

The Jerusalem Road
August 1, 2004

Shalom, ya'll! Greetings from sunny San Antonio, Texas! ☺

I want to tell you how blessed I have been to share worship and prayers with so many wonderful believers since returning to the States from Israel! God is so good!!

My first blessing came through Walter who was gracious in meeting my plane in New Jersey and providing transportation to my sister's house in Ephrata, PA. (You were easy to spot in the airport with that blue umbrella! :) Thank you so much, Walter! Since you were driving, it may have not been quick, but for me the hours flew by with your wonderful testimony and encouraging words!

After a few days of visiting with family, catching up on email and getting organized (which suitcase was that in?); my next stop was Landis Homes in Lititz to tell of my ministry to the Holocaust Survivors. A large contingent of the retirees here are former missionaries, certainly most august company. I am so in awe of the prayer warriors of the Zion Intercessors Prayer Group in this community! Before sharing with those in the chapel, and to almost 700 residents via in-house TV, I was privileged to meet and pray with some of these Saints. Betty, 89 years young, and Alma, a sweet, sweet lady, were my companions for dinner, testimony and prayer. Such Holy Ghost power and love for the Lord! I enjoyed every minute of visitation and sharing.

Then I moved on to stay with my daughter, Jennifer, and her family in York. During that week I was blessed to spend time with three of my children and my grandchildren. Another day I was able to meet Mel Weaver, pastor of Grace Chapel near Elizabethtown. What a wonderful ministry they have, open to the Lord's leading! Thank you, Mel, for that time of refreshing with you, your family and staff.

One Shabbat I shared worship with the Messianic congregation at Beit HaShem in Harrisburg. This group is growing in the Lord, preparing to expand. Their leader, Yaacov, has a moving testimony of healing, evidence of the power of our God in the world today. Our Lord is still in the business of miracles!

I was also privileged to speak to Lloyd of Messianic Hebrew Christian Fellowship and Mitch Triestman, author, professor and missionary extraordinaire! Hearing their views on missions in Israel and in the States was informative and I welcomed the opportunity to learn from those with experience and knowledge. God always supplies our needs, abstract as well as material.

In a short while it was time to move on – San Antonio the next stop. But God had another blessing in store for me. On the first leg of my trip here the last two people on the plane were my seatmates, punctuating their arrival with an offer to share their homemade cookies with me! Gwen and Lindsay, college students preparing for life service to the Lord, were on their way to spend three days in Kansas at the House of Prayer. They were both saved, spirit-filled and excited about what God is doing all over the world. In fact, that is where they have been, doing separate mission trips from Holland to Africa. It was so awesome to spend time with these young ladies sharing God's desire to reach out to the lost. Before parting we linked arms and prayed for one another, out loud, right there in the airport. ☺ Please pray for them. I believe God has big plans for those who are bold and willing to step out for Him.

I am currently writing this newsletter from the beautiful home of a gracious lady, Livy, in the San Antonio area. She has blessed me by providing a place to stay while I am here. In the next three weeks I have many more friends to see, a storage bin to sort, things to ship to Israel and speaking engagements to fulfill.

The dates I will be sharing in San Antonio, Texas about the Holocaust survivors are:

- Friday, August 6th at 7pm at John and Tina Rangel's cell group, 17111 Blanco Trail, SA
- Thursday, August 12th at 7pm at Tim and Renata McWright's cell group for a potluck
- Congregation Baruch HaShem, 8308 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78229 (date to be announced)

I will be available through August 18th, leaving San Antonio☺ the following day. I will be heading to Tallahassee, FL, to visit my daughter and son-in-law☺.

While there I will be speaking at:

- Lake Bradford Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 25th at 7pm. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello to Pastor Gary and Gayle Dansby!

I will be back in Pennsylvania on August 26th, expected return to Israel October 8th. My current speaking schedule in Pennsylvania is:

- Sunday, August 29th, Faith Bible Fellowship, morning service at 10 am
- Sunday, August 29th, House of Prayer, Davidsburg Rd, Dover, PA at 6pm
- Sunday, September 5th, Hershey Evangelical Free Church, Berean AEF class at 9am, meeting in Room 10
- Wednesday, September 8th, Grace Chapel, Elizabethtown, 7 pm
- Friday, September 10th, Grace Chapel, Women's Group, 6:30pm

Closer to the end of August I will give you an update and directions on this itinerary.

If you are in these areas and would like me to come share about my ministry to the Holocaust survivors and happenings in Israel, you can call me on my cell phone at 717-542-5650 to set up a time. There is no charge for me to come – just willing hearts and ears to hear. ☺ A love offering is appreciated, as this is a faith ministry.

I mentioned above how God is still in the business of miracles. Know how I know? He is doing them for me right here in the USA. What do you think...?

1. When I picked up my car I found two of the tires needed replaced due to the heat. I drove the car for several days praying about the funds to do so. Finally, I decided to get the cheapest used tires I could – but the decision didn't give me peace. Monday morning I discussed my plans for the day to a precious saint, and she announced she wanted to pay for the tires. Not only that, but she called the tire store and told them it was for someone in ministry, and they gave her a discount!! Is God good or what?! I praise the Lord for the generous love shown by this saint. That is not all; one tire was found to be separated! God kept me safe while I drove 300 miles on that tire with no incident!

