bases delivering supplies. We want the Israelis to connect what we're doing to support them in practical ways with what they heard about Messianic Judaism for the first time on television. In Romans 15:27 it says "They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings". As we Bless Israel, we want to reinforce that we believe in the same Bible. We will proclaim Shalom, Salvation and tell Zion "Your God reigns". (Isaiah 52:7) Please pray about how you can be part of our Mission trips in June and October of this year.

Passover is approaching. It is celebrated from April 2nd – April 10th. We will have a celebration of Passover at Bell Shoals Baptist Church on Thursday, April 5th at 6:30pm. Get your tickets early, they can be purchased online or call us for additional information. Please come and bring a friend!

Shalom and Blessings,

Mike and Bracha Buford



Please Pray

- As the nations have a responsibility to decide how they will treat Israel, so does the Body of Christ. Pray for each church fellowship to side with the LORD and stand with Israel.
- God's protection against the enemies that vow to wipe Israel from a nation
- That many will resist the teaching of Replacement Theology that strips Israel of G_d's promised blessings