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Israel

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July was a month full of many tensions in Israel, however, despite the unrest, God was moving and opening doors. We are thankful for the Lord's hand of protection on us during this time.

We are so very grateful for our UPCI Representatives in Israel, Dennis and Stephanie Moore who allowed us to not only minister in the local congregations, but also allow us to have time to reconnect with contacts we have there. We had the privilege to minister in the UPCI congregations in Tel Aviv, Ra'anana and Jerusalem. We were able to do some teaching on our Spiritual Roots in Judaism. In speaking with friends and family something that stood out is that the people in Israel are hungry for the Messiah. One of my friends told me, that they don't desire the rebuilding of the temple as much as seeing Messiah. We have the great advantage in that we believe in the Oneness of God and when given the right opportunity can share who that Messiah has already come.



Friend of over 17 years

Before going to Israel, the Lord spoke 3 different times through different people in the United States ***"I have much people in that country"***. We saw that word confirmed during our time and truly the harvest is ready. We believe we are called to be witnesses to all people no matter their nationality or religious background, but have a burden to specifically reach the Jewish people with the revelation of the Name of Jesus.



Former neighbor & friend since 2003

The Lord allowed us to connect with a lady named Jennifer who is Jewish, but believes Jesus is the Messiah. We were able to share with her Jorge's testimony and she was greatly moved and has been willing to put us touch with more of her contacts.



In late July an young man from one of our churches in the United States was visiting Jerusalem and brought one of his Jewish friends to service. She was very hungry and had many questions for us. We connected with her afterwards and continue to be in contact with her. Our prayer is that her eyes will be opened to the revelation of the Name of Jesus.

We were also able to connect with workers at the Israeli Bible Society. They helped us in purchasing Bibles in Hebrew and connected us with other people. We are so thankful for all of the doors God has opened for us.

Our last week we went into a store to purchase a few items to bring back to the USA. As we were leaving, the shopkeeper looked at me and said *"You are a Pastor, right?"*. I responded, *"Yes, sir"*. We then asked how he knew and he told us that as a salesman he is trained to read people and he could see that we have good hearts. As we were ready to leave he told us, *"we need more men like you here in Israel"*.

We are so thankful that the Lord has allowed us to reconnect with old friends and family and meet and develop new friendships. We know that this is just the beginning of great things the Lord is going to do. Right now we must be in the United States as Jorge finishes his Naturalization process to become a United States citizen. We know the work the Lord has for us to do in Israel is not done and look forward to returning soon.

Please continue to pray that we can maintain these contacts we have made and that the doors continue to open. We are thankful for the prayers of many who continue to pray for the nation of Israel. We are in the best days to preach the gospel to everyone.

