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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Shalom and greetings, my dear friends and supporters, in the name of our Lord, *Yeshua HaMaschiach*, Jesus the Messiah. Reflecting upon my Savior's tender mercies this year, I thank Him for each one of you for your faithfulness. You enable me to press on by standing with me in your steadfastness for the salvation of Israel (Psalm 122:6-9), especially during these challenging times. Praise His holy name!

Praise and Prayer

Although this has been a challenging year for me in so many ways, I am blessed by the many opportunities God has given me to share the Gospel message with both Jewish and Gentile individuals. My prayer list for spiritual growth and salvations is getting longer and longer. May God bring the seeds that were planted to fruition and grant me wisdom as I continue to meet in person or over the phone to proclaim the truth, responding to questions and objections. In my December 2024 update letter, I had written about a long-time neighbor and friend, "Joseph," who asked to see me following the death of his wife of 53 years. He was so distraught and even spoke about taking his own life rather than living without her. I knew his wife, and he, likewise, also knew that she was a believer, although he was not. Following our three-hour conversation and Bible sharing, he prayed with me to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior. I bought him a Spanish translation Bible (he was born in Ecuador) and told him about a Spanish-speaking Bible Church. He recently called me again and asked if he could come over to introduce me to someone. Her name was "Eva," and he wanted my blessings, stating that she was a believer. He had known her back in Ecuador, and she had been living in California. She is single, and after hearing about his wife's passing through Joseph's niece, Eva called him, and a romance bloomed. My heart was touched by Joseph's request for my blessings and by their joy. Please pray for God's will and direction for these two special people.

Succoth: The Feast of Tabernacles

Every year, we, Tikvah BaMidbar (Hope in the Desert), build a "succa" (booth) on the lawn of my home church to celebrate Succoth: The Feast of Tabernacles. However, due to severe thunderstorms this year, we planned an abbreviated version in the church foyer (see photos below). This seventh and final feast is also known as the "Feast of Booths," or "The Feast of Ingathering." It occurs five days after Yom Kippur: The Day of Atonement, and is observed for seven days (Lev. 23:33-43). Succoth is predominantly an agricultural feast, a thanksgiving celebration for the fruit harvest. Historically, it is a celebration of God's providence, promise, and protection while the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, dwelling in tents. It is to be a



remembrance of a time long ago when God delivered the Children of Israel out of Egypt and dwelt among them through the presence of His Shekinah glory. Succas are built according to God's instructions and adorned with the first fruits of the harvest. These booths are to be the Jewish family's dwelling place during the week-long celebration. The future fulfillment will occur when the Lord Jesus returns to earth, after the campaign of Armageddon, and sets up His Millennial Kingdom, gathering the "harvest" of His children unto Himself as recorded by John in Revelation 21:2-4. This final feast, planned before the foundation of the world, points to a time when God will tabernacle with His people—Jew and Gentile alike.

Happy Chanukah—Merry Messiahmas—Happy New Year

As we focus on the upcoming holidays, may we keep our eyes on the True Light of the World, *Yeshua HaMaschiach*, Jesus the Messiah. Be blessed, my dear friends, as you have blessed me and the house of Israel. Thank you, always, for your prayers, love, and faithful support. May the New Year bring you much favor from the Lord.

For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield (Psalm 5:12).

In Messiah's love and mine,

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