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DICKINSON MINISTRY LETTER

“Take off your jeweled crown, for the old order changes. Now the lowly will be exalted, and the mighty will be brought down”
(Ezekiel 21.26 NLT).

Shalom Beloved Friends:

New Year in the World? Rosh HaShannah is the Jewish New Year and we wonder what kind of year will be 5787? Our verse above was about the Fall of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. Later, Yeshua opened the door of humiliation resulting in many government changes throughout the course of history during the period that the bible calls “The Times of the Gentiles” (cf Mt 23.12) . Time has come for the present regime in Iran to be replaced by the suffering Iranians. We need to intercede for a new Iran, perhaps even renamed by its old name of Persia, especially where Persia was famous for its godly heroes. Cyrus and Darius were Temple builders and helped the Jews return to the Land. Mordecai and Esther helped Ahasuerus flip the impending holocaust into a future of hope for world Jewry.

We should pray that the whole of the Islamic world will repent and adopt the Abraham Accords. Saudi Arabia chose the Mecca Pact and found out recently how reliable Turkey and Pakistan are. Imagine a Middle East where Jews and Christians could travel as tourists or live and work as equals with liberty. A pipe dream? Perhaps. But God could do a “quick work” of bringing the gospel to the Muslim peoples by a nexus of a door where the love of Jesus (the gospel) and the love of Jacob (the Jewish people) can open vast and immediate changes. By gospel power, a potential explosion can take place resulting in a massive exaltation of the lowly in those peoples. The characteristic of the Great Tribulation is apostasy. But where is the matching expression of truth in the world of Islam? Apostasy only works if truth is there prior to the rebellion. Abraham Accords are a human institution, but God can use it like an airplane and the internet are used to accelerate bible translation. Let pray for a quick work of the gospel to the Jew first and also to the Muslim.

Summer of Opportunities: We enjoyed a busy and blessed visit with friends and family over the summer. Our girls had to evacuate their Christian camp in Albania due to a fire. 25 fires rifled through the country, but the fire fighters stopped it before reaching camp. The excitement and a bit of uncertainty helped drive the lessons of the discipleship into the lives of the young people. Dana had a bit of R&R along the coastline of Albania near Durres on the Adriatic with leisurely swimming and sail boarding. Ed needed to help his sister for a few days, then toured Athens for a few days. We appreciate the many individuals and groups who took an interest in us and Israel. We had two sessions of counseling to help with the affects of the war. This kind of “body care” – ministry of Christ’s body – the church, helped us wonderfully. Special thanks to those who made this possible.

Athens OR: Tourist adventures have a way to find venues for the gospel. I arrived in time to hike a small mountain out the door of the hotel. Before reaching the base of the hill, there were riot police lined up in a park waiting for a demonstration. My hotel is in the political part of Athens replete with protest signs everywhere. But no one showed up. I climbed the hill to discover the locals enjoying the cool air and approaching sunset. I moved up a bit and stood next to a man with a dog. I heard him talking to Fido in Hebrew. Turns out he lives in Athens. He was surprised that a tourist was on a hill with filled with locals. When I told him I got off the plane two hours earlier, he was amazed. The door got stuck open. I left the hill without saying much about Jesus. I was in a hurry to find a church. I was going down streets by stairways when I met Tal again. The Lord kept the door open. He was on a street where his friend Mogi pulled up to park. When I met them together, Mogi asked me to guess where he was from. “Iran” I said. He was amazed. He wondered how I knew that. I told him of Sohrab’s testimony of faith and the Iranian church in San Diego. Then I told how God is moving among Iranians through Isau Mahssi (Jesus, the Messiah in Farsi). A few verses and a lot of gospel later I could see that God really touched their hearts. On a side note, there were Israelis in numerous places as I toured around in Athens. Apparently, according to Tal there is a small diaspora of Israelis in Athens since COVID and growing substantially after October 7.

When I was in the *Museum of Byzantine and Christian History*, there were two families, each at different times, explaining the exhibits to their children in Hebrew. Next day, after I met Tal, I did a bike tour of Paul’s Athens. It turned out that the tour company is owned and run by an Israeli. The tour guide was a young woman from the north of Greece that moved to Athens. Her great, grandparents fled from Anatolia (Western Turkey) during the massacre of Greeks over a hundred years ago. She was surprised I asked about that history not knowing her story. As I shared the gospel, I answered a question that we often hear from Jewish survivors: “Where was God during the Holocaust?” As I continued with the story of a survivor and Jesus’ identity of suffering on the Cross, the other guide, a young man spoke up. He told me that his sister was killed last year and he was struggling with faith because of this loss. These Greek young people heard the wonderful story of Jesus. Funny to be in a place where it is “...the gospel of salvation to the Israeli first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1.16).

Autumn OR: We start the Fall season with new arrivals. It was great to welcome J & M to our team. Another family arrives soon. So lots of training and outreaches are lined up. I am making progress on the book writing. It was great to establish contact with reviewers while in San Diego to help me with clarity and accuracy.

Family News: As I write Dana is on a three-day class outing with students from her school. Miriam has settled into her new school that features an art emphasis. Miriam gets several class hours in theatre. Dvora is starting an Israeli, self-defense fighting system called *Krav Maga*.

Prayer Points: Please pray for Y&N as they make important decisions. Dalia, Dana's mother has a small mass, so the doctor is ordering 6 weeks of Chemo/radiation combo. We need wisdom and help with getting her to those treatments. Pray for her healing and for her salvation as she contemplates death.

Shalom in Yeshua's Name,

Ed, Dana, Dvora, and Miriam
Nahum 1:7



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