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Dear Pastor Boone and friends at Big Valley Grace Community Church,

Shalom to you in Modesto! Thank you for your faithful prayers for my ministry with Jews for Jesus

As you know, the recent Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel inflicted unprecedented loss and suffering. As of this writing, the situation remains dire as terrorists threaten the lives of kidnapped hostages, which include children, youth, and the elderly, in addition to members of the Israel Defense Forces.

We have taken immediate action and converted the Moishe Rosen Center in Tel Aviv into a crisis-response facility. Our commitment to serving Israel and sharing the hope of Jesus is more vital now than ever. We need your prayers right now for:

- five of our missionaries (and some of our staff's children) who are serving on the front lines of the war; some are in Gaza; some are in secret service units, and we don't know their locations.
- us to be able to send a team with our ministry food truck to the front lines of the fighting to provide hot meals for soldiers who have been fighting for hours without relief.
- many opportunities to share the hope of Yeshua with those who will come into the Moishe Rosen Center for emergency services.
- wisdom for our team leaders in Israel as they minister to our staff and families who are grappling with the shock of the attack.
- all believers throughout the land, Israeli and Palestinian alike, to be shining testimonies of the difference the gospel makes, especially in the darkest of times.

The God of Israel is alive. He holds his daughter Zion in the palm of His hand. He has parted the sea, torn down walls, and stopped the sun for her. He will not abandon us today.



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Thank you so much for believing in and standing with us. I still believe the best is yet to come. Should the Lord tarry, I expect to see Jews for Jesus going from strength to strength in the months and years to come. As the psalmist wrote:

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion. (Psalm 84:5,7 NIV)

The weekend that we hit our 50th birthday was also the beginning of the High Holy Days on the Jewish calendar. All around the globe, our missionaries have been conducting special services and evangelistic outreaches with wonderful results, especially in war-torn Ukraine. For example, Tolik, our leader in Kyiv, wrote, "This past Saturday I led the service in one of our congregation's branches. There came a young Jewish woman, about 25 years old. All week she had been thinking where to go for the High Holy Days to join the celebrations. One of her acquaintances invited her to our Messianic congregation. At the end of the Shabbat service, I made a usual call for the sinner's prayer. Several people came forward to profess Jesus, and this young woman was among them. Her name is Victoria. The woman who had invited her wrote this story to me the following day. Praise God, and let's pray that Victoria has started her journey of following Jesus!"

From Odessa, our leader Leonid wrote, "On September 10, we had a great celebration: 16 people made covenant with God through baptism! It was such a blessing for us that the authorities had opened some of the beaches to the public. We could finally set the date to hold this celebration. This is a very important event for the congregation—new brothers and sisters making covenant with God and becoming part of our family. And the permission to go to the beaches made it possible for everyone who wanted to share with them in this celebration! It was a great and blessed time of united worship, reading of Scriptures, prayer, immersion sacrament, the first communion, and fellowship during the barbeque party that followed. Our God is the God of good order and arrangement!"

The day after I received these encouraging updates, the news reported of a massive bombing in Odessa with many killed and injured. We need to keep our missionaries in this part of the world in special prayer. Thanks.

We also had a large group of Israeli staff and volunteers traveling and reaching out to other Israeli travelers in Peru and India. Both teams had planned Rosh Hashanah services for Israelis and were originally worried that only a handful would show up. In fact, in both instances, more than 40 Israelis came to each Rosh Hashanah service!

The gospel was proclaimed, and there were many extended conversations about Jesus with these young Israelis. Hallelujah!

The Feast of Tabernacles this year began the evening of Friday, September 29 and lasted until Friday, October 6. This festival is a wonderful holiday that many know little about. If you are one of these people, perhaps you would like to read the book I wrote on the subject: Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles

(<https://store.jewsforjesus.org/products/christ-in-the-feast-of-tabernacles>).

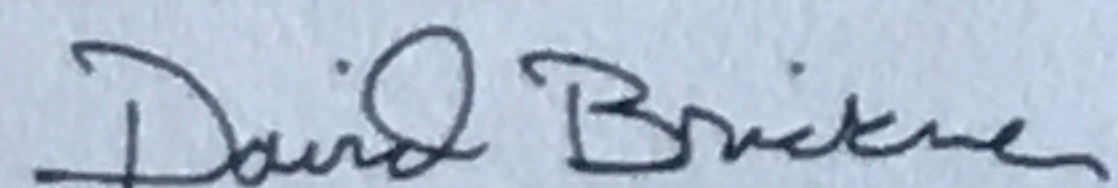
I would like to ask you to pray about another book that I'm writing for Moody Publishers that will come out next year: He Opened Their Minds. It's a book about Messianic prophecies based on Luke 24:44-45 (NIV).

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

I am almost done with the manuscript and need to send it to the publisher this month. Please pray that many people will have "open minds" as they read about our Messiah in days to come.

Thanks again for your love and friendship.

Your Jewish brother in Jesus,



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PS. On September 29, I turned 65! It's hard to believe! I am feeling strong and believe God still has much for me to do.