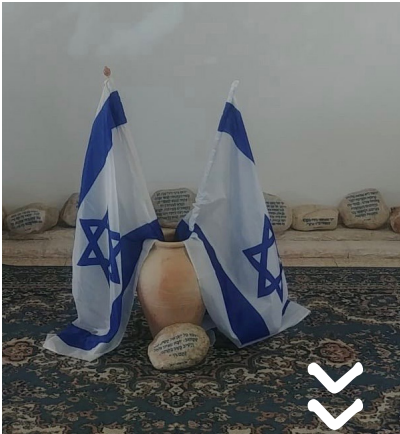


Shalom and greetings for a prosperous New Year!

We are so excited about all the things God has done for us this past year. Once again, we want to share with you. Enjoy these photos, recalling 2019 and join with us in prayer for 2020.



*This clay vessel contains the names of those for whom we are praying to be saved. Please join us as we make these prayers a priority in 2020.*



*Our congregation was blessed by international teachers speaking & ministering with the focus on prayer and healing of the body, soul and spirit. Many lives were deeply touched, bringing healing and freedom!*



*Our worship team leading us in an especially inspiring night of praise & worship, giving God glory from our hearts.*



*Our ongoing ministry of preparing parcels of necessities that we distribute to the needy families.*



*We have seen much spiritual growth in our members, both Israelis and new immigrants. Here, some young people are preparing their hearts in worship before their immersion in water.*



*Special 4-day retreat for our young people, preparing them to enter their army service. Important biblical principles were shared, in order to enable them to sustain their faith during their army service.*



*Celebrating Hanukkah together (John 10:22), we remembered Yeshua, the Light of the world as well as the mandate He gave us, to be a light to the world. We heard powerful testimonies of changed & restored lives of some of our members, and how God brought each of them from darkness to light.*



*One of the classes during our Shabbat meeting. We are thankful for each precious child who participates. They hear the word of God and seeds are planted for eternity.*

### Volunteers/interns/Guest house

Are you interested in volunteering with us in our ministry? We have openings for serving throughout 2020. Please contact: [sallyhamaayan@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhamaayan@gmail.com) for further information and registration. We have a beautiful guest house that our volunteers/interns live in during their stay.

### Prayer points for 2020

- The eyes and hearts of the people to be opened to God through Yeshua's love and Lordship. (Rom. 11:26)
- Wisdom and direction for our elders and leadership to fulfill their calling within our congregation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- The members of our congregation, to be prepared to minister to all the seekers God is drawing to our meetings. (Luke 10:2)
- The new believers to grow in their faith. (Heb. 6:1)
- God to provide more partners to join with us in fulfilling our call here in Israel through prayer and finances. (2 Cor.9:8)
- For us to continue to develop a good relationship with our city government. (Psalm 22:28)
- For righteousness to be the standard in our city, and for corruption to be exposed. (Proverbs 29:2)
- **For Israel and the Government**
  - > That the historic third election in Israel will result in a strong mandate to form a government that will be led by righteous leaders, honoring the God of Israel and His Word. (Isaiah 9:6-7)
  - > For God's protection over our soldiers, as well as the civilians of Israel. (Zech. 2:8)

Thank you for your partnership with us  
Hamaayan Team

Dear Friends,

« I will bless the Lord at all times his praise is continually in my mouth...  
I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. »

Psalm 34:2,5

As most of us in the different nations are facing the pandemic threat of Corona virus, **we still want to declare that our Lord Yeshua sits on The Throne and is in perfect control** of this challenging situation.

Due to the new regulations of our government to curb the spread of the virus, every public gathering is currently limited to 10 people. We are looking for **creative ways to make sure every family member of Hamaayan, is being covered and will continue to grow in their faith.** We are looking into broadcasting regular teachings, worship, intercession and testimonies.

But even during this time of crisis we don't want to forget some of our reasons to worship & praise Him at all times.

