

June 2020 Update

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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,

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

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