

O Israel
put your hope
in the LORD...

Psalm 130:7

Winter, 2005/2006



HOPE for ISRAEL

A Word From Moran

Reflections On 2005

Dear Family,
Shalom.

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Praise God! Seven years of building relationship, witnessing, and praying for "Y's" salvation brought fruit. Let us not give up on those who are around us in the same way that our God does not give up on us.

During the same trip, we saw eight people in the Lebanese church either

committing or re-committing their lives to our God. (See more details on page 2)

God is at work in the land of Israel. In spite of all the bad news we hear, he is doing a mighty
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Lebanese Church Update

This past year was the second year that **Hope for Israel** has sponsored the Lebanese Church in Israel. Its Pastor, Josef Haddad and his wife, Ibtissam, are continuing to do a mighty work for the Lord among the Lebanese community in Northern Israel. Here are some of the exciting things that have happened there.

The Lord has been good to us during 2005. The born again Lebanese at our congregation in Nahariya have grown up to maturity in Yeshua by bearing fruit, which affirms them as true disciples of Yeshua. We now have a firm foundation of believing couples with their children who are steadfast in Yeshua and are able to lead and disciple others in the faith.

We recognize now that the Lord had for 4 years been building up and equipping those believing families to enable them to introduce Jewish people to their Messiah Yeshua and Arab Muslims as well. I was thrilled to see a Muslim lady with her 12-year-old daughter receiving Yeshua as their Lord and savior at our Christmas party. I delivered a short message on the true meaning of Christmas; I spoke on the necessity of preparing our heart as a small manger to allow Yeshua to be born in them. This Muslim lady came forward with her daughter and publicly prayed the sinner's prayer. It was a true CHRISTmas gift for me and my wife.

Our youth group is flourishing too. My wife is teaching the youth to have more intimacy with Yeshua, to be set apart, and to be totally consecrated to Him. They have a great zeal to win their Jewish and Lebanese class mates to the faith in Yeshua. It stirs up my heart to hear some of the Lebanese youth who go to Israeli schools in our area asking me for Hebrew bibles for their Jewish classmates. It brings joy to my heart to see our children's zeal to share Yeshua with their Jewish and Arab friends; they are our future evangelists, praise be to our God.

In the first week of December 2005 we had the privilege of taking some of our youth to "The House of Prayer" on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem to spend a whole night of prayer and worship for the salvation of Israel. It was a tremendous experience for those young Lebanese as the Holy Spirit came upon us as we prayed to the Father and pleaded with Abba to fulfill Romans 11:26 that all Israel shall be saved, Jews and Arabs alike.

In the first week of October, five new Lebanese believers were baptized in the Jordan River. One of them was a man who opposed our congregation and rejected my many pleas to attend our meetings. The Lord used Moran during his August visit to Israel to lead this tough ex-Lebanese soldier to the true faith in Yeshua. I was

thrilled to see this man touched while hearing Moran's testimony on how he came to know the Messiah of Israel personally.

Now this man, his wife, and their three children are totally dedicated to Yeshua; they proclaim his name with no shame to their friends and relatives.

We are fully convinced that God has a plan for those precious Lebanese who, five and a half years ago, lost their homes and land in Southern Lebanon for loving the Jewish people and being friends of Israel. They are able to rejoice with the prophet Samuel by saying "Thus far the Lord had helped us". (1Samuel 7:12) Our God has indeed been faithful to them, His promise from Genesis 12:3 is still valid: "I will bless those who bless thee." He has provided for them a refuge in Israel.

*We praise the Lord for **Hope for Israel** and for brother Moran for the constant care and financial support toward the Lebanese ministry in Israel. Apart from this support, this ministry would not flourish and bear much fruit to the glory of Yeshua.*

*May our Lord bless you, the **Hope for Israel** family, for your prayers and support.*

Pastor Yosef Haddad

Introducing Tamir Ziv

Regional Director

Hope for Israel is excited to introduce our first Regional Director, Tamir Ziv. He and his wife, Tirza, are precious to us, both personally and in the ministry, and we are grateful for their commitment to advancing God's Kingdom.

Shalom ya'll from Texas!!!

I would like to take a few paragraphs of this newsletter to introduce my family and myself.

My name is Tamir Ziv and I was born and raised in Israel. I moved to Florida in 1994 with my beautiful wife of 11 years, Tirza. After earning a B.S. and then later, an M.S in Aerospace Engineering, we settled in Texas where I am currently an engineer with Lockheed Martin, working on the F-16 program.

We have four children, Ariel (8), Adam (6), Avigail (3), and Alex who was born in December.

After two years of investigative work, I came to the realization that Yeshua is my Lord and Savior. Since I grew up in Israel, I had many wrong presuppositions about Yeshua, but with God's grace and Moran's help I was able to see that Yeshua

is the Jewish Maschiach (Messiah). My full testimony can be found on Hope For Israel's web site at www.hope4israel.org.

I recently joined HFI as the Regional Director for the Dallas/Fort Worth area. I have been working with Moran hand in hand on new ways to equip believers and make disciples to further the Kingdom.