- Due to the abundance of rain, **the sea of Galilee**, our fresh national water reservoir, **has reached the fullest it has been in over 50 years.** The Hermon mountain, our Syrian & Lebanese border, is covered with snow & the flowers throughout the country are blossoming.
- **Our couples enjoyed a wonderful evening** of fellowship and teaching. The theme: *«How is your togetherness doing?»* was very relevant to each couple, young or old.



- As a congregation it has been our desire to see the restoration of the celebration of **the feast of Purim** (the book of Esther) in its biblical context. Purim is not just a kid's costume festival. It is a yearly reminder of how God protected the Jewish people from complete annihilation & genocide.





• Prior to Purim, Queen Esther commanded **a fast for the nation of Israel for 3 days**. As a congregation, we were led to follow her example with prayer & fasting for 3 days, declaring the promises of God according to **2 Chronicles 7: 13-14** :

“If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land or if I send pestilence among My people, if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

We came out encouraged & empowered to face this new crisis that has come upon us in Israel & the rest of the world.



We blessed our **2 newest young soldiers** entering the military. Join with us praying for their safety.

**Grandma Valentina passed away** last month. She was a **faithful intercessor**, always positive, encouraging us to seek Him first no matter what. Through Valentina, her grandson became a believer in Yeshua and during her funeral, her non-believing family was deeply touched. We will miss her greatly, but she is out of pain, worshipping the King.

### Prayer requests:

- We are taking serious precautions to guard against the corona virus, please pray that **our membership will remain healthy**. Praying **Psalm 91** daily and using the guidelines of **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**. We know that when God who sits on the throne allows pestilence to strike, we need «to humble ourselves, pray, seek His Face and repent» in order for Him «to listen from Heaven, to forgive our sins and heal our Land».
- **Wisdom for our leadership** to guide and direct our congregation to be a light to Kfar Saba and surrounding cities. Pray for Tony who is overseeing five different congregations.
- **Safety for our soldiers** who have been confined for one month in their bases. Pray they would be a light of hope and encouragement to their peers.
- **Health and protection** to all those in fragile health and those in quarantine.
- **For the new government** to be formed with broader unity in order to face the social, health & economic crisis.

Blessings to you, our friends & partners,  
From Hamaayan Team

### Counting the Omer Between Passover to Shavuot (Pentecost): 40 Days of «Shabbat Mode»

As of today, people are still debating about how this pandemic virus came into existence. To us as believers, we know that God is sovereign over the affairs of this world. He allowed this to happen for His highest purpose : His soon coming return.

This plague has affected Israel, as well as many nations for which Yeshua died. Three hundred thousand people worldwide have already lost their lives and hospitals are still full in many countries. In **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** we read: «If I shut up heavens that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; if my people, upon whom My name is called, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.»

When our loving Father sends us the locusts (economic shut down) and the pestilence (virus), he is calling us, His people who are called by His name to a four steps program:

1. To humble ourselves (literally to submit to Him)
2. To pray: asking Him by faith
3. To seek His face: intimacy with Him
4. To repent: turn away from our sins.

If we obey what He says, He promised to hear us, to forgive us and to heal our land. Confinement is biblical. Our God has humbled the nations by forcing them to a «Shabbat mode», to stay home and wait as we read in **Isaiah 26:20-21**: «Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.»

We are encouraged with the promises in **Hosea 6:1-3** : «Come and let us return unto the Lord; for He has torn, and He will heal us, He has smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us, on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His presence. And let us know, eagerly strive to know the Lord, His going forth is sure as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth.»

### How has the virus affected Israel?



*Empty streets with decorated buildings on Independence Day.*



*Our family Pesach Seder (evening of Passover)*

In Israel, February though May are the months of our spring holidays: **Purim, Passover, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Memorial Day for soldiers & victims of terror attacks, Israel Independence Day** and finally, the feast of **Shavuot** (Pentecost).

Our culture is highly family oriented. On every one of these days, families gather together sharing food and memories. But **this year, our holidays were different**: families were not allowed to visit the gravesites of their loved ones, on Memorial Day. The Passover Seder was celebrated alone or on zoom instead of 3 or 4 generations gathering together to recall how God delivered our nation with His outstretched arm. During each of these holidays we were not allowed to walk past 100 meters of our home.



