

VOICE OF ISRAEL



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This year has held many challenges for us all. We at Beit Hallel want you to know that we hold you dear to our hearts and pray for you often.

We bless you and your family in the name of Yeshua!

Largest Congregation in the Land

Kelly Purselly

"God's kingdom realm is like someone spreading seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up, day after day, and the seed sprouts and grows tall, though he knows not how."

Mark 4:26-27

In this season of COVID-19, Beit Hallel has experienced the miraculous blessing of the Kingdom and the Father's hidden ways. In these days of a scattered congregation's, much like seeds spread on the ground, the congregation of Beit Hallel has sprouted and grown tall and has become the largest Messianic congregation in all of Israel. Nothing can stop the mission of the Lord! He truly does *"work all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes"*. During this hiatus of gathering together as a congregation, our online attendance has grown and expanded across the region, primarily due to the enlarged reach of our humanitarian projects. Although this last year has been filled with many challenges, we have worked diligently to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of Israeli's in our city. Moreover, we have had the honor being of service not only to our community, but also surrounding communities. Much like the rest of the world, the people of Israel have suffered greatly from economic hardship, emotional and spiritual turmoil due to the pandemic. Because of this, it has dramatically

increased the need for humanitarian aid across the region. In addition to this increased need, the cost per family per month has more than doubled, not only from increased food costs, but also due to the fact that now all assistance must be delivered to people's homes rather than using our centralized distribution center. But, **God has made a way!** Our teams are delighted to have the opportunity to meet face-to-face, one-on-one with these families as we reach out and serve them in thier time of need. This creative way to do humanitarian work allows us to build relationships with people in ways we have not had the chance to do prior to COVID. There is historic and generational distrust of Christians among the Jews that must be overcome before these relationships can grow and develop. This requires time and patience as we love on them like Yeshua. Through our humanitarian projects we have the opportunity to bless and serve in these times of need. We are seeing the fruit of our work as more and more are joining us online and learning about this Messiah. Please continue to pray as we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and do this ministry He has blessed us with.



THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL!

LOVE AND BLESSINGS,
Pastor Israel

HANUKKAH/CHRISTMAS

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Celebrating the Jewish Festivals remains a very important part of Israeli culture to this day. It reminds us of the Lord's faithfulness in sustaining and protecting the Israelites during their sojourn in the desert. The traditions, elements, and prayers that accompany the Jewish festivals speak to us as

they serve to remind us about God's everlasting protection, provision, and promises. This culminates with a Christmas celebration, sharing the meaning of Christmas and allowing them to experience their first Christmas.

At Beit Hallel we rejoice in celebrating the Lord's festivals as a way to reconnect them with the God of Israel, and to share with them God's love, character, and wonderful plan of redemption for mankind in Yeshua, as seen through the symbols of the festivals. December is such a vibrant and beautiful month where we build upon the seven feasts of Israel and celebrate not only the Festival of Lights (Hanukkah) but end the year celebrating the true miracle, Light Himself. *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* (John 8:12). Hanukkah is such a rich tradition and joyous celebration among the Jewish people and represents the

celebration when the second temple was rededicated and cleansed after the temple had been defiled with pagan worship. Once the temple was reclaimed, God miraculously kept the lanterns full of oil for 8 days when there was supply enough for only one day. As with the other festivals, the symbolism of Hanukkah point to Yeshua and we have the honor of revealing Yeshua's love as we celebrate Hanukkah. When we give our lives to Yeshua we become the temple of the Living God and He cleanses us as we establish an altar of worship in our hearts. And if we will draw close to Him at the table of His Presence, He will anoint our heads with oil from an overflowing cup and the oil will never run out. With the miracle of Yeshua His light becomes our light as

we become the light of the world for all eternity. Join us as we reveal Yeshua in Hanukkah and have the honor of sharing the meaning of Christmas with the people of Israel so they can not only celebrate the miracle of light in the second temple but become the light on a hill that shines brightly in a land where He is not known.



WHEN YESHUA MEETS YOU AT 75- HANNAH'S TESTIMONY

One of the most remarkable things about working with people, is when we get to witness to those who have spent their whole lives without hearing the gospel, have never had a chance to encounter God in a real way or experience the love of Yeshua. Such is the case for Hannah, a lovely 75-year-old lady whom we met recently, and could tell her heart was searching for God. She spent most of her life in traditional Judaism and hasn't known anything outside of that world, nor has she ever met Messianic believers.

When we first started speaking to her about Yeshua's love, Hannah was so deeply touched. We could see that the Holy Spirit was moving in



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her heart because she was so receptive, she didn't respond with a lot of questions, doubts, and arguments. Hannah was so open and our words were just piercing her. She said: "Yes, I see it! He is our

Messiah! I want to accept Him!". Hannah received Yeshua into her heart, and as she was saying the Sinner's Prayer, she was sobbing, barely able to say the words. She was so deeply moved and impacted by the knowledge of Yeshua being her

Savior and Messiah, that she couldn't contain herself, and through tears kept asking: "Forgive me! Forgive me!"

It was so beautiful to see how every word and sentence in the Sinner's Prayer was like a sword piercing Hannah's heart, and she felt each one of those words deeply as she was accepting Yeshua into her heart. As soon as she finished praying, she was filled with so much joy and feeling of freedom. She couldn't believe that it was possible to feel forgiven and free! We were just overwhelmed with joy to see such a powerful and vibrant moment of salvation — the moment when Yeshua truly enters someone's heart.

