



THE OLIVE TREE MESSAGE!

NEWSLETTER

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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

Thanksgiving 2003

Shalom,

Turkey with all the trimmings? Sure! All the family together? No, only part of us, but we are VERY THANKFUL for God's many blessings, every day! (Is there turkey in heaven?)

Next teaching trip? We thought it might be to Japan, but that has been postponed until next year. Meanwhile, on Monday, 06 Oct 2003, a "Macedonian Call" arrived by email entitled "Messianic Movement in Thailand," and "Dear Brethren in Messiah Y'shua,"

Wow! That sure got our attention and an immediate reply! The gist is that Christianity is the white man's religion used to colonize the countries of Asia. (True for Catholic takeover of the Philippines.) Thailand is the only country in SE Asia that has never been colonized, so that after 200 years, less than 1% are Christian. "But being that the Messianic movement is going back to the roots which is Jewish, it removes the hindrance that the Thais have always had to the gospel. I believe this is what Thailand needs for revival." We agree.

Their request? They want to join our Asia Pacific Messianic Fellowship! Therefore, we are flying first to the Philippines Dec 4 to do some teaching to prepare for a Messianic mini-conference in Metro Manila in January. Then we fly to Thailand for a couple weeks to meet these Thai leaders, study and pray together, and to celebrate Hanukkah. They want to learn and to celebrate the biblical Festivals! Remember John 10:22, Yeshua went to Jerusalem to celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication? Hanukkah this year is Dec 20-27. These Thai Believers also "have a strong love for Israel." So do we!

Will you pray with us for fruitfulness during this trip? Dec 3, Roger has his eye checkup to be sure his macular degeneration is under control. We return to FL Jan 24, in time for his annual physical Jan 26 at the VA hospital in Gainesville. Sgt Walkwitz is an army vet, you bet! And a private in Yeshua's army, still on active duty & enjoying it!

Projecting ahead, a committee in Baguio City is doing the logistics for the 2nd Annual Messianic Bible Conference, to be toward the end of May or 1st week of June. This time we will be responsible for only the teaching and programming. We have invited another top-notch Messianic Bible scholar to do the main teaching again. We hope he can come.

And please read carefully the articles included with this Newsletter. If we all are serious about reaching the rest of the world with the Gospel, some significant changes need to be made, in understanding and practice. We have been working on these for many years.

With our Love,

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PS We give credit to my 2 high school buddies and our son for dragging me into the computer and internet world, without which this Thailand contact might never have happened. Thank you, Jack & Harold, and Ron!