*The people of Israel singing the national hymn on the balconies on Independence Day.*



*Ceremony at the empty Wailing Wall in Jerusalem on Memorial Day.*

We managed **to adjust** our congregation as well as our personal lives. In what seemed a crash course in learning and using zoom, **our meetings, homegroups, bible studies and prayer meetings are now via the internet.** More than 70 homes are connected via zoom on our Shabbat morning gathering. We praise God for some «lost sheep» who returned and are joining us now due to this crisis. The hardest part of this season was the lack of human contact. We tried to overcome that by shopping for our elderly and those in quarantine.



*Teaching discipleship/bible study-Corona style*



*Praying the Aaronic Blessing at the end of our Shabbat service*

**Flowers were sent** on Holocaust Memorial Day to those that suffered the trauma of the Holocaust. Our hearts were heavy because we could not hug them in their pain and loneliness. What we can do and have done during this time is **pray for the Comforter who knows and cares to come and fill the holes in our hearts,** He who binds up our wounded souls. Yeshua is His name, and this is His country. We are so honored to be used, not only for our members, but also for our non-believing neighbors and friends.

We are amazed to see how **the Jewish Aliyah (immigration) to Israel continues** even during this season. 1300 Jews from different countries made Aliyah in the past 2 months. Also, Israeli families who left many years ago to build their lives successfully in other countries, decided to return home now. What a fulfillment of God's prophesy.

### Prayer Items

1. Wisdom and integrity for **our new Government**
2. Wisdom and direction for the **leadership** to guide the congregation after the pandemic
3. Physical and mental health for our **membership and families** during this pandemic
4. Safety and health for our **soldiers** as they are away from their families for an extended period. Also, pray for their spiritual protection as they are facing a very challenging time in the army.
5. Financial security for our **members who have lost their jobs** during this crisis.
6. Preparation for **the harvest** that we believe is coming!

Let us all join in prayer, as His Body, Israel and the Nations together and intercede:

« **Lord, in judgement remember mercy & bring salvation to this lost world.**»

Blessings to you, our friends & partners,  
From Hamaayan Team

Shalom Dear Friends,

«Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance ...» **James 1:1-2**

With so many changes and uncertainties affecting our planet, we are grateful to God who knows the times and seasons. We are confident that our loving Father is still guiding and protecting us day by day. Our God has given us a «treasure in jars of clay» that we continue to share, especially in these difficult times, bringing hope and encouragement to this lost and needy world.

«But we have this treasure in jars of clay, so that the surpassing greatness of the power may be from God and not from ourselves. We are hard pressed in every way, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not in despair; persecuted, yet not forsaken; stuck down, yet not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Yeshua, so that the life of Yeshua may also be revealed in our mortal body.» **2 Cor 4:7-10**

In the midst of confinement, our local community maintains our almost daily online gatherings. Tony has many opportunities through zoom to teach in various worship services, conferences located in many different countries, as well as weekly participation with international intercessors praying for the Nations of the World.

### What is Happening in Israel?

Sadly, our nation has seen a rise in corona virus cases. As a result, we are back to a nation-wide semi-lockdown, especially on weekends. Our meetings can only be attended by 10 people, and the rest of us are on Zoom for our Shabbat meetings, home groups and prayer groups. The restrictions change from week to week based upon the number of cases. The thing that is stable from week to week is a fine for not wearing a mask.

In two short months, just under 1 million people suddenly found themselves jobless, which is over 20% of the work force. Every night thousands of people are on the streets of Tel Aviv & Jerusalem, demonstrating against the government economic decisions. Many are confused and have lost trust in politicians.



