

The Jerusalem Road
September 1, 2004

Shalom friends!

The last you heard from me I was in sunny San Antonio, TX. Since then I traveled to Tallahassee, FL, visited with my daughter and son-in-law and spent time with a wonderful congregation of people at Lake Bradford Baptist Church! What a blessed time of sharing! ☺ I am now here in Lemoyne, across the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg, PA, staying with a dear friend and her family. They have been gracious in opening up their home and hearts to me for the rest of the time I am here in the States. The generous spirits of so many people have left me in awe of how God works, bringing them into our lives to give us abundant blessings. I pray the Lord will bless each one of you in marvelous ways that only God can do!

As I am sure most of you know there was recently another bus bombing in Israel, this time in Be'er Sheva. Sixteen people were killed, many wounded; the dead including a three year-old girl. The first bus blew up on the main street near the hospital with the second one around the corner just a few minutes later. Be'er Sheva is near a military base resulting in many IDF soldiers around town. This bombing has opened up a new wave of terrorist activity. The bombers were found to be from Hebron, which is only twenty miles from Arad, where I live in Israel. At night we can hear bombing and air strikes taking place in Hebron. Be'er Sheva is about 45 minutes from our home. All three cities are located in the Negev, the desert area south of Jerusalem. There is no security fence around this southern area of Judea. It is easy for anyone to walk from Hebron to Be'er Sheva, or Arad, undetected. Shortly before I left Israel the police had caught three terrorists near our town. The police have stopped a lot of would-be bombers, but these last ones obviously got through. Now it seems our area is more likely for terrorist activity. Please keep us all in prayer.

I will be ministering and sharing here in the Pennsylvania area for the next seven weeks before returning to Israel. If you would like to hear of my ministry to the Holocaust Survivors in your church or Bible study group, please call me at 717-542-5650 or email me at sueheagy2004@hotmail.com to make arrangements.

Here is my current itinerary for sharing during September. If you are in the area we would love to have you join us! ☺

Sunday, September 5, 9am, Room 10– Evangelical Free Church of Hershey, Hilltop Rd, Hershey, PA
Call 717-533-4848 for directions

Wednesday, September 8, 7pm – Grace Chapel, 2535 Colebrook Rd, Elizabethtown, PA
Call 717-944-5571 for directions

Friday, September 10, 6:30pm – Grace Chapel, Women's Group, Elizabethtown
Call 717-944-5571 for directions

Sunday, September 26, 10 am – Living Hope Community Church, 2050 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA

Call 717-394-1500 for directions

As I am visiting churches and groups around the US, sharing the plight of the Russian Holocaust Survivors, I am finding most people are amazed there is still anyone left alive of this horrible time in WWII. Actually, there are many still alive. Most of the survivors I visit are the children who were in the concentration camps and Ghettos. They suffered atrocities right along with their parents; some suffering much more. Most of these ‘children’, now anywhere from 65 to 104 years old, saw their parents murdered right in front of them. They have suffered long-term damage to their spirits, to their emotions, to their health – never really recovering from the trauma. As I visited with them I became aware of a sadness that I could not identify. I asked the Lord to reveal to me what it was. Soon after He showed me this scripture:

“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.
He sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing...” Psalm 68:5&6

That was it! I suddenly realized what God was telling me. Each of these survivors was living every day as an orphan, and has been their entire life. They have been unable to progress past that time of loss, actively living in their past, desperately in need of healing. It must be terrible to constantly relive the murder of their families and starvation of both food and love. Each visit begins with a replay of their memory video, brilliant with details that are a horror to hear, reducing them again to weeping. But they can’t seem to get past it. Even as we encourage other conversation, I could feel those memories hovering in the background.

I felt overwhelmed with the need to restore each survivor to the present, to ‘release the prisoners from darkness’ as referred to in Isaiah 61:1. The ache within these sweet people is so tangible – I just want to fold them into my arms and let the love of Y’shua, their Messiah, wash over them. He alone can bring them healing.

My reason for returning to Israel and ministering to the Holocaust Survivors is two-fold. Not only do they need help in their daily living, but I want them to know how much God loves them. You see, there comes a time when telling is not enough. I want to show them how much God loves them. This is the time to demonstrate the love of their Jehovah, their God of Jacob, the God Who sent His Son to pay the price for their sins and ours.

I pray you are willing to be a part of this ministry. Whether you are one who sends funds to buy them food, crochets squares for the Laprobe project or prays for our safety and helping the Holocaust Survivors – you are an integral part of this mission. You are part of the Body of Christ. Without the muscle behind it, the hand of Jesus cannot reach out to them.

A minister recently told a story of how people used to be lowered into the mines. The miner would climb into a basket which was lowered by ropes into the dark hole. He had no idea what he would encounter as he could not see what was ahead. The people on the surface were entrusted with his safety as they held the ropes controlling the basket. The miner was totally dependent on them.

It is the same way with missions. As missionaries go out, they have no idea of what they will see or what to expect. They are going out by faith, depending on those who are sending them; they are in the baskets. Not everyone is willing or able to get into the basket. But those who are still back here, the people who support the missionary are holding the ropes. Whether you are supporting with funds or with prayer, your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you to those who are standing strong, to those who are already faithful in "holding the ropes."

Serving Him –

Susan Heagy

If you have any questions or comments, you can email me at sueheagy2004@hotmail.com Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to others.

You may 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.

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