



CANADIAN NEWS

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Dear Canadian Jewish Missions Partner,

Shalom in Jesus the Messiah! With Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, and Christmas, the celebration of Messiah's birth, I wish you and your loved ones a true season of *shalom* or complete peace and wholeness in our *Sar Shalom*, the Prince of Peace, Jesus our Saviour!

As part of my Master of Music in Choral Conducting program many years ago, I led my graduate recital choir in a performance of Psalm 115 set to the music of the French composer Claude LeJeune. As I sought a Scripture verse to use in this letter, I was drawn to verse 9 of this psalm. May Israel trust in the Lord!

The War Continues

The war continues between Israel and Hamas. However, positive events occurred amid the chaos. At least 70 of the over 240 hostages taken on October 7 have been released and reunited with their loved ones. Praise the Lord!

Sadly, this news is bittersweet as other families awaiting the liberation of their relatives still suffer—and because many hostages have had to return to empty houses as some of their family members were killed during the terrible Hamas attack.

Israeli authorities have been very clear about their objectives for this war:

O, ISRAEL, TRUST IN THE LORD!

He is their help & their shield.

Psalm 115:9



1. The safe return of all hostages, and
2. The complete destruction of Hamas.

The task will not be considered complete until all hostages are safely returned to Israel. In what has been called a “deal with the devil,” both parties agreed to a temporary cease-fire in which hostages were returned in exchange for the release of Palestinian prisoners. The agreement stipulated that three Palestinian prisoners would be liberated for every Israeli hostage freed.

Of course, this arrangement seems unfair. As one journalist said when comparing the release of an Israeli girl in exchange for an adult female Palestinian prisoner, “the girl’s only crime was to be Jewish while the woman’s crimes included the killing of two Israelis in a previous terrorist attack.”

Israel will do whatever it takes to return her citizens to their families. We hope and pray that this will happen sooner rather than later. The risk that hostages will die increases with the length of the process. ***Please join us in our cry to the God of Israel for the safety and health of all remaining hostages!***

Israel’s rapid response to the October 7 attack showed she has enough military

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capability to defend herself. IDF troops will attack and destroy the terrorist organization Hamas by land, sea, and air. The Iron Dome antimissile system has effectively intercepted and neutralized most of the rockets that Hamas has launched on Israeli territory. What's more, Israel has one of the best intelligence networks worldwide. And the USA, Canada and other nations are supporting her by supplying the resources she needs to win this war.

The Real Victory

However, all this still does not suffice. To realize victory beyond this war and to move into the future that the Lord of Hosts has in store for her, **ISRAEL MUST TRUST IN HIM!** As it is written in Psalm 115:9, "*He is their help and their shield.*" As much as we desire that Israel wins this battle, first and foremost, we want the people of Israel to turn their hearts to the Lord, walk in His ways and acknowledge Yeshua—Jesus—as their Messiah!

We have heard encouraging news about IDF soldiers who have

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surrendered their lives to Yeshua. Some of them have even been baptized in the Jordan River! Many civilians are seeking hope and spiritual answers in the present situation and have been reaching out to our representatives for counselling, prayer and guidance. Entire families have entrusted their lives to Jesus and have chosen to walk with Him daily! Praise the Lord!

This month, as you and your family gather to celebrate Hanukkah or the miracle of the incarnation of Jesus, please don't forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, all of

Israel, and the Middle East as a whole. As the opportunity arises, please share the hope, love, forgiveness and eternal life available to both Jews and Gentiles who trust in the atoning death of Jesus on the cross.

As you exchange gifts with those near and dear to you, to the extent that you're able, would you consider sending a gift to Chosen People Ministries this season?

You can bless us in many ways, such as supporting our Missionaries in Canada and Israel as they share Yeshua with the Jewish community, helping us remodel the Tel Aviv/Ramat Gan Messianic Centre in Israel, funding the future Director of the Toronto Messianic Centre, providing relief to Ukrainian and Israeli Jews in wartime, or simply sending a gift to be used where it is needed most.

Your gift of any amount will bless someone in Yeshua's name!

Thank you for your prayers and the financial support of YOUR Mission to the Jews!

From all our Canadian Staff:

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2024!

Until all Israel is saved,



Jorge Sedaca
Executive Director



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