

HOLY LAND MINISTRIES



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Dear Friends and supporters of Holy Land Ministries, in Israel, we are privileged to share with you some recent updates on Holy Land Ministries' projects and prayer requests.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Tanya, HLM Business Administrator, with some of our precious children Arabic and Jewish

HLM Children's Project

For a long time it has been on our heart to establish an educational program and spiritual care for our little ones. Finally this coming Fall, we are planning to begin a pre-school program for the young children in our community. Most of the children are still very young, pre-school age and smaller, but as you know children grow very fast! Our main task and challenge in this extremely important and urgent project is to provide a strong Messianic/Christian foundation on which they can build their connection with the King of Israel.

On the recent visit to US of HLM Business Administrator, Tanya Topiliere, the Lord provided an important spiritual connection with Messianic Rabbi Jeff Steadman (Beit Avodah Messianic Fellowship, WA, US) who has volunteered to help us in this project. HLM in Israel will be happy to benefit from Jeff Steadman's 15 years experience of working with children in teaching them Godly principles as well as academic education. Please keep in prayer this important on-going project.

Baptism of the Negev Community Members in the Jordan

We have young believers among us who have come to us from the Homeless Outreach in Tel Aviv and have made the covenant with our LORD and Savior, the King and the Messiah of Israel. This covenant, as you know, is a blood covenant of our redemption paid by our Great King and Savior for us.



Going through the Baptism (Mikvah)



in the waters of Jordan.



Messianic Rabbi (one of the longtime mentors of Holy Land Ministries) emphasizes similarity and significance of Yeshua's position on the cross and the one that is practiced in the Baptism of Repentance that has been part of Biblical Jewish culture.



Our children wait patiently while their parents go through water baptism.



Raised to the new life in Messiah Yeshua!

**For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
Galatians 3:27**

Visit to Jerusalem

One of Ministries' Outreaches is supporting spiritually and physically our extended family in the Messiah. One of these is a young Pastor of an Arabic Congregation in Ramallah.

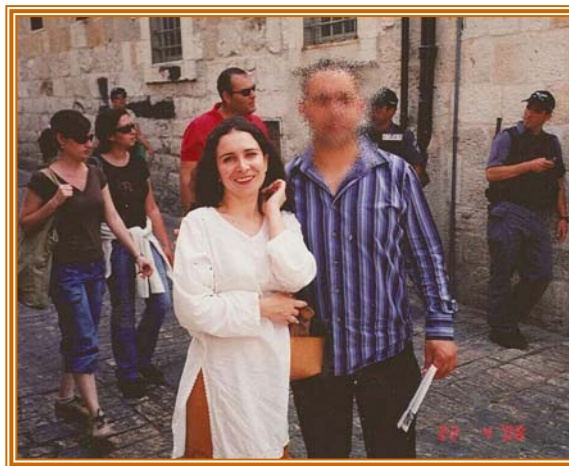


For already a number of years we have committed to regular meetings in Jerusalem with this Pastor, these meetings usually occur during the Feast seasons in Israel. We also

choose Jerusalem for our meetings because of the sensitive situation as we cannot go to Ramallah.



Jerusalem being the center of tourist attractions makes it easier for us to conduct our business there. At the last visit we decided to combine business and "pleasure." Our Friend/Pastor from Ramallah knowing Jerusalem and its local sites very well, was delighted to give us a professional tour of the historical places.



It was a real special treat for the young believers in our community!!

Our Pastor friend is married and has a new baby daughter. We assured him that we would always protect his identity while we share our activities with various HLM friends and connections because many Arabic brothers and sisters in Ramallah are tortured and murdered for their faith by the Islamic authorities.



When Tanya (HLM Fundraising) asked him: "Do you want me to take your literature with me on my fundraising trips abroad?" He just laughed and said, "You can do this if you want me to get to Heaven faster...that would be the quickest way!"

In spite of all the challenging situations in Ramallah and especially for the believers, his only prayer request at our meeting was for "Wisdom from the Lord"

Observing the LORD's Feasts and His Special Visitation at Shavuot in the Young Negev Community

Observance of the Lord's Feast is a very important for the spiritual life of our young community in Israel. These feasts the LORD calls 'My Feast' which is known in history and in the Scripture as a special time of His visitation.

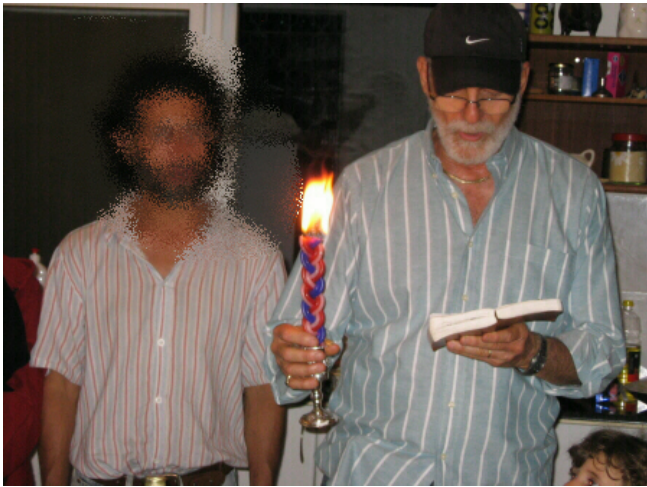


The great Spring Holy Days Season started with Pesach celebration (pictures right/left) and ended with Shavuot. At the time of the Feast of Shavuot (the Feast of Pentecost) 2008, we had shared with our prayer partners about our special expectation from the LORD.



During Shavuot this year we received Arabic refugees from Ramallah, a poor family with four little children. We were diligent in applying the Lord's instructions...in Numbers 15:15-16, "One law and one custom shall be for you and for the stranger who dwells with you..."

We made sure that our friends from Ramallah took part with us in the celebration of the Lord's Holy Days and the regular observance of Shabbat and community meals and events as one family.



It has a great significance for us that on the special evening of Shavuot (June 9) the father of the family expressed his desire to join the faith in the God of Israel and His Blessed Messiah. That was a complete surprise for us; because of the language barrier we had not actively witnessed to him other than giving him an Arabic Bible on the day of the family's arrival in our Community.

Machmud said to us on that evening of Shavuot, "We have never experienced love like this in our lives. Can you please receive us into your faith?"

**We were overwhelmed with joy and said to him:
"Our God casts no one away!"**



John 6:37 "...the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out..."

Please pray for this dear family as they also are now our brother and sister in Messiah.

This wonderful event was our special visitation and present from our King to us on the day of Shavuot in our young community in Negev.

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