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SHALOM

Winter greetings to you in the matchless name of Yeshua, our Messiah! I hope you are staying warm this winter and appreciating the beauty of God's creation when you see the snow fall! Here in New Jersey, we are having an exceptionally cold winter and have already had several snowstorms with heavy snowfall. One thing I love about winter is remembering God's faithfulness, seen in the consistent rotation of the seasons. I am always encouraged by realizing and remembering that there are flowers underground, preparing to pop up in the spring!

PERSONAL NOTE

In an update letter some time ago, I asked for prayer about decluttering and preparing to move. Praise God, He has given me great success with decluttering! In the meantime, He has made it clear to me that I should stay in my home and not move at this time. Instead of moving, I have begun making a few changes to refresh the home's look so it better reflects this season of my life rather than serving as an archive of my past in this house. I am convinced that the Lord will continue to use the house in the ministry for His purposes. One way God has used my home in ministry is by hosting Messianic holiday events. There is much to do to care for the house and continue decluttering. Please pray for God's direction and provision for these purposes.

CHANUKAH AND HAREDI MINISTRY

Chanukah this year was so exciting and amazing! I held a Chanukah celebration in my home as I have each year. This year, the Lord brought forward a whole new thing! He surprised me by making it possible for multiple believers

with a Haredi background to come! Some of them were meeting each other and other Haredi-background believers in Jesus for the first time. The joy of the Lord was over the top! They shared testimonies, and we all enjoyed worshipping God together through song. There was a delightful sense of God's presence and His love as we sang Chanukah and other worship songs in Hebrew, English, and Yiddish!



Praise God, after the Chanukah gathering, God has continued to connect these believers with one another. Please pray that these individuals will grow in their faith and that their numbers will increase! Pray also for those who have expressed a desire to be baptized; that God will give guidance so that arrangements can be made for this significant step of faith to occur.

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CHRISTMAS

Every year, my home church holds a Christmas Eve service filled with beautiful Christmas worship music, and I participate by bringing a dance. This year's service was unique in a couple of ways. First, the location was different. The church was founded in the mid-1800s, and our service this year was held in the original

building, which has been designated and restored as a historic site. Second, the service included an interesting selection of songs, which



included three renditions of “O Holy Night” in a row! The first was a violin solo, followed by an a cappella vocal solo, and lastly, by the dance I contributed.

BIBLE TEACHING

God keeps me studying His Word consistently as I continue to teach. Currently, I’m teaching through the books of Leviticus and Joshua. The 14-week course on the Covenants and Epochs of the Bible that I taught in the Fall is now complete. It’s so encouraging and exciting to hear directly from students how the study impacted them. Many students expressed this idea in different ways. For example, one said, “After studying the Covenants and Epochs, I read the Bible with greater clarity and purpose....My confidence in God’s Word has increased.” Another put it this way: “This course helped me see the Bible as one connected story.” One of my favorite statements students made was this one: “God grew bigger in my heart.” Praise the Lord!



As that course was wrapping up, I was greatly encouraged by the Lord in this endeavor. I sent the school administrator a list of possible courses to teach this spring, and, praise God, she responded by writing, “All of the proposed courses seem to be truly valuable and essential for our students. We believe that, during your time with our institution, it would be wonderful if these courses could be taught sequentially.”

The course I’m teaching this Spring Semester is titled “Worship in the Bible”. This course highlights similarities and differences between Old Testament and New Testament worship, the God of the Bible versus false gods, and styles and cultures of biblical worship. Please pray that the students who do not yet know Yeshua will come to saving faith, that the believers will grow in faith, and that their personal experience of worship will be enhanced through the course.

PRAISE GOD AND THANK YOU

If you’ve been tracking with me this past year, you know that in my last 2 update letters, I wrote about the need to shore up my support level. I’m praising God for His faithfulness and thanking each one who helped me have a strong finish to 2025! I am so appreciative that I am not doing ministry on my own. We are a team, and your part, as prayer warriors and financial supporters, is absolutely critical!

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With gratitude and love in Messiah,
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