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Dear Canadian Partner in Ministry,

Shalom! In this last update of 2019, I want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support throughout the year.

2019 - An Historic Year

It has been an historic year for us in many respects. We celebrated the Mission's 125th anniversary, remembering our founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn, and our humble beginnings in the Brownsville district of Brooklyn, New York. God has truly poured out His grace over our ministry through the years, blessing us with great men and women of God, multiplied ministries around the world and, most importantly, Jewish people coming to Jesus the Messiah by the thousands!

The Lord enabled us to complete the second floor of the **Toronto Messianic Centre** in June – a dream we've had for the last nine years. The new expansion is allowing us to begin new ministries we were not able to provide before, such as Hebrew and ESL classes, day-time Bible studies, as well as Jewish evangelism training events and much more. *Pray with us that God will provide the right leader for the Centre as we begin the new year*.

Shalom Toronto – our annual Jewish evangelism training event – was held in the Toronto Messianic Centre, using our new facilities and audiovisual equipment. More than 20 volunteers gathered for the training sessions, then went out into the City to share their faith with Jewish and Gentile

individuals. Many of those contacted learned of their Jewish Messiah for the first time. Some of the volunteers followed up with contacts we had made through our Isaiah 53 Facebook campaign. The congregations in Toronto and Hamilton are reaping the benefits of these encounters with new visitors attending almost weekly! *Pray that these seekers will personally find Messiah Jesus!*

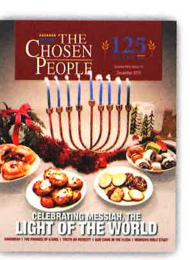
For the first time in our Canadian Mission's history, we hosted the **Chosen People Global Ministry leaders** from around the world in August. It was great to meet and fellowship with brothers and sisters who represented 18 different countries and to hear about God's mighty works among His chosen people. We encouraged and prayed for one another as we face similar challenges in Jewish ministry here. Please remember our Partners from around the world in your prayers.

Kehillat Eytz Chaim (Tree of Life Congregation) celebrated **Sukkot (Tabernacles)** at our Messianic Centre for the first time also. With decorations, music, food and a special closing service, members and friends of the congregation had an unforgettable evening in our facilities. Congregational use of the Centre has been part of our vision for the facility. And, perhaps, we will even see the birth of another congregation as well!

Challenges Across Canada

In the midst of all the good things taking place in our ministry, we are also facing some challenges relating to

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Thank you for blessing God's chosen people! Please remember Chosen People Ministries In your will. Israel and the Jewish people that are of deep concern to us.

Recently, the Canadian Government voted in favour of a U.N. resolution calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state and calling on Israel to "end the occupation" of her historic territories (theglobeandmail.com/ politics/article-israel-protests-canada-for-voting-at-un-supportingpalestinian-state/). It is evident that, although Canada considers Israel an ally, the Canadian support Israel has enjoyed for some time has diminished considerably. We are in favour of the right of the Palestinian people to their own state. However, we are not in favour of Israel giving up her own historic rights to the land, as confirmed by God's Word in numerous passages (Genesis 15:18-21, Ezekiel 37:21, Amos 9:14-15, Genesis 17:7-8, Jeremiah 30:3, Ezekiel 20:42, Joshua 1:3, Zechariah 1:17, Joel 4:20, and many others). Please make our Government's position on this issue a matter of concerted prayer.

The growth of antisemitism in Canada is also profoundly disturbing. On November 20, a pro-Israel event at Toronto's York University was violently interrupted by a pro-Palestinian group (torontosun.com/news/local-news/antiisrael-protest-at-york-university-turns-violent). It seems as if everyone has the right to free speech unless it relates to the support of Israel, the Jewish people, or even Christian viewpoints!

In another example, our Media Department has been trying to post an ad for our Oppose Antisemitism campaign on Facebook for several weeks; we've been met with rejection every time. We know that our enemy, the devil, is behind all opposition to the Jewish people but, as believers in Jesus, we must be on guard and ready to defend our faith, our values and our Biblically-based causes. Join us with your prayers and financial support as we raise our voice in the media in favour of Israel, the Jewish people and as we stand against the evil of antisemitism!

Chag Sameach! Happy Holidays!

As we prepare to celebrate both Hanukkah (the Feast of Dedication/Lights) and Christmas (the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world), may you rejoice in the message of hope we have in Him and may we all be bold and loving enough to share it with those around us, Jew and Gentile alike!



From everyone at Chosen People Ministries (Canada), Chag Sameach Hanukkah and Christmas! Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas! May 2020 be the best year you've ever

In Jesus, our Messiah and King,



Jorge (and Marta) Sedaca **Executive Director**

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