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It was a blessing to be able to go back to Israel with three of my sons in March. From the very beginning of the trip, we could see the hand of God mightily working. Normally at the airport it gets extremely frustrating and very overwhelming while trying to get all the humanitarian bags into the airport and checked in. This time I was still overwhelmed, but at how kind and helpful they were. Once they found out we were bringing in materials for the IDF they came outside and got our bags for us, I literally felt like a VIP. All thru the airport it seemed that the Lord was giving us great favor with everyone we came in contact with. The open doors and opportunities were absolutely amazing.

As we sat at the gate waiting on our flight we had an amazing conversation with some Jewish people. One in particular named Yael was returning to visit his daughter in the IDF. He has been living in America now for over 20 yrs. It just so happens he lives about 45 min from me. He was very interested as we began to talk about Jesus. He shared with me how a friend of his gave him some material to read about Jesus. The Lord allowed us to be able to open the Bible and show him many Scriptures why Jesus is the Messiah. We exchanged phone numbers and have been in consistent contact with each other. He messaged me about a week ago and told me "I've been thinking about you and I've been thinking about Jesus a lot." He had previously told me that his family didn't know he was looking into the possibility of Jesus being the Messiah. This time he told me that he sat down and told his family that he is considering receiving Jesus as his Messiah. His family is now wanting to meet me. Please pray for the salvation of this entire family.

While in the land we were able to deliver 30 medical backpacks to a Doctor in Afula. He is the one who is providing the documents for us to get all the humanitarian aid in thru customs without having to pay the taxes. He literally has saved us thousands of dollars with his help. He is using these backpacks to build surgical kits to be used on the field. While there we ordered several uniforms, helmets, and plated vest for a unit getting ready to enter back into Gaza. The commander of the unit has sent me several videos thanking everyone for their support. I recently got word that he was in an explosion in Gaza and severely injured. The soldier who contacted me said that the plated vest that we provided took the blunt of the shrapnel. He said that vest saved his life. I have recently been contacted by the commander and he sent me a video of him in therapy learning how to walk again. The doctors expect him to make a full recovery. This has further opened the door for us to share the gospel with him.

We use many of the items that were not designated to a unit to open doors for us to try and get the gospel out. We will find areas where soldiers are gathered to gather like gas stations, restaurants, etc.. There we will approach soldiers with our tactical gloves to see if they need any. Sometimes we find soldiers in medical units, we will offer them medical kits. All of the items that we give out has been labeled, the labels contain a website where they have the possibility of requesting a free Hebrew/English New Testament. It's thru these encounters that we get open doors into the units.

We also were able to provide a medical unit with 90 tactical boots. I've had a few in that unit who I've been able to give gospel tracts to. One of them told me after reading the "Forbidden" tract that I wrote that she was convinced that Jesus is the Messiah. She told me that she gave it to another soldier who after reading it came to the same conclusion. Much prayer is needed over there for their salvation, but also for their safety.

Our first morning while staying at my apartment my sons stood in my driveway videoing rockets coming over from Lebanon (which is about 3 miles away) and the iron dome knocking them out of the sky about one mile from us. This is a constant reality for many, especially to those who live on the borders.

The Lord is still sending in financial support for us to purchase more items. We are planning another trip as soon as we can. I want to thank everyone for praying for our family. By the grace of God, we are doing good. We have had some difficult days since my wife went to be with the Lord back in December. We are still trying to adjust and be as busy as we can as we are healing. Unfortunately, we just encountered another loss in our family.

My brother-in-law Jim, battled cancer for about 3 yrs. He was only 50 yrs old and it's my wife's sister's husband. Jim was much more than a brother-in-law or an uncle to my sons. His passing has been very difficult for us all. We are so grateful for his faith in Christ. Watching his conversion and faithful service to the Lord has been a huge blessing. Please be in much prayer for my wife's sister Tammy during this time. Thank you all for your prayers and faithful support. I can't express how grateful we are for you. Many have reached out to me about how to help with the need in Israel. Any financial support can be sent to my support address above. Please make the checks out to Calvary Baptist Church and put in the memo "For Israel".

His servant, Bro. John Sasser