2. If anyone has ever used a pre-paid cell phone, you know the cost of talking on it. Conversations need to be fairly short, to the point (or in code!) to use the minutes wisely. Great for contact – not so good for gabbing with friends.☺ I told the Lord I was going to need more minutes on this phone for setting up speaking engagements. Then I had to apologize to Him and ask politely, not demand. The next morning at church (this is good!) a godly woman walks up to me (here it comes!) and says, "Here is \$20 to buy a card for your phone so you have more minutes." (Who told her?) ☺ Isn't God good?!

3. After my flight from Israel, I was having a problem with my back. Before leaving for San Antonio, an awesome friend of mine, Rena, prayed for healing for me. Movement in my back improved greatly in 24 hours, pain reduced but still there. Two days ago, another wonderful friend, Charlotte, prayed for my healing. Within 24 hours my back was vastly improved. God is so good, providing people to bring His healing power for our needs.

4. So far this trip I have been given the opportunity to:

- Speak to a man who has not been to church in a long time and invite him to join us at Cornerstone Church.
- Give the Gospel to a woman I have known, been praying for and, before this, had no interest in hearing.
- Pray for healing for two people

- Meet, relax, laugh and pray with my friends here at Cornerstone Church (I missed you!), the San Antonio Christian Writers Group (I missed you, too!!) and various people I am privileged to have met over the past three years. I have also already been blessed in making new friends.

Many thanks to those friends who have been generous, kind, patient, and prayerful. I want you to know I could not do what I am doing without each one of you. You know who you are, you know what help you have been, and you know the encouragement you have given me. Most importantly, the Lord knows as well. I pray He blesses you tremendously for your godly love.

I want to give a special thanks and blessing to Cindy Dillingham. She is such a woman of God. Her example of generosity, love, compassion, patience, willingness to help and strong faith keeps me in remembrance of the scriptures telling us to look to Jesus as our example. Cindy personifies this command. She has worked tirelessly taking care of my finances, my belongings, straightening out problems and arranging for every need. She is my sister in the Lord, my helper in this ministry, my counselor and financial wizard – she is my friend. Thank you, Cindy. You are God's blessing to me.

One thing I want to share with you is the privilege I had of a dinner invitation with a Bedouin family a few days before leaving Israel. We drove out to the Bedouin town of Aroway. Upon arriving we entered their home and were immediately ushered into the main room. We all sat on the colorful rugs and cushions around the perimeter.

First we were served sweet hot tea while the children took turns going in and out, curious about the visitors. Following the tea, a low round table was rolled in and set in front of us. On it we were served huge platters of rice surrounding a whole roasted chicken on each one. Each of us was also given a deep bowl of cream soup made from yogurt.

When guests are expected, the children and family all eat before so they can give all their attention to the ones visiting. We were the only ones eating while they waited on us and visited. When the sumptuous meal was cleared, a large bowl overflowing with fresh fruit was brought. We did what we could with that, but we were all rather full.

Finally, very small cups of bitter coffee were served to each person. Not being a coffee drinker ☺ I drank what I could of this strong brew.

There are reasons behind the meal that was served to us as the Bedouin people are very hospitable.

- The sweet tea served at the beginning represents the sweet time they are expecting with the guests in their home.

- The bountiful meal represents their commitment and promise to provide and protect you for the length of your stay be it one evening, one month, one year.
- The bitter coffee tells of the bitterness and sadness of your having to leave their home.

God also has a home for us. (John 14:23) It is one that promises of a sweet time of fellowship, bountiful provision and an open-ended invitation to stay with Him. But there are no bitter tears to be shed for a time of leaving, for our time with Jesus is for eternity. (II Cor. 5:1) All we have to do is accept the free gift of His love. He died for us, He suffered all our pain already, and He defeated death for us. He did that for you. He did that for me. He did that for all the Holocaust survivors and the Bedouin people I visit in Israel. They need to know who Y'shua is and how great a love He has for them.

Thank you to each person supporting this ministry. Thank you for your love in allowing me to represent you in Israel and your prayers for safety and encouragement to continue. Thank you for hearing God's command to "make disciples in every nation." Let's fulfill this together.

Serving Him –

Susan Heagy

Please visit my web page at www.angelfire.com/journal2/holyland/index.html to learn about what is happening in Israel with the Holocaust survivors as well as the current persecution.

- **All donations** should now be made out to the **Messianic Hebrew Christian Fellowship, Inc. (MHCF) and designated for "Susan Heagy/Israel"** They can be sent to:

MHCF, Inc, 2792 N. Cherry Lane, Ronks, PA 17572 or
Cindy Dillingham, P.O. Box 65228, San Antonio, TX 78265

Donations are tax deductible, receipts available upon request.

- For donations to directly help the Holocaust survivors, designate it "Holocaust survivors" and include any special instructions you may have for its use. 100% of these funds go to help them.