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*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*

*Phil 2:13*

How many times, my dear brothers and sisters, do we tend to sit and stir uneasily thinking, “What am I doing for God today or what is the church doing for me?” The answer to both of these questions, interestingly, is the same. It is not yours or the church’s “job” to do anything, but, for us to be obedient in the things that God brings into our daily lives as He worketh in us to do His good pleasure. If we are willing, He will bring many things to build us up in Him or to execute His work.

Life can be interesting if we make the choice to open up and let God perform His will in our lives. Lately God has brought a variety of things into our church, some to build us up and some to build His church. Sometimes, if we open our eyes, we can see that God **is** doing things in our lives.

### **Inside the church:**

- Bryson Arthur, from Nazareth Bible College, had brought a fresh teaching to our home group. In a series of weeks he taught a course on the life of Jesus – the Son of God, the Son of man. We were very grateful to have the college take the time to teach us. At each meeting there were about 15-20 people.
- Miriam, one of our members has been compelling us to learn about ourselves. Through very fun courses with questionnaires, games and interactions, she has enlightened us to the nature of our personalities and gifting relating to ourselves and the body. This has been done through what she calls, “Facing the soul”. Through building relationships in the body, where we have weaknesses, our brothers or sisters are able to help us by their strengths and vice-versa.
- If you have never seen any of the movies in the series entitled, **God’s Stories**, then you are missing out. We were treated to a few more in the series at our Friday services. These movies were on the story of Abraham. What a treat they are to watch. Each one is encouraging and uplifting. Here is a link to the web site: <http://godsstories.com/>

### **Outside the church:**

- One of our congregants has a son that is Muslim, he attends Haifa University. At the University he ran into some Born Again students. They brought him to one of their meetings on campus. At this meeting he gave his heart to the Lord and now has come with friends to the church in Akko.
  - There was an awesome meeting, **Light for All Nations**, in Eulaboun. **Twelve hundred** women attended. Approximately 230 women gave their hearts to the Lord.
  - Nazareth had a prayer and unity conference at which there was singing and preaching of encouraging messages. Some of the people that attended gave their hearts to the Lord and some recommitted their lives.
  - In the village of Piquea, we have a home group that has been meeting every Saturday for 3 years now. This has been growing and there is now a need for a building to meet in.
  - Pastor Hani has opened the Bookstore in the Old City of Akko. We are trying to set it up as a "Book Store/internet cafe" ministry. This will be used as a way to spread the Gospel through a relationship with the public, the youth and the many tourists.
- We have many things that we need. If you would like to donate some of these or would like to donate some money towards these items, please contact us. Here is a link to the list of things needed from our website:  
<http://ebca.weebly.com/book-storeinternet-cafe.html>

## Coming Up:

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> we again are pleased to have the Melody Choir Team joins us at our church. Come and join us as we worship the Lord together in praise.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in Nazareth there will be the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Baptists presence in Israel. Six or seven people from our church will be baptized in the Jordan River at this time. We would like to invite you all to come and join us as we share in this joyous occasion.

## PRAYER POINTS:

- ✚ Please keep those in prayer who gave their hearts to the Lord, that they would grow in faith and knowledge of Him and that they would be protected from those that would want to harm them for making the decision to follow Him.
- ✚ Items needed for the Bookstore/internet café (see above). Also, we could use volunteers for working at the shop. Please contact us if you would like to help.
- ✚ Please pray for the 100 year celebration in Nazareth.
- ✚ Please keep the Tourism project in prayer.
- ✚ \*\*\* Please lift up in prayer the need for Pastor Hani to receive financial support. Many times he does not even receive a complete salary or it is delayed because of the lack of funds.