*Our first return back to the meeting hall after months on Zoom. Sadly, after this meeting, the government changed the restrictions from 50 to only 10 people allowed to attend meetings.*



*Praying for our dear friends Phillip and Alisa and saying goodbye, after ten years of serving in our congregation. We will miss them, but excited to what God has in store for them.*



*After months of meeting on Zoom, we met in the park for the first time. Even though we had to exercise social distancing, it was so nice to see each other face to face and to worship together.*



*Coming out of the water  
to a new life!*

*During the Corona event, this new believer gave her life to the Lord, and has grown in His love and grace, being a living testimony to her non-believing family.*

## Prayer Requests

1. Protection at **the Syrian & Lebanese borders**, as the tension is rising.
2. **Our government leaders** to seek God for His guidance and lead us back to a nation that seeks and serves God. For them to make wise decisions to protect the people and save our economy.
3. **The leaders of our congregation** to be led by God as they navigate through the pandemic. Post pandemic wisdom from God will be essential.
4. **Our members** to be strong in Yeshua. Not one to fall away, rather that each member develop a deeper relationship with the Lord.
5. God to supply **our current needs** mentally, physically, spiritually and financially.
6. **Our children** to be sustained during this time. As all the annual summer programs have been cancelled this year, we are trying to reach the children through activities via zoom.
7. Special protection for **our soldiers**. Several of them have had to stay on base for long periods of time since the corona crisis started. Some are very challenged in their faith, please pray for them.

For those wishing to support needy families & those who lost their jobs, you can donate through our website. Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support,

Hamaayan Team

**«Now the God of Peace will soon crush satan under your feet.»**

**Romans 16:20**



Shalom From Summer in Kfar Saba, Israel!

The month of Elul, which is the last month in the Jewish modern calendar, started last week. It is called the month of forgiveness where Jews all over the world are supposed to search their heart before God and man, as an accounting for their soul, and preparing themselves for the coming days of judgement - the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur.)

Please join us in prayer that many would receive revelation of truth from God as their loving Father, and Yeshua as their Messiah.

In spite of the pandemic, God has blessed us with so many opportunities to build and develop our members as well as to reach out with the Gospel to our friends and neighbors.



Carefully following the guidelines of our government, we are slowly opening up our congregation for small group Shabbat meetings (limited to 20 people), while still joining on zoom.

We thank God for our building facilities that enable us to plan activities & meetings in the open air. For those who have not left their homes since the beginning of the pandemic, we are using these small group meetings to restore face to face fellowship. These groups help some people to overcome their personal emotional «lockdown» while assuring their health and safety.



After not seeing each other for months, our youth had 3 full days of fun, fellowship & teaching. Our leaders helped them to understand our new identity in the Messiah, including sexual identity.



Home group meeting on the roof top of our building. It was wonderful to finally fellowship face to face.



*Our kids loved "summer camp" on the roof with wading pools. After swimming, they had a comprehensive program learning about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*



*It was a joy to bless Yulia, one of our widows, new immigrant from the Ukraine, on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



*We could bless some of the needy families with schoolbags filled with supplies, donated to us by a Dutch organization. The children & their parents were so grateful!*



*During the Covid pandemic, we have seen a number of decisions to follow or draw closer to Yeshua. Here we are preparing for a water immersion celebration on the beach of the Mediterranean.*

## Prayer Requests

1. **Our government** - Wisdom and guidance for our governmental leaders to meet the needs of the people as well as protection from our enemies. That we will return to being a righteous nation who cries out to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and responds to our Messiah Yeshua.
2. Wisdom and direction for **Hamaayan leadership** to guide and direct our congregation during this pandemic and transition to open meetings.
3. **Our youth group (13-18)** - Salvation for each one of the youths & deeper intimacy for those who know Yeshua. Wisdom for parents to understand and guide them. We are in a great need of youth leaders.
4. **Our children** - With the new school year starting, we need to organize a full children's program. More teachers are needed.
5. Protection for **our soldiers** as they guard our borders. Strength for their walk with Yeshua, that they would not be swayed by the ways of the world.
6. Financial blessing for **our members who have lost their jobs or have no money** due to the pandemic.
7. Healing for **our members suffering** from cancer & other major diseases.

«All things work together for good  
for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.»

**Romans 8:28**

We thank you, dear friends for your prayers and your support.

