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Shalom Haveirim:
(Hello to you, my friends)

And blessings in the Name of Adonai- Yeshua, our Messiah.

I trust that you are prospering and at peace – even as your souls prosper.

As I've been reading through the Scriptures this spring, the Psalms and the book of Job confronted me with the shocking facts of how little I know and how awesome is our God. His ways are truly unsearchable. Though I have been a believer and follower of Yeshua for thirty years, and a student of His ways and Word for that entire time, each reading of the Bible opens my eyes to the wonders of His love and the steadfast knowledge that He is good and His chesed and rachamin (goodness, loving kindness and mercy) endure forever.

I sense that often times, as a preacher and counselor, I spoke too much when I would have better served the Kingdom by "being still and knowing that Adonai is God." (Psalm 46:10) Yet there is a time to cry out to Abba, and a time to speak the truth in love to all that have ears to hear. So the question is when to speak and when to keep quiet. In giving counsel to individuals, the book of Job is a good resource, along with a gentle and humble spirit that seeks to hear the voice of Adonai.

The Bible says, "For Zion's sake I will not keep quiet. For Jerusalem peace I shall not cease my speech." (Isaiah 62:1) David, Melech Yisrael (King David), has shown us the proper example concerning crying out for righteousness and for Jerusalem. In praying for the peace of Jerusalem, let's keep in the forefront that peace comes not with a resolution by the UN, nor with a quartet navigating a road map. Peace does not come through a peace treaty or a piece of paper. Peace comes through a person- Yeshua as He reigns in our hearts and the hearts of the peoples of this world. The answer is more of Yeshua--more of Him as Lord and King in our own lives and more of Him shared with all the nations, but especially to the peoples of the Middle East.

Now is the time to Favor Zion. (Psalm 102). There are no doubt we, as followers of Yeshua, have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this- what a time! There is a flood of evil, people calling black –"white" and white "black." While the nations rage and ethnic group rises against ethnic group, we know that it is Abba's desire that no one perish, but all come to everlasting life. During the storms of life we are to remain confident in His call, His purpose, and His faithfulness to perform His word.

Personally, we have been called upon to be flexible and be ready in season and out with a Word from Adonai. While we had planned to be in Israel right now- we're not! Both the June and September 2006 trips have been postponed until March 2007. At that time we will join Eitan Shishkoff and the conference he is organizing, which will be one of the highlights of the March

trip. Eitan's Tents of Mercy ministry will be meeting with believers from all over the world for a few days in Haifa and the surrounding Galilee- to learn first hand how the good news is going forth in Word and action...to see the fulfillment of prophesy. Rabbi Shishkoff will explain how Adonai is again gathering the outcasts of Israel, and the first fruits of Arab and Jewish reconciliation.

Yet, while we look forward to a great time in The Land in March (when the desert blossoms with wildflowers and the hills are so wondrously alive), the postponing of our next visit to Israel has been a disappointment to us and to some of you. The good thing is that extended time gives us opportunity to plan and anticipate. Our trust always is that, "The steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord."

We have had a most busy Passover season, bringing to the Body the roots of Communion and speaking about the need to support the work of evangelism in The Land. My summer/fall schedule is fairly clear, so friends if you know of any Churches or groups that would benefit from our message and insight, would you recommend us to them. Each of you has an *oikos*, (a sphere of influence and many contacts) that are unique- so if you would do what you can to make introductions, I'm certain that we all would be blessed, and the Kingdom advanced.

I would ask all of you to pray for my friend, and friend of the ministry, Ramzi. Ramzi is originally from Ramallah- currently a hotbed of Hamas activity and PLO/Hamas infighting. Ramzi currently lives with his wife and four children in Atlanta. Ramzi, as I have mentioned in other newsletters, is called to be an evangelist to the Arab people. There is no doubt about it. We've spoken together in churches and on college campuses and his love for his people exudes with every gesture, every sentence. Our talks always focus on the Biblical call of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel, and the Biblical call on the Arab people to be blessed.

Ramzi has started a restaurant outside of Atlanta. Diane and I (and Larry, a dear friend of this ministry and mine) went down to Atlanta to paint, clean and generally get the place ready for business. Ramzi and his family need our prayers for growth and prosperity. As you pray for *Favor Zion*, would you also pray for Ramzi- as he is a very real part of what we've done and I believe the direction Abba will be taking us in the future?

So, while there is a time for quiet, there is also a season for crying out. While there is a time to "be still and know that I am The Lord", there is also a time to forcibly advance The Kingdom. While there is a time to gather, there is a time to give generously. I am asking each of you to listen to His voice and the voice of another not to follow. I trust that your faithfulness in witnessing, sharing prayer and giving will grow in obedience and abundance, being led by His Ruach (The Holy Spirit).

Thank you for your continued prayers, and loving support.

In Yeshua's love and service,

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