

April 2020 Update

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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 Corinthians 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 Passovers that have already taken place in March and will continue to take place this month throughout our Chosen People Ministries family. We will be having a significant outreach with our Passover Seder here in South Florida on April 14, and will be following up with many unbelievers, both Jewish and Gentile, who will hear the Gospel message in the Passover. If you are in the South Florida area we would love to have you join us.

Our *Fun in the Sun* outreach that recently took place is still bearing fruit for us. Seven people prayed to receive Jesus as Savior and three of them were Jewish. We gave out hundreds of tracts, had many meaningful gospel conversations, and are following up with more than thirty individuals who are open to further dialogue. We want to encourage you to avail yourself of the many short-term ministry opportunities Chosen People Ministries affords you in sharing your faith in different places around the world.

Our family is doing well. Our children and grandchildren continue to give us great joy and blessing. Please keep our son Joel and his family, ministering in East Asia, in your prayers as they are dealing with the effects of the Coronavirus in their area. We praise God for you, our partner in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. May God bless you and yours richly this special season.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich & Julia". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Rich and Julia Freeman

P.S. Since the writing of this letter, the coronavirus outbreak has forced many of our plans to change in order to maintain our own safety and the safety of others.

P.P.S While tours have been postponed and Passover Seders cancelled, there may still be an opportunity to participate in a Messiah in the Passover this year. We are considering broadcasting a demonstration for those who are interested. If you are interested in joining a virtual Messiah in the Passover that we are hosting for our supporters, please email us at jfreeman@chosenpeople.com and let us know so that we can provide you with all the information.

May 2020 Update


Shalom from Florida! At the writing of this letter we are in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Our ministry has shut down all of our offices and we are all working remotely at our homes. Here in South Florida we have a large population over the age of sixty-five, so we are especially vulnerable. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rest in the goodness of the Lord. I am reminded of what David said in Psalm 23:4: *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."* I hope and pray that you are trusting in the goodness of God and His abiding presence with us. May that great truth alleviate all your fears.

In our personal quiet time Julia and I have been meditating on Psalm 91 which says, in verses 1-4, *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark."* My prayer is that you would truly find shelter in the shadow of His wings.

Our family is doing well and are all healthy. Our children and grandchildren continue to give us great joy and blessing. We've asked you to keep our son Joel and his family ministering in East Asia in your prayers as they are dealing with the effects of the coronavirus in their area. Joel and his family are praying for all of us now as they continue to minister and are still dealing with the impact of the virus.

We praise God for you, our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and your continuing support of our ministry.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

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Rich and Julia Freeman

June 2020 Update

Shalom from Florida! At the writing of this letter we continue to be in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Our ministry is still shut down and we continue working remotely out of our homes. Here in South Florida, as I've shared, we have a large population over the age of sixty-five, so we are especially vulnerable. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rest in the goodness of the Lord. I have spent a lot of time looking at the many admonitions in the Scriptures to not be afraid. The statement is made over three hundred times. The interesting point to this is that very often when we're told not to be afraid, God reminds us that He's with us. In Joshua 1:9 the Lord says to Joshua, *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* I hope and pray that you are trusting in the goodness of God and His abiding presence with us. May that great truth alleviate all your fears during this difficult time.

Lately, in our personal Bible study, Julia and I have been spending time in the book of Philippians. It's a book of the Bible that Paul wrote while chained to a Roman guard in jail. Even in the midst of such a difficult situation, Paul's emphasis is on contentment and joy. In Philippians 4:4 he writes, *"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice."* How is it possible to be joyful in such trying times? Paul gives us the answer in verse 5, when he says, *"The Lord is near."* I pray you will spend time rejoicing in the nearness of our Lord and Savior, Yeshua (Jesus).

Our family continues to do well and are all healthy and virus free. As far as we know only one person in our ministry has had the virus, although some in the ministry have lost family members and friends. We praise God for you, our partner in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our ministry.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

Rich + Julia

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