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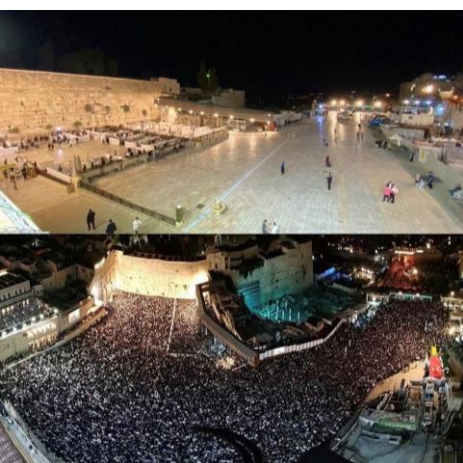
"With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation" Isaiah 12:3

Shalom Friends!

Now that our High Holidays are over, we have much to share! Join with us as we celebrate God's kindness to our members during these trying pandemic times.

**Closed But Not Forgotten**

Sadly, Israel had the highest per capita number of Covid-19 virus cases in the world during the past month. As a result, our nation is locked down again with many restrictions. Since the beginning of March, our holidays, usually celebrated with large family dinners and fellowship are restricted to zoom meetings. Even during the High Holidays (New Year, Kippur & the Feast of Tabernacles), we were limited to 10 people gathering indoors. We have not been able to travel from town to town, or walk more than 1000 meters from our home. During this special time of the year, when so many Jews pray in the synagogues, this restriction was difficult to follow. Instead of the Shofar blown inside the synagogue, we could hear it in the streets, as individuals worshipped in their homes. Praying took place outside in streets and parks instead of in crowded synagogues.



Yom Kippur 2019 vs Yom Kippur 2020 at the Kotel (the Wailing Wall)



Yom Kippur prayers at one of our local Synagogues



Zoom meeting inside our « Succah » during the Feast of Tabernacles

Despite these challenges, God has not forgotten His people. **We have used this unusual time to creatively remind and encourage our members and friends that our God is still on the Throne.** Through zoom, our congregation met to pray for Israel, her government, and the salvation of her people, including our family and friends. **Gifts were distributed to the younger generation** who had to adjust to the new school schedule and guidelines, **and to the older generation** who are confined to the elderly homes, or cannot leave their own apartments.



Distribution of special encouraging gifts to our elderly



Gift bags for both the children and our elderly



Our men meeting together on the rooftop of our building for a time of prayer & encouragement

God does not forget the widow or the orphan, and because of our partners, we have been able to bless those who have lost their jobs, their income, or their ability to pay bills. Miraculously, not one of our members has been tested positive with the virus! We hear almost weekly stories of those who have questioned God's existence but have now turned their lives over to Yeshua and have come to know Him personally. In all this, we give glory to God!

**“I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”**

**(Ps 34:1)**



Even Covid 19 or years of devastating cancer could not stop H. from our congregation from glorifying God in the word of her testimony as well as through the works of her hand.

During the first wave of the Corona lockdown **she discovered her creative gift through the ministry of Betsel-El – our Healing Center through Creativity & Arts.** She painted with the Lord, as never before, day & even nights. One of those nights she painted two trees, one of them with yellow around the top. She realized later this was her dancing with God in the night. H. had never signed a painting before, but now 54 freshly signed paintings are the fruit of her love and intimacy with God, especially because of those times walking in the valley of the shadow of death. We were privileged to exhibit her painting in the congregation & listen to her very encouraging testimony.

### Prayer Needs

**« O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on you. »**

**(2 Chronicles 20:12)**

FOR...

- God to raise up **righteous leaders** who honor Him first over anything else and for **our government** to make wise and just decisions for the safety and security of our nation.
- Protection of **our troops and borders, for our young believing soldiers** to stay strong in the Lord and be a light to those around them.
- For a **deeper hunger and thirst** for God's word and His Kingdom.
- For **protection & discernment** from the brain washing influences of biased medias & the secular materialistic religion of self permeating our society.
- God to provide **jobs and sources of income for our families who have lost their work** due to the covid19 virus.
- God to draw near to Him **our loved ones who need salvation & revelation.**
- God to supply the needs of **our congregation members.**
- **A youth leader or couple** who has a heart for discipling the young generation.
- Wisdom for **our leaders at Hamaayan** to direct our congregation.
- **Mental and physical well-being** for our members, our friends and family, no one to contract covid-19.

