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*All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household  
EBC Church in Akko. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*

*Phil 4:22, 23*

It has been a while since we wrote to you. But neither time nor distance can separate us from you in the love of God. We thank you for your continual prayer and support of us, without which, we would most certainly be lacking.

Usually, our newsletter gives glory to God by testimonies and stories first. However, due to the wearisome needs in the church, I will be reversing the order this time and starting with the prayer points. This also gives glory to God in knowing that you will pray for these, and your prayers, in faith, will be answered.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- ✚ Pastor Hani, who is such a loving and devoted shepherd, has not received his salary for 3 months. The monthly support that was received from a church in England has, until lately, covered a great deal of his family's needs. However, this has continually been decreased, with the eventual planned outcome of ceasing totally. The reason being, the supporting church has new members that don't personally know Pastor Hani or the work that our church does and has decided to use their monies in other ways. Our church is not a rich body of believers and therefore does not have the money to support itself by weekly tithing. Would you please consider supporting on a **monthly** basis? No gift is too big or too small. We have faith that God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Bless you, we love you!
- ✚ Recently, the bookstore that we have in the old city of Akko had been broken into and vandalized. An LCD TV that we use to show evangelistic movies and money was stolen. Thank God a ministry in Poria, Israel, which is near the Sea of Galilee, has donated money that will cover these needs. (Thank you and God bless you!). There are still things that need to be done, like building a more secure entrance. If you go to our web site (see above) you will find a link to the bookstore. Just click on the Internet café

pictures and it will bring you to it. Please consider supporting this ministry of ours which has led to many salvations, as you have read in past newsletters.

- ✚ The Nazareth Evangelic Theological Seminary has decided to take our church under its wing. They have donated a free scholarship to Pastor Hani to attend their college and receive his Masters degree. Please keep him in your prayers as this will be additionally time consuming to his already full schedule. In addition to this, free of charge, they have given scholarships to 3 of our church members for studies that will lead to their Bachelor degrees in Theological studies. For the church itself, they plan to freely give different courses to the members.
- ✚ We would like to give much praise and thanks to Miriam, one of the members of our church who is a very busy woman herself. She has thankfully taken over the youth's ministry. Along with the help of Faten and Ghada teaching the younger ones, the children are learning and maturing in the Lord. Miriam also, as in the past, will be teaching a number of courses to the church body. She is a wonderfully gifted speaker and teacher. She also works with Life Agape which does evangelistic work to the Muslim community. As if that were not enough, she also works in a ministry to the Druze community, following up on teaching the receptive Druze population. God bless you Miriam!

### ***Now for the news:***



Amira, one of our church members asked if we would come to the homes of her children to pray for them and bless their homes. At this occasion, all glory to God, her adult children accepted the Lord Jesus as their savior!

Amni, another member, has a brother that was Muslim till he too accepted the Lord. Hallelujah! He is attending 6 classes with Pastor Hani to learn about his new found faith. Since receiving the Lord, he has brought a few (Muslim) friends to church. Please keep those in prayer.

During Christmas time we again invited many of the different leaders of Akko to honor them during the Holidays. These included the Mayor, the head of the police force, some policemen, the head Sheik from the mosque as well as some Muslim congregants. During the time of blessing of these people, Pastor Hani gave them the reason for the season. Please keep them in your prayers as they have now heard the Gospel.

For Christmas, we had a wonderful time of celebration at the church. The youth gave an extremely emotional skit regarding those whom have died, some going to Heaven and others going to Hell. WOW!!! Afterwards, we enjoyed games (Bible trivia...). Each group separated into teams and played against each other. On another date, brother Fadi and the

Melody Choir team visited us and blessed us with song, message, a dinner, youth skit and games.

In January, Pastor Henry visited us and spoke from Isaiah 6, how a sinner, once made holy, said, "Here I am, send me".

And finally, as we mentioned in another newsletter, from the fruit of 4 years of Bible study at the home of Nader and Sawsan, we opened a second church called the Evangelical Baptist Center. It has now doubled in size from 8-16 people. As you recall we asked for prayer for this new church because the local mainstream churches were persecuting her. Thanks to your prayers, nothing has happened since receiving that letter of persecution. Praise God!