

Dear Friends,

As the New Year is upon us, we are sure that "new beginnings" is on many of your hearts. The future is always full of hope when we have our faith in God.

The present is sometimes hard to look at due to today's circumstances. The world around us here in Israel is enduring troubled times. While we are safe, we know that again, by God's promises we are in His care and protection. However, we are aware that **"the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty in pulling down strongholds."** (2 Corinthians 10:4)

As you read our prayer requests please join us in praying for God to work miracles in this country, in our congregation & our families.

Prayer subjects :

For Israel

- For the salvation of the lost sheep of the 'House of Israel'
- For the protection of Israel as the Palestinian Authority is trying to gather friends to go against the US decision to acknowledge Jerusalem as the capital of Israel (EU and the rest of the Arab states).
- For the protection of Israel from Iran and Syria's desire to annihilate Israel and the US. That God would expose the corruption in Iran and allow her people to go free.
- For the protection of our government and soldiers against any insurgence.
- For the Arab people, that they would see the light of truth, Yeshua as their Lord.



For the Congregation

- For the raising up of youth leaders for our youth group.
- For the raising up of elders & pastors to feed and care for the flock.
- For our ministry among the single mothers, orphans, the poor and the needy.
- For the growth and protection of our young generation.
- For our members who are sick with cancer
- For wisdom and direction from God for the leaders for the coming year.
- For the discipleship of the new believers.

Betzel-El

Every newsletter, we highlight a testimony of God's amazing love and miracles, this month its Betzel-El, our Creativity and Healing Center, directed by our staff member Karin.

Earlier this year, a young man with motor skills problems was invited to Betzel El. When he began to paint, he was reluctant due to his infirmity. But as time went on, he could not stop painting. Three days later, he shared in his testimony : *"I already missed painting like my own child. The tree I have painted is me. The white color around the tree is God's presence. The colors on the tree are feelings, which do not always give room or even at times disturb the Holy Spirit. But where I opened myself to God, He helps me and loosens the feelings that are stuck."*



God, in so many ways touches the heart of the people who come to Betzel-El either for an open creative time or for personal counseling. Please pray with us for the funds needed to continue this important ministry.



"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)
This sign was hung on our building during Hanukkah season.

Kfar Saba is a city of 120,000 people located 2 miles away from Samaria. Surrounded by Arab and Jewish cities of another 200,000 people. If you walk through the malls, streets or parks, you will see all walks of life enjoying our city. As our congregation is located in front of a large park, during every holiday, we use the opportunity to share Yeshua via a big sign that we hang on our building and can be seen from the park.

Purim (the Book of Esther), is celebrated February 28-March 2. Jews around the world remember the miracle that took place in modern day Iran, where Esther, (a Jewess by birth and the Queen of Persia) fasted and prayed for 3 days along with the rest of the Jewish nation. Like the nation did so many years ago, we will be fasting and praying again for the salvation and security of our modern day Israel and her people. How interesting that again, Iran is trying to annihilate Israel. Please join us in prayer during the 3 days prior to Purim.



Have you ever wanted to learn Hebrew but felt it was a difficult language to learn? **'Hebrew for Everyone'** is a booklet & cd that will teach you basic Hebrew as well as how to pronounce each word.

We invite you to order your copy through this link:

<http://kehilat-hamaayan.org.il/books-music/>

Your prayers and love through the years have greatly encouraged us. We know that God has placed a call on our lives here. Thank you for joining us by your prayers and your support, in seeing the salvation of Israel.

Hamaayan Team

Happy Birthday Israel !!!

Seventy years ago, a monumental miracle took place. Just imagine: a people with their distinct culture return to a land they had not inhabited for over 2000 years, speak a language they spoke over 3500 years, and keep a faith that was given to them from God over 4500 years ago!

"Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?" (Isaiah 66:8).



Who had heard of such a thing? Just 3 years before Israel became a nation, 6 million of us were murdered in Europe. Almost 50 years prior to that event, an Austrian reporter in France realized that unless the Jewish people had a home land, they would never be safe. Theodore Herzl, known as Israel's Visionary, was that reporter, and was the co-founder of the World Zionist Organization. His quote inspired Jewry all over the world, and wasn't too far from the truth:

"Were I to sum up the Basel Congress in a few words — which I shall guard against pronouncing publicly — it would be this: At Basel, I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, and certainly in fifty, everyone will realize it." (Theodore Herzl, Sept 3, 1897).

