

Shalom News



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Dear Family & Friends,

Shalom and G-d's Peace from Jerusalem. We hope this Newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Easter and Passover fell together this year. So we enjoyed celebrating our redemption with a Passover seder with friends and then the many services through Holy Week. This included a prayer walk to the Mount of Olives for Maunday Thursday (Maunday is the 'middle english' word for Mandatum – the New Commandment. It's the time of the year when the Church reads the New Commandment of Jesus to Love One Another), the Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday. We trust you enjoyed your own celebrations.



After a small break for Passover the kids are back to homeschooling and Hebrew language instruction. It also begins the time of year for kid birthdays. Tirzah turns 4 on April 24, Micah will be 12 in May and Atarah 10 in July. They just don't stop growing no matter how much we try:)

The speaking and teaching schedule for this year is upon us already. Somehow it seems like we only just returned from abroad before we are planning to leave again. The bane of all missions is that you often have to depart the mission field just so you can fund the actual ministry itself and also to cover the family rent and therefore stay on the mission field.

Aaron departs for Hong Kong and China this week to join CMJ Hong Kong for an 18 day speaking and deputation tour. Aaron will be teaching the local believers and what is known as the underground church in China. On this particular trip we have received an official invitation and permission to teach at a government seminary in Wuhan and at several state churches in Shanghai.

There is a possibility of Aaron having a short trip to Ireland to support the small but motivated CMJ Ireland in May/June. Ireland was instrumental in providing the start-up finances for the Heritage Centre in 2001. Recently momentum has been gathering to reinvigorate the mission in Ireland. Discussions are underway as to how we can help in that process.

We would like to say thank you to Cherry Hills Community Church for supporting the mission in Israel and the Eime family. For 8 years you have been our partners here and we have appreciated your prayers and constant support.

CMJ USA and CMJ Canada have requested a September/Oct deputation tour. While there and raising support for the mission in Israel, Aaron will also be working hard to find new supporters for the Eime family.

Micah, our 11 year old son, had a problem with his teeth. His baby teeth refuse to fall out as normal and so his mouth was becoming very overcrowded. On the advice of our Orthodontist Micah underwent an operation to remove 10 teeth. He bravely sat for 90 minutes as the Dental Surgeon removed 6 baby teeth, then 4 adult teeth buried deep in his gums. Micah had anesthetic 3 times as the length of the surgery meant the pain came often. He was a very brave boy.

Please pray for Micah, that his mouth will heal quickly and there will be ample room for all his adult teeth to come through in the correct positions. Unfortunately dental work is not covered by our insurance and so we need to pay the full amount, a cost of 7400 shekels (approx \$2000). This is not something we had budgeted for at all. If you feel lead to, and are able to help us cover Micah's dental expenses, we would be very thankful. We have set up a Paypal donation link specifically for this purpose.

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Faith, Hope and Love.

In summing up all of the Christian walk Paul says 'three things remain, Faith Hope and Love. And the greatest of these is Love'. Not Faith! Sometimes we focus so much on having Faith in G-d that we forget that the greatest act of Faith is to express it through Love. Even the demons believe and yet they have no love. Often though we forget the third word that condenses all of our walk with the Lord, Hope. So many people in this world do not believe in a personal G-d or in a loving personal Saviour. Thus when they look at the world, full of its problems, its financial stress and concerns, it is easy to fall into hopelessness. Hope is one of the precious gifts we can give to those around us. Hope that can make the lonely nights shorter, the darkness somehow brighter and the future more certain. It is the Hope in Messiah that we share so readily with others here in Israel. Hope in this hopeless world is what many really need from us. Our love for others should encourage us to share that hope.

Ministry Reports. The problem with being on the mission field is that often the best stories cannot be told. So many things happen here that we would like to be able to share, but because of the way internet content can so easily get into the wrong hands we are burdened by silence. Thus we cannot provide full names or much detail of the work or the people we encounter. However, there are a few things we would like to mention and hope that shows the Kingdom of Heaven in action in Jerusalem.

During Israel's short war with the Hamas militants in Gaza a few months ago, the Hamas (which means 'violent people' in Hebrew) fired over 1400 rockets at Israeli towns and cities. They also fired 4 rockets at Jerusalem. Usually Jerusalem is not in range, however over time Hamas have been acquiring longer range weaponry. During a siren alert we all had to run to our bomb shelters as the rockets were coming in. All homes in Israel have bomb shelters so Michelle and the kids took shelter there. Aaron was at Christ Church and headed toward the Church shelter. As it happened two orthodox students were passing the Church, heard the siren and ran inside asking to shelter with us. They found themselves in a room full of Christian and Messianic Jews. Of course we took the opportunity to start talking with them. Both said that despite being raised in the orthodox community they did not have a faith in G-d. They both engaged in the prayers, studied the bible and went to synagogue but actually they called themselves atheists. One of them (Boaz) explained he had had a dream the night before and was told in his dream to come to the Jaffa Gate area, where Christ Church is, because it was very important and would change his life. We shared our faith, our love of the Bible and of Messiah, we showed how we prayed and we answered their questions. Later we were invited to the house of Boaz. His parents are divorced and his mother wanted to meet the people who had changed her son. So we went and spent the afternoon with her and Boaz. We again explained who we were, why we believe in Yeshua (Jesus) and the hope of Messiah.

Last month a large Police group was in the Church for a tour of the property. The leader of the group is the head of police for the Old City churches. He is an Arab Christian. During the presentation the Police officers (a mix of Arab and Jewish police) heard the testimonies of a Jewish Believer, a Gentile Christian and then an Arab Christian. We presented the One New Man in reality. We truly enjoyed the time with the group as they stayed with us for over an hour. Two weeks ago we hosted an Orthodox group of students. They were religious students from the settlements that had arranged with us to come and hear about Messianic Jews. For nearly 2 hours one Tuesday night we shared the Faith, answered questions and calmly showed the hope we have to 16 religious students. Two of them took Bibles with New Testaments home.

These are just some of the many stories we could share, but the best will never be told. Known unto G-d. Please keep us in your prayers both for strength to continue the mission and for the finances to do so.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. We cannot do what we do without you. In His Service,

Aaron, Michelle, Micah, Atarah & Tirzah Eime