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with **The OLIVE TREE MESSAGE!** Romans 11

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We would like subscribers to *Petah Tikvah* to be aware of APMF for your prayer interest and possible involvement. In March and April this year, we began our Yeshiva Program, initiated by Rabbi Dr. John Fischer of Netzer David Yeshiva in St. Pete, FL. He also was the main teacher for our 5th Annual Bible Conference.

We also had our first Tour of Israel May 4-15 this year. Knowledge of Israel and a love for Israel and Israelis is essential for anyone who calls himself “Messianic.”

APMF is a teaching organization, to provide Bible Conferences, Seminars, etc. all over the Asia Pacific region as opportunities arise. Messianic Congregations/Synagogues are spreading all over the Philippines, as this is our base of operations in the region. The Annual Bible Conferences seek to bring together Messianic Believers from the region for fellowship and mutual encouragement, as in reality, we are a REMNANT, a scrap left over among the millions in the region. We need to see each other, and to hear reports of what is going on in each area, Japan, Indonesia, Singapore, and soon Thailand.

Expert Messianic Jewish Believers are invited to teach each Annual Conference. They come as Volunteers, as APMF is founded on non-professionalism.

Recently, in a home gathering of wealthy evangelical Filipinos, I was asked to trace the beginnings of Messianic Faith and Practice, as this is something new to them. My mind was guided to Genesis 3:15, the first Promise of The Messiah as the Seed of the Woman. Adam and Eve were listening. They responded, accepting the clothing that YHVH provided from the slain Lamb, and became the first Messianic Believers! Genesis and Hebrews 11 mention other Messianic Believers, as the Faithful to YHVH before Yeshua. looked forward to the Coming of The Messiah. These would not be only Messianic “Jewish,” as there were no “Jews” for 2000 years. Even from Abraham onward, Gentile Believers, the God-Fearers, who are mentioned many times, the *ger*, are included in the Messianic Community/Congregation of Israel, the *Kehilah*, translated as *Ekklesia* in the LXX, and continued as *Ekklesia* in the Newer Testament.

The Messianic Congregation/Community of YHVH continues right on throughout history, with those after Yeshua looking back at the accomplished Propitiation that Yeshua made for us. There was no “transition” in Acts from YHVH’s Congregation to a new entity called the “church.” “Church” actually began slowly as a breakoff from YHVH’s Congregation/Ekklesia about 200 years after Yeshua, made official in 325. “Church” comes from *kuriakon* (a pagan temple), not *Ekklesia*. Check your good Webster’s Dictionary.

Further, Acts 2 is the Implementation of the Great Commission of Matt 28:18-20, not the beginning of the “church.” As Peter spoke for the Apostles, they made disciples, they baptized these disciples, and they continued to teach them everything that Yeshua had taught them! Then they were ready to spread the Good News back home.

So this group of wealthy evangelical Filipinos were quite amazed at this Truth. Why had they not been taught this before? And, why not? APMF is here to meet this need.

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