No one could have imagined what happened during those next 50 years:

- Two world wars
- Major countries shifting and changing ancient boundaries.
- World economic depression
- Overthrow of the Russian and the Ottoman Empires
- Pogroms of the Russian Jews (thus creating a shift in the world Jewish population)
- Holocaust resulting in the loss of 50 million people including 6 million Jews
- Waves of Jews returning to Israel (named Palestine before 1948.)
- Pioneers from all over the world were led to come to this forsaken land with hearts to restore the land, the language, and the people.

Miracle after miracle was taking place for God's promise to be fulfilled (Jeremiah 31:7-12). By the thousands, people from all over the world were returning to the Land God promised 4500 years ago to a single man, Abraham in Genesis (chapters 12-24).

There are simply too many miracles to mention or document. God was establishing a sign, a banner for His glory. And for His glory, after 70 years, Israel is a proud and prosperous nation.

- With over 2500 major hi-tech companies calling her their home,
- 201 Jewish individuals of the 892 people receiving the Nobel Prize,
- Most of the research and development in the medical, agricultural and technology fields world-wide is coming from this small country. God has truly shown favor to Israel in her 70 short years.

Sustaining Israel has not been easy. Ten wars since 1948 has all but devastated her. Nations near and far deny her existence, boycott her progress, and kill her citizens. And yet, for God's glory, she lives. She flourishes, and one day, she will respond to her Messiah, Yeshua (Ezekiel 36:24-28, Zechariah 12:10)

In addition, the Messianic body here in Israel has flourished! Before 1948, only 29 known believers in Yeshua were identified. In 1980, 300, and today over 20,000 are Jewish believers in Yeshua. With Messianic Congregations in every major city, more and more eyes and hearts are being opened.

What will the next 70 years bring? Only time will tell. The books of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Zephaniah foretell the return of God's people back home. Yes, God's people are coming home from all walks of life and nationalities. People who have survived other cultures return and share what they have learned contributing much to who we are today.



We at Hamaayan are honored to be living in Israel, to be called to reach out to our city and people. We come from 20 different nations with one heart; to fulfill God's purposes in Israel. We come from many occupations and therefore can touch many people. We are grateful to you, our partners abroad who pray and support us. We wish you were here to join us in our celebrations and invite you to come and visit us in the near future. We have programs that designed for you to take part. We are a small country but have a big heart for our nation and her people. We look forward to seeing God's glory and restoration. She will, by God's grace and protection forever live. **Happy 70th Birthday, Israel!**



The dedication of the Well in India

One of our projects was to raise money for bringing clean water to an Indian village in Andhra Pradesh, now serving 1400 families. As we dedicated the well to the Glory of the God of Israel, many also received from Yeshua, their true Water of Life.



Holocaust survivor's festive event

We held a special event for these dear people living in our town. After enjoying some worship music led by our youth, they received a nice meal and a gift and also heard testimonies of life & hope.

Prayer needs

- For the people of Israel to know the true God and His Son Yeshua.
- For our government to operate under God's guidance, and for our military to be protected from the schemes of the enemy.
- For a hedge of protection around the Messianic Body, that we would be a light to the nation. For unity and direction.
- For wisdom for the leaders and staff to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit for our congregation and city.
- For the summer children's program & the youth camps. For our children to become more intimate with Yeshua as well as the funds to allow them to attend. If you want to sponsor a child summer camp, the cost is \$150 each.
- For the enlarging of the leadership team.
- For youth leaders for our youth group
- For the Holocaust survivors that we are in contact with

Thank you for standing with Israel and for your prayers and support.

Hamaayan team

« Arise o Lord... You O Lord are a shield for me. My Glory and the One who lift up my Head. » Psalm 3

Dear prayer and ministry partners ;

More than ever Israel is a daily part of the World media news. You have heard of the escalating violent situation in Gaza, over more than 100 rockets being shelled into Israel this past week. You have seen TV footages of the exchanged missiles with Iran on our Syrian border. There, **part of the Gog and Magog coalition of Ezekiel 38 is already set in place** (Russia, Turkey, Iran).

Also, during the same time and for the **70th anniversary of modern Israel** (according to international calendar) **the moving of the Nations embassies to Jerusalem started with the USA** leading the way. The sheep nations are joining the fold. Jerusalem is becoming in a more practical sense the dividing line between nations (read the prophet Zachariah).