We are so grateful for all that God has given us, protected us and used us during this time, and appreciate your partnership in our ministry.

Hamaayan Team

"With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation" Isaiah 12:3

Dear Friends,

We recently celebrated **Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights**, remembering the miracles of God **and thanking Him for Yeshua, the Light of the world**. Less than 200 years before Yeshua, Israel stood strong against Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king who demanded that the Israelites worship other gods. God honored their stand and gave them victory. This is an example for us; that **we must never compromise in the midst of oppression and idol worship**.

We have been busy building "new wine skins" for **the new wine harvest the Lord has opened** for us. We were blessed to see new people, Israelis of all ages, coming to faith in Yeshua. They are discovering their gifts and volunteering service. We are seeing **the awakening of the Spirit in our midst**. A real thirst for the Word of God and the Kingdom values is apparent among so many. We meet on Zoom almost daily for prayer and bible studies as well as small support groups. Currently, we are teaching the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation each week.



Lightening the Hanukkah candles together



Praying during immersion by the Mediterranean Sea



Sharing testimonies with young new believers

At the moment, **we are still limited to 10 people indoors and 20 outdoors**. With our meeting room having 2 entrance doors, **we split the room into 2 by "building" a plastic partition** in the middle. In this way we can accommodate 20 people each Shabbat meeting, while we continue to utilize Zoom for the others. **People are so thirsty to worship and fellowship face to face**, after being on zoom for so long, that they register weeks ahead of time! Since we have multiple floors in our building, we can gather in different rooms, have more people join and still keep the regulations. **We started the children's program for the little ones again** and hope to make it for the older children which is a greater challenge. We thank God for our roof top, where we can fellowship and eat together in the open air, after the Shabbat meetings and other occasions.



Dividing our meeting room, so that more people can join the meetings



Our worship team is back to minister to the Lord & serve people.



Back to (face to face) children ministry

## Prayer Needs

- Pray for **more workers in the harvest**. *"The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."* (Matthew 9:37)
- For youth **teens leaders** and **children's teachers**.
- For wisdom for **our elders** to lead the congregation through the pandemic and afterward. (Hebrew 13:16-18)
- For **health for G. & H.** suffering from severe diseases.
- For relief and supply for **those who lost their jobs** due to Covid.
- For our **humanitarian projects** for this winter.
- For our **single mothers** and **Holocaust survivors**.
- For our new upcoming **government elections**, for more Godly righteous men to be raised up. (1 Tim 2:1-3)
- For the **abolition of abortion** in our country, exposing the "refuge of lies". (Isaiah 28:17)
- For **protection for our nation and army** against our enemies. (Psalm 33:20-21)



### A testimony

Our dear sister **Yonit** immigrated from Argentina to Israel 18 years ago, along with a 6 years old daughter and all their possessions in a 75 kg (165 pounds) suitcase. She had no family or friends, no Hebrew language and no money. She worked very hard cleaning houses and raising her daughter on her own.

In her own words, *"One of the verses that always guided me is from the book of **Malachi 3:10-11**. I believe that **the principle of the tithe is the best protection system that God provides for our finances**. It is His promise to us. When I didn't have money to tithe, I would tithe my work & my time, by cleaning the congregation building. In the midst of great difficulties and struggles, **God was always there, in His Mercy & Goodness, protected me and helped me.**"*

Today, Yonit is a successful **Medical Pedicurist** and owns her own business. She continues to trust God and testify of His faithfulness.

What a great encouragement for all of us, especially in these challenging times.



« *Your name has not been forgotten*

*Your name will be remembered  
from generation to generation*

*Your holy name, Your precious name*

*Has not been forgotten among Your people,  
it will stand forever. »*

We wish you all a blessed, healthy and peaceful year 2021.

Hamaayan Team