



the Shepherd's Light

NEWSLETTER

Sharing God's love. Caring for Israel's poor



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The Lord of the Harvest

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

- John 4:35

As August comes to a close, Israel and the surrounding region remain in a season of deep uncertainty. The continuing conflict involving Iran, renewed tensions throughout the Middle East, and ongoing violence in Gaza have left many people watching closely and wondering what may come next. At the same time, Israel is preparing for national elections on October 27. The first national election since the attacks of October 7, 2023.

These events remind us how quickly circumstances can change and how greatly Israel needs our prayers. Please continue to pray for the Lord to guide those in authority, protect soldiers and civilians, comfort those who are grieving, and draw

people to the peace that can only be found in Yeshua.

Yet even in the midst of instability, the work of the gospel continues. People still need to be served. Believers still need to be strengthened. The Word of God still needs to be taught. The harvest remains plentiful, and we are grateful for every opportunity the Lord provides to plant, water, and gather.



Shabbat service at Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv.

Throughout July and August, Pastor Yossi traveled through Spain and the United States, teaching a message entitled “The Harvest” and encouraging believers to remain faithful in planting and watering seeds of the gospel during these difficult days.

His travels began with a visit to Calvary Chapel Barcelona, where he spent time with his longtime friend Pastor Will and shared during the Sunday service. Pastor Will continues to face declining health because of Parkinson’s disease, but it was encouraging to see the love and support surrounding him from the church in Barcelona. Please continue to pray for Pastor Will, his health, and the congregation faithfully standing beside him.

Yossi then traveled across the United States, teaching and reconnecting with churches and friends in Pennsylvania, Washington, Oregon, California, and Massachusetts. These visits included Calvary Chapel Central Bucks, Beit Tikvah Congregation, Calvary Chapel Southeast Portland, Calvary Chapel Estacada, Calvary Chapel Old Towne, and Great Rock Church. We are grateful for each congregation that welcomed him and for every opportunity he received to share about the work in Israel and encourage the body of Christ to remain active in the harvest.

While on the East Coast, Yossi has also been helping his parents through a difficult season. His father continues to require dialysis and additional care, while his mother needs more help throughout the day. Please pray that the Lord would provide trustworthy caregivers who can serve during the specific hours they need and give the entire family wisdom, strength, and peace.

Our Ministries



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" And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

- Galatians 6:9

The soup kitchen and outreach center in Tel Aviv continues to welcome people from the surrounding community each Monday. The team serves meals, listens to people's stories, prays with them, and shares the hope found in Yeshua. This ministry is about more than meeting a physical need. It is an opportunity to treat each person with dignity, build relationships, and point people toward the One who offers lasting hope.

Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv also continues to gather for Shabbat services throughout the summer. It is a privilege to worship Yeshua, study His Word, and enjoy

fellowship together in the heart of Israel. Please pray for Pastor John, who has had limited help during the summer, and ask the Lord to strengthen him and raise up faithful people to serve alongside him.



Calvary Tel Aviv's Monday outreach

Calvary Fellowship Haifa has taken a break during the summer as many people have been traveling and others have moved away from the area.

In the north, the recent Discover Bible Study workshop went well and provided practical training for reaching people through simple, Scripture-centered discipleship. Please pray that the training will produce lasting fruit and lead to new opportunities for people to study the Bible together.

Pastor Dmitry and his family continue serving through the home fellowship in Nahariya. They are also facing an urgent personal need after their car suffered a major engine failure. Please pray for wisdom concerning the right solution and for the Lord's provision. Pray also that this unexpected burden would not hinder their family or ministry.



Servants at Calvary Tel Aviv preparing food for the Soup Kitchen

As part of our continued effort to steward resources carefully and make giving more accessible, Shepherd's Light is transitioning its online giving from PayPal to [**Subsplash**](#).

For a brief transition period, both PayPal and [**Subsplash**](#) will remain available. Moving forward, Subsplash will become our primary giving platform. Our goal is to simplify the giving process, provide a more consistent experience, and ensure that as much of each gift as possible goes directly toward the work of the ministry.

We are deeply grateful for everyone who supports Shepherd's Light. Your faithful prayers make it possible to strengthen local fellowships, serve people in need, equip believers, and share the hope of Yeshua throughout Israel.

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

-Matthew 9:37-38

Praise & Prayer

Praise

Each Monday, meals are being served, prayers are being offered, and gospel conversations are taking place at the Tel Aviv soup kitchen.

We are grateful for the continued Shabbat services and fellowship at Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv.

The successful Discover Bible Study workshop in the north has opened the door for new discipleship opportunities.

Pastor Yossi was warmly welcomed by churches throughout his travels and given many opportunities to teach and share about the work in Israel.

Prayer

Please continue asking the Lord for protection and peace throughout Israel as tensions involving Iran, Gaza, and Lebanon continue.

As the October 27 election approaches, may God grant Israel's leaders wisdom and accomplish His purposes through its outcome.

Lift up Pastor John, asking the Lord to strengthen him and provide faithful help for the congregation and outreach in Tel Aviv.

Remember Pastor Dmitry's family and the home fellowship in Nahariya, especially their urgent need for reliable transportation.

Above all, join us in praying for the peace of Jerusalem and for many throughout Israel to find hope and salvation in Yeshua.

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