We also want to take a moment and share with you what's going on here at Hamaayan community. For those of you who haven't visited us, we are located at the border of Samaria, situated just 2 km away from the Moslem Palestinian town of Kalkilia and other Arab villages. Therefore, **we have a call to protect our area spiritually through our prayers and presence** and we feel responsible for the people in our city. The great news is that in the midst of stressful situations around us our God is still moving mightily in our midst.

Hearts opening up to hear the Good News

Kfar Saba is a family town with a population of about 110,000. It's a rural city that dates back 100 years. We notice that people are wanting to talk about God, who He is and what part does He play in their life. Because most of our members live in Kfar Saba, it's common to see or hear about a conversation that has transpired about Yeshua. No longer are the people afraid to talk about Yeshua, but **they want to know**. How astounding it is when they discover that Yeshua is the Messiah that they have prayed for all their life in Synagogue. Consequently, we have a weekly discipleship course for our new believers, as well as weekly homegroups in various languages to invite people to hear the Gospel and share in our community.

For the first time in Kfar Saba, there will be a « gay parade ». Sadly, there are parades in Tel Aviv & Jerusalem for years, with over 200,000 in attendance in Tel Aviv, but never in Kfar Saba. We feel it's our responsibility to stop this seed before it grows and develop in our city. Last night, seven of us walked the parade route 7 times, proclaiming God's word against the enemies' schemes. While we were walking, we had opportunities to speak to the people, one of them being the mayor of Kfar Saba. It was a divine appointment to talk to him personally about the parade!

Summer Camps

Summer is officially here in a few days and is a perfect opportunity for children to grow in their faith at our various national youth camps. These camps cost money and for our needy families, they find it difficult to provide extra funds for their children to enjoy the camps. Through your financial help, we can assist these children **to equip them to be the light to their peers**.

A place of refuge

Israel is a very tough place to live. **The pressures economically as well as spiritually continues to effect many of our members**. Yet, we are grateful for God's provision that allows us to be a place of refuge for the members of our community. From helping the survivors of the Holocaust to reaching out to our Arab brothers and sisters in hope to work together for the salvation of our entire nation, we thank God for opening these opportunities for us.

We need your help and prayers

All the things we want to do takes funds that we don't have, as our budget is limited. Will you join us in praying for God to increase our monthly income to provide for all that He has called us to do. We have a bare-minimum staff that is part-time yet works with full-time schedules. Yet, due to this short-fall, we might have to take drastic measures and decrease our staff or our ministry. Please join us in prayer that God would give us a financial miracle and help us to increase our budget income through creative ways. We believe that : **«God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply»** (Hudson Taylor).

We appreciate your prayers and your encouragement.
Looking forward to seeing you visit our Land, God's Land.

Tony & Orna Sperandeo

"In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry entered His ears." (2 Samuel 22:6-8)

On May 14, 2018 history was made when the United States became the first sovereign nation to move its embassy to Jerusalem, thus finally acknowledging Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, the only Jewish nation in the world. This act alone created an affront to the enemies of Israel, causing riots and rockets to descend throughout Israel.

In the days leading up to this momentous event, countries all over the world were voicing their opinions of joy or disdain for the decision. Since we know the weapons of our warfare are not with man but in the spirit, we knew that our battle would be in prayer.

Something greater was needing to take place: the reuniting of Abraham's family, Isaac and Ishmael and their decedents, the Jews and Arabs. For centuries, this has been the political quest of nations and their leaders. But we who live in this land and believe in the Messiah Yeshua, know that the only way to put the Kingdom of God first is for Jews and Arabs to unite in this spiritual battle.

On May 8-10, we once again met, 84 spiritual leaders from both "sides", from « Dan to Beer Sheva » including Bethlehem & Jericho. We talked together about our differences, obstacles, and how to develop solutions. We heard testimonies of how God uses outreaches to share the Good News to the people of Israel, both Jew and Arab. Deeper friendships were formed and we hope to meet again soon.

The last night of the conference, at 3 am, we all heard the Israel Airforce as they returned fire in response to the 20 rockets launched from the Iranian Army that was in Syria (we were 20 km away from the Syrian border). The next morning, we all gathered to pray, Arabs & Jews, in small groups, for the safety of our nation and people. Here we are, enemies in the world's eyes but brothers and sisters in the Lord. God did what no political agenda could ever do...reunite a family.



Jews & Arabs praying together for the safety of our nation during the bombing in Syria.



