

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society

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Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. Romans 10:1

Dear friends in Y'shua...

Since 1976, I have invested my life to reach our Jewish people with the Gospel and equip the church to do the same. ***I am so very thankful for many like you who make it possible to serve both here and in Israel.***

The times we are living in are perilous, indeed. The news blasts cover the incident of the minute until something else replaces it in the fast-changing news cycle.

It's a tale as old as time! Nothing is new under the sun. But it is new to this generation and intensely startling. What is it? Overt acts of hostility infused by anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism, however, is not news nor is it new. It is rooted in a spiritual battle for the souls of those facing a Christless eternity and the utter eradication of the Jewish people!

The enemy of our souls foments hatred in the world and causes the enemies of God to burn with rage against His Chosen People. Why? To seek victory and demonstrate that God is not able to keep His promises (see Jeremiah 31:35-37). Heaven and earth will have to pass away before the Jewish people will cease to exist. Pharaohs, Haman and Hitler have tried throughout the ages to remove us, all have failed!

BUT God is faithful and God is sustaining His promises.

Paul lived in turbulent times, too. The ancient church, under persecution from the authorities, had to stand firm and overcome animosities and prejudices to advance the Gospel. His passionate call to those who were Jesus' followers was that their hearts' desire, too, would be for the salvation of our Jewish brethren.

* Friends, we seek your fervent prayers as we move forward with the Gospel both here and in Israel.

** We seek your standing as a co-laborer in the field telling others of the hope we have in Jesus.

*** Finally, we prayerfully seek your sustaining mission support to undergird The Apple of His Eye now in our 25th year. Please only give over-and above your regular church giving!

We stand with Paul who said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. For this is God's power for salvation, for all who believe... to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." Romans 1:16



God's Proclamation in a Window!

*Eleventh, in a Series of Articles Sharing the Stained-Glass Windows
of Immanuel Church Lutheran in Tel Aviv-Yafo*

Over the last ten months, I have been sharing a series of articles with you showing the uniqueness and beauty of the stained-glass windows of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tel Aviv-Yafo. If you're interested, you can find a link to each of the previous ten articles and stained-glass window pictures at the end of this article. This month I would like to share an eleventh window (or a series of windows) and article with you about "God's Proclamation in a Window!"



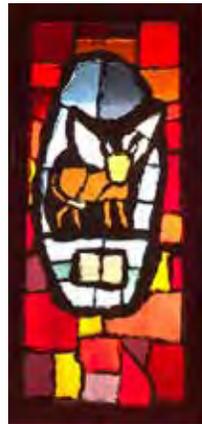
Matthew



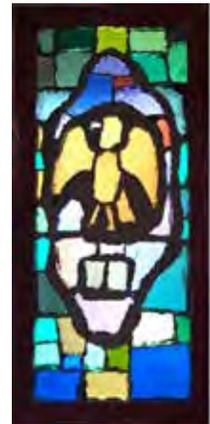
Mark



The Church



Luke



John

This set of five windows, can be found on the back, lower wall of Immanuel Lutheran Church. These beautiful stained-glass windows were created by the Norwegian artist, Victor Sparre. Here God gives us a glimpse that He is a God of "proclamation" in these stain-glassed windows. Mr. Sparre intended to show in these windows and the symbols represented in each window, that God's "proclamation" comes from these four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) as well as the church.

Matthew – A winged man (Incarnation): *Matthew's gospel emphasizes Jesus' human nature, as it begins by tracing the human ancestry of Christ from Abraham.*

Mark – A winged lion (Resurrection): *Mark opens his gospel with John the Baptist preaching like a roaring lion.*

The Church – A small boat, an ancient representation for the Church (Discipling): *Symbolizes that God is in control as we sail through life.*

Luke – A winged ox (Crucifixion/Sacrifice): *Luke starts with Zacharias sacrificing in the temple, writes especially of the priesthood and sacrifice (of which the ox is symbolic) and includes a detailed account of Jesus as our atoning sacrifice.*

John – An eagle (Ascension): *John's gospel starts with an eternal overview of Christ, describing the incomprehensible dual nature of Jesus Christ in lofty words. Thus, the eagle, the highest figure of the sky, is used.*

Each of the symbols is depicted with wings, following the biblical sources first in Ezekiel 1-2, and in Revelation 4.

