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Dear Phil, Pastor Allen, and family in Messiah,

Summer greetings in Jesus our Savior! It's hard to believe that we are halfway through 2022. There has been so much tragedy in the news that it can be depressing. But thankfully, we worship a God who loves and cares for this world and nothing escapes His notice. His desire for a relationship with each of us is what motivates me to serve Him. And I'm grateful for your partnership with us as we serve with Jews for Jesus.

Recently, a Jewish man, "Alan," contacted us at our website, looking for help. He had just come to faith in Jesus a few days earlier. I contacted him and we had a great conversation. He said that he had been considering Jesus for a long time and was friends with a pastor that suggested he contact us. Alan and I began to study the gospel of John and he visited a couple of churches he considered attending. He told me the worship and teaching were good in each case, but he "felt like a traitor by following Jesus" and that he decided to "go back to Judaism." Of course, I was disappointed and was able to track down the pastor he was friends with. We spoke at length about Alan, and he told me he would continue to see him and do all he could to help. Alan is open to staying in touch with me but currently, I'm not able to disciple him. Please pray for the Lord to draw Alan back to Himself and for Pastor Jim as he ministers to him. Thanks!

Also, I continue to attend an online Torah class from a local synagogue. All those that attend know I'm a Messianic Jew and despite that, they welcome me to attend. A discussion arose last week about how God created the world by His word. I was able to share how the New Testament mentions this too and that God's Word was made known to us in Jesus. The concept of what "Anointed" means also came up and how it came to mean a particular person, the Messiah, around the time of the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. This gave me another opportunity to share a couple of passages from Daniel 9 as well as Ezekiel 36:24-27. I know that God's word doesn't return void and my hope is that seeds are being planted. Please pray!

Our family is doing well. Our daughter, Rose, is on a vision trip right now in Nepal as she has a heart for the Nepali people and is considering full time ministry either there or in India. Our son, Saul, is a security officer at a mall and recently, while trying to help someone planning to commit suicide, the person took their life. He is devastated as you can imagine. And our youngest son, Josh, has been looking for a job for a few months but hasn't been successful yet. Would you pray for them that they draw closer to the Lord during this time? Thanks!

Sandy and I are grateful for your prayers and support and wish you a fruitful season of ministry.

In Jesus,


Rob Wertheim,
Senior Missionary, Jews for Jesus

*Not their real name