Jews & Arabs brothers & sisters, building back the broken pieces (puzzle) of the ancient aqueduct, so that living water will flow again... (Eph.4:4-6)



« For the sake of your name, we will ask for the Salvation of our nation »

Sexual Perversion Rising in Israel

For years, there are those who have sought to establish Tel Aviv as the homosexual capital of the world. Year after year a parade takes place and this year 250,000 people attended. This parade has been confined to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, but this year, the organizers are reaching out to other cities, Kfar Saba being one of them. Prior to the parade, our pastor Tony, with a few of the leaders and intercessors walked the parade route 7 times proclaiming God's authority and righteousness in our city. During this walk, 2 of the leaders ran into the mayor and shared with him the righteousness of God!

At our Shabbat meeting the next day, we corporately repented for allowing the sin to enter our city and prayed for the salvation of the attendees, and protection for the youth of our city (homosexuality is being taught in our schools). Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, 1 Cor. 6:9-10

During these parades, the south of Israel was under siege from Hamas in Gaza. Terrorists have been using kites attached with Molotov cocktails to start fires throughout the fields of the Negev. In one day, Israel's firefighters fought 235 fires. In the last two months, 488 fires were started through kite and balloon terror, destroying 7,166 acres of fields and forests along the border. Could there be a correlation between the government endorsing this extension of the Gay Parades to so many cities in Israel? We believe so.



*Worshipping the Lord
in our Shabbat service*

During our prayer times, God spoke to us through Judges 6, where during the time of Gideon, God judged Israel: *"Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So, the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also, Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey."* (Judges 6)

Together, as a community of believers, we stand against the schemes of the enemy and declaring the promises of God that He hears our prayers and protects us. We are humbled before God to change our nation and hearts to return Israel back to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Israel.

Prayer requests

- We too are in a financial crisis that only God can change. In our last newsletter, we highlighted some areas that you partners can help and pray for. Please continue to pray for our congregation. Our leaders and staff to make wise decisions regarding our future. We are praying for new partner congregations & ministries to join us in prayer and financial support.
- Pray that God will touch the hearts of our youth who are attending the summer camps.
- Pray for leaders for our teenage group.
- Pray for our young adult to grow in maturity & find their place of service in the congregation.
- Pray for our new discipleship program, along with the new attendees.
- Pray for protection of God over the Land & borders.

Thank you, dear friends, for you prayers and your support,

Hamaayan Team



The Children's Summer

This summer we had a very special program with our Shabbat school. We showed the children the new dubbed Hebrew version of the cartoon series, Superbook! Each week, they enjoyed a Bible story in movie form, followed by various activities & fun. What a great way to learn about God's love, protection and miracles. We also want to thank again all of you who sent us financial gifts to help subsidize the children & youth camps. We were able to help all the children to participate in these programs. They were blessed and strengthened in their faith, we pray for their protection in the different public school that they attend (no other choice in our area).

Our Body is Growing!

We are seeing weddings, babies, discipleship and water immersions. This year God is blessing us with all these wonderful events. The new babies are healthy, we are and will be witnessing a few weddings among our young people. But our biggest news this summer is the discipleship program and water immersions. So far this summer five Israelis and also five new members from our Tel Aviv Indian congregation have been immersed, and we have completed our new discipleship program for this year. We give all the glory to God for our new growth. A young adult study program is in the making and will be launched in November this year.



Kingdom First Restoration

Our congregation experienced one very special night when a daughter of Jordan, a Moabite visited us. Together with a lady of our community, they shared with their journey of the Book of Ruth. Along with 3 other women, they travelled back and forth from Jordan to Israel returning to the high points of Jacob's journey as well as Ruth and Naomi. Our evening culminated in a powerful experience in the Holy Spirit where the daughters of Israel (our members) washed the feet of "Ruth" the Moabite. No one wanted to leave this amazing moment in God's chapter of healing and restoration of His family.



Blessing of Our New Soldiers-Our Children

With high school graduation comes the official induction of our new soldiers into the military. This year, our congregation is sending out five new soldiers. As you may know military service is compulsory for young people reaching 18 years of age. We blessed them, promised to keep them in prayer and love. We already received a very good report from one of them who is sharing the Gospel with many curious soldiers who are serving with him. Please pray for all the believing young soldiers to be faithful witnesses of Yeshua in words and in deeds.