One of our goals for 2006 is to introduce our Creation Science Seminar to our supporters and anyone else who is interested. The Creation Science Seminar is designed to provide believers scientific evidence for the Creator and for a literal Genesis creation account. Our seminar is divided into six lectures, in which we cover Geology, Astronomy, and Biology, etc. At this point we're working on making this



information available on our web site. We hope and pray that this will give believers the tools and knowledge to defend their faith, since our faith is a defensible faith from the very first verse. I completed

teaching the first Creation Science seminar at my home Messianic congregation in Dallas. I am happy to report that it was very successful; the survey results from this seminar will soon be posted on our website.

As Moran and I work to increase HFI Regional Directors throughout the USA and make disciples, we ask that you keep us in your prayers.

In His service,

Tamir Ziv

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

A Letter From Samaria

David and Leah Ortiz are living in Samaria and working throughout Israel to bring the Good News of Yeshua to both Jews and Arabs. **Hope for Israel** partnered with them during 2005 to minister to both Palestinians and Israelis in Israel. In 2006, we will be working on some special projects with David and Leah, some of which are highlighted here.

We are David and Leah Ortiz, and we have lived in Israel for 20 years. Our main focus is to spread the gospel to "whosoever will", among Israelis and Palestinians. We live in the area of Samaria, also known as the "West Bank", in the city of Ariel, and have been involved in witnessing and bringing Palestinian Muslims and Jews to faith since 1989 in this area.

It is rare to find another Israeli interested in this work, or should we

say actively working in this way. For this reason we've been delighted to get to know Moran and Melissa, who are investing their lives in the work of preaching the gospel, and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians through the redemptive work of Yeshua.

We have been blessed to participate in one of their conferences, but they have also visited us in our home several times and have gotten to know some of the ex-Muslim believers who God is raising up to be leaders among their people. They've taken these believers into their hearts, and have helped in practical ways, helping one believer with funds for a heart procedure that she needed, and are now working on raising funds to build a congregation for one group of believers. It will be a room for 15 ex-Muslims who meet in secret meetings on a weekly basis, under great threat and danger in

their Muslim village. This room or little house will be built on one of the believer's land which is outside of the village, and will hopefully be a safe place for them to meet, and a shelter from the elements, as one of their "church buildings" is in the olive groves, after 12 midnight which is when all their meetings take place.

They've also participated in some of our meetings in Ariel, and have blessed us with their testimonies, and the sharing of the Word. They pray strategically for all that concerns our work, and have shared our needs and prayer requests with their prayer support teams. For this we are very grateful.

We appreciate them greatly, and we very much appreciate the work they're doing for the Lord and unto Him.

Shalom,

David & Leah Ortiz

Soup Kitchen Update

Following is an update on the soup kitchen in Jerusalem, to which **Hope for Israel** donated the kitchen equipment two years ago and is now supporting on a yearly basis. Joseph Shulam, Executive Director of Netivyah, the organization that runs the soup kitchen, has provided a brief update on the need for and the blessing of the soup kitchen to the poor of Jerusalem.

The year 2005 was a blockbuster year for the increase of poverty in Israel. The newspapers have blasted the statistics of poverty with figures of over 600,000 children in Israel who suffer from hunger. In doing our part to meet this great need, Netivyah's soup kitchen has seen a 170% increase in 2005. We entered the year with about 35 people who received one hot meal per day six days per week, and we are ending the year 2005 with over 80 people receiving one hot meal daily. We have had to take two more workers for the soup kitchen because Ludmilla could

not keep up with the amount of work necessary to feed such a crowd each day.

Because of the large increase in demand, we have begun to offer those who



are healthy and can cook for themselves a package of food supplies once per week. In this package of food goods we include one kilo of meat (beef, chicken, or fish), fresh vegetables, fruit, canned goods, rice, sugar, milk, and at times we also provide things like toilet paper and other disposables.

It should be noted that at the beginning of the soup kitchen service, most of the needy persons were Russian immigrants who were struggling to integrate into Israeli society and work force, but now most of the people who are needy and visit the soup kitchen are Israelis who are single mothers and older people who are sick.

Unfortunately, the national projection for the economic situation in Israel is not so bright for 2006. The expectation is that our economic situation will not improve and poverty will increase. This is yet another reason we know that the Lord has called us to this important ministry; it is a great privilege to serve Him by serving those in need.

Thank you for the support and help to feed the hungry, the sick and the needy of the city of the Great King, Jerusalem!

Happy New Year,

Joseph Shulam

Correction in our last newsletter:

In our Fall 2005 newsletter, there was an editing mistake in the Personal Testimony section. Toward the end of the testimony, it is written: "I only hope that many people in the Church can learn to accept the Jewish heritage and understand that according to Romans 11 the Church has been grafted into the Olive tree of Israel."

It was not the Church that has been grafted into the Olive tree of Israel, but the Gentile people who believe in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah. We apologize for the mistake and for any offense or confusion this may have caused.



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Final Word

In order to accomplish the great work the Lord has for us, we do need your prayer and financial support.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the **Hope for Israel** ministry.

Please make all checks payable to **Hope for Israel**.