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Tel Aviv, Northern Israel, and the Shomron are not deterred. We want to help them, and a portion of all gifts to our general fund will go to support our workers in Israel.

In London, we have been pleased to hold two successful outreaches this summer, and have one more planned. Here the "war" is less palpable, but no less real. We have been encouraged, however, to see the Lord provide opportunities for ministry and witness. Sometimes even just walking the streets of Golders Green we will meet someone to whom we are ministering, or someone will stop us to query who we are and what we believe. It is our prayer that the Lord might prosper our ministry in this community.

Please pray for the shalom of Jerusalem. Please also pray that Messiah's shalom might flourish in the hearts of His people Israel. Please also remember that your support is a lifeline to us, enabling us to continue our work here in the UK, in which a large Jewish community lives. As great as is the tragedy of a lost life, how much more is the tragedy of life lost for eternity.

Yours in Messiah Yeshua,

Daniel
Daniel Nessim



UK Director, Daniel Nessim

Dear friend,

Greetings from Golders Green.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'" Psalm 122:6

We are far from the strife in the Middle East, but Israel is close to our hearts. Whenever life is lost, it is a tragedy, and war inevitably costs lives. How our hearts long for the Prince of Peace, who offers God's shalom to all who will put their faith in Him. So the psalmist prays for the shalom of Jerusalem, and so do we.

In this manner, strife and warfare mirror the spiritual realm. There is a cosmic battle going on for the souls of men and women, Jews and Gentiles. In our passion to reach the Jewish people with the Good News about the Messiah, we offer shalom. This is the peace that the world and every individual need so much.

In Israel we have been greatly blessed to see the work become established, grow, and prosper. Yet due to the current strife, we have had to cancel at least one team's planned ministry trip intended to bless the believers in the Land. Nevertheless, we know that God will work all things together for good. The number of believers in Yeshua is growing as never before throughout Israel. This war will not halt the progress of the Gospel, and may indeed spur it on. Our workers in Jerusalem,

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The Chosen People

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Prayer & Praise from Around the World

☆ Bible Scholar Speaks at Outreach

Dr. Craig Evans, a professor at Acadia Divinity College in Nova Scotia, was guest speaker at a special Sunday luncheon and evening dessert reception sponsored by Chosen People Ministries at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Dr. Evans, an expert in first century archaeology, taught two sessions—discussion of the Jewish burial customs at the time of Jesus, substantiating evidence for His resurrection, and also a second message dealing with the Dead Sea Scrolls. This was especially timely, for the facts he brought out debunk the far-fetched assertions of *The Da Vinci Code*. A spirited question and answer period followed both presentations. Canadian Director Joe Gray was the moderator and each session was attended by about 80, including a number of unbelievers with whom the ministry hopes to have further contact.

☆ Chosen People Ministries is Growing

A recent meeting of Chosen People Ministries directors from a diverse group of countries highlighted the rapid growth of our work around the world. It is particularly exciting to see how fully utilized our new Messianic Centre in Jerusalem is. Short term ministry teams from around the world have been able to serve Israelis from this location. The Centre has also become a hub for Jewish believers around the country. Russian partners are becoming a key to planting many congregations for Jewish believers in Yeshua around the Former Soviet Union. Other countries are opening up as potential new fields for evangelism and discipleship.



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Crisis in Israel

An Urgent Update from the UK Director

Extraordinary times demand extraordinary measures and the efforts of extraordinary people.

This is exactly what is happening in Israel at this very moment. There are many pieces of information the news services are not telling us! Most of us are unaware of the problems faced by the average Israeli in the midst of the current conflict.

It is time for those who love the Jewish people to act. This does not mean that we do not care about the Lebanese, Palestinians

or any of the other victims in the Middle East conflicts.

However, we must recognize

that there is a war going on that Israel did not start!! Whereas Israel has done its best to minimize civilian casualties while rooting out the guerrillas in their midst, all of Hezbollah's targets in Israel have been civilian in nature. Innocent Israelis are being killed—and once again, Israel did not initiate the current conflict!

What has often been under-reported by the media is that **hundreds of thousands** of Israelis living in the North have fled temporarily to the South of Israel, to cities like Beersheva, Arad, Eilat, and many even to Jerusalem.

These adults and thousands of children are in need of food, shelter and much more at this time. As Christians, Messianic Jews and

those who love Israel, we must act now.

We are so grateful for the different ministries and Messianic congregations that are already doing wonderful works in Israel to help in these difficult times.

As you read below, you will see the intended actions that will be taken by our very young, but also very brave and extraordinary staff in Israel. They want to help by providing the Messianic congregations we work with in the southern part of Israel with food, other types of staples, and even toys for the children who are out of their homes. We have a way to get toys and games to children in bomb shelters in the North, as well.

Take a moment and read this letter received last week from our staff in Israel:

Thank you for praying for the situation in Israel! There seems to be no end to the fighting in sight. Things feel tense and unknown and everyone is affected no matter which city they live in. Over 100 rockets landed in the North today!

Right now there are not many people living in the North. Those left in Haifa are either new immigrants with nowhere to go or older people who just don't want to move. Those that can leave have gone to Eilat, Arad or Beersheva. Right now the hotels are bursting and filled to capacity. There are over 125,000 people in Eilat, prices have



Teams of volunteers from around the world have been busy in Israel this summer meeting practical needs as well as in outreach. Meals are being served (L) and boxes of food and basic supplies are being distributed (R).

increased, and the grocery stores are having a hard time meeting supply and demand.

My friend called today to say that a ministry he runs in the South of Israel that provides food and short-term housing is full to overflowing. He bought more mattresses and people are sleeping everywhere. Other congregations in Arad, Beersheva, Eilat, and

other cities, have opened their doors to those seeking refuge.

I, along with Eugene and Rachel, sense a dire need to help and serve our brethren. There are also many people within the congregations' hospitality who are not believers. This is a tremendous opportunity to serve the Body during this time of need and to reach out to those who are seeking shelter.

Many people who have fled the North are without jobs. This situation can go on for quite some time, and soon families will be without funds to pay for food, rent and clothes for their children. Congregations are being maxed out at this time as they are providing meals for free. We feel that this is a practical way to help!

As believers in the Prince of Peace, we have a passion for introducing people to the only One who can truly bring peace into our hearts—and our world. It is not a cessation of hostilities that we are working towards, but the reign of our Messiah in the hearts and lives of His people throughout the world. Chosen People Ministries has a unique opportunity in these days of conflict to minister not only to people's physical needs, but also to their spiritual needs. As James says, if we tell someone in need,

"Depart in peace, be warmed and filled, but you do not give them the things which

are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:16).

This is why our young and dynamic staff in Israel are making the extra effort to serve those in need. Shipments of food have been scheduled.

Chosen People Ministries is continually seeking creative, sensitive, and effective means to communicate the message of

Hope and Salvation to the Jewish people. Congregations in the North of Israel will be helped on a case-by-case basis as people will be in financial difficulty

while they are unable to get to their jobs. We will be standing together with Israel's congregations as we provide them the resources and tools to reach out to others.

Rachel, Maxim, and Eugene have already been very busy leading young people in serving the local believers throughout the summer, and have already done all they can to help in this difficult situation.

Here in the United Kingdom, we are far from the tumult. Nevertheless, the news of it has reached our own shores. Chosen People Ministries is seeking to reach the Jewish people of the UK with the Gospel, and we appreciate every sacrificial gift that is contributed to our work here. However, this is an occasion that gives the opportunity to make a special contribution to the extraordinary situation in Israel.

May the Lord bless you for your love for His people.

