



Newsletter December 2011

“Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests” Luke 2:14

What comes to our minds when we think of the Christmas story? Young Mary and Joseph, shepherds, the wise learned men, gifts, guiding star, peace and good will?

Mary and Joseph were young and faced a huge challenge but followed in obedience.



What an example were Mary and Joseph for the young people today. They were probably both in their teens but their hearts were set to

walk with God. How important that we teach the young to obey the Lord from an early age. We held another one-day Kids Club on November 5th and used the Eikon Bible Story power point program for the first time. It made a huge impression on the children to watch the pictures on the screen as they listened to the story of Jonah and really caught their attention. Our Christmas club will be on December 28 and 29th. Pray for Shaul and Nuha as they prepare for it and pray that we would have more experienced helpers. The youth are a great resource of help for the camps and it is a good way to train some of them for future service. The Youth ministry is growing and some like **Maggi** and **Sliman** are showing they are serious in wanting to follow the Lord. Pray for **Elias** who is very open to the gospel and **Mina**, who parents asked Shaul to counsel him for family relationship problems. Most of the youth are not from believing families but the parents are happy for their kids to come to the meeting as they face the parent/teenage problems.



Shepherding on the lifeismore.net Website.

We have been so encouraged by the increased response from students on the website www.lifeismore.net. **Dina**, an Iraqi woman from Canada wrote to us:



“I have finished all your available courses and need your help to start a home Bible Study group”. She has been so strengthened in her faith as a result of the studies that she was witnessing and talking to other Iraqi immigrants and it was they who suggested that she start a Bible Study. So we sent her 20 copies of What the Bible Teaches and she started the weekly study group at the beginning of November in her home. Pray for her husband who is not a believer but is not opposing her, to come to faith and for there to be lasting fruit from this group. Another student, **Rita** wrote to us from Egypt

“I need to talk with someone about a problem that is destroying my life, nobody else will listen” How do we respond to that cry for help? She is a believer and studied 13 of our courses. She asked for prayer and counsel for some difficult family problems. Pray that the Lord would work in her situation and give her a real peace that He is in control. **Mustafa** from Iraq writes:

“I have taken the Lord Jesus Christ in my heart and truly believe in Him and He is living in me. I want to be baptized during my visit to Jordan. Can you connect me to some Church elders there and give me some more Bibles studies.” He is only 18 years old but he has given his life to Christ since his believer friend, who had witnessed to him, was killed in an explosion. Of course that would be dangerous for him to be baptised in his town, since he is from a Muslim background, so we are linking him up with a brother in a neighboring country, where he is going for medical treatment. We hope they will meet up and

he can be baptized there and encouraged in the faith. These are some of the believers that we know about personally but there are many more all over the world, who are coming to faith through the courses and experiencing various trials and persecutions. Pray for them. They face challenges that we could never imagine ourselves going through. Pray for wisdom for Shaul and George as they give counsel. Two more books have recently been added to the website for more advanced Bible study.

Becoming Wise men (and women) for God with our Resources.



By the time you receive this, the new edition of *One Day at a Time* devotional will be out of the press in Jordan ready for distribution before the New Year. It has been a long labour through the summer to finish the corrections but we are glad that it is ready in time and pray it will be a blessing to many as it will now reach the surrounding countries. Bible distribution is on the increase and we are seeing more demand – praise God!

We praise Him too for a recent gift to reprint the *125 Childrens Bible Story book*, which has proved very popular and so we are now out of stock. We are now in the process of doing corrections and proof reading to improve the translation before printing it. This book we will also make available to print in Jordan.

We will be reprinting some tracts also. Thank the Lord for all the books and tracts we have been able to complete this past year.

We need the Guiding Star for a new Venture in Ministry.

For some time we have been considering how we can reach out more to the local community and one of the needs here is for extra tutoring for children to help them with their studies. We had planned to do this in the new Center but we thought why to wait until it is built, when we could begin now using the assembly rooms. English is one of the subjects most in demand and so we plan to start English classes and then later add other subjects



as we see the need and as the Lord provides qualified teachers. We may also add classes for adults too. There is the idea to do an English Summer School for 4 weeks for children. This is still in the planning stage and so we need your prayers for the Lord’s leading and for teachers who are believers to be ready to work with it.

God gave the ultimate gift for us– His Son. What can we give Him? Our time perhaps...

We have a young volunteer from the States, **Micah**, coming in the New Year, who has done an English teaching course and so she will be able to help in this as well as with the youth ministry.



We would like to have more volunteers for this teaching ministry, especially for the Summer School as well as help with the youth, children and music. If you know anyone who would be interested to come for a month in the summer or longer, please have them contact us to arrange the timing.

Our Dutch friend, **Leonora**, is with us once again to help us during December – she takes her annual holiday to come to Nazareth and we appreciate her very much. She shares about the Emmaus work in Holland also and is a member of the Emmaus Nazareth board in Holland. Pray for **Shaul and Nuha** and especially for good health for their 3 daughters this winter.

“Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” Romans 5:1 Finally our highest goal for Christmas this year is to bring the message of Peace with God to a world filled with conflict and strife. Will you pray for us and this ministry to reach the lost in the Middle East?

Wishing you God’s Blessings and Joy this Christmas season

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