



FRIENDSHIP COVENANTS WITH MESSIANIC CONGREGATIONS IN ISRAEL

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Edited and compiled by Jack Carstens. Please feel free to distribute to friends.

We can help you or your congregation to partner with a Messianic congregation in Israel. We are also available to speak at your church or home group. Comments are encouraged.

Personal Note: Thanks to all for your wonderful prayers of protection and healing as I underwent major heart and vascular surgery during the past 5 months. God is good!!!

1. Join US! Israel Pochtars August program

Cape Town

Saturday, 26th August – 15:00pm lecture at Salem Biblical Garden
“Blood Covenant traditions and its significance to the New Covenant”.

Sunday, 27th August – Morning service: Logos Church, Bellville
Evening service: Key Church, Diep River

Monday, 28th August – Afternoon: Open for invitation
Evening: 19:00pm – Stellenbosch University

Tuesday, 29th August – Morning: Pastor’s Breakfast.
Evening: Open for invitation

Wednesday, 30th August – Rotop Business Men’s meeting
Evening: 19:00pm Healing Service at Camps Bay Vineyard.

Thursday, 31st August – Morning: 12:30pm Open meeting in Hermanus - Francois Le Roux
Evening: 19:00pm Logos Church - Public meeting: Worship followed by talk on Messianic expectations in Israel & prayers for healing.



Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 - 3 September: In Pretoria

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2. Tributes continue to pour in for Antony Simon

Abridged letter from The Simon Family following his recent death in Iraq:



"We appreciate all the prayers and support that we have received over the past few weeks. As you know, our father, Antony Simon, had a heart for the gospel seeking to preach to all peoples. This is what motivated him to go to the refugees in Iraq and Athens.

He didn't want only to give aid but he wanted them to receive the true Bread of Life that is our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know that there is only hope in Him. On his last trip in May, he arrived there

tired from a long trip but still eager to give aid and the Good News. When he arrived there, they always invited him to preach in a local congregation. So after a long day of distribution and after preaching he was walking back to the hotel with some other brothers. It was dark and he was hit by a car and passed to be with the Lord. We as Christians trust in the virtue of Another and believe that He is Sovereign and uses all things for His purpose and for His glory.

It took us two weeks to bring him back to Israel from Iraq. On the day of the burial, the 14th of June, he was buried as a Christian as he so desired. We know that for Antony, to live is Christ and to die was gain, as Paul stated in Philippians. Close to the time when the burial service was ending, Antony and Dona's 1st grandchild entered the world and God brought new life into the Simon family. As it is written in the book of Job, "the LORD gives and the LORD takes away, blessed be the name of the LORD." For we know that all things are from Him, through Him, and to Him.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the work of our Lord to preach the Good News is continuing. There is evangelism in Jerusalem during the week and on Friday night a team travels to Tel Aviv. In the future, we will share with you more stories of what the Lord is doing through this work. There are also evangelistic tours in Jerusalem offered to Russian speakers. Blessings, The Simon Family."

Follow this congregation on Facebook: Voice Wilderness / <http://voice-wilderness.com/>
Support them through the David & Jonathan Foundation.

3. Get ready for the D&J tour to Israel in April 2018

This is the D&J "Meet the People" tour planned for April 2018. You will get to see all the major sights in the land and, in addition, we will be meeting with a few local congregation's, interacting with them and the community in a friendly survey of where people stand with the Lord.

Exciting isn't it? Different, for sure! I am sure you will have many stories to tell when you get back!

The 10 day tour is very reasonably priced at just over R 27,500 per person, flights from Cape Town, hotel accommodation, 2 meals per day, entrance fees and tips included.

Don't miss this opportunity. Book now! Encourage your friends to come with you. Start saving, praying and get into action now. The tour will be led by Pastor Nic Kruyer, accompanied by Jack Carstens, Founder of the David & Jonathan Foundation.



Call Eleanor at the D&J office: 0215592958 or dandj@mweb.co.za for more information.

4. Jerusalem 50 Year Jubilee

D&J have been showing the highly informative documentary "Six days in June" at several locations across the Peninsula. We thought it vital to remind the church that the prophecies concerning Jerusalem are being fulfilled before our eyes! Scripture is clear that Jerusalem will be trodden underfoot by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles comes to an end. Jerusalem was destroyed and the population of the city was forced into exile in 70 AD by the Romans. After the final Jewish revolt of 135 AD, the Romans forbid Jews to enter Jerusalem and renamed the city Aelia Capitolina.

Antiochus desecrated all vestiges of the God of Israel and built a Temple to Zeus on the Temple Mount instead. This was a clear violation of all things sacred to the Jews. This situation lasted until the patrician plan of 1947 when the League of Nations, for-runner to the UN, divided Palestine giving West Jerusalem to the soon to be formed State of Israel and East Jerusalem to the then newly formed country of Jordan.

Of great significance to Israel was East Jerusalem because it encompasses the Temple Mount, the Western Wall and parts of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. The six day war of 1967, when Israel fought against Egypt, Jordan and Syria, changed all of that. East Jerusalem fell into the hands of Israel. This meant that Israel controlled a united City of Jerusalem for the first time since Roman times!

