

## Dear Friends,

We are writing to you with an emotional heart about the last few weeks and months. On the one hand, we are full of thanks for the great work of God that we have been able to experience and in which He has involved us. On the other hand, our hearts are also filled with pain for the continuing suffering of God's people Israel.

Hostages are still held captive, the structures of Hamas have not yet been completely dismantled, the development of the front in the north with Hezbollah and Iran behind the scene is completely insecure. The old lies about Israel being to blame for the misery of the Palestinians and all other problems in the region are increasingly resounding in the nations. In Germany too. Benjamin Netanyahu rightly asked the world's political leaders in a speech a few days ago: "Is your memory so short? So quickly have you forgotten October 7, the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust?"

The Jewish people and the State of Israel still need reliable friends at their side. Many of you are such friends and we thank God for what we have been able to do and experience together with you in this context!

## Praying For Israel



Together with the House of Prayer Zwickau, we invited people to come together to pray for Israel on October 7. At that time, we had no idea that our intercession would be so necessary. Even today!

Until mid-February, we met every day, over 120 times. Since then weekly. The fact that you have released us for this ministry has made it possible for us to meet every day and, in addition to all the

prayers you have brought before God "from afar", we are so touched by who has allowed themselves to be called and how persistently and faithfully they have prayed for God's people.

Every day we and others have shared the pictures of the prayer flock, as you see printed here, with our friends in Israel. We know from many responses that it has strengthened, encouraged and comforted them in their difficult situation. Thank you all for that!

WE ARE, FIRST AND FOREMOST, LOVERS OF JESUS AND ADMIRERS OF HIS GRACE. WE LOVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. THROUGH THE BROKENNESS WE EXPERIENCED IN OUR LIFE AND OUR LONGING FOR GOD, HE HAS

## Solidarity journey to Israel

### STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE IN THE LAND

In addition to all our prayers, it was a matter close to our hearts to help practically in Israel, to meet people and strengthen them, but also to gather impressions to pass on here in Germany.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity with which you have responded to our appeal for donations for direct emergency aid in Israel. We were able to pass on over EUR 20,000 directly to those in need in Israel and thus help to bear the burden of the war. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



your donation, you have directly helped a Jewish family that has suffered economic hardship as a result of the war. We were able to support the emergency aid of the Messianic community of Benjamin & Ruben Berger in Jerusalem and also the work with Holocaust survivors of the Dietze family in Poriya Illit.

For our meetings with soldiers we had made scarfs on which was printed in German and Hebrew: "*The LORD is my light and my salvation; of whom shall I be afraid? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*" (Ps 27:1)

You now accompany them on their dangerous missions. Your help has arrived and your love for Israel has encouraged our Jewish brothers and sisters. From all those who have received help in this way, we should send you our warmest greetings and their thanks to you!

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ADORATION AT THE CENTRE OF OUR MINISTRY. BEYOND THAT, OUR  
SONGS INVITE PEOPLE TO MEET HIM IN WORSHIP. FOR THIS, AND FOR  
SHARING THE GOSPEL, WE CAN BE INVITED.

It is impossible to tell you about all the valuable encounters. Thanks to the work of "Zurück nach Zion e.V.", for example, we were able to help with renovation work in a synagogue in Safed. For Avraham, the head of this synagogue, whom you can see in the picture on the right, a sign: "We are living in the times of the Messiah!" It was affecting to speak together and to be able to pray with our songs in the rooms at the end.



In Kibbutz Kfar Blum we were able to give a benediction concert with our songs and make the audience aware of their God's love for them and His longing for them. We were able to meet again Irina and her granddaughter Alice, who made Aliya a year ago and is now serving in the IDF, and hear about their everyday life during the war. In Jerusalem, we met Paul & Eleanor, a British couple who have lived in the country for many years. They are not Jewish and live in the country to point to Yeshua with their testimony and love. In Poriya Illit we were invited to a Messianic congregation for worship. And much more...

The encounters with soldiers in Even Menachem and Malkiya, right on the border to Lebanon, left a lasting impression on us. We spoke to Opher for a long time in a real heart-to-heart encounter. He is a convinced humanist and believes in the good in people. It quickly became clear that we see things very differently. He listened critically to our songs and testimonies, but also with an open ear. Yafir gave us a bottle of wine, made from grapes from his vineyard right on the border, which he is now unable to enter due to the Hezbollah bombardment. Yafir has to defend Israel in his third war.



He had just returned from the Gaza Strip. The experience was written painfully on his face. Somewhere in the midst of all this, he lost the thought of a God, he told us, and it sounded somehow regretful. Before we set off again, Yafir introduced us to his parents. His father, a Holocaust survivor, did not answer the call to evacuate. Now we are meeting here in this special situation on his chicken farm, which he is trying to keep running,

Thank you, Jesus, for all the many encounters. For everything we were allowed to say and pray. For everything we were able to listen to and learn from. Most of all for all the open, grateful hearts and for the fact that you want something to grow from every seed.

#### FOR WHAT SHALL WE PRAY FIRST?

... so we asked several times. The answer we got was: please pray for the revival of the Jewish people first!

October 7th shook Israel. Their confidence in themselves, in the surveillance technology, in the secret service, in the air force. "Everything," Daniel Yahaf tells us, "has failed. Even the illusions of the left-oriented kibbutz movement about peace with the Palestinians. God has shaken all that so that we might seek Him," he continues. "But the danger is that the Jewish people will turn to dead religions instead of God. That is why praying for real revival is so urgent."



Israel is a traumatized country today. Nobody knows how long all this will last. That is why visits and help from us followers of Jesus are so important today. There are open hearts and doors everywhere!

Benjamin Berger tells us that he sees the two biggest obstacles to faith in the fact that Israel is a stiff-necked people and that they are questioning themselves through the suffering in their history:

"Where was God and why didn't He help?" Lived love, which comes from a heart filled with Christ, can help us to face all this and get through to God.

#### SOME ENCOUNTERS ON THIS JOURNEY



... have been made available to you as pictures on our website. They may only be excerpts, but they give you the opportunity to participate. You can view them using the QR code.

Perhaps you would like to pray for the people you see in the photos? We think that would certainly please the Father!

#### *A message from Jesus*

On our return from Israel, we found a lovely greeting from friends on our table. A picture of a little lamb left completely alone in an inhospitable area and Jesus running after it. Next to it were blossoming branches and the Bible text: "When Yahweh redeems the captives of Zion, we will be like those who dream." (Psalm 126:1) In my joy at this lovely greeting, I, Ines, photographed it.

Later I discovered in the photo (picture on the left): I am in it myself. It seems as if my arms are reaching out towards the lamb and almost touching it. As if my arms were the arms of Jesus, who had come very close to the lamb. All of this became a message to me from the Father:

"Behold, I am creating something new, do you not recognize it? The almond branch is blossoming, I will watch over My word that I will do it. My lost sheep of the house of Israel do not yet recognize Me, but I am coming! You are My arms, My hands that reach out to them and lovingly follow them. You carry Me in your hearts, My children. I want to come to them through you."

We would like to pass this on to you, dear brothers and sisters. Our Lord lives in you and will show you where your arms and hands can lovingly bless and touch His people. What a common joy, what a rejoicing it will be when everything is brought to its goal - we will then be like those who dream!

*"But what is foolish in the sight of the world, that God has chosen, ...  
and what is weak in the sight of the world, that God has chosen, ...  
and that which is lowly in the sight of the world,  
and that which is despised, God hath chosen  
that which is nothing..."*

*That no man should boast before God."  
(1 Cor 1:27-29)*

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