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Shalom from Florida! It's hard to believe, but we come to another new year, 2019. Is it just me, or does time seem to go faster and faster these days? As we begin this new year and people are making resolutions with the hope of starting fresh, I enjoy meditating upon one of my favorite Psalms, Psalm 40 and verse 3, "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God." What an amazing truth to take hold of. May you exult in the new song that God has given everyone who has accepted Jesus as their Messiah and Savior, and spend the coming year boldly proclaiming the gospel to a lost and dying world that desperately needs to hear this Word of Life.

As I've shared with you previously, Chosen People Ministries will be celebrating our one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary. We were founded by a Hungarian rabbi who came to faith in Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, in the Lower East Side of Manhattan and established a ministry to the Jewish people in Brooklyn, New York in 1894. That ministry eventually became a worldwide ministry reaching Jewish people in over seventeen countries. To celebrate our anniversary we will be having a number of events around the country, and in the coming months I will give you more details of where and when those events will happen.

Julia and I had a wonderful time with family at the holidays. We are so blessed by our children and grandchildren, and the fact that they are all walking with the Lord. We ask that you would pray especially for our non-believing loved ones as the New Year begins. This is a burden of ours we know you understand. At the writing of this prayer letter Julia was preparing for knee replacement surgery. We would welcome your prayers for her complete recovery. May this be a joyous and blessed year for you and yours. Please be sure to let us know how we can be praying for you in the coming year.

Yours for the Peace of Jerusalem,

Rich and Julia Freeman

## FEBRUARY 2019 UPDATE

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Shalom from Florida!

With Valentine's Day approaching, February is a month where we especially remember those whom we love. I am blessed to have a faithful and loving wife who is my partner in everything. In Jeremiah 31:3 God declares His love for Israel when He says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." God's love for His chosen people is everlasting, and that love is especially demonstrated through Jesus the Messiah. Please pray that Jewish people around the world will respond to that love through the proclamation and receiving of the gospel message.

Ministry in South Florida is a blessing. We praise God for the many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus the Messiah with the Jewish people of South Florida. Our two monthly Messianic fellowships are going well and we are meeting unbelieving people, both Jewish and Gentile, regularly. Please pray for a conference we will be sponsoring at First Baptist Boca Raton on February 22 and 23 in celebration of Chosen People Ministries' one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary, featuring Dr. Michael Rydelnik.

Please also pray for our Church Ministries Department which Julia manages, that we would see a greater receptivity among the churches, especially as we come into the Passover/Easter season. It is a vital part of what Chosen People Ministries does. If you would be interested in having me or one of our representatives speak at your church, you can contact Julia at [jfreeman@chosenpeople.com](mailto:jfreeman@chosenpeople.com).

Our family is doing well. Our children and grandchildren continue to give us great joy and blessing. Julia has recently had knee replacement surgery and is in the process of going through some rigorous physical therapy. Please keep her recovery in prayer as she has just started to get back to some degree of normalcy. We praise God for you, and all of our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. May all God's blessings be yours in abundance. May 2019 be an extra-special year of blessings for you as you experience God's love.

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## MARCH 2019 UPDATE

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Shalom from Florida! The busy Passover season is once again upon us and I will be doing an extensive amount of traveling over the next two months. Please keep me in your prayers regarding my physical strength during this grueling time of travel, as well as protection for my family while I'm away from them.

I never tire of seeing the reaction of people to the Messiah in the Passover presentation, as they recognize how everything so neatly fits together through Yeshua, Jesus, the Messiah and the Passover Lamb. Paul writes in 1 Cor 5:7, "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." That is the message of the Passover that our staff will be bringing to churches all around the country. Please pray that hearts would be touched and that people, Jew and Gentile alike, would respond to the gospel message. If you would be interested in having me or one of our representatives speak at your church, you can contact Julia at [jfreeman@chosenpeople.com](mailto:jfreeman@chosenpeople.com).

As I've shared with you previously, Chosen People Ministries will be celebrating our one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary. In celebration of our anniversary we will be having a Bible conference entitled "Israel's Glorious Future," in Irvine, California, at the Marriott Hotel on March 29 and 30, featuring best-selling author Joel Rosenberg, Dr. Jerry Johnson, President of the National Religious Broadcasters, and Dr. Mitch Glaser, President of Chosen People Ministries. Please keep this conference in your prayers and if you're in the area be sure to register for this great event.

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Shalom from Florida! This month we celebrate Passover and Resurrection Sunday. What a joy to be able to share the story of Passover and how it was fulfilled in the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How heartbreaking it is to see lost people wander aimlessly without the assurance of the Messiah and His Resurrection. It reminds me of what Paul said in 1 Cor 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." I pray you will be rejoicing in the great salvation our Messiah has accomplished for us.

