

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER SPECIAL EDITION

# 2013



## Chosen People Ministries

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Dear friend,

Shalom—I hope your New Year has started well! May I share a part of a note I received from Michael Zinn, director of our work in Israel, after the recent eruption of hostilities in the Holy Land?

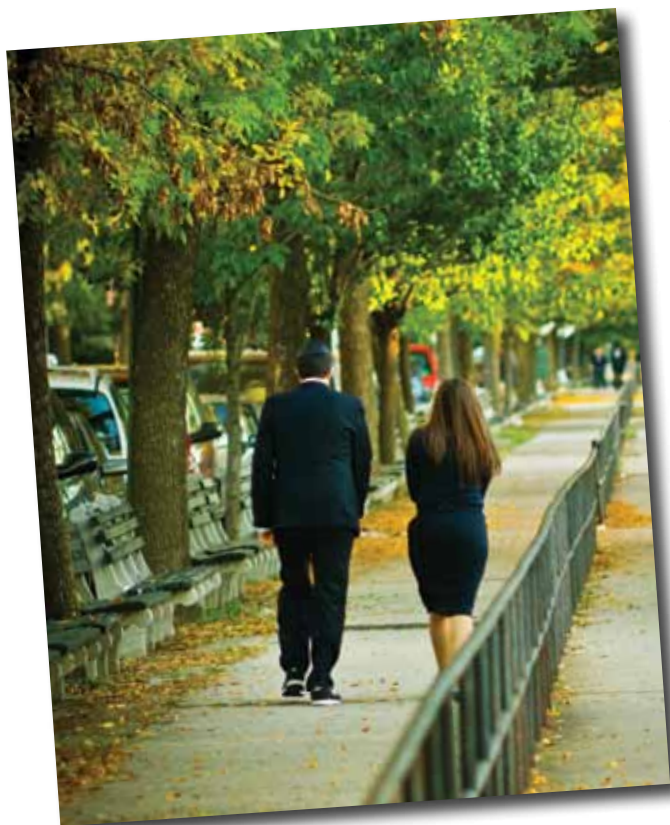
He writes,

*Praise the Lord we have Operation Cloud Pillar behind us. Frankly, we have very mixed feelings about what, if anything, it accomplished and where we should go from here. It is the first time since the Gulf War more than twenty years ago that the warning sirens have sounded in Jerusalem.*



*My daughter, who was born long after the Gulf War ended, was scared to death when she heard the awful sound. The fact is that we were not prepared for terrorists to send missiles towards Jerusalem. It took me some time to calm her down, and then we*

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*spent the rest of the evening in prayer for God to protect us and all the people of Israel.*

Michael goes on to share why he is still encouraged even though the missiles fall, the threat of ongoing terrorism persists, and the ceasefire is fragile at best!

*I am constantly blessed to see how God's power and grace are sufficient for each day of our lives. Just this year, God enabled me to lead more than thirty people to Him, to expand our ministry to the needy and homeless, to continue to serve soldiers and Holocaust survivors, and to pray for the salvation of Israel.*

I don't know about you, but my heart breaks for the salvation of the Jewish people and for all who do not know the Lord!

I recently spoke at a church that has a deep burden for Jewish evangelism. In preparation for the message, one of the pastors sent me a note with some instructions. I would like to share them with you, so you can see that you are not alone in your *heart-breaking concern* for the salvation of the Jewish people!

Pastor Bill writes.

*I will begin the sermon time by reviewing what we've preached on the*

*last few weeks (Romans 9-11), namely, that Paul's passion coming out of Romans 8 is his great burden that his own Jewish people would know Jesus as Messiah. He emphatically rejects the notion that because of their rejection of Jesus, God has rejected them. The Lord is in fact saving some now and will save the entire nation when Jesus returns.*

*Our passion should be Paul's—to pray for the Jewish people and to actively bring them the Good News, not boasting about the Gentile ownership of the Gospel. I'll speak for about ten minutes and then introduce you. We'd like you to focus on the present need and opportunity for Jewish evangelism.*

What I love about Pastor Bill's perspective is that he is concerned with reaching Jewish people for Jesus **today!** And so am I.

