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

GREETINGS FROM ROGER January 2015

Shalom! I am writing this while sitting in our little apartment on the Ground Floor in First Metro Strata Building in Mandaluyong, provided by Padillas, so that we can spend more time in Metro Manila for **Teaching!!** Last Shabbat Billie commented that if it were not for Roger and Naomi, none of them would be there. Partly this is true, but the other part is, that without the apartment we also would not be here! With Joel and Ted, we started the Metro Strata Messianic Community in 2007 following APMC 5 that year in Baguio City, when we first met Ciso and Billie, and they invited us to move to Mandaluyong! Before, we would spend most of our time in Baguio, where we lived 1970-1990 and then retired, but even there now, paying for lodging limited our time as we are "on our own" now.

Therefore, I want to remind everyone that we are here to **teach** the Word of God as you may want to invite us. Our Base for the Far East is here in Mandaluyong, from which we can go to places in Metro Manila, Cebu, Mindanao, etc as you contact **Ted Franco** who is the APMF Coordinator for Southern Luzon, **Joel Cruz** who is the APMF Coordinator for the Visayas and Mindanao, or **Dave Angiwan** who is the APMF Coordinator for Northern Luzon. From Manila we can also fly to Korea, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and **INDONESIA**, where **APMC 13** will be held in **Jakarta April 23-27!**

Benjamin Obadyah is our valued APMF Representative for the vast area of Indonesia. Because of our Appointment Letter for Ben some years ago, he was able to use that to get Government Recognition for his Indonesian Messianic Fellowship. Why? The government is suspicious of the many "fly by night" or unstable religious groups wanting recognition. Our APMF Appointment Letter for Benjamin some years ago showed that Ben's various groups and ministries were stable and part of an International Messianic Fellowship. It also helped that I happened to be there with Ben in Jakarta to meet the government official who was there to make the Recognition official. Sometimes a foreigner can help; at other times, not. Yeshua controls our moves.

So we urge all of you to consider participating in **APMC 13** this coming **April in Jakarta!!** It will be a big push to consolidate the Messianic groups around the islands and might expand to many other curious folks in the area churches. Itzhak "Tsahi" Shapira has accepted Ben's invitation to come to do the teaching. He is an American Israeli and also a friend of Rami Danieli, our Israeli Tour Guide and teacher. For the first time, the full teaching in English will be simultaneously translated into Indonesian language, as we tried somewhat to do with our Papua friends who came to LaTrinidad for APMC 11. Thanks Ben & Co for your large group who came from Indonesia for APMC 11! We hope to have a large delegation to come to Jakarta in return!!!!

New Calendars and books will be for sale at APMC 12, New Horizon Hotel in Mandaluyong, January 2-4. Sorry that distribution of such was interrupted by our Tour of Israel last May that caused our Annual Conference to be delayed until now. Some bought their new calendars already so that we will not put one in each Kit this time.

We try to meet your needs, so please let us know if you need some particular books in the future

that you cannot find here.

November 30 was a great day in LaTrinidad, Benguet when a fabulous Messianic wedding brought together Lois Cablog, eldest daughter of Josie and our late Eugene, and Oliver Alcantara from LaUnion. They met three years ago when both worked at Texas Instruments. Lois was used by Yeshua to bring Oliver to salvation about a year ago and he is growing nicely in his new Faith. As yet, APMF has not met government requirements to license its men for solemnizing weddings, so Judge Marinias, a niece of Josie's, did the legal part at 2:00pm and "we all" did the Messianic part beginning at 3:00pm until.... I am not sure how late, as we left after the dinner and dance! The wedding was put together by Linnette Baucas with many persons involved, so now we have a "template" for the next one. Let us know well ahead of time so we can "do justice" on **your** great day!

We are very much concerned for our Young People and Young Adults, for their spiritual growth, stability and their mates as the Lord leads and provides. To this end, the youth up north organize a Youth Camp or Convention mostly each year during the holiday season with active involvement by their parents, with youth from all over the Philippines participating. This year it is Dec 23-26 just outside Baguio City. In addition, some will be giving Testimonies at APMC 12 with suggestions as to how we can help them and their peers.

Since our arrival in the Philippines in **January 1958** (most of you were not born yet!!) we have made youth the main focus of our ministry. This is not so easy in Metro Manila as it takes so long to get anywhere and everyone seems so busy. However, we do our best to have all-day-Sunday meetings here at the 11th Floor meeting room, evening classes in our apartment (25 students at times!), but even then most are beyond the "youth" category. Nevertheless, if anyone is hungry to learn, we are ready to help, wherever and whenever, as long as they agree to "pass it on to others." It is also a blessing to us, as teaching keeps our minds active even if our bodies can't keep up!

"Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis" is a series of 12 DVDs put together by the Institute for Creation Research in Dallas, TX, a group of Creation scientists showing that the evidence in nature agrees with the Bible record and does not agree with evolution, which is a huge hoax pushed onto mankind by those who deny God. The ICR position is the same as mine since high school days: God created everything in 6 days of 24 hours per day about 6,000 years ago, just as the Bible text says. There is NO reason to budge from this position! To do so begins to cast doubt on what God has written, and it is not necessary or wise to try to accommodate anything from evolutionary thinking. There was no Big Bang or anything else from this speculation.

Showing this series of 12 DVDs takes about 6 hours with a bit of interaction and further explanation in between. The set will be with Ted Franco for any showings. We finished with these Dec 7 & 14 here in Mandaluyong, with good interest.

In addition, we brought along the DVD "Let the Lion Roar!" the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, that is!! A British pastor for many years woke up to Bible Truth about Israel and the heresy of Replacement Theology - that the "church" replaced Israel - so that he made this very interesting hour long presentation, showing that the Reformation even increased anti-Semitism, which we find in many churches today. His "vision" is to "Complete the Reformation" back to Bible Truth. For a showing, please contact Ted Franco. We also included this one in our Dec 7 & 14 meetings with the Creation videos.

WHEN are you and your Kehilah going to build your scale model of The Tabernacle of Exodus?? This is a copy of the one in heaven and is an essential teaching model for today's understanding of Truth! We are very happy to announce that Eagles Wings Kehilah built theirs this past year and will be showing it and teaching from it at APMC 12.

BLOOD MOONS are coming for Passover and Sukkot this year, with a **SOLAR ECLIPSE** this March 20, fulfilling the Tetrad that began last Passover and this passage, **Joel 2:31** *The sun*

*shall be turned to darkness, and the **moon** to blood, **before** the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.* Are you ready?? This Tetrad is the 8th one since Yeshua was on earth and will not occur again for 500+ years! Think about this one: **Proverbs 24:10** *If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.* APMC 12 is designed to help strengthen all of us, so we hope you are there. For sure The Day of YHVH is coming, soon!!! These are His warning Signs.....

ISRAEL will be having new elections March 17, 2015. Why so soon? Two ambitious, secular members of the current coalition were plotting some bad moves, therefore Bibi Netanyahu fired them and called for new elections, "to clean house?" It seems that Israel is turning more away from its secular, socialist foundation and becoming more realistic of who they are and the world around them. They merrily go about daily life, somehow confident that they are there to stay! Good! I think that inwardly they have a belief, a confidence that God is with them. Many are aware of the many miracles that have happened for their benefit in the last 100 years, especially in recent wars. Even those who dress in black are beginning to take part in the IDF and getting jobs to support their large families, rather than living on welfare. They may even earn some respect from the general population who until now despise them as parasites on the economy.

The discovery by Israel of natural gas and petroleum in their territories may make Israel an energy exporting country after meeting their own needs and selling to their neighbors. Their hi-tech industry is also a significant factor in Israel's improving economy, but there are still a lot of poor, indigent people, including Holocaust survivors. The NWO with the US, EU and UN still harass and pressure Israel to do stupid things while Islam is waiting to destroy Israel for no reason other than strong, irrational satanic hatred. Israel does much to bless the world but in return gets kicked around. We continue backing Israel 100% in its international relations, as we believe that is God's position. Internally, we have some problems with Israel as it is not following Torah except for Shabbat and the Moedim, but it may change, soon.

Speaking of the Torah or 5 Books of Moses, are you and your Kehilah going on to study Joshua, Judges, Ruth and the rest of the Tanakh and all of the Newer Testament? We have **66 Books** in our Bible, all of them God-breathed and valuable for developing our lives! Because the Jews go over and over the 5 Books to the neglect of the rest is good reason that we should not follow their pattern. Only some Jews believe God wrote the 5 and none believe He wrote the rest, while we believe God wrote ALL 66! Therefore, study ALL 66! The Bible text, not Tradition, is our Standard.....!!!!

Come to think of it, should we have a Bible Quiz at each Annual Conference?? What fun, like Israel has its Annual Bible Quiz contest. Each Kehilah would put forward their two best Bible scholars to compete with others until we have a Grand Champion! Not ready for that yet? Then I suggest you get ready, as the days ahead might just be a practical Bible Quiz as you seek to live according to it in the midst of turmoil and gross deceptions of the enemy!! Hanukkah is a good reminder!! Love you all!! Roger