The Lord considered nothing as precious as releasing someone and setting them free after a lifetime of bondage. In Hannah's case, she is also a daughter of Abraham that Yeshua destined to be set free:

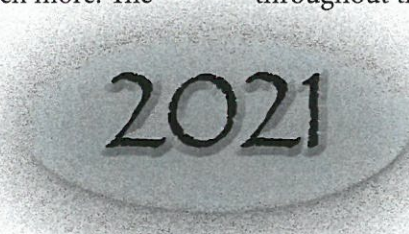
"This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released...?" Luke 13:16

REVEALING YESHUA IN THE LAND IN 2021

Kelly Purselly

As believers in Israel, we have to acknowledge the enormous privilege of having close proximity to important biblical sites. If you have ever visited Israel, you know how powerful of an experience it is, to stand in the very places where God spoke, taught, healed, performed miracles and so much more. The experience of seeing those places, touching them, standing right there under the open sky on these ancient paths, within arm's reach of biblical altars and historical remains — it changes something in you. The impact of that experience alters you in a profound way. It is impossible to walk away unchanged. We have discovered that as we reveal the rich biblical history and the miraculous life of Yeshua with non-believers, they too are profoundly impacted. Revealing Yeshua life in the land is a joyous time for us and we look forward to 2021 when we can resume our campaigns where

we tour the land and reveal Yeshua to His people. We have exciting plans for 2021 that include taking over 2,000 Israeli's on a tour of the Holy sites, much like you would experience when visiting Israel. As we share about the life of Yeshua throughout the land, we culminate the tour with a presentation of the Gospel. Historically 95-97% of those in attendance accept Yeshua's love! It is miraculous to watch the veils lift as they see Him for who He truly is. These campaigns are no easy task, but well worth the effort. We spend months putting one together and we thank you for your prayers as we partner together. On one of our last events we hosted roughly 1,000 people. There is so much left to discover in the Land that God chose as His own. We look forward to our borders opening soon, so you can visit us and allow your spirit to be nurtured as you walk these ancient biblical paths with us.



KINDNESS IS NOT A FEELING – IT'S AN ACT

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.”

(James 2:14-17).

As we enter into this holiday season that for many is the season to do charity for the less fortunate, we go back to our roots and see that Yeshua spoke about giving so many times in so many different ways. But He always made sure He emphasized that the importance of giving is more in the act itself than in the outcome. It reveals the heart more than anything else, and that is what God is always after – our hearts.

We can attest to the outcome since we help feed precious people in need on regular basis: the smiling grateful faces that receive much needed help is something that touches one's heart like very few other things can. To see that and know that you are a blessing to someone, is truly our

calling as believers, no matter what walk of life you're from.

But the act of giving itself is so important, because Yeshua Himself said that when you give to the least of His brethren... you GIVE TO HIM. We should never lose sight of



that: our giving goes through the hands of precious people in need, but is received by Yeshua himself.

So as we keep that in mind, we press forward during this holiday season to ensure we can gather as many givers as we can who want to do something for the “least of Yeshua's brethren”, so you can experience the joy of knowing you've done it FOR HIM.

This Hanukkah and Christmas we are planning a very big humanitarian project, so we can help feed more families than ever, and we want to give these people and children the opportunity to experience true biblical Christmas, for some it would be their first time experiencing Christmas.

To be able to give a much needed gift to someone who has never experienced Christmas, and to show him the Heart of God behind it... That is a sure way to reach someone and draw them to God.

Will you prayerfully consider being a part of our Army of Givers this holiday season?

Whatever your gift is, Yeshua never looked at the gift itself, he looked and saw the heart behind it. He said whatever was done to the least of His brethren, was done for Him.

WHAT WAS MEANT FOR EVIL, GOD USES FOR GOOD

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (Genesis 50:20)

Our newly purchased and renovated building that we designated to be our new congregation facility had aroused so much resistance and anger among the local authorities, especially religious ones. Our battle to get all the required permits (that we are legally entitled to) has proven to be a difficult (and costly) task.

However, God is never baffled at the overwhelming obstacles the enemy tries to place on our path when we're building His kingdom. Despite the frustration these challenges have caused us, we have actually seen that regardless of the harm the enemy intends for us, God can

and will turn it all around for good!

The proof is in the simple fact, that had we gotten the necessary permits to move into and operate a congregation building, right now, with the current COVID restrictions in place, we would've been forced to keep it closed and unused. But since the authorities resisted granting us a permit for a congregation, they could only grant us (at this point) an operating permit for the building to be used as a storehouse and distribution center— which turned out to be quite perfect for the times we're in right now. As a congregation we would have to keep the building empty and locked, but as a storehouse, we have been able to keep it running and even increase the volume of our humanitarian operation. The facility has been perfect and an absolute blessing specifically for that

during this time! So much so, that under the current permit, not only are we able to sort the containers of goods that arrive, we can distribute among those in need. We are also able to fill trucks for other ministries

and congregations from all over Israel that come to pick up furniture, medical equipment, home supplies, boxes of clothes, food... anything and everything we have the space to receive, store, sort and distribute.

How awesome is our God? In situations when it seems there's no way out, the Lord shows that whatever is intended to harm us, God turns it around for His glory!

We have been working more than ever to try and reach many more families that are struggling during these trying times, when Israel is still under a significant national lockdown, with many businesses shut down and people are left jobless.

Of course, we are called to remain alert, because the enemy is furious and restless when God is at work, and we've already been notified there's another front opening against us; our neighbours next to our building have been encouraged to file complaints against us, citing their reasons for opposing the work we do and how it “negatively” affects the area. Yet another battle that belongs to the Lord, and which He will win!



Loading up our new building with tremendous amounts of food and supplies for hundreds of families as they enter into the building for this blessing. Made possible because of partners like you. Bless you and God's favor upon you!

