

Dearest friends,

I pray that you and your families are all well and that you are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel after such a long time of COVID. ***“There is hope for your future, says the Lord...”***. Jeremiah 31:17

Thank you for your prayers regarding my broken ankle. I am pleased to say that I finally had my cast removed from my leg a couple of weeks ago. Now comes the hard and painful part of physiotherapy. I have very small bones and therefore, my ankles were weak even before the fall. I am forcing myself to walk with a walker and sometimes with crutches but the progress does seem slow. God is teaching me many things through this ordeal and I am grateful that I am on the mend.

The physiotherapist who is taking care of me was very curious about how I came to be married to Gilad. He told her how he came to faith in the God of Israel. We explained about our ministry and about our home in Ein Kerem where I teach about Yeshua. She was so impressed that she wants to come with her husband and three sons to hear more and to see the house.

Before starting on some more good news, I am sorry to report that someone came with a hacksaw of some kind and stole the underpart of our car. All the exhaust system including the catalytic converter (never even knew that we had one before) were sawed off and stolen. Right outside on the street below our house! We did not even look at it when the car would not start but had it towed to the garage where they informed us of the problem. Unfortunately, the insurance company will not cover the damages because we went to the garage before informing them. Now the car is repaired but it is completely unreliable and the damage seems severe. We will need to buy a new car so please pray for God's provision for this.

On some positive notes, we had a wonderful Passover Seder with my son and his extended family in Haifa. Each person was asked to share what Passover meant to them. When it came to my turn, I asked, “What is ‘Passover’? Is it not to cross over? Yeshua is our Passover. Why? What is the connection? I spoke about the blood that was shed at Passover and about the plagues on Egypt. Why did we need to put blood on the door posts of our homes? Was it not to prevent the death of our firstborn? Yeshua died on Passover night for all of us.” I also explained that when God took them out of Egypt, He also gave us a new calendar. The first of the year is the first of Nissan. The meaning of the word “Nissan” is ‘blossom’ when all is new. So many Jews do not know that this is really the New Year.



We travelled to Zukim for the rest of Passover and celebrated "Mimouna" (the last day of Passover) there. Mimouna is actually a Moroccan holiday but it has become very popular in Israel and even the secular celebrate this evening with the eating of sweets made with honey. We prepared a lot of food and all of our neighbors came to celebrate with us. Even the mayor came. Gilad dressed in a traditional Moroccan "Jillaba" robe and served tea Moroccan style. Everyone was delighted and especially loved Gilad. I explained to them why we celebrate this way in Morocco and Gilad demonstrated the love and fellowship of the Lord so well. The mayor gave Gilad a big hug and wants to come to be with us more. What a delightful evening we all had!



A few days later, we joined my son Chaim's co-workers at his place of work (studio/shop) for a party for one of his co-workers who was leaving. They all wanted Gilad and I to join, even though we are not part of the work. At the end of the day, they asked me to come forward and they presented me with flowers and sang to me because I had missed my 70th birthday celebration (due to my broken ankle). I was so very touched to be included as one of them. We have shared the Gospel with them often and yet they still want more. Thank you, Lord!

Beloved friends, I am so grateful to you for your support and prayers throughout the years. I would especially covet prayers for:

- Complete healing of my ankle. I have a lot of pain and the process seems so slow.
- Provisions for a new car. We do need to travel between Zukim and Ein Kerem a lot so we need reliable transportation.
- Salvation for all of the people we have been blessed to share the Gospel with.

With the undying love of our Messiah, Yeshua,

Rachel and Gilad

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning." Is. 62:1

