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Ministry Update

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Shalom friends,

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In July, Sharon and I, along with several other CJFM family and friends, were on tour in Greece. We visited some New Testament Bible sites in Athens and then headed north to explore some ancient cities. Among them were Philippi, Thessalonica, and Corinth. Not only were these sites interesting, but to actually see the cities that were the recipients of the New Testament writers' letters was exciting and faith-building.

As great as the trip was, there was a dark side. The rampant antisemitism was shocking. I'm well aware of the rising global antisemitism, but the intensity in Greece was something I had not expected. Athens, and Greece in general, had incredible amounts of graffiti. Among all this wall art, there were plenty of antisemitic and anti Zionist views on display.

Below are two examples:



Even in this atmosphere, God gave us opportunities to speak with people. At breakfast at our hotel in Athens, two women were speaking Hebrew. My table was right next to theirs, so I asked one of the ladies if she was from Israel. "Aviva" hesitantly said, "Yes." I knew she was wondering how the conversation would go. I told her I was a supporter of the nation and the Jewish people and had friends in Israel. I told her I was keeping up with the news, the real news, from Israel. We then had a conversation about the ongoing war with Gaza, the rise in antisemitism around the world, and the effect it was having on the Israeli people, not to mention the soldiers. Aviva told me she was a teacher on her first holiday since the war began. She had a 15-year-old daughter and was struggling to find the right words to relay all these things to her. Even though our conversation was short, it touched both of us.

One of our side trips was a few days on the island of Crete. It just so happened that the Israeli National Basketball team was staying at our hotel. They came to play in the FIBA U20 Eurobasket tournament. There were a few unique aspects of the Israeli team that differed from the other teams at the hotel. They had armed guards with them as they stayed on their hotel floor. They were escorted to and from their dining room, and they didn't wander around as freely as the other teams.

Even under these conditions, I had a chance to speak to three people associated with the Israeli team. I assumed one older man was a coach, another was a player, and the third was a guard. All three of my conversations went the same way. I started by asking if they were from Israel. Every person looked at me suspiciously, and I knew they were wondering why I would ask this question. But each one responded, "Yes." I then told them of my love for the nation of Israel and the people of Israel. I told them not to believe all the news coming out of the US. There are many people in the churches besides myself who are praying for the nation and the people, the soldiers, and the hostages. Many people understand what is happening in the land.

The coach told me, "We are doing what we have to do." The guard said to me, "You are a good man. We need people like you." At the end of each conversation, each man reached out to shake my hand and said, "Thank you." Because of you, your prayers, and your financial support, I was able to represent you and your love and concern for the Jewish people in a face-to-face way.

Please pray for:

The salvation of the Jewish people both inside and outside the land

The return of the hostages and the end of Hamas

Our workers in Israel

Sharon's mom, Dolores

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Bless you all in the name of our Messiah,
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