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want to
give them
everything
we've got!**

A new generation of Messianic Leaders



FACES OF CONGREGATION TIFERET YESHUA, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

From Heavenly News:

Life at Congregation Tiferet Yeshua, Tel Aviv

Below is one of Eddie & Jackie Santoro's weekly reports for their intercessors. It was so uplifting that we wanted to share it with you and let you get a taste of our on-going activities at Tiferet Yeshua! Ari & Shira Sorko-Ram

If there were a newspaper in heaven, these might very well be this week's headline stories:

- ✍* **FIFTEEN SABRA-BORN (NATIVE-BORN) ISRAELIS MEETING IN A LIVING ROOM OF A YOUNG ISRAELI COUPLE. ALL OF THEM NEW BELIEVERS OR VERY OPEN AND CLOSE TO RECEIVING THE LORD!**
- ✍* **FOUR YOUNG ISRAELI COUPLES WHO WERE INVITED TO AN OUTREACH PARTY INITIATED CONVERSATIONS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT YESHUA. ALL OF THEM VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING AGAIN AND HEARING MORE ABOUT YESHUA!**
- ✍* **WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUNG ADULTS MEETINGS ARE DRAWING MANY NEW GUESTS AND UNBELIEVERS!**
- ✍* **WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY NUMEROUS ISRAELI GUESTS COUPLED WITH ALMOST WEEKLY SALVATIONS!**
- ✍* **LONG HOURS OF WEEKLY ONE-ON-ONE DISCIPLESHIP MEETINGS WITH NEW AND HUNGRY BELIEVERS!**

If the angels and ancients in heaven could read these headlines, their hearts would overflow with gladness as they share in the joy that God is feeling as these longed for events are happening....

Of course there is no newspaper in heaven but the stories are true! God is doing something mighty in Israel in

these days. Israelis are searching and open to receive Yeshua!

Ronit (not her real name) showed up at our Wednesday young adults meeting several weeks ago. She is 18 and was to be inducted into the army in several days. She had found a book about Yeshua, read it and called the phone number inside of it. Our faithful brother Simcha answered the phone and directed her to our meeting. She shared the story of her search for God with us after which we gathered around her and laid hands upon her and prayed for her to know the truth. Several days later I called her to see how she was doing. To my amazement she told me that she believed! Today she is in the army and starting her new life as a daughter of the King!

Amir came to our meeting on Wednesday night. He gave his life to the Lord several weeks ago. During worship I was thrilled to see him standing and worshipping the Lord with his hands raised. Another young Israeli reconciled to his Messiah!

Nathaniel is a 25 year old Israeli that started attending our



Shabbat meeting. I invited him to come to the Wednesday evening young adults group. We prayed for him and some significant spiritual resistance left him. When I spoke to him several days later, his only question was "When will I know and love Yeshua like all those people who were at that meeting?" I assured him that as he sought the Lord it would be Yeshua's good pleasure to reveal Himself to him. I spoke with him several days ago and he told me that his knowledge and love of Yeshua was already growing. Hallelujah...God is on the move!

Miri is a young sabra (native-born) who also gave her life to the Lord several weeks ago. We spoke to her at our Shabbat meeting and she was so excited about her new faith! She was so eager to get know her Lord and Messiah. She said she would definitely come to our Wednesday Life Group.

This past Saturday we launched our first full semester of Life Groups in the congregation. Twenty-nine people stood up and presented their groups to the congregation. The list includes everything from a fishing cell to a men's discipleship group. **Please pray for the success of the Life Groups.** The goal of these groups is to draw the new believers in the congregation into bonds of relationship with other believers and to be a net that would draw new people to Yeshua.

I could go on and on but suffice it to say that we need your prayers! These are very special times! Our congregation is in the midst of a ten day fast. Some are fasting the whole time; others are taking part as they feel led. But we are all praying and looking to God to continually increase this miraculous harvest and to supply all that we need so that this generation of new Israeli believers will be cared for and will grow into the mighty men and women that God needs to shake this nation. Please join us as we intercede before the throne of God for this nation. The fields are ripe for harvest. The time is now and the workers are in the field. Pray that God's grace rest upon us as we labor!

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FACES OF CONGREGATION TIFERET YESHUA.



RAISING UP A NEW GENERATION OF ISRAELI LEADERS



THIS LAST YEAR WE CONCENTRATED ON RAISING UP LEADERS IN OUR CONGREGATION BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO START LIFE GROUPS (SMALL GROUPS). LAST SUMMER WE TOOK 24 OF OUR NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS TO COLORADO FOR A SMALL GROUPS SEMINAR. WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 25 LIFE GROUPS IN OUR CONGREGATION.

