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Shalom Haveirin- Blessings to you, my friend:

Diane and I are smiling and appreciative of the love and good will you've sent our way – as we rejoice in the birth of our first granddaughter. Dan, Pascha, and baby Keira have begun a wonderful relationship. It's a joy to see. Pascha's sisters who live close by, Amanda and Jenna, visit often. They are relishing being aunts- and help out by baby-sitting or just hanging out and being an encouragement. Diane and I visit at least once a week now before Diane starts school.

**Changes**

Our schedules change again after the Fall Feasts (Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Booths). We expect a visit from our daughter, Rachael and her husband Eric from Florida. Diane will return to The Schuler School of Fine Art this fall full-time. While she has painted and drawn all summer, school is rigorous in the disciplines of anatomy, sculpting and cast drawing as well. The Schuler School just celebrated its 100th year and the exhibit of Hans Schuler's sculpture was breathtaking!

Other changes include two trips to Atlanta where I will see Ramzi and his family. I am also praying about two international missions trips.

**International Trips**

The two International missions trip would include Mexico and Israel. Why Mexico? - Many of you know that years ago Diane and I (and our friend from Israel, Michael Murname, plus our daughter Pascha) went to Taluca, Mexico ostensibly to teach Israeli folk and worship dance and the Jewish roots of the faith. Yeshua had another goal, too and that was the establishing of a Messianic Congregation in Puebla, Mexico. While we taught, God was moving on the heart of a "secret" Jewish man.

In Mexico many Jews hid their Jewish roots- they were escaping the Spanish Inquisition (which was exported to Mexico and didn't officially end there until the early 1800's). SO, there are in Mexico, South America and the Southwestern United States large numbers of people with Jewish roots who know that they have Jewish roots, but don't know yet how to express their love for Jesus and reclaim their Jewish identity.

While we were in Mexico one of these men –Rolando, a graduate of Christ for the Nations, made a public confession of his family's roots in the physical family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He and his wife Circe have gone on to establish a Messianic Congregation – El Shaddai- and look to Diane and me as apostolic figures. It is time for us to reinvigorate that relationship.

Concerning Israel, it is my heart to raise generous financial and also great prayer support for the Believers in the Land. It's been too long since we've been there! I am in negotiations with

Nathan Jacobus, the president of the Messianic Jewish Movement International about some cooperative trips. (By the way MJMI is the ministry- under the late Manny Brotman- of blessed memory- that facilitated both Diane's and my coming to faith in Jesus)

### **Covenant and Cooperation**

I am also praying- pressing in to hear from Abba concerning the structure of **Favor Zion**. As you know **Favor Zion** is determined to be part of the prophetic fulfillment of Psalm 102 12-17 *“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.** For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord. And all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord shall build up Zion. He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute. And shall not despise their prayer.”* The task is supernaturally large, and the Hand of G-d is of course, accomplishing it. We have been chosen- you and me- to be Covenant Partners to purpose together to see this aspiration manifest.

Covenanting together allows us to function as The Body of Messiah- Yeshua is the Head and we work in sync to do all that we're directed. Being in ministry covenant removes competition. Some of us “go”, some “speak”, some “give”, all “pray without ceasing”, but we are all unified in our desire to see Jesus' kingdom come to this earth. We long to see the King return to Jerusalem, and to be joined in celebration together- men and women, Jews and Arabs, young and old. Such a vision and task requires covenanting people working in harmony.

### **Two other areas of prayer**

1. One is the inner city churches here in Baltimore: I may be of some "fathering" help here. There are such men and women of God with such vision for their neighborhoods, but lacking in some basic resources and fundamental training. We live here and we may be hearing a call to help. Not only will this bring justice to the city, but it will also unleash significant prayer power for Israel.

2. The second is the healing power of the Lord. Part of the “Days of Elijah” is righteousness being restored. I have seen our friend, Nancy McGuirk, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for Aglow International, usher in right order for men and women and also for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing with righteousness, in the Body of Messiah. When people are whole and in covenant, praying for the Peace of Jerusalem is a natural part of their expectations in prayer and their walk with Yeshua.

### **You are a Blessing!**

All that we do is possible because of your prayers and financial backing. You are sharing with us what you have, so that we can work where we are called. The rewards from our labors are credited equally to your account! These upcoming changes will require more prayer and more financial backing. More power from God and a clear vision!

Thank you for reading this letter with spiritual eyes and responding in kingdom advancing ways!

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