This is “God’s Proclamation in a Window!” . . . This is our proclamation as well, yours and mine as we are called by our names in our baptisms to proclaim the name of Jesus to the world around us!

Here in Tel Aviv, Israel, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, the opportunities to share God’s blessings in His plan of salvation through Y’shua HaMashiach, continue among His people, through these beautiful windows! Thank you for your partnership in prayer and financial support making it possible for us to be here through the Apple of His Eye Mission Society, to **“Boldly declare Y’shua as Messiah and urgently equip believers in Jesus to do the same!”**

(Copy and paste on the links below to read the earlier articles in a PDF format)

The first window and article I shared talked about “God’s Reminder in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/8jmcjhbdiipnmaxv/2020-06%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.pdf?dl=0>

The second window and article I shared talked about “God’s Promise in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rf5gub5y7x5xnn9/2020-07%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.pdf?dl=0>

The third window and article I shared talked about “God’s Future in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ibdoo5lgg3foc4/2020-08%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.pdf?dl=0>

The fourth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Directions in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/57lbcmkfuffo6bu/2020-09%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The fifth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Compassion in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9jqexpkslsozf2i/2020-10%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The sixth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Miracle in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6naqneyy2qz79hr/2020-11%20%2B%2012%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The seventh window and article I shared talked about “God’s Visions in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/imbim0cxu2ov2rr/2021-01%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The eighth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Visions in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ztbbnfkpf8ss3n/2021-02%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The ninth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Blessings in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/16rzjzze16mbp7m/2021-03%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

The tenth window and article I shared talked about “God’s Calling in a Window!” <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ucgz0y8wvuddia5/2021-04%20-%20AOHE%20Newsletter%20Article%20%231.docx?dl=0>

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We are now open to come to your church to speak!

Since our beginnings in 1996, we have given presentations in over 1,800 churches. As we move through this Covid era, we are trusting the Lord to open up for churches and are planning our calendars on the assumption that regular services can take place.

Debby Wilson is our new itinerary coordinator and she is working on our presentation schedule for 2021 already.

If you would like to have your church considered for one of our presenters to be with you, please ask your pastor to call Debby at:

636-326-4040 ext 2

Presentations include:

The Power of Pentecost
The Fall Festivals of Israel
Y'shua the Light of the World
Unwrapping Romans 11
To the Jew First

Our Jewish Roots
The Jewish evangelism seminar
Wisome Witnessing



PROTECTED by Kristi Roegner

In Psalm 17:8 (the verse from which The Apple of His Eye Mission Society took its name) David writes, *“Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings...”*.

The past weeks are the first time since we arrived here in Israel early last year that we went to sleep conscious we were under threat of attack. Despite this, I’ve slept well, and since we’ve been sleeping with the windows open, have awakened to the sound of birds chirping outside the window around 6:00 am. This morning I was reminded of Psalm 17:8, and I am thankful the Lord hides us in the shadow of His wings. He protects us. He’s allowed us to serve Him here in the Holy Land! We’re thankful for both His protection *and* for the opportunity to serve.



While the news media has reported the recent events threatening the people here, the reality is that most people here in the Land are under threat every day – of an eternity spent separated from the Lord who created them and loves them! That is why God called us, at this point in our lives, to live far from our friends and family to work among His chosen people! It is why we are willing to take the risks involved. We know we will live with the Lord for eternity when we die. We want more Jewish (and non-Jewish) people to share that same comforting certainty!

