

Our Whereabouts This Season

After nearly 5 weeks of traveling and teaching in the US, I came back home and lunged right into “life” and busy-ness. My time in the US was very intense, yet fruitful in so many ways.

The main feeling I had coming back was of a “Mission accomplished”. I got on the plane to the US with a strong sense of urgency, believing that God wanted me to ask wherever I taught, “America, are you prepared? Are you ready to meet your Maker, be it in the air or on earth (if we are to remain through the coming Tribulation)?” I am so grateful for the many opportunities I had to bring up these questions and encourage my listeners to examine themselves (logistically, and more importantly emotionally and spiritually).

But... Am I prepared?

While I was travelling, I heard that my house was flooded. It took a few short minutes of cloudburst for the city I live in to go under water waist high. I tried to get some more information on what was going on with my house. For hours I could not get any answers from back home. I became stressful, frustrated and stressing others. Only after reaching the end of my rope, so to speak, did I remember I have a God, and that I can invite Him to be Lord over this. Isn't that, after all, what I teach others to do in times of crises?

I immediately repented and released the situation to His hands. Within seconds I knew what my next step should be, and 10 minutes later, the problem was resolved. But that made me realize that I myself am not fully prepared. That in times of crises I lift my eyes to various mountains, wondering where will my help come from, and that it takes me a while to remember that my help can come only from the Creator of heaven and earth.

A word of thanks for those who stand behind me

For those of you supporting my work - thank you for your crucial part in this ministry. I consider you to be equal partners. Through the years I learned to appreciate this precious mosaic work in the Body. God chose to gift each one of us with certain gifts, and not grant all of them to just a few. If I could do this kind of ministry without your help, we would have not fulfilled one of our greatest missions as members in the Body - to express His Glory through relationships and partnership. Thank you for believing in what God had sent me to do, and for supporting it through prayer, hospitality and resources.

Receipts for donations sent for me through House of Stephanas will be sent only once a year. These donations arrive through dear friends of mine in Chattanooga. For that reason, please do not add any personal notes to your checks. Send me an email with your remarks, messages and prayer requests, and I will gladly answer. If you had a change of address, please do send a note to HOS, so they can update their database and send your receipt for your tax deductible donations.

*Speaking with different groups and in various locations:
5 weeks of intense travelling, 11 flights and great opportunities, many
new pillows I laid my head on each night, and endless hugs and great new faces.*

*I traveled mainly in the South this time, and had wonderful
opportunities to spread the message God had placed on my heart.
The responses were heartwarming and touching.*



The affects of the storm on my yard



*My flooded living room, the shine
you see is standing water*



A short summary of our vision

In all we do, our vision is to contribute towards the restoration of the widowhood of Israel; to see the name of the God of Israel lifted up.

A widow, by Biblical definition, is not only a woman whose husband had died. The Old Testament does not focus solely on the familial status of the widow, but uses this word to define her condition, her situation. A widow is a woman, but also a land or a city, who has no one to lean on, no one to manage and provide for her.

That is why God calls Israel a widow. Not because she has no husband, but because she does not lean on Him to provide for her various needs. He promises that a day will come and she will remember the reproach of her widowhood no more (Is. 54:4).

Until then - our people are acting as a widow, especially in the spiritual realm. Most of the Jews in Israel are secular atheists. They do not acknowledge the existence of God, and a relationship with Him is completely out of the question.

So here are some of the projects we hold on a regular basis, as a part of this restoration process.

Forgiveness Group in Shores, near Jerusalem

The group Dana (see picture on right) and I lead together, as a part of her training to lead such groups on her own. I love working with teams, I love training teams, and more than anything - I love making disciples to the Truths the Lord reveals to me



Dana attended some of our workshops and small groups through recent years. She immediately embraced the Tabernacle teaching and enjoyed a moving victory in her life and a deep healing. Since then she helped others apply this teaching, and is now assisting me with one of our Forgiveness small groups.

Forgiveness Groups

We currently have two forgiveness groups going on, and are planning on opening one or two more in the coming weeks.

These groups are a safe place to learn what is God saying to us through our struggles and suffering, and how should we manage our negative feelings and thoughts, or else they manage us.

We equip the participants with the crucially important tools of repentance and forgiveness, teaching them to listen to God's loving knocks on the doors of their hearts, and inviting Him in (see Rev. 3:19-20)..

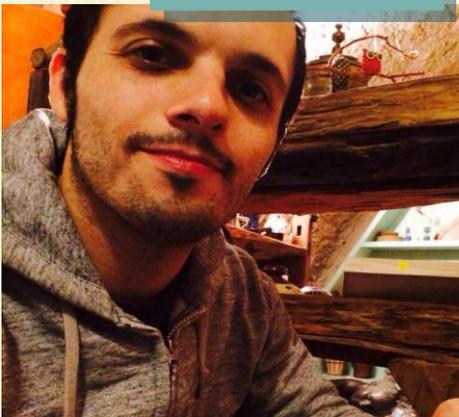
Stuttering

Yes, stuttering. Tolik is a dear friend, and sort of a disciple, that has already gone quite a way in the Tabernacle process, and used it to restore some deep emotional aspects in his life. He has been studying inner healing, and has a rich experience in counseling.

One of the primary difficulties he has had to deal with has been a speech impediment, a stutter. Through various healing tools he overcame a major part of it, and gained much insight into it.

Stuttering, apparently, is not a chemical or physical problem, but rather an emotional one. And with Tolik's and my experience in emotional restoration, we are now offering a series of sessions for healing of speech impediment. We are even praying about offering this treatment abroad too, via Skype.

Tolik



"Sarah" from Rishon LeZion

Holocaust Survivors

Rachel is so delighted with the help she receives through our Survivors Project. She keeps asking questions and wanting to understand how come people who don't even know her, want to be so deeply involved. I am enjoying visiting her and witnessing God's clear goodness towards her. What a beautiful compensation to a life full of hardships and suffering.

I am currently trying to help her publish a book of poems she wrote over the years. One of her greatest regrets is that she never really managed to fulfill herself and has no real legacy to leave behind. She literally mourns over that aspect. How wonderful would it be to enable her to leave behind a legacy of poems expressing her life experiences, accompanied by some of her drawings maybe.

We have a new name to our list - "Sarah", who lives in my home city, Rishon LeZion. I will share more about her in the next update. In the meantime, please pray that she will be able to trust me, and allow me to brighten her loneliness and heaviness, if just a little.

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