



THE OLIVE TREE MESSAGE!

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

NEWSLETTER

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Shalom - Count Your Many Blessings as we count ours,

“Around the world in 80 days!” How about “Around North America in exactly 80 days!” We did just that this summer, driving 12,742 miles from FL to stops in OH, IL, MN, ND, to Calgary, AB, Canada to speak in a Messianic Synagogue, to Tumbler Ridge, BC, to teach in a week long Bible Conference “Calling Canada Back to God,” to all over Alaska for visits and Bible studies, to 3 nights on the Alaska Marine Highway ferryboat from Haines, AK down the inland waterway to Bellingham, WA, to down the West Coast to San Diego with many stops in WA, OR, CA visiting and teaching, to stops in AZ, OK, and to home in FL. Tiring? Not really. Fun? Yes! Sickness? None! Nights without sleep? One, while we, and many more, waited in our vehicles on the Alaska Highway until early morning while firefighters put out a blaze covering the road. Naomi has now joined me by traveling in all 50 states, and all the provinces of Canada except the 3 remotest ones...and a lot of foreign countries.

Following the example of the Apostle Paul, we continue to disciple by personal visits and letters, with the advantage today of phone calls and emails. The biggest export from the Philippines is people, and BIBAK has its share of immigrants to Canada and the USA. Some disappear, but we keep contact with most of them. We also enjoyed visiting fellow retired Philippine missionaries and other friends.

Next big trip? To Israel, Nov 30 – Dec 14, to do the same, except only a few of our friends in Israel are Believers yet. Pray for blessing in each visit! Phone calls from Israel after we got home to see how we fared during the hurricanes (we were not home – only minimal damage, repaired in one day), and asking, “When are you coming to Israel to visit us again?” prompted us to check airline prices. To our surprise, NWA/KLM had a special of less than half price! We bought our tickets! One family was so happy they said they would meet us anywhere in Israel at any time...just name it! Usually we stay about 6 weeks to 2 months (a visa for Americans is 90 days free.) Pray for fruitful visits with the few that we can meet this trip, including several BIBAK girls working as caregivers who need an encouraging “visit from home.”

After Israel we go to the Philippines again in February for a couple months, to teach in various places in preparation for the 3rd Annual Bible Conference of the APMF, in Baguio City, April 6–10, 2005. Close to 200 came for each of the first two Conferences. The local Committee is preparing for 250 this time.

After the Philippines, we return to USA for the 50th Class Reunion of Naomi’s class of ’55 from Bryan College, Dayton, TN, May 6-7, where Naomi came as a Freshman in ’51, the same year Roger came to teach Chemistry and math, and coach cross-country and track. By the way, during our 80 day summer trip, we celebrated our 48 years together (Sept 8) and Roger his 75th birthday (Sept 14) with 4 parties! It pays to travel! Naomi reached her 73rd birthday Oct 29. We thank the Lord for energy and good health!

Pray for Israel, God’s Chosen People forever! (The Church does NOT replace Israel!) Their government and most Israelis ignore God and His Word, and therefore Israel is in big trouble. Trying to please the USA and the world instead of obeying God will never work! Pres. Bush was our choice, but concerning Israel, he must back off from the Saudi Arabian “Road Map” and agreeing to a Palestine state, which is defying God! Maybe Colin Powell and the anti-Israel State Department are responsible for that. Thank God for our Congress, which has always been pro-Israel! Pray for *our* new government to obey God!!

God says He will bless those who bless Israel and the Jews, and He will curse those who despise Israel and the Jews! This has never been changed. God says what He means, and means what He says!

With our love and prayers,
Roger & Naomi