



Shoresh Jots & Tittles

Thoughts from Cheryl Gonzales ~ February 2007

Friends,

Thank you for your gift in January. Because of your support, we are well on the way to another exciting year.

Last month Shoresh was part of a “first ever” event for this area. I reported in the year-end letter that I had been invited to participate in a dialogue between Christians and Jews at a local Synagogue. I had the privilege of introducing three Christian pastors who love and support Israel to a small Jewish audience. A more in-depth report will be given in the quarterly Update, however, I was eager to share with you just a bit of our time there.

You would have been proud of the clergy who spoke. I certainly was. They each briefly shared the important role Israel has played in their lives. Then they took questions from the floor. These brave men addressed some volatile topics like, “I’ve been told I’m going to burn in hell because I don’t believe in Jesus. What do you say to this?”

I believe one of the good things that came out of this meeting is that the ice has been broken. Locally, Jewish people are still suspicious of Christian motives. They think we secretly want to “forcibly convert” them. It is good that now we are at least talking to each other about our beliefs. At our meeting we were able to sensitively express that we believe Jesus is the Messiah for all, so of course we want others to know Him as we do. However, believing in Jesus is a choice one makes, not an action to be forced upon anyone.

Please continue to pray for our relationships in the Jewish community. Pray that all Christians will be a light that the Father uses to draw others to His Son and not one that blinds them from the Truth. Thank you again for your faithful partnership, joining your light with ours.

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