Update on Israel – War and Rumors of War

Unfortunately, this summer, we are on the brink of war with Hamas in Gaza. It is only by God's grace and protection along with the prayers of the people that we are safe and not in a war. For months now, Hamas has incited the people of Gaza to send o kites with Molotov cocktails over the boarder. They have scorched over 6000 acres of our farmland and forests in the south, injuring & killing people. Homes and cities like Sderot and all around Gaza, are threated daily with either rockets or fires or both. People on both sides are distressed and need God's intervention.

The Appointed Times of the Lord: The Biblical Feasts in the Fall season.

This year from September 10th-29th our congregation will be declaring God's prophetic agenda expected for the end times. Starting with **the Feast of Trumpets** (the modern Jewish New Year) we look forward to the "*rapture*" at "*the seventh trumpet*" and "*in the twinkling of an eye*" being translated to Heaven to meet our Lord. Then 10 days later, **Yom Kippur** (the Day of Atonement) points to "*The Marriage Supper of the Lamb*". In the meantime, while still on earth, it is the great day of intercession and identification for the lost, with fasting and prayers. Then culminating in **the Feast of Tabernacles** (Succot) we anticipate The Millenium and the fulfillment of the end of the Age. We, as the Bride of the Lamb, (**Revelation 21**) will reign with Him with the "*two Jerusalems*" (in Hebrew Yerushalaim, meaning two cities of peace), finally reconciled and united. At the feast of Succot, the scriptures command to only rejoice as "*He will wipe away all our tears from our eyes.*" This is the high busy season for the Intercessors, priestly Levites, evangelists, teachers and prophets as The Feasts are all pointing to Messiah Yeshua and his redemptive works of Salvation.

Prayer Needs

- For wisdom for our leaders, protection for our people and soldiers, and for God to intervene in this critical situation.
- For our soldiers to be strong in their faith and a light to those around them.
- For the revelation of Yeshua the Messiah during Yom Kippur, when our nation is praying and fasting for the forgiveness of their sins and asking God to inscribe them into the Book of Life.
- For young leaders to help lead our teenage group.
- For our new discipleship course for young adults, starting after the holidays.
- For our newly planted Spanish speaking congregation.
- For the international Pro-Life conference that we're organizing from 4-11 november. For more info and registration, check : <https://www.lechaim2018.com>

If you want to financially support one of the ministries of Hamaayan (see website), you can partner with us in this way.

As we start the year 5779 (according to the Jewish calendar), we wish you all a blessed and fruitful year.

Hamaayan Team

In the « last days » it is prophesied that there will be an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and a harvest of the Israelites coming back to the Lord (**Zech. 12:10**). While we see a rise in rebellion and anarchy, there is also an openness to know who the Messiah (Yeshua) is. He is no longer a by-word, rather there is a spiritual curiosity growing. Right now, it is ever so small, yet noticeable to the perceiving eye.

Please join us in prayer for the upcoming harvest in our city and surrounding communities. Pray that God would prepare each of us to fulfill our call to receive His lost sheep. Pray that as we reach out in our community that a receptivity would take place in the hearts of our fellow Israelites.



Outreach & food distribution in Tel Aviv



New Elder

It is our joy to announce that David was installed as a new elder on October 20th. David & his wife have been core members of our congregation for the past 15 years, serving in various capacities such as worship, prayer ministry and leadership.

Please join us in prayer for their protection and wisdom as David enters his new call.

The International Pro-Life Conference

As we write this letter, we are in the final preparations for the International Pro Life LeChaim Conference that will be held **November 4-11** in Jerusalem and Galilee. **150 people from many different nations & Israel** will gather together to stand for the most important issues of life here on earth as well as for eternal life.

The vision of this conference is to bring encouragement to all participants through worship, prayer, teachings, seminars and reports. Through our fellowship, we will establish networking and build up one another in our calling. The ultimate goal is to give glory to our God making us more effective disciples as we fight for the lives of the unborn (**Proverbs 24:11-12**).

We would appreciate your prayers and standing in the gap for the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly threatened with euthanasia.



Our congregation celebrating the Feast of Succoth



Sukkoth event for Holocaust survivors

Pittsburg and Anti-Semitism

As we stood with other nations such as France, England, Belgium etc. we sadly stand with our brothers and sisters in Pittsburg who were part of the largest attack against Jews in American history. We know intimately what it is to be hated just because of our faith, and we know deep down inside that this is just the « birth pains » of the future. Yeshua reminds us how to respond. « *You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust... » (Matt 5:43-48).*

We are also told to stand strong in Ephesians 6 as we put on the armor of God. With these encouragements in mind, *lets join in prayer that God will use these tragic events for His glory, that godly people will rise up and be light to those around them & that more Jewish people will make their Aliya to Israel.*



One of the three recently married couples

For the rest of this year and 2019, our congregation is focusing on 2 specific projects:

- * Raising up the next generation
- * Outreach to the lost & discipleship.

