



2nd Adam

Ministry Update

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Shalom all!

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Thank you for taking the time to read this update. Thanks also for your prayers and gifts that support our ministry. There is always something happening, and it doesn't seem to fit in one letter. If you have something on your heart you would like to share, or a question about a particular area of ministry, either in the US or overseas, feel free to email or call.

In March of this year, for reasons that still escape me, we adopted a dog from a shelter. We named him after Pippin Took from *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Pippin is known for his golden-curly hair, mischievous nature, and impulsive curiosity. As you can see from his picture, this is a good description of "Pip." Trust me on the personality match.



One of Pip's many lovable traits is getting up with the sun. As soon as the first beam of light comes through the window, Pip is crying at my bedside to go on a walk. I have seen more sunrises in the last six months than in the previous 72 years. One particular morning, a few days before Rosh Hashanah, I went out wearing a shirt that says "ISRAEL" in large letters. As we passed a jogger, he yelled out, "I like your shirt!" Then he turned around and yelled out, "L'shana tovah," which means "to a good year." Maybe it's good I have a morning dog.

T-shirts haven't been the only way to share. Last month Sharon and I went to a Cowboy Junkies concert - IYKYK. (I always wanted to write that!) Sharon had gone in ahead of me, and when I found her, she was sitting with Brian and Molly. Molly was quite a character, and we had a wide-ranging conversation which ended up being about marriage. Molly asked how long we had been married, and I said, "52 years." She said, "Wow! That's something. I don't believe we were made to be monogamous; it's not in our nature." Then she asked what I thought. I told her my view of marriage came from the Bible. "In the beginning God created man and woman and instituted marriage. It was His idea for marriage to be between one man and one woman. It's not always easy; I get that, but that's because of sin." At that point, the concert was starting, and we all got up to go inside. As we walked in, Sharon said, "I don't think she expected that explanation." True enough. But she didn't disagree.

One last story. I first met Larry several years ago while walking my dog. (A previous dog. Yes, this seems to be a recurring theme.) Larry is an ex-Marine struggling with PTSD. We got to know each other, and Larry has been asking me to drive him to the VA Hospital for his treatments because he doesn't drive. Larry often worries about things before they happen. Actually, not often, but every time. I tease him about it because he always expects the worst. He told me he can't help himself. I told him Jesus had something to say about that. I recited Matthew 6:34: *So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* Larry said, "You know, I need to write that down!" Next time I drive Larry to the VA, I'm going to remind him because I know he will be worrying on the ride over.

In June I had the pleasure of performing a new story for the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations. It is based on Matthew 24. The disciples weren't the only ones interested in the last days. It's a topic of constant conversation in our crazy world. Many people ask whether we are in the last days. I can't give you any dates, but Messiah told us to be aware of the times and gave us guidelines to lead us through. You'll have to see the story for the answers! Or you can read Matthew 24 for yourself.



Picture courtesy of UMJC

Quick updates and prayer requests:

- Oleg (our worker in Belarus) is still healing and waiting to be fitted for his prosthetic leg.
- Our congregation in Minsk has a new pastor. Please pray for him and his desire to reach out to younger people.
- Our workers in Israel.
- Sharon's mom, Dolores, who turned 100 last month.

Last reminder: IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS LETTER BY SNAIL MAIL, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SEND ME YOUR EMAIL SO I MAY SWITCH YOU TO EMAIL. THIS WILL ALLOW ME TO SEND VIDEOS AND UPDATES AS THEY HAPPEN. USE THE QR CODE BELOW AND CLICK "CONTACT." THANKS!

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Bless you all in the name of our Messiah,
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