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Who shall separate us from the love of God? Shall trouble, hardship...

Romans 8:35-39

Recently we had asked you to pray for one of our congregant's brothers because he had cancer. Well that brother has gone on to be with the Lord. However, it was not until he was in the hospital that Pastor Hani had the chance to lead him to the Lord. This no doubt had been with the help of your prayers that softened his heart and opened his eyes. We would like to extend our most gracious thanks to you.

Numerous people came to the wake and funeral to pay their respects. Many of these people were Muslims. During this time Pastor Hani read from Romans 8:35-39, which enabled him to speak about the love of God. To those believers that were mourning, this was a comfort which refreshed their faith again, renewing them with strength and power to go on. To the Muslims there who heard the message, this was a chance for them to hear about a God that really does care for you, one that has a love so strong that nothing can separate us from Him.

In the church, we are experiencing the love of God in other ways. B, the wife of E in the story above, gave a testimony in one service of how she was dropped off somewhere by her husband. After completing her chores, she needed a ride home but had no one to get her. So she prayed for God to supply it. All of a sudden a Muslim woman showed up and asked her if she needed a ride. For some reason this woman was very upset. B told her that she needn't worry. Jesus was all that she needed. He would take care of her. She told B that she knew of Jesus, but did not believe in Him as her savior and asked God that morning to put someone in her path that would reveal Him to her.

In our church we have a woman, A, who, as a faithful believer, had been praying for her daughter's fiancée for a long time. He ended up experiencing the love of Jesus in one of our services and accepted the Lord into his heart.

And finally there was a young man, M, who became a believer at one service. During a following service, he gave his testimony about how he was on drugs and very unhappy. Since he gave his life to the Lord, he is now released and set free from smoking and drugs. He said, "Jesus is now the Lord of my life instead of Satan".

We have had a number of wonderful guest speakers and groups from other countries come to visit and encourage us. From this we are seeing deep and lasting transformations in the body of believers in our church. We are so grateful for this and we also encourage you to come to Akko and join us as friends and partners. You can follow some of our experiences on our web site in pictures and videos. <http://ebca.weebly.com/index.html>

PRAYER POINTS:

- Please continue to pray for E. and B.'s family
- Continue in prayer for our vision for a church building, school and kindergarten
- Back to Jerusalem conference- this July in Jerusalem, with outreaches to the Muslim community
- Our own conference which will be August 6-9