I don't know about you, but watching the news and reading first-hand accounts such as Michael's makes me believe that we are very close to the Lord's return! The world is ready... you and I are ready, and our hearts cry out, *Maranatha—come Lord Jesus!*

But until He comes, we have work to do! May I take a quick moment and let you know what Your Mission to the Jewish People, Chosen People Ministries, plans on doing this year? Over the next few months, I will tell you more of what God is doing specifically around the Jewish world—but for now, allow me to focus on two critical

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## WE WILL BE DEDICATING THE NEW CENTER COME SEPTEMBER

areas which are currently home to the majority of the Jewish population: New York City and Israel.

### Ministries in the Greater New York Area

We are getting very close to completing the renovation of the 14,000-square-foot building God has given us in the heart of Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn. As I have mentioned in the past, the Center will house both our ongoing work in Brooklyn as well as our Feinberg training program. We still need some additional funding, especially to outfit the building with good educational technology, sound systems, furniture for the dormitories, classroom space, etc. I will send more information about these opportunities in the near future.

I do want to let you know that we will be dedicating the new Charles Feinberg Center during the entire week of the Festival of Tabernacles in 2013. King Solomon dedicated the Temple at this same time, and we thought it would be a wonderful season to dedicate this new facility for God's holy purposes.

**The dedication celebration will begin on Wednesday, September 18, with the formal dedication scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 22. Further dedication activities will continue until September 25.**

We plan to hold evangelistic outreach concerts, a biblical art show, and a variety of public lectures on subjects like The Gospel in the Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah Chapter 53, The Future of Israel According to the Scriptures, and many other important topics. It is our hope that many Christians from around the country will join us and that we will have many opportunities together to express the love of God through the Messiah Jesus to our religious Jewish neighbors. I will send you more details as we get closer to the date.

### A LARGE PART OF OUR MINISTRY IS TO RUSSIAN JEWISH PEOPLE

New York City, especially those who lived near the waterfront in Brooklyn and Staten Island. I have never seen such devastation in New York City, and I'm glad we are able to help many of these Russian Jewish folks put their lives back together.

### Ministries in Israel

As you read this letter, I am in Israel encouraging our staff—especially because many of them were living between their homes and the nearest bomb shelter only a short time ago. Life is always stressful for Israelis, including our staff, because of the constant threat of terrorism.





I am also visiting with those who are going to help us with the Isaiah 53 Campaign in Israel. We have translated the evangelistic book I wrote, *Isaiah 53 Explained*, into both Hebrew and Russian, and the campaign will be conducted in both languages. I am looking into various media outlets in Israel and

searching for the best ways to let Israelis know that this great prophecy in our Hebrew Scriptures has been fulfilled.

I will be visiting several of our Messianic Centers in Israel, including our center in Jerusalem and

our rented center in Tel Aviv. I will also visit Sderot, where hundreds of missiles from Gaza terrified many of the elderly Russian Jewish immigrants and Holocaust survivors living there. We continue to have a very effective ministry of practical aid and Gospel outreach in that small city.

Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support of the work that Your Mission to the Jewish People is doing around the world— especially in Israel and New York. At this moment, we are praying that the Lord will provide the funds we need to support our centers in both places.

As I look at our budget for 2013, **we need a few hundred thousand dollars to complete the renovation project in Brooklyn.** I know that the Lord will provide!

Additionally, we provide close to \$10,000 each month to maintain our centers in Israel—I cannot do this without your sacrificial support!

I know that we all have tried to be as generous as possible during the month of December, but I am praying that the Lord will lead you to help us continue doing His work in these difficult places!

The time is short!

Your brother in the Messiah,

  
Mitch

P.S. Your prayers, support and encouragement remind us of His desire for Israel to be saved!