Just like David, we ask the Lord to keep us as the apple of His eye – the pupil – a vulnerable part of the eye that’s protected because it’s easily damaged. Continuing with the idea of protection in verse 8, David pleads with God to hide him under the shadow of His wings, just like a mother bird protects her young under her wings. David could have asked God to hide him anywhere, but he asked for protection in the shadow of His wings. David trusted fully in the covering presence of the Lord’s wings. David knew that was a safe haven! God does the same for us. He alone can make us dwell in safety in the shadow of His wings – utterly protected within His tender loving care!

I recall the story of parents who would remind their teenagers as they headed out the door for an evening of fun, “Remember who you are and Whose you are.” When the enemy tries to make you forget who you are and Whose you are, remember this:

You are the apple of His eye!

You are protected!

You are special!

You are loved!

You are His!

As His child, the apple of His eye, you can rest assured in the shadow of His wings, utterly safe no matter what threatens you in life! You are His for eternity! Many have been praying for us and the situation here! We sense His sheltering presence. Outwardly, we face enemy threats, but inwardly we remain securely protected in His care!

(The photo above was taken inside our bomb shelter in Jaffa during one of the siren calls for incoming missiles)



Reflections from David Ma, a volunteer in Israel from Germany

One of the many positive impacts that my time in Israel has had on me is reflecting. Reflecting on how I am living my life compared to others, especially Israelis.

Growing up, my surrounding area was never one that challenged me to think about how I was living differently from other people – because I've always stayed in the same area (Hochrhein – Blackforrest – BW - South-Germany). People were the same, activities were the same, food was the same, life was the same. Of course I went on vacations to different countries, different cultures, and can say that I have consumed a lot of online media about all parts of the world, so I am no stranger to humans that have a different life. But vacation is still short term, and online is not real life. And in order to experience the way of living, to see the perspective on life of a different kind of people, well, you have to live there.

Tel Aviv is the first place outside of Germany that I can say I lived in. It finally got me to think about the differences between my pattern of life vs. theirs, and there is a lot I can learn from, not only as a German, but as a Christian.

So, how do Israelis live? To make it short, they live uncomplicatedly. Especially the younger generation knows how to enjoy life. Sometimes, when I look at all these people along the beach (which currently contains no tourists at all), I get the impression that besides from work, they are on vacation, that living is their vacation.

We Germans rather work in order to be able to go on vacation. Outside of that, we are worrying about taxes, income, politics and society or, on the smaller scale, the weather, the neighbour's music and the bad restaurant service. And I think in a sense, this can slow us down, if we let it impact our lives too much.

Maybe, Israelis are aware of and share the same problems as us, but either they choose not to show their grief, or they just don't think about it that much. One way or the other, it is refreshing and relaxing at the same time to be around people who enjoy the moment and do not let their sorrows affect their future or ability to take risks.

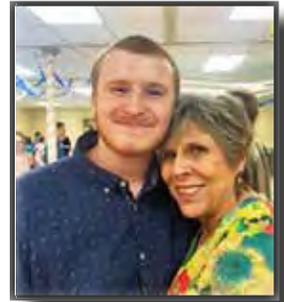
Now, they are not living like this out of any reasons based on faith or religion. It's just how they do it. Also, it's not the golden standard, not at all (a certain level of carelessness can oftentimes bring sudden and undesirable problems that we are not prepared for). But what I'm trying to say is that it made me think about if our way of living can be adjusted a tiny bit towards the direction of serenity, according to the Bible and according to God's will. Meaning to trust more in him, take more risks, to enjoy the moment, to courageously do something out of the day, and to not let unhealthy thoughts enter our head, affecting our mood negatively. And all that while you may be struggling with paying taxes, with your income, politics, society or, on the smaller scale the weather, the neighbor's music, the bad restaurant service, while everything around you might not be rosy.