Please pray for the various Passover presentations that have already taken place in March, and will continue to take place this month throughout our Chosen People Ministries family. We are having a significant outreach with our Passover Seder here in South Florida on April 23, and will be following up with many unbelievers both Jewish and Gentile who will hear the Gospel message in the Passover.

I never tire of the chance to share the Messiah with people. One pastor I know said this, "the world is more amazed by our silence than it is offended by our message." People know that true Christians believe that apart from Christ there is no salvation. What they're amazed at is that if we really believe that to be true, why we aren't sharing our faith more with them. Please pray that many would come to know Jesus as their Messiah and Savior through all of our Passover meetings.

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I hope you are well, that you are rejoicing in the Lord's promises and that your celebrations of the Passover and the Resurrection were a time of worship with loved ones. Last month was a very busy time for Chosen People Ministries' missionaries around the world with many special Passover banquets and church presentations. The focus of these events is to draw the connection between the exodus from Egypt and Messiah's ministry at the Last Supper. If you are interested in learning more, we have some excellent material about this powerful teaching on our website.

Every year, Chosen People Ministries holds a special retreat called Simcha, which is Hebrew for "joy." The vision for this one-of-a-kind retreat is to bring individuals and families together to worship and experience the joy of the Lord.

This year, we are going to combine this joy-filled time together with a celebration of Chosen People Ministries' 125th anniversary!

Our theme is **Israel's Glorious Future**, and we will have wonderful speakers including Dr. Darrell Bock, Professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary; Reverend Stuart Rothberg, who is the teaching pastor at Sagemont Church in Houston; and Dr. Mitch Glaser. Marty Goetz will lead us in worshipping the Lord together—Marty is truly a modern-day psalmist and world-class musician.

To better understand our rich 125-year history, Chosen People Ministries staff member Dr. Alan Shore will be presenting a one-man dramatic testimony of Chosen People Ministries' founder, Rabbi Leopold Cohn. You will not want to miss this!

Because our vision is to bring families together, we will have exciting and engaging programs for children and teens, so bring your whole family! You can learn more about this wonderful retreat, and all the other events we have planned throughout the year, on our website at [www.chosenpeople.com/site/cpm-125th-anniversary](http://www.chosenpeople.com/site/cpm-125th-anniversary). To download a brochure or to register for this event visit <https://events.chosenpeople.com/igf-sandy-cove/>.

We are truly thankful for the rich heritage the Lord has given our Mission over more than a century and we excitedly look forward to what the future holds. You are a vital part of the Lord's work past, present and future. Thanks so much for your prayers and partnership.

Yours in Messiah,

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**JUNE 2019 UPDATE**

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Shalom from Florida! The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 122:6, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you.’” This past month was the seventy-first anniversary of the rebirth of the nation of Israel. With all that is going on in the Middle East, it is imperative that we all remember to be praying for the salvation of the Jewish people and Israel’s Arab neighbors, and trust in a faithful God to keep His promises made over 4000 years ago to the patriarch Abraham: promises of a land, promises of blessing, and, most of all, promises of peace. Please be in prayer for us as we seek to bring the message of peace, through Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to God’s Chosen People in South Florida and around the world.

I wanted to share a praise report with you that of something that happened this past Passover tour. While presenting a Messiah in the Passover seder, I noticed a woman crying. During the meal as I spoke to some people attending, I stopped to talk with this woman. She was Jewish, invited by a Christian friend to our event, and she told me that she had never seen anything like this before. The imagery of Yeshua in all of the elements on the seder plate was overwhelming to her. At the end of the seder when I gave an opportunity to respond to the message, she accepted Jesus as her Messiah, and prayed with the pastor of the church sponsoring the event. Please keep this woman in your prayers, praying that she would grow in her new faith.

This month, Julia and I will be celebrating our forty-sixth anniversary. Time flies when you’re having fun. We are blessed that God has given us wonderful and godly children and grandchildren, who are walking with the Lord and love Jesus. God has been so faithful to us.

We appreciate all that you do as you partner with us in prayer and support. May God bless you and yours richly as you seek to serve Him. May you be especially blessed by God because you pray for and love Israel.

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Shalom from Florida. The book of Isaiah is packed with great prophetic passages that speak of the Messiah's first and second advents. But in one of the more obscure passages in the book, in Isaiah 26:3, it says, "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You." With the hectic pace of a busy ministry schedule, it is so important for me to take that verse to heart. Only when my mind is stayed upon God do I truly experience His perfect peace. I pray that you would experience His perfect peace in your life.

I have some news I wanted to share with you. My mother, Rita Freeman, went home to be with the Lord on May 25. She was ninety years old. I am thankful that God gave her a long and full life that we can celebrate. I am reminded of the verse in Romans 12, that says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." That truly describes what I'm experiencing right now. I am rejoicing that she is no longer in pain, no longer suffering, and is now in the presence of our Messiah. I am so grateful that she accepted the Lord, as did my father, and they are now together with Yeshua. But the reality that I will no longer be with her this side of glory, that I am no longer going to see her smiling face, no longer going to hold her hand, causes me to grieve and weep. Please keep our family in your prayers through this time of grieving.

Our children and grandchildren are truly a blessing to us. We rejoice in the fact that they are walking with the Lord. We continue to covet your prayers for our ministry and our financial needs. We appreciate all that you do as you partner with us in prayer and support. We pray for God's provision for you as well. May God bless you and yours richly as you seek to serve Him.

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**AUGUST 2019 UPDATE**

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Shalom from Florida! In the midst of a relatively quiet summer season, I have been spending a lot of time studying the book of Revelation. I get so excited when I read the words of our Lord when He says in Revelation 22:7, "*And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.*" Do you believe that Jesus the Messiah is coming soon? Are you living your life expectantly? I pray that you are.

We continue to have open doors to preach the good news to nonbelieving people in South Florida and around the country. Please pray for all of our outreach efforts here as we seek to reach one of the largest Jewish populations in the United States. It is truly heartbreaking to see so many Jewish people who don't know Yeshua, Jesus, as their Messiah, especially those who are in the latter part of their lives. The urgency is overwhelming. To that extent, we are planning a short-term missions week in South Florida in February 2020, that we are calling, "Fun In The Son." I will have more information for you in my next prayer letter.

We have had conferences celebrating Chosen People Ministries' 125th anniversary in southern Florida, southern California, and Maryland. Later this year, we will also be having an Israel's Glorious Future conference at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin, on October 11-13, 2019, featuring Dr. Walter Kaiser, world-renowned Old Testament scholar. We are also in the beginning stages of planning our Chosen People Ministries Heritage Tour and Grand Finale Banquet to be held at the Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York in November. We will visit some key spots in our mission's history during the Heritage tour which will include the church where Rabbi Leopold Cohn, the founder of Chosen People Ministries, became a believer in Jesus.

We continue to covet your prayers for our ministry and our financial needs. God has been so faithful to us. We pray for God's provision for you as well. May God bless you and yours richly as you seek to serve Him.

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Shalom from Florida! As we come into the fall season, our ministry gears up for what's called the Jewish High Holy Days – Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. Both of these are Old Testament feasts from Leviticus 23, the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. Recently, I have been spending a lot of time studying these feasts and focusing especially on the Rapture of the Church, which I believe is a fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets. The thought of the Lord, our Bridegroom, returning for the Church, His Bride, makes me so excited in looking forward to what's in store. I pray that you would also be looking forward to the Lord's soon return.

Please pray for all of our outreach efforts here in South Florida as we seek to reach one of the largest Jewish populations in the United States. It is truly heartbreaking to see so many Jewish people who don't know Yeshua, Jesus as their Messiah, especially those elderly who are in the latter part of their lives. The urgency for what we do can sometimes feel overwhelming.

As I've shared with you previously, we have been celebrating Chosen People Ministries' 125th anniversary this year with conferences in Southern Florida, Southern California, and Sandy Cove, Maryland. Later this year, we will also be having an Israel's Glorious Future conference at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin, on October 11-13, 2019, featuring Dr. Walter Kaiser; world-renowned Old Testament scholar, Rev John Bell; and our president, Dr. Mitch Glaser. We will also, as our final celebration, have our Chosen People Ministries Heritage Tour and Grand Finale Banquet held at the Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York in November. On the Heritage Tour we will visit some key spots in our history which will include the church where Rabbi Leopold Cohn, the founder of Chosen People Ministries, became a believer. You can register for those events on our website, [www.chosenpeople.com](http://www.chosenpeople.com).

We continue to covet your prayers for our ministry and our financial needs. God has been so faithful to us. We pray for God's provision for you as well. May God richly bless you and yours at this special time of the year.

