



## amzi prayer requests and news updates from Israel

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### **1. Arabs and Jews – One in Christ**

*Meno Kalisher, Jerusalem Assembly, Jerusalem*

The “FUTURE” booklet is now available in the Arabic language. It is an exciting event for us. The booklet is a tool to study “things to come” but also good for evangelism. We pray that this new booklet will be a tool to bring people to the Lord and assist God’s children to better know the Word.

Our evangelism efforts continue by giving gospel tracts and advertising our “Salvation story” video clips in the internet. More than three million people watched the video clips.

As we did last year, we continue to join our youth group with the Arab speaking church in the Old City (Jerusalem). It’s amazing to see both groups singing, studying and playing. How much joy is in heaven as these two groups unite in worshipping our Lord. We pray, that both churches will find the time to meet together to worship Christ. Now that we speak about it, we will push to make it happen.

### **2. Worship Downtown Tiberias**

*Claude Ezagouri, Morning Star Fellowship, Tibeirasa*

Our last 9 days of consecutive worship took place with the participation of several teams from the Galilee and from four different nations. We had the permission of the local municipal authority to worship down town Tiberias for three evenings during which we felt the Lord’s presence and anointing. The mayor came to make a short film of the event which he posted on Facebook and he commented that this was just the beginning. We indeed desire to hold more of these worship happenings in the future as we believe that they have a positive effect in the spiritual realms. We feel that the city is more open to our faith than before and our desire is to bless our community with the word of truth. We covet your prayer in this respect.

We started a prayer group for the teens and youth who are either backslidden or have not yet received the Lord in their heart. Some of them have been adopted the carnal mind of the present age. However since the group started to intercede for them we have seen some net progress and one of them already got saved. We also have a possibility to approach the teens of the city and this is something that is developing so we need your prayers although we cannot give more details in this newsletter. According to the Israeli law we cannot share our faith to a person under 18 years old without the parents’ permission so

we are very careful in the way we relate to them. However God sees the work that we are doing in their midst and they see it too. We do believe that the fruit will come in due time. The municipal authorities said that most of the teens in the city are "in danger" as many hang out late at night and drink alcohol. Please pray that they may find the truth, the way and the life.

We are in the process of constructing a website of our fellowship. Of course we need to be sensitive concerning what we publish and we might be a little more restricted in what we share in it. On the other hand we want to be open concerning our faith and our desire to communicate it to our community. We believe that a website will give us more exposure and will help our prayer partners to intercede for us as well as for the work we are doing, so please pray that we may have wisdom in all this.

### **3. Christmas Outreach Praise Report**

*Israel Pochtar, Beth Hallel, Ashdod*

It was such a privilege to have shared the story of Christmas with more than 170 Israelis during our recently-held Christmas outreach. These dear ones got to hear about the Jewish roots of the New Testament as well as about the Jewish identity of Yeshua (Jesus), and that he is the Messiah, the king of the Jews and Gentiles that the Old Testament prophets spoke about!

The joy was palpable among all those in attendance as I shared in detail how Christmas is the story of a Jewish family and their darling Jewish baby boy, Yeshua (Jesus), who was born in Bethlehem to bring salvation to mankind. It was so touching to see the reaction of people when they heard that Jesus was a Jew who was circumcised in the temple like any other Jewish boy of the time! Furthermore that he

is also from the tribe of Judah like many of us here in Ashdod!

Most in attendance were visibly touched and prayed to receive Yeshua as their Lord and Savior! Afterwards many testified of how they received the revelation in their hearts of how Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah of Israel!

We then continued to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Yeshua (Jesus) by having a lovely dinner together and enjoying each other's company in fellowship. There was also a time of sharing about God's love and goodness, and many got to share their hearts. We also encouraged and prayed for everybody to have a blessed and fruitful new year.

Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely musical performance by professional musicians to round off the evening. We also gave out more than 130 Bibles wrapped up as Christmas gifts. Nearly everybody in attendance received these gifts with gladness. A few even forgot to receive their gifts and returned in haste afterwards to collect their Bibles!

As I saw the joy with which these dear Israelis received their Bibles, a scripture came to mind from Amos 8:11:

"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord."

### **4. Link of the Week**

*Severe weather in northern Israel*



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