God did not call us to live a life in fear. And I don't believe that Jesus died on the cross to give us a way out of man's biggest fear, the fear of death, just so we can go and find other things to worry and hesitate about, that prevent us from living an exciting life.

Life is a gift from God, and we can honor him by learning from the people of Israel, to live it out to the fullest potential. They certainly don't do it perfectly, no one does. But every culture can learn from another one, and I wanted to point out what I think we can learn from Israelis.

Nan C's Corner

One Last Assignment



“So, the eleven talmidim went to the hill in the Galil where Yeshua had told them to go. When they saw him, they prostrated themselves before him; but some hesitated. Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.” Mat-
thew 28:16 – 20. (Complete Jewish Bible)

My sweet, third grandson, Andy, graduates May 28th. This beautiful red-headed man/boy almost maxed his SAT (that's from his score as a sophomore! Proud granny;-) and has received invites to schools everywhere (to include Princeton). He absolutely loves Yeshua with all his heart and has been a joy to watch grow up and mature! Church and small groups were attended faithfully by Andy, as well as his on-line schooling. He probably knows the Word of God better than most pastors. However, he has one more assignment that will be required until he goes to Heaven. The Great Commission.

Fishing for Men

I recently heard an incredible sermon on the verses 16 through 20 in Mathew 28. I will share some of the points. Verse 17 says “When they saw him, they prostrated themselves before him; but some hesitated.” Yes, some of the disciples hesitated at the assignment Yeshua gave them. They may have been afraid or felt unqualified. Sounds like many today. Vs 18 says: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me”. We are going with the authority and power of God! James 1:5 says if you lack wisdom, ask God for it and you will receive it. Of course, we all remember that Acts 1:8 tells us that we will receive power and have the Holy Spirit...what more can we ask for? Titus 1:2 says that God cannot lie. Hebrew 6:18 tells us that it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie. Therefore, if He says He will give us wisdom...

Vs 20 we are assured: “And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.”

Hello! If He is with me, I can do all He asks of me. Remember: “God is not the author of fear” 2 Timothy 1:7

Verse 19 tells us: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

We are to make disciples (win the lost, i.e.: those void of God) Then we are to baptize them. Of course, most people would prefer to get them to a church or synagogue to be baptized (but it doesn't specify that).

Verse 20 tells us to teach them! Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

You know so much more than the average American about the Bible if you merely quote the Apostles Creed. You could take it point by point and attach the corresponding verse.

Verse 20 also reminds us that He is with us always. YAY!

My goodness. These days are full of news that only affirms the point that the world needs Yeshua! What an exciting time of life we live. Opportunities all around us to give hope. “We shouldn't hear twice what some in the world have only heard once” My prayer for my beloved Andy, and all the graduates, is that they go in the strength, the wisdom, and the love of Yeshua.

love, from my heart, nanC (If this article has blessed you – share it)



Do you have a prayer request? Share them with us. nancy.cohen@appleofhiseye.org

We would love to hear from you and how God is blessing your life!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HOLY LAND! (For 2021 and Beyond)

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society has two different ways you can consider serving through VOLUNTEER opportunities in Israel, God's Holy Land. Both involve becoming a part of the T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Accomplishes More), working in partnership with Bob and Kristi Roegner, Bible Teachers in Israel, at Immanuel Church Lutheran in Tel Aviv-Yafo.



Immanuel Church Lutheran
in Joppa (Tel Aviv)

FIRST, consider serving as a short- or long-term Volunteer . . . opportunities exist for anywhere from 6 months to two years! If you are interested, a volunteer program application, a volunteer program description, and a volunteer program job description are available.

SECOND, consider bringing a Mission Team from your congregation to serve in outreach opportunities . . . a Mission Team of 6-12 people for a period of 10-12 days in the Holy Land! These days will not only include activities to share Jesus as Messiah, but

also days built into the schedule to visit places like Galilee, the Dead Sea, and of course, Jerusalem.

Both Mission Opportunities include training from the AOHE in areