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Shalom Havairim (Peace and Greetings to you, my friends.):

A lot of changes have occurred in my life since I last wrote to you. Diane and I have moved to Baltimore County not far from the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. We are empty nesters as of now with two daughters married, another daughter elected to stay in Frederick County, and our youngest daughter is living in a dorm at a local college. God has provided a job with the Salvation Army in their Divisional office for which I am grateful and truly enjoy. Diane is a full-time art student. I continue to accept and welcome speaking engagements to talk about what is dear to my heart, the support of Messianic believers in Israel.

Monday, August 29 brought a stream of news reports of a low-grade hurricane developing into a monster in the Gulf States. These reports and the unfolding events in Louisiana and Mississippi have dominated our attention. Families have been stranded or separated from each other. Along with you I grieve and pray for the ongoing needs of the countless people who have experienced the loss of relatives, homes and jobs, entire lives uprooted and in need of being transplanted elsewhere. This is the type of tragedy that shakes us out of our complacency and signals our vulnerability.

This disaster reveals the state of our spiritual readiness as well. I have sensed the similarity of this catastrophe to what will happen when Yeshua (Jesus) returns. When Yeshua returns families will be separated because one family member is a believer and others in the family are not. Property will become of little value, as there will be a new heaven and a new earth. That which we hold so dear might be counted as lost, while that which we invested in The Kingdom will remain then, as it is now-under the King's control.

We are prayerfully and financially under girding missionaries to Israel who meet the physical/ practical needs of the people along with teaching and preaching to them the whole Bible, not just the Old Testament prophets. At the day that The Jewish Messiah returns it is His will that no Jewish person is left behind. *"The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9) Our ministry feels strongly that now is the time to favor Zion (Israel). This term is taken from Psalm 102:12 and 13 **"But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come."**

In the scripture quoted above I am going to center on the word "time". A common expression or excuse is, "I didn't get it done, because time ran out." True, the task didn't

get done, but time is still in existence, it didn't run out. We still have time left to favor Zion by proclaiming salvation through the death and resurrection of Yeshua before He returns. The signs of the times point to or line up with Yeshua's soon return, so a sense of urgency does exist to complete the tasks set before us.

For many years America has been governmentally responsive to Israel's needs. Christians too, have given monies in substantial amounts to ministries such as "Eagles Wings" and others. These monies have benefited the orthodox Jews, the secular Jews and the Israeli government, but not Messianic Jews who have placed their faith in Yeshua as the Messiah.

The time to favor the Messianic Jewish Community in Israel is now. The needs in Israel are continuous. The ministries we love need our support to help provide basic necessities to families in The Land. There is a special need for outreach to native Israeli's and a special training college for evangelism is just getting off the ground.

Our goal is to correspond with you more frequently to show you how essential your prayers and financial partnership is to us. I welcome opportunities to speak to your congregation, meet with you one on one, or in a small group to share and answer questions. I look for opportunities to open to speak and share at Denominational Gatherings and conventions. I can be reached at the above address. Also to better get to know us, and the people we relate to in The Land, please prayerfully plan to come with Diane and me to Israel in June of 2006. You'll meet the people you have heard me speak and write about and you'll experience first hand why now is the time to favor Zion. Future newsletters will have details of our trip.

As always our prayer is for you to prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

In Messiah's Love,

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