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OCTOBER 2019 UPDATE

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Dear Brian,

Shalom from Florida! The fall season is in full swing and I am in the midst of a busy time of ministry. For those of you interested in Bible prophecy, the Fall Feasts of Leviticus 23, which are the Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles, speak of three events still to take place on God's prophetic calendar. Those events are the Rapture of the Church, Daniel's Seventieth Week or the seven-year tribulation period, and Jesus' return to earth and the establishment of His Millennial Kingdom. Our missionary staff has been teaching about these feasts around the country. Additionally, we just had a high holiday service at the end of last month and many unbelievers were in attendance. Please keep these meetings in your prayers, that people might respond to the Gospel and many might come to faith. As Paul shared in Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

As I've been sharing with you, we have been celebrating Chosen People Ministries' 125th anniversary this year with conferences in Southern Florida, Southern California, and Sandy Cove, Maryland. Later this month, we will also be having an Israel's Glorious Future conference at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin, on October 11-13, featuring Dr. Walter Kaiser, world-renowned Old Testament scholar; Rev John Bell; and our president, Dr. Mitch Glaser.

We will also, as our final anniversary celebration, have our Chosen People Ministries Heritage Tour and Grand Finale Banquet to be held at the Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York, November 13-15. Jay Sekulow, a noted lawyer, will be our special speaker. On the Heritage Tour we will visit some key spots in our history which will include the church where Rabbi Leopold Cohn, the founder of Chosen People Ministries, became a believer in Yeshua. You can register for those events on our website, [www.chosenpeople.com](http://www.chosenpeople.com).

We continue to covet your prayers for our ministry and our financial needs. God has been so faithful to us. We pray for God's provision for you as well. May God richly bless you and yours during this special time of year.

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Shalom from Florida! Later this month, people around our country will be taking a day to watch the Macy's parade and lots of football, eat turkey and dressing, and hopefully have some good family time. Typically, people will wish you a Happy Turkey Day. Actually, the fourth Thursday of November is supposed to be set aside as a day of thanksgiving to God, made a federal holiday by President Lincoln in 1863. We have much to be thankful for here at Chosen People Ministries and you, our ministry partner, are at the top of the list. As the Gospel is proclaimed to Jewish people here in South Florida, as people respond to the messages we preach in churches around the country, you are there with us.

As I've been sharing with you in the last few months, we have been celebrating Chosen People Ministries' 125th anniversary this year with conferences in southern Florida, southern California, Sandy Cove, Maryland, and Delavan, Wisconsin. As our final celebration, we will have our Chosen People Ministries Heritage Tour and Grand Finale Banquet to be held at the Prospect Hall in Brooklyn, New York, November 13-15. Jay Sekulow will be our keynote speaker and the Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers will lead worship. On the Heritage Tour we will visit some key spots in our ministry's history which will include the church where Rabbi Leopold Cohn, the founder of Chosen People Ministries, became a believer in Yeshua. You can register for these events on our website, <http://www.chosenpeople.com>

November is birthday month in the Freeman family. We rejoice as both of our sons, Brian and Joel, and two of our grandchildren, Carrington and Ellenora, celebrate their birthdays. Julia and I thank you, our partner in ministry, for your prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated. The only Psalm to be called a Psalm for Thanksgiving is Psalm 100. My favorite verse of that Psalm is the last verse, verse 5, which gives the reason why we should be thankful: "For the Lord is good, His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations." I pray God's richest blessings will be yours this special season as you find reasons to be thankful.

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Shalom from Florida! This is one of my favorite times of the year as we remember what I believe is the most important event in Jewish history, the birth of Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah. Luke records the words of the angels to the shepherds in Luke 2:10, *“I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people, for today, in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

In addition to Christmas, we will also be celebrating Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, celebrated by Jesus in John 10. It’s a reminder of God’s faithfulness in preserving the Jewish people from those literally hell-bent on destroying them. I like to teach that without Hanukkah there would be no Christmas. If the Jews were destroyed, Jesus could not have been born. Please pray for opportunities for us to share the gospel with both Jewish and Gentile people alike, willing to hear the message of salvation through Yeshua, Jesus the Jewish Messiah and Savior of the world.

This past month we completed our year of celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ministry with a gala in Brooklyn, featuring Jay Sekulow, one of the most influential Jewish believers in the world, as well as some wonderful testimonies of all that God is doing through our ministry. It’s such a joy to look back on the faithfulness of God to our ministry for well over a century. We look forward to seeing what He will be doing in the future.

As we conclude another year of ministry, we are overwhelmed with the many ways God has blessed us personally. We have seen people saved and growing in their faith. Our children are all walking with the Lord, and our two grandsons and four granddaughters grow more handsome and more beautiful by the day. Julia and I are truly thankful for your faithful support of our ministry with Chosen People Ministries. Without the prayers and financial support of our team, we couldn’t be doing what we’re doing. You truly are our partners in ministry.

We wish you and yours the most blessed of holiday seasons.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

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