Israel has since revitalized Jerusalem which today is a vibrant city with modern infrastructure - an intriguing blend of old and new. There are modern skyscrapers, a light rail system and new bridges and tunnels for the heavy traffic on the busy road network. Alongside that is a city that reflects the architecture of the many nations from the past that conquered the city. These include the Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, Mameluke's, Arabs and the Ottoman Turks.

The Old City is especially quaint and is divided into the Jewish, Arab, Armenian and Christian Quarters, each with its own charm and traditions.

Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in the Bible. Strangely enough, it is not mentioned once in the Quran. The City holds significance to all three monotheistic religions of the world and is hotly contested by all parties. The Bible tells us that Jerusalem is the place where God has placed His name. It is the City we should pray for continuously and it is the City where Jesus will return to when He returns to earth.

The 50th Jubilee year of Jerusalem is significant because all signs point to the soon return of Messiah. Jerusalem will play a huge part in this process. It is not for nothing that all eyes are focused on this city!

Ed. D&J are taking a tour to Israel in April next year. It includes 4 nights in Jerusalem. It will no doubt be an unforgettable experience, so please contact our office for details if you are interested

5. News from the Messianic Congregations

Aviv Ministry: (Extract from their latest newsletter)

Dov & Olga Bikas writes:



"My name is Igor K. I immigrated to Israel 22 years ago from Russia. I have been abusing drugs for 18 years. Many times I wanted to quit, but it did not work. I was once married and I have a son whom I had not seen for about seven years. I lived on the streets for five years and used to come to Aviv Center often. I had been to different rehab centers, but had not been able to stay there long. One day I went to Aviv Center to eat and spoke to the volunteers there. They persuaded me to go with them to their rehab in Ashkelon.

I have lived at this rehab for almost five months already. During this time I have reconsidered a lot in my life. I got help with restoring my documents and also with medical care. God started working in my life, and I began to learn how to trust Him. All this time I did not give up hope to find my son and prayed about it. The Lord revealed Himself in a wonderful way, albeit through sad events. The director of our rehab received a call from a young man who asked to start a rehabilitation program. It turned out this man was my son! My joy had no limits, because it turned out that he also had a wife and a son, whom I had never even heard of. I had an opportunity to tell my son about Messiah Jesus and deliverance from addiction. I do not know what will happen tomorrow, but I'm sure of one thing: while I'm with God, I'll be alright. Once again I want to thank the leaders of Aviv Center, for allowing Aviv Center to be a place in which I could go to rehab and get to know Jesus."

Kehila Staff

The building project stretched the strengths and the abilities of the staff very much and we all need rest and refreshment. Please remember us in your prayers. Our house mother, Ira, was diagnosed with cancer and needed to undergo a long line of treatments and even underwent surgery. Ira is recovering and is continuing with treatments.

Health

There are a number of members who are suffering from cancer and severe illnesses, at least three are undergoing chemo/biological/radiation treatments. Thank God we see an improvement in the condition of some of them and an answer to our prayers, but the subject of health is a burning issue among our members and we would appreciate your prayers.

Congregation Activities

Despite our long wanderings and the building project, we continued our congregational activities. These included our various home groups, Pro Life, study groups, youth activities, preteens, and more. Some of the groups will go on summer break for the next two months, but towards the end of July we will go to our annual Youth Camp in the Galilee and the Golan. This camp requires complicated preparation and we pray that God will bless this camp to the glory of His name.

6. Upcoming Events and Tours

David & Jonathan Foundation – Cape Town

August

Saturday, 12th, 09:30am – Prayer in Sea Point

Meeting at Sea Point, Evangelical Church at 09:30am

Speaker, Michael Arnold - Author of "The Forgotten Feast", followed by prayer for Israel.

Saturday, 19th, 09:00am – Prayer in Muizenberg

25th to 30th: See list of meetings for Israel Pochtar in Cape Town & Johannesburg above.

September

Saturday, 2nd and 16th, 09:00am – Prayer in Sea Point and Muizenberg

Friday, 29th – Shabbat Service Somerset West

October

Saturday, 7th, 19:00pm – D&J: Feast of Tabernacles at Key Church in Diep River!

David & Jonathan Foundation – Durban

Please contact Mike Kaiser: 083 7956507 or e-mail: dandjurban@gmail.com. Mike and Hannah Lee have relocated to Gauteng. If anyone is interested in assisting our cause by arranging meetings in the KZN, please call or email our Cape Town office.

Thank you for the faithful support and prayers still being received from Kwa Zulu Natal!

David & Jonathan Foundation – Gauteng

Please contact Manfred Nochomowitz: 082 5716653 or e-mail manfred@emetministries.co.za (www.emetministries.co.za). Join Manfred and Emet Ministries for Shabbat and other meetings in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Tours

Long time D&J friend, John Haupt, is planning a tour to Jordan, Israel and Cairo from 13th October to 25th October 2017. Please contact him for details.

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Please contact D&J if you are able to deliver some baby clothes to Be'ad Chaim in Jerusalem, and get to meet the amazing people involved with Pro - Life in Israel.

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Blessings

Eleanor Kerkman

(Secretary)

Y'varech'chah Adonai v'yishm'rechah (The LORD bless and keep you.)

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