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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6
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Shalom y'all,

"We trust in God. All others pay cash!" Naomi and I just returned from another enjoyable and productive 2 months in the Philippines, an expressive culture with signs and slogans on nearly everything, including the above. "Holy Infant Jesus Drug Store" "College of the Holy Spirit" and "Gift From God" on some Jeepneys are more.

Pope Francis arrives in the Philippines this week, so we thought we would leave a week ahead so as not to give him too much competition. "More than 5 million barefoot devotees paraded the centuries-old icon of the Black Nazarene through Manila" the day before we left, an annual exercise. Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual APMF Bible Conference January 2-4 did not draw quite that many. **Dr David Friedman** came from Israel to teach. A special was the presentation and teaching from a model of **The Tabernacle** made by the young people of the Eagles Wings Congregation of Metro Manila!! We are proud of them and hope more groups will do the same.

A highlight of our time was officiating the wedding of two "grandchildren," under the canopy Jewish style. Months before, they said, "Lolo (Grandpa) you will do our wedding the next time you come." It was a pleasure because both came to the wedding as virgins. Toward the end of the ceremony I said, "Now you may kiss for your very first time," and they hesitatingly did, to the cheers of everyone. We are so grateful that our young people are growing up with the Scripture, with the Torah Foundation, and for the most part are not absorbing the culture around them. Shabbat is a time for serious Bible study and teaching with their fathers the leaders of their congregations!

The annual APMF Youth Camp was December 23-26, up in the mountains. I got sick and had to miss it, to my regret, as I ran out of "reserve" trying to accept all invitations, forgetting to pace myself and "remember my age." Our ministry from the beginning in 1958 has been focused on young people so that there are now a lot of adults who are capable parents and Bible teachers. We hope they "keep the ball rolling." If our believing ancestors had not implemented 2 Timothy 2:2, you and we would not know the Lord today!

Next on our schedule is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual APMF Bible Conference April 16-20, this time to be held in <u>Jakarta, Indonesia</u>!! Surprised? APMF Congregations stretch from Japan in the North to New Zealand in the South, <u>each autonomous</u>. Naomi and I survived the long flight home and now enjoy clean water from the faucet.....

"But sanctify the LORD God in your hearts, and be <u>READYALWAYS</u> to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:16.

With our love, prayers and appreciation, (Conference Theme and Memory Verse

Ready to Preach, Pray, or Pass Away!!)

Roger & Naomi (PS. Watch the DVD "Let the Lion Roar!" We stand with <u>ISRAEL</u> 100%)