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"A Very Present Help"

**"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And
though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."**

- Psalm 46:1-2

History has a way of circling back around.

June 1967 is a reminder of that. Knowing we were about to be attacked by our Arab neighbors, we launched a preemptive strike and, by God's mercy, saved our country. In 1973, we were not so wise and nearly lost it. Now, in 2026, we find ourselves facing a similar dilemma. Next week is Purim, the holiday that we read the story of Esther when evil Haman was planning to wipe out the Jews in Iran. I am not concerned about the survival of Israel and the Jewish people because I know that God fights for us, nevertheless, we appreciate your prayers for "such a time as this"

In the midst of all this, the Shepherd's Light Ministries are standing strong.



Calvary Tel Aviv taking soup and sandwiches to the homeless

Pastor John down in Tel Aviv is finishing up teaching through the Gospel of John,

and I have been teaching almost every other week for quite some time through 1 Samuel. In addition, I have been teaching a discipleship class after the service, which is going well.

We currently have nine people in the class, and everyone seems to be growing and maturing spiritually as they memorize Scripture, learn how to do Bible studies, learn to have a quiet time, and learn how to be disciples who can share with others what it means to follow the Messiah Yeshua. Just as Yeshua sent out the disciples two by two, it is a blessing and a help for John and me to be ministering together.

The soup kitchen and street outreaches continue as usual. We are grateful for the volunteers who come and serve alongside members of CCTV, like Patrick, who is here now and has been a real blessing. We are also still working on getting the new facility next door up and running, and we pray that it will become a place of great hope and healing for drug addicts, prostitutes, and those living on the streets.

Our Ministries



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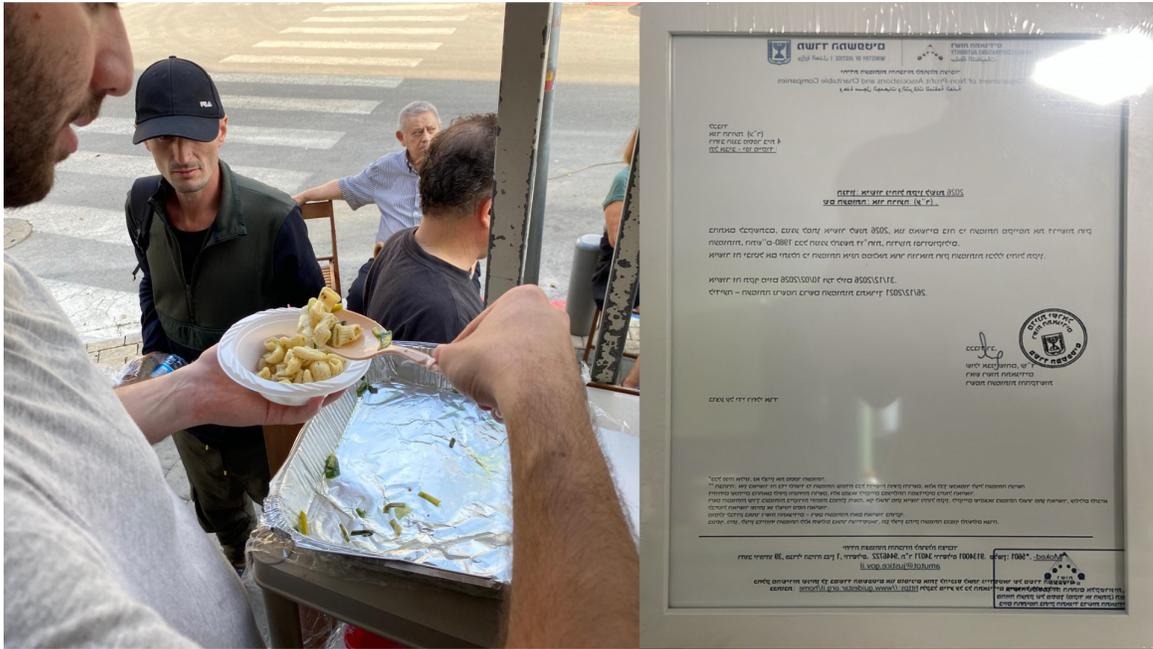
“...for a wide door for effective work has opened to me....”

- 1 Corinthians 16:9

We are also very grateful to share an answered prayer. After months of prayer, Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv has been awarded its Certificate of Proper Management from the Israeli Ministry of Non-Profits. This is a major blessing and an important step forward, as it allows us to officially begin using the new soup kitchen building for ministry service. Lord willing, we expect to begin serving there as early as next week. We praise God for His faithfulness and thank all of you who have been praying with us for this.

Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv is in the midst of a difficult neighborhood, so please

continue to pray for wisdom and open doors for John and the others who are doing the hard, daily ministry there.



Calvary Tel Aviv's Certificate of Proper Management

Up at Calvary Fellowship Haifa, or the House of Hope as it is locally known, things are going well too. I have been teaching through Genesis every other week, and Joshua has been helping by teaching through James. We have also begun implementing a new form of Bible study on occasion called DBS (Discover Bible Study). It is a very simple way of discussing the Bible with a small group and is especially welcoming to unbelievers.

After attending a seminar last month to learn how to facilitate it, we have been experimenting with it both here and in the new home fellowship in Nahariyah, which we launched last month, and it has been very well received.

I am grateful that I had some work this month in my “tent-making” through guiding, and I have another trip coming up next month, Lord willing—as long as war does not break out, which at this point is anyone’s guess as to if or when it will.



Brother's standing together in the Messiah

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We are deeply thankful for all the support that has come in. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial giving make it possible for us to continue sharing the Good News and making disciples here in the Land of Israel. Thank you for standing with us in the work the Lord is doing.

“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

-Ephesians 4:16



Praise & Prayer

Praise

We thank the Lord for the unity, courage, and servant-hearted response of believers who continue to minister to others despite the added stress and instability caused by the conflict with Iran.

Praise the Lord, Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv received its Certificate of Proper Management after months of prayer. This now allows us to officially begin using the new soup kitchen building, Lord willing, as early as next week.

We thank God for the discipleship class and the steady spiritual growth in the group. It has been a blessing to see people maturing in Scripture and in following Yeshua.

We are grateful that the ministry in Haifa and the new home fellowship in Nahariyah are doing well. The DBS format has also been very well received.

Prayer

For the Lord's mercy and protection over Israel and the surrounding region in light of the new war with Iran, and that further escalation would be restrained.

For wisdom for our leaders both here and in the States, as they face difficult decisions that could impact millions of lives.

For protection for the soldiers, comfort for the families who have lost loved ones in the war, and healing for the many suffering physical, mental, and emotional trauma from the war.

For peace in the hearts of believers and opportunities for the church to be a light during this time, serving the fearful, comforting the grieving, and pointing many to the hope found in Messiah.

For the spiritual growth of Calvary Tel Aviv, Haifa, and the new home group in Nahariya.

For myself, Pastor John, and Dmitry that we would be able to balance life, work, and ministry, and remain strong in the Lord as we shepherd the flock of God

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God has called us to share His love with the people of Israel. We offer the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all we serve.

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In His unfailing care,
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...and the Shepherd's Light team

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