ABOVE: OUR NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS PREACHING, TEACHING, DOING DRAMA AND PRESENTING THEIR NEW LIFE GROUPS.

BELOW: ARI PRESENTS THE LEADERS OF OUR NEW LIFE GROUP SEMESTER.



HELP FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Dear Macy Reader,

In this most decisive and spiritually significant time in Israel since the days of the New Testament, we invite you, yes, we appeal to you who have never invested in the salvation of the Israeli people to do so now! Your partnership will help reap a harvest beyond our imagination because God is now moving in Israel!

Ari & Shula Sorko-Ram



ARI RECEIVES A GENEROUS OFFERING FROM RAM ZANGO, A MINISTER FROM BURKINA FASO, ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. THE INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY OF THE CHRISTIANS IN BURKINA FASO IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING ACTS OF LOVE TOWARD ISRAEL WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.



OUR MAOZ ISRAEL ACCOUNTANT, ITSIK, HOLDS A GIFT FROM THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE AND BLESSES JULIO AND LUIS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR BRAZILIAN PARTNERS.



IN FRONT OF OUR SUCCAH DURING THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES: OUR MAOZ STAFF IN TEL AVIV MEETS WITH CHRISTY WILKERSON, OUR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR (THIRD FROM RIGHT); JULIO OTAMI, BRAZILIAN ADMINISTRATOR (SECOND FROM RIGHT); AND LUIS MOURATO, OUR PORTUGUESE TRANSLATOR, (FIRST FROM RIGHT). EVEN THOUGH OUR ADMINISTRATORS FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY COULD NOT BE WITH US FOR THIS PICTURE, WE DO WANT TO THANK OUR WONDERFUL PARTNERS FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND EUROPE FOR STANDING WITH US THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND FAITHFUL GIVING.

Want to know how to effectively pray for Israel? Request our weekly prayer letter via e-mail. Please e-mail us at maozisrael@maozisrael.org

Maoz opens new office in Japan



SHIRA WAS INVITED TO JAPAN TO TEACH ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH BELIEVERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING JAPAN. THE JAPANESE PEOPLE RECEIVE ONLY THE MOST BIASED INFORMATION VIA THE MEDIA CONCERNING ISRAEL, AND THEREFORE THE JAPANESE CHRISTIANS WERE INTENSELY INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ISRAEL AND TO RECEIVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF AN ISRAELI BELIEVER. ABOVE, SHIRA TEACHES AT CFN JAPAN BIBLE SCHOOL.



RECHELIT, ONE OF OUR YOUNG ISRAELI LEADERS, TRAVELED WITH SHIRA. HERE SHE SHARES HER TESTIMONY WITH BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH INTERPRETER GERALD GOODALL.



NO TIME FOR A DELICIOUS JAPANESE MEAL. WE SETTLE FOR McDONALDS.



TO OUR AMAZEMENT, WE FOUND SUCH KEEN INTEREST AND FINANCIAL GENEROSITY FOR EVANGELISM AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN ISRAEL, THAT WE DECIDED TO OPEN A MAOZ OFFICE AND WEBSITE IN JAPAN TO GIVE THE JAPANESE CHRISTIANS OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL - AND, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE - THEREBY BRING BLESSING TO THEIR OWN NATION. ABOVE LEFT: OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR, KIMIKO INAMOTO. RIGHT: OUR JAPANESE WEBMASTER, PASTOR YOSHIHIRO WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

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Ari & Shira Sorko-Ram

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Dear Maoz Partner,

One of our main goals through the Maoz Israel Report is to keep you up-to-date on events and developments in Israel from a Biblical point of view.

The world media is for the most part extremely biased against this nation, and often even those newspapers and TV news stations that might wish to give a more balanced point of view, simply don't have the ability or the background to understand the real issues at stake.

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We who are born again know that the road block to peace for Israel will be overcome only as Israel returns to her God.

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For the Lost Sheep of Israel,

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P.S. Thank you again! Your generous giving - and more - has enabled us to buy TWO vans for our youth! They are ecstatic! (See below)

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But our partners solved this problem in a way that we didn't even dream of! One dear partner sent in enough funds for one whole van, and the rest of our partners sent in enough for a second van! Now our leaders can pick up the kids from both sides of town for each meeting! This is a tremendous asset to encourage the growth of our teen group.

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During these coming months, we will present you with a choice of several avenues of ministry - from evangelism and leadership training to giving to terrorist victims and to widows and orphans among the Messianic believers of Israel.

We believe you will never be sorry with this eternal investment. It will be part of your eternal reward that will never lose a single percent of its value! Welcome!

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