



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*
- To inform, educate and mobilize support for Israel and the Jewish people
- 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"



"You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, yes, the set time has come." "For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory". Psalms 102:13,16

Shalom Mishpacha!

Greetings!

The big day arrived and on November 8, 2008, an ambulance was delivered, dedicated, prayed over and sent to Israel to the city of Ashdod. During the Bless Israel event last year, that we participated in, enough money was raised to buy an ambulance with a trauma unit. It was a moving experience and the moment I saw the ambulance it brought tears to my eyes knowing that as the ambulance will be moving about Israel the message that Christian's love Israel will be spoken loud and clear. On the doors of the ambulance are listed ministries, churches and Messianic synagogues that were involved in the purchase of the ambulance. It was our joy to be a part of another opportunity to be obedient to G_d's command to bless Israel.

I want to thank you for your support and your contributions to bless Israel and I know you will be blessed as G_d promises in Genesis 12:3, "I will bless those who bless you and I will curse him who curses you."

Even Yeshua speaks of a time in the future "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And he will set the sheep on his right hand but the goats on the left. Then the king "Yeshua" will say to those on his right hand come you blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...

And the king will answer and say to them yes I tell you that whenever you did these things for the least of these brothers of mine you did them for me. To those on the left he said Depart from me you cursed..."

Yeshua was speaking of a time when the reason for the judgment of nations will be in relation to the treatment they have given to his Jewish brethren. Not to say that we are not to treat others with kindness, but in this context Yeshua is speaking to his disciples about His Jewish brethren. (Matthew 25:31- 46)

This judgment is also mentioned by the prophet Joel "For behold in those days and at that time when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and I will bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel whom they have scattered among nations they have also divided up My land. (Joel 3:1-2)

G_d made a covenant with Israel (Genesis 12) and the prophets warned the believers (Joel 3, Zechariah 12, Isaiah 49) and Yeshua confirmed it in the New Testament.

We all realize the time we live in, time of difficulties and uncertainty, but let us not slow down now...Let us continue to run the race that is set before us!



Upcoming Events:

Discovering the Jewish Roots of Your Faith classes on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm restarting January 7th, at Bell Shoals Baptist Church

Bless Israel Event
February 22, 2009
Cultural Center
5511 Lynn Road,
Tampa FL. 33624

Israel Mercy Team
June 13- 27, 2009
call for additional information.

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In these times of uncertainty, let us not stop doing G_d's work as He commands us. Let us take His decrees and let them be our songs and testimony in our pilgrimage, our walk of faith. (Psalm 119:54).

The Hebrew word זָמַר "zamar" is translated as songs in Psalm 119:54 and it means to sing the psalms accompanied by musical instruments.

Remember biblical instruments were stringed instruments that were plucked. This same word also used in other passages means to prune or pluck away.

In ancient Hebrew, the word picture of "zamar" is to cut off bitterness. The Hebrew word "מָרָר mar or mara" (the name which Naomi called herself) means bitterness. The Hebrew letter "זָזayin" is a picture of a weapon or means to cut, so "zamar" means to cut off the bitterness.

When one prunes in the garden, you remove the bad, unwanted, bitter part of the tree to cause new growth and a more fruitful tree. The same is true in life especially in hard times, in order to remove wrong attitudes of fear, anger or bitterness, we are to sing His praises and rejoice over His pruning, for his ways are not our ways.

Notice, for musical instruments to give the best sound, so they can be used, they must be stretched like the strings on a guitar or harp or the animal skin that is stretched over a drum and when it is stretched properly it gives a pleasant sound. So, **"Be strong and of good courage, and do it. Do not fear, nor be dismayed for the Lord G_d, my G_d, will be with you. He will not fail you nor leave you until you have finished all the work for the service (of the house) of The Lord"** (1 Chronicles 28:20).

So here we are again, in preparation for the next event to Bless Israel on February 22, 2009. This year funds will be given to the Leadership Institute in Shderot (a city near Gaza that has been hit with rockets daily), to the Children's Home that we've been supporting in Netanya and to purchase a second ambulance. Does it sound like an objective that will be hard to reach?

Not at all, because my G_d is Great and Mighty...

Join with us in prayers for a successful event and how you can use the blessings that the Lord has bestowed on you, to bless Israel.

Also, prayerfully consider joining the Israel Mercy Team as we go in June to bless the people of Israel. I would love for you to personally experience the Israel that I know, not only to see the sites, but also to meet the people.

You may be thinking, I should wait until things settle down, until I have more money...but don't miss the opportunity. What if G_d thought He would wait to send His Son until things in the land were not in such a state of upheaval?

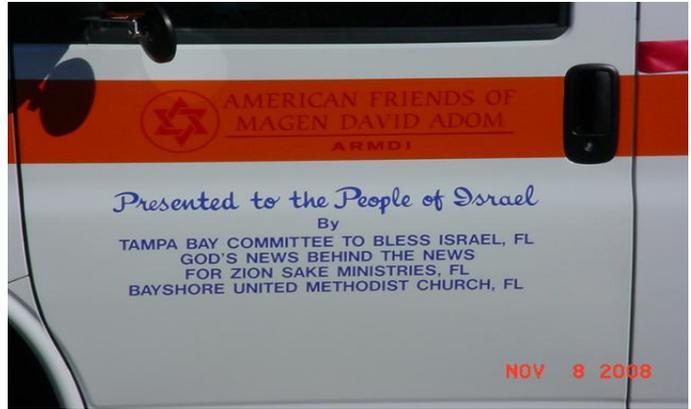
Is G_d calling you to join us this time? If you feel the Lord is calling you to go, please contact us for more information.

And remember, when things are hard, start singing His Praises. זָמַר

Shalom and Blessings,

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Michael and Bracha



Please Pray

- For the Church leadership to discern the importance of Israel in these days
- For the upcoming election in Israel Feb. 10
- For all of Israel to be saved
- Security within the borders of Israel