

Road to Zion Update

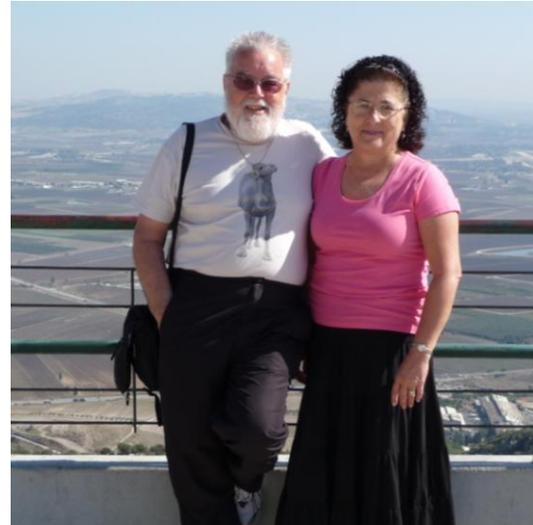
April 15, 2010

Next Trip October 24-November 4, 2010

*For the L-rd has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place;
This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
Psalm 132:13-16*

On The Wings of Eagles

In 1984, as thousands of Ethiopian Jews were gathering near the capital of Ethiopia to be whisked away to Israel, Israeli officials worried about how they were going to get these people who came from primitive villages and had never seen an airplane, to get on board a plane without mass hysteria breaking out. All the seats of the planes had been removed so a



maximum number of people could be packed on board for their flight to safety and to their homeland, Israel. As the planes took off the Israelis were shocked to see the people sitting quietly and peacefully. In mid-flight an official asked one of the leaders why the people were not terrified of the new experience of flying on an airplane. The Ethiopian explained that when they saw the huge silver "birds" sitting, waiting for them to get inside they knew scripture was being fulfilled. He quoted Exodus 19: 3-4

"And the L-rd called to him from the mountain saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people;"

The people felt G-d was indeed carrying them on eagles' wings to Himself and to Israel. Through past years of persecution and hardships they talked and dreamed of "going home" to Israel. Through the years they remained loyal to their Jewish roots and taught their children the Torah. Now more than 120,000 Ethiopian Jews reside in Israel. Because

From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, The daughter of My dispersed ones, Shall bring My offering Zephaniah 3:10

of the acute differences in culture, families have endured culture shock and financial hardships. Families have been torn apart from the stress and even some have committed suicide.

In May 2010 we will be taking 13 people to Israel to bless Ethiopian families living in Jerusalem. These families consist of single mothers and their children. They live on meager budgets and are very excited that we are coming to paint and repair their apartments. We have read about and witnessed some of the hardships these new immigrants have suffered and have prayed for direction in how to help. So, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work through an Israeli ministry called Project Sheba, that is headed by a dear friend of ours, Jennifer Kaplan. This ministry is devoted specifically to helping Ethiopian immigrants. You can find out more about Project Sheba at www.sheba.org.il. Please pray for us as we meet these women and their children and work in their homes. Doing the physical work is often times hot and tiring but we do it with joy unto the L-rd. As we work in their homes our prayer is that G-d will give us the ability to see them as He sees them and in the short time we are there to touch them with the love of the Messiah.

We have one other work project planned for May 2010 trip. We will be painting the

apartment of a disabled lady who is a Jewish believer and who also lives in Jerusalem.

The work teams will arrive in Jerusalem May 30th and we will begin work on May 31st. Please pray for health and strength for the group, for a loving team spirit as we work together and for a life changing experience for everyone involved.

We would like to thank each person that prays for and contributes to Road to Zion Ministries. We need your help to make these work projects with the Ethiopian Jews a success. If you would like to donate to the needs of these families or to building supplies and paint supplies, please send your donation to the address listed below.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR WORK TEAM

**Charles and Betty
David and Jean
Ed, Sheri and Ruth
Ernie and Walda
James and Helen
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You may have noticed the "o" missing from the name of G-d in this newsletter. To honor His holy name, Jewish people refrain from adding the "o" when writing the name of G-d. We have chosen to respect their tradition by doing the same.

UPCOMING TRIP TO ISRAEL

October 24th-November 4, 2010

If you would like to experience 12 fantastic days seeing the land G-d calls "His resting place forever"...

If you would like to touch the lives of Israeli families in need by painting and doing simple repairs...

Contact us for an application