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Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2Cor 9:10

We, at the EBC (Evangelical Baptist Church of Akko) would like to extend a warm hand of thanksgiving to all those who have chosen to stand with us spiritually in prayer, and physically, both by working with us, and supplying our financial needs. It is God who has dearly put us on your hearts, and for this we are truly grateful. You play an integral part in our lives and the work that God has called us to.

Talk about timing, as I was sitting down with Pastor Hani to get information for this newsletter, a group of tourists from a church in the United States came walking by. It just so happens that the sign above the bookstore which says "Baptist Book Shop" caught their eye. This stirred up a conversation between us in which we found out that they were from a Baptist church. Two of the Pastors were so touched with our presence and works in Akko that right after they left, they came running back to us to say that God put it on their hearts to donate some money to the church. Wow... praise God. This was an unexpected blessing, one that was born out of our needs, and initiated through you and our joint prayer.

We had another exciting answer to prayer. Remember in our last newsletter I had asked you to pray for Pastor Hani's trip to the US Embassy? He was trying to get a visa to the US so he could travel there in order to raise prayer and financial support. Well, they not only gave him a visa, but it is a 10 year, multiple re-entry visa. Praise God! Again, thank you for your prayers.

These past few months have been very busy for us. We kicked things off with Pastor David and some members of his church in North Carolina ministering to our youth with games and skits. This was followed by Pastor Henry from Jerusalem who came with a group of believers from different countries to share the Gospel to the Muslims in Akko's Old City through street evangelism and music. The Old City has its share of drug abusers. However, thanks to these people, a few of them who had ears to hear gave their hearts to the Lord right on the street. Even the Muslim manager of the Hostel in which they were staying got a chance to receive seeds of fruit as they played music and witnessed to him.

In May, Pastor Hani went to the Golan Hotel in Tiberius and had the chance to speak about our church heart and vision before Pastor Steve and many of the other leaders of the EII EI ministry. EII EI is a ministry that ministers healing via Biblical teachings to those with deep down emotional pain.

Two events that clearly stand out though, are the Global Day of Prayer and the Back to Jerusalem conference. Pastor Ray, his wife, Renee and Ed came to our church to do some Biblical training before the GD of P. They were such a blessing to have with us. The Global day of Prayer is on Pentecost Sunday. Gathered together for the second year in a row in the Golden Crown Hotel in Nazareth, were Arab and Jewish believers. There is nothing like seeing two people groups that would have normally been at odds with each other, now joined in love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh... and how that Spirit fell, again!

Now fast forward to the Back to Jerusalem conference where we get to see the working out of the Holy Spirits' power through the spreading of the Gospel. At the conference we had about 300 people, many of whom were visitors from around the world. It was such an encouragement to us as we were treated to exhortations by wonderfully gifted speakers. The conference is partially funded by the Joshua Fund. This year, we were very much blessed to have Joel Rosenberg, who is the head of the Joshua Fund, attend. He spoke and encouraged us with testimonies of how God is moving amongst the nations, and gave a thought provoking word from the book of Joel. As in the past, during one part of the conference, the people break up into different groups and go into areas in and around Jerusalem to hand out packets filled with Bibles, a book of testimonies and a DVD of the Jesus movie to the Muslims. Many people came back with stories of how God had moved the hearts of Muslims to pray with them. When the conference is over, the visitors are divided up and go back with the local body to each other's respective town or village. For the next week we each give out the packets again to the Muslims. This year we were blessed to have 3 wonderful people come back with us to Akko, Denise, Rose and Brody. They were such a help in the Lord's work. One day we gave out a special invitational card to the Muslims in town and along the beach. This card invited them to a free showing of the movie, *The Road to Damascus*, in the town auditorium which we rented with funding from the conference. The movie showed the story of Saul/Paul, his conversion on the road to Damascus and his influence amongst the people of his time. It was so exciting to see many of the Arab families that we gave the card to attend.

PRAYER POINTS

- ✚ *** Please keep Pastor Hani in prayer as he travels to the US to speak in Texas. Pray for protection for his family as they remain in Israel, for God to move through him, more speaking engagements and that the Lord will supply all his needs. (Below is his present itinerary)
- ✚ 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.

- ✚ We still need items for the Bookstore/internet café. Also, we could use volunteers for working at the shop. Please contact us if at our above e-mail address you would like to help.
- ✚ *** Please lift up in prayer the need of 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

Pastor Hani's Itinerary in Texas:

- Aug. 10 6 pm Bible Study - Annville Baptist Church
- Aug. 11 AM Pastor Prayer Meeting & Breakfast
- Aug. 13 AM Regional Pastor's Conference at Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship
7pm Emmanuel Fellowship – Pastor Hani will be the Speaker
- Aug. 14 8:30am Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship
6pm Annville Baptist Church
- Aug. 15 Praise and Worship at the Aerie
- Aug. 17 Annville Baptist Church (or) CCCF
- Aug. 18 AM Pastor Prayer Meeting
- Aug. 20 7pm Emmanuel Fellowship
- Aug. 21 9:30am Annville Baptist Church
6pm Annville Baptist Church - Main Speaker
- Aug. 23 Returns to Israel