If you feel led to join us financially in these projects, write us & let us know.

Thank you for your continuing prayers & support

Hamaayan Team

« **A time to sow, a time to reap...** » (Eccl.3.2)

As we enter 2019 we are amazed at God's faithfulness and goodness. In **Psalms 103: 1-5**, we are reminded to:

« *Bless Adonai, o my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy name... and forget none of His benefits: He forgives all our iniquity. He heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the Pit. He crowns you with lovingkindness and compassions. He satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle.* »

(Tree of life translation)

Before 'Hamaayan Congregation' celebrates its **30th birthday in 2019**, join us to recall some of the **blessings** we received from Him during this year 2018.



From Kindergarten to Wedding

Max immigrated to Israel with his single mother from the Ukraine and they joined our congregation when he was only two years old.

Growing in each stage of his life with us at Hamaayan, we prayed for him as he went through school, entered the army, and received His call as a worship leader.

What a joy it was this year to witness Max's wedding to Avital, a professional violinist, who also joined our worship team.



In November, Tony & Orna travelled to Kampala Uganda, to participate in the wedding of Irene, who was adopted & supported by our congregation since we met her 12 years ago.

What a special and amazing time this was to spend time with her, Silas and all the children she is ministering to.



On the first Thursday of every month, we have a congregational prayer meeting where we pray for our nation, our city and for different burdens and needs.

Here, we are praying for the spiritual cleansing and breakthrough in provision, to be able to purchase the two bottom remaining floors that we don't yet own.

Our vision is that this whole building will be a spiritual home and refuge for the lost around us.

» » "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord." Ps. 134:2

Sarah (age 80) helping Valentina (age 84) to worship in our Shabbat meeting. Both are amazing women of faith and intercessors.



The International Pro-Life conference that we helped organize was a great blessing to all participants.

Hundred leaders from 15 different countries gathered together for a full week of seminars, prayer, study, testimonies and worship as well as visiting bible sites relevant to the message of the sanctity of life.

One of our highlights was meeting with a Knesset Member. and praying at the Knesset (the Israeli parliament) for the end of legal abortion in Israel.



Sally, together with a team frying over 150 traditional Hanukkah donuts for the celebration.



Celebrating the feast of Hanukkah, remembering God's miracles of yesterday and today.



We were blessed by volunteers from the nations who came to help us with painting and renovation.



We thank God for our weekly youth gathering, growing in numbers and maturity.



Our monthly outreach, distributing food for the body and for the soul, in a poor and needy area in Tel Aviv.

What is Happening in Israel Today?

This past year, Israel was on the brink of war with the Hamas. By God's mercy, we were protected, but the threat of another war could be eminent. In these past few months, 5 terror tunnels, dug by the Hezbollah, from Lebanon into Israel were uncovered. Their purpose to penetrate, attack, kidnap and murder civilians and soldiers is evident.

In the middle of December, intercessors from various congregations in Israel gathered together at Bet-El to pray on behalf of the nation. This is the place where Jacob received his dream of seeing angels ascending and descending the ladder from Heaven (Gen. 28). Since that time, potential threats of violence have been exposed in that area before they could be carried out. Once again, we are reminded that through prayers *« the weapons of our warfare are mighty to destroy stronghold »* and *« It is not by might, nor by power, but through the Spirit of God only »* that our nation can be saved.

Thank you, dear faithful partners for your ongoing support. You are a real source of encouragement to us. *« For God is not unjust to forget your work and the love that you showed for His name in having served and continuing to serve the saints. »* (Hebrews 6:10).

We covet your prayers as **we prepare for war now by organizing our underground floor to serve as a bomb shelter.** Yet we are trusting in our God for His protection. Our congregation is located only 2 kilometers away from the Palestinian authority towns across the "green line". We recognize **that it is also our call as "watchmen on the wall" to pray for the salvation of our neighbors and for a revelation of Yeshua as the Prince of Peace and Lord of Lords.**

As our ministry increases and develops, we pray for more partners to join us in 2019 in prayer and financial support.

May God bless you abundantly in fruitfulness, wisdom and strength in this new year.

Tony and Orna Sperandeo, for Hamaayan Congregation