

# ☆ News From Israel ☆

Our dear friends in Christ,

We want to thank you for your prayers. We are so thankful to God to have you and we appreciate your love and partnership.

These days we celebrate Passover as we remember God's mercy for our nation, and of course we remember the resurrection of our Lord. It is a special season in Israel as everyone prepare for the Passover meal with family and friends. We all give and receive presents and we can't get any leavened bread (unless you have some good connections with our Arabs brothers and sisters as we do☺). What a privilege we have to know who is the true Passover - the Lamb of God - and to use this time to thank Him for our savior and to tell others about Him.

☆**Church** – Eitan is as busy as always. Since he is an elder he asked the others to have the weekly elders meeting in our office every Sunday at 6 a.m before going to work. It is the only time that Eitan could find for these meetings. Eitan is spending many hours with Yoni and for those of you that don't know – Yoni is 17 years old and he is now 5 months after finding two tumors in his body one in his brain and one in his chest. He had a surgery and the one in his chest was taken out and he is going through painful treatment of chemotherapy and radiation. The doctors are happy with his progress. Yoni is a son of a Christian couple from our church and when he was born it was written in all the newspapers because it was a miracle. His mother had him after 20 years of attempts. He is their only child. Please pray for Yoni. We pray for his salvation, that God will make good out of bad.

Both Eitan and Orit are involved in activities with the Christians in Israel. For example both of us were teaching in youth conferences and helping to train Sunday school teachers. I was asked by some churches to help with teaching their Sunday school teachers and help them to establish the children work in church. Many of these churches are Ethiopian and Russian churches. The churches in Israel are young and it is nice to see their growing in faith and the willing to walk in God's way. Another youth conference that both of us were teaching dealt with sexuality and purity. We had two conferences one for girls and one for boys. I taught the girls and Eitan the boys. We pray that the conferences were helpful for the kids.

☆**HaChotam Publishing**– On the first week of March we celebrated the feast of Purim (according to the book of Esther). This event was the first Christian children show for children ever done in Israel, and HaChotam had the privilege to partner in this project. Eitan wrote the text for the drama, our musician - Alex was responsible for the music, our graphic artist - Michell helped with the decoration, Alon (our son) helped with the computer - he did a media movie for each song in the show, Liel danced and Ehud took part with the children choir. So all the family was around it. The name of the show was "Heroes of Faith" and it was a big event in Israel. We had 40 people on stage!

All the kids from all the churches in Israel came to see it. We are so thankful that God gave so many people so much talented that we could do such a big project with so few (but talented) people.

This week we have another "Historic" event in Israel. For the first time we had (last night) the concert "Messiah" by Handel in Hebrew. HaChotam helped with the advertising and some help around. Again we could see so much talented people that God gave His church.

Recently we published the book "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People?" by Malvin Tinker. Praise God for letting us serve Him.

✦**Family** – Alon has about 3 more months to finish his studying in the university (computers science), and then he will join the army for 6 years. Please keep praying for him for all the interviews and tests that the army lets him do (so many but we don't know answers and don't know when we will get them). We pray that God will put him where he will be able to serve Him. Amir is so busy. He is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and has many final tests this year. He is playing as the point guard in his basketball team and he is now in a very interesting project in school. They built a robot and he enjoyed it very much. Amir just finished a 3 months course before he will be baptized. This should be in June. We encourage you to come and be with us. Also please pray for him.

Liel and Ehud – They are good kids please keep praying for their salvation. It is the most precious thing that they can get.

Thank you for taking time to read and pray for us. We cherish your concern for us and for the ministry God put in our hands.

With much Love of our Lord Jesus,

Eitan and Orit Kashtan