

FAVOR ZION MINISTRIES
Now is the set time to Favor Zion. Psalms 102:13

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Shalom Haveirim
Blessings to you, my friends:

What a joy to write to you- from steamy hazy Lutherville! Just a brief personal update: Diane has just finished summer school, and will graduate mid-2009 from the Schuler School of Fine Art. She may decide to enroll in the one-year post-graduate program.

Next week we begin our vacation- first with Diane's family at the beach. We all felt that being together would be healing and just nice. Diane's mother's death has brought us closer together, and we want to foster these family ties. Pascha, Dan & one-year-old Keira, as well as Amanda and Jenna will be joining with their cousins to make for a merry crew.

The following week we will be in Colorado with Dan's parents. We will also visit with my cousin Tyler. Many of you remember that Tyler had asked me to perform the unveiling funeral for his mom and dad, both Orthodox Jewish people. I had the opportunity to share Yeshua as Messiah with Tyler and his wife Maddy when I was at a Promise Keepers meeting a while back. We have maintained contact since then.

After our return, I'll be heading to Atlanta and a visit with our dear friend Ramzi, my godchild, and all of his beloved family. For us the summer will end with a few day trips and some quiet time.

Writing a Few Chapters

I've written a few chapters for a book, which Dan Juster and I hope to publish dealing with money. Shirley Pritchard is helping to edit or proofread, and I am surely making her work hard. I'm writing the chapters on Planned Giving- all from a scriptural perspective. Planned Giving means to make or set up gifts now to benefit a ministry in the future. The easiest way to designate a Planned Gift is through a Will. You can name Favor Zion Ministries in your Will, and that is a Planned Gift. The money doesn't become available to the ministry until after you die, and are promoted to glory. Many people can give much more at the end of their lives than they can during their lives.

Individuals can benefit from a Planned Gift called the Charitable Remainder Trust. These are special trusts, which pay you (and your spouse) a fixed percent, but usually an increasing amount of money for the rest of your lives. The Charitable Remainder Trust can also then pay others, like children, for twenty years. After that time passes, the ministry receives the money remaining. This is something you can set up now, which will bless the ministry in the future.

Another type of Planned Gift is a Charitable Lead Trust, where the Trust pays the ministry first for a set number of years- say 10 or 12, and then the remainder of the money goes to people you choose- usually children or grandchildren, with considerable tax advantages.

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If you have an interest, and you would like more information on these options, I'll be most happy to speak with you. These tools are not just for rich people, but rich people have wisely utilized them for years.

Pikesville-Orthodox Outreach Update

In the last newsletter I wrote to you of our plan to put into the hands of every Orthodox Jewish person in the Pikesville/Owings Mills zip code a copy of Asher Intrater's CD on Yom Kippur, and how Yeshua is the true Atonement. We are still planning for this massive undertaking with an estimated cost to be \$100,000.00. We are requesting persistent prayer and the ability to stockpile a "war chest" with contributions. This will enable us to prepare for a spiritual advance, right here in our neighborhood.

The CD is in English, and simultaneously translated into Hebrew. I'm editing it now to make it "an arrow in the hands of the Lord." My desire is for so much faith and prayer to accompany every disc that the compelling message goes right to the heart. We are praying for success.

Pray for the Ministry Team

Last month the ministry team of Favor Zion consisting of Martin Kaiser, Terry Land, Shirley Pritchard and I, got together. We set an agenda for excellence. One of the things we want to accomplish is to update our website and newsletter. Let us know on the response card enclosed if you have graphic and technological talents you are willing to share with Favor Zion Ministry.

One of the things I hope to do is be able to contact more of you personally. If you would want to pray or speak with me- just indicate that and your phone number on the enclosed response card.

Additionally, we are anticipating speaking to more churches and small groups. If your church would be open to having me speak (and Terry Land minister in music), or if you could gather a group in your home to hear the prophetic message of Israel and the Church in these last days, please note that also on the reply card with your phone number. Martin will contact you to make those arrangements.

Please pray for the entire ministry team and their families, because no sooner did we meet than there were multiple attacks on some of the team members. Please pray for us all including my friend, Ramzi and his family in Georgia! United prayer produces results. **Every Monday evening at 9:00 PM EST**, we are going to set aside five minutes for united prayer and invite your prayer support at that time each week.

Thank you for your love and faithfulness. I know that when you give from your treasure, your heart is with us, too!

Blessings to you, my friends-in Yeshua's love,

Rabbi Ted Simon

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