

The Desert Road

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“Screek! Screek! Screek!” The cricket began to sing once again. It was midnight and I was trying to sleep. He was a big cricket, capable of sounding like an orchestra rather than a soloist. It was the third night in a row he had decided to serenade me non-stop with his volume turned up to high.

This visitor had found his way into the house and was calling to his friends outside. The night before I had gotten up several times to see if I could track him down and remove him to the outside where he belonged. But he was elusive, cleverly hiding as I crawled around in my pajamas on my hands and knees with a flashlight.

Since I failed in my hunt, I thought I would drown him out with my headphones, playing quiet gospel music – but discovered my batteries were dead. Next I pulled the covers over my head, but he could still be heard loud and clear. Even though I had originally been thinking of relocation, I now began to plan his demise.

It seemed the only thing left was prayer. So, I began praying out loud, petitioning the Lord to speak to the cricket, acknowledging that even crickets have to listen to Almighty God. The sudden silence was almost deafening. God had spoken. Why had I waited so long to seek God’s help? Why did I try to fix the situation all on my own?

Don’t we tend to treat sin in our life the same way? We ignore it at first – maybe it will go away. After all, we have been living with this particular sin for a long time. Sometimes we try to ‘fix’ it, but having failed numerous times, we live with it. Yes, it is irritating some times, but that irritation can become a crutch, a comfort zone. It is easier to live in denial than to deal with it directly, pulling the covers over our head - just like I did! But that is not God’s plan for us.

“You are to be my holy ones because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.” (Leviticus 20:26)

God calls us to be holy. In order to do that, we need to purge sin from our lives. I John 1:9 tells us to confess the sin in our lives and that He is “...*faithful and will... purify us from all unrighteousness.*”

Why listen to the irritating “Screek!” as sin continues to harass us. Get it out of your ‘house!’ Repent to the Lord and you will see that “...*righteousness and peace kiss each other.*” (Psalm 85:10) Oh what joy to live in the peace of His will! ☺

~News from Israel and the USA!~

Calling All Prayer Intercessors!

Prayer! It is what God calls all of us to do. However, some are given the gift to intercede and wage spiritual war. Are you an intercessor?

“ For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph 6:12)

We are in need of a prayer team for this ministry; those who the Lord calls to intercede on behalf of our ministry team as well as those who have yet to hear of His love. I will not deceive you – we have felt the darts of the enemy and so have those who pray for us. Anyone who aligns himself or herself with ministry to Israel will be targeted. But I know we are the victors – I read the end of the Book! ☺ However, one thing has proven true over and over again! “*Those who bless Israel will also be blessed...*” (Gen 12:3)

I would ask you to pray about being on our team. Are you one of those called? If so, we need you and we need your strength of prayer. Email us at desertministries@satx.rr.com

Hospitality Saints

Without the saints that are willing to go the extra mile, many people would never be reached and many ministries would not succeed. Over the past 2 years, as I travel to different states to share the vision of this ministry, I have been blessed to stay in believers' homes. God has been gracious to provide such hospitality through these saints as in the early church “...*the brothers received us warmly.*” (Acts 21:17) My special thanks to each one and please ask the Lord to bless everyone mentioned below! Their kindness and hospitality has allowed me to go all over in obedience to Him.

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Those Who Are Waiting...

A word of encouragement to those who have signed up to adopt a Holocaust Survivor. Your names are registered and I will contact you as soon as I have a name for you. Just as I have not forgotten the Survivors, I have not forgotten you. ☺ Thank you for your heart and your patience!

Coming Up!

- Pennsylvania

- **Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28** - 7pm each night – House of Prayer, Davidsburg Rd, near Dover. Call Ruth Faust at 717-259-8280 for directions.
- **Sunday, September 18** – 6:30 pm at Newport Assemblies of God in Newport. Call Gary at 717-567-3333 for directions.
- Call me at 717-542-8810 to schedule a sharing time for your church.

God Weaving Times Together

In the past month I have been able to share about ministry to the Holocaust Survivors and the vision of the Hospitality House with many new friends here in Central Pennsylvania. God opens doors and continues to give Divine Appointments.

My intention was to return to Israel in July or August. But my time to leave has been delayed while God continues to arrange contacts for me to build this ministry. For instance, after speaking at one church, the pastor there shared a tape of the message with another pastor – who then called me to come share at their church! This has happened several times.

Just this week I went to see a pastor in the area – not even knowing what I was to see him for – just that I was to go! When I got there, he began to ask me about our needs for establishing the Hospitality House. He made some phone calls and gave me needed contacts for the next steps – all answers to my prayers. God is good and provides what we need if we just ask.

Last month I met someone who expressed an interest in the Hospitality House – in that they had a similar vision. We are currently exploring what the Lord has in mind between our ministry and theirs, to see if God desires us to work together for His glory.

Two weeks ago I visited a church for the first time to hear a special speaker. While there I met a Messianic gentleman. Within minutes he offered me assistance from his family and business for my next trip to Israel. He was visiting from Cyprus, the island off the coast of Israel – **and was only there for the one service, just as I was.** God’s timing is always right! ☺

The Lord has been consistent in telling me to wait on Him and let Him do the work. I find when I try to do it; it is all my effort – difficult and time consuming. When I wait on the Lord – everything falls into place. He says “...my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:30) His Word is so true! ☺

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Throughout this ministry I have been consistently asking God to bring to me people with whom He would have me share the vision and goals of this ministry. I have particularly been petitioning the Lord for help in the area concerning the Hospitality House. You see, a project of this magnitude involves many people who have the gifts and talents to make it happen.

When reading about the tabernacle being built, I noticed a similarity to building this ministry. In Exodus 35:4-10 God called everyone, all the Israelites, to bring offerings and their skills (talents/gifts) to use for the building of the Tabernacle. He said, “...*everyone who is willing...*” In Exodus 35:21 it says, “...*and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord...*” (underline mine)

“Those who were willing’ were blessed by the Lord and given the skills and ability to carry out the work. (see Exodus 36:1&2) In fact, the people were so willing they continued to bring their offerings until Moses had to order them to stop giving! It was too much! Oh, that the Lord’s work everywhere would be blessed with so many willing hearts!

We believe the Lord is putting together a team to carry out every angle of this ministry:

- planning, building, staffing and future maintenance of the Hospitality House
- continued visitation of the Holocaust Survivors
- the administrative needs both Stateside and in Israel

- financial provision for travel and transportation; investing in the Hospitality House; daily living expenses for me (Susan); ministry costs (postage, printing, etc), expansion of the visitation ministry into other communities of Israel and the continued blessing of Holocaust Survivor Adoptions.
- an intercessory prayer team to stand in the gap for those involved in this outreach

When gifts, donations, talents and skills are given to a ministry, no matter what aspect, it is an offering to the Lord. We have been, and continue to be, blessed by those who have given sacrificially – with financial gifts, talents of needlework, intercessory prayer, hospitality, valuable time, visitation, compassion and love. If you are not yet a part of our team in some way, would you please make your part of this ministry a matter of prayer? God can do mighty things through your willing heart!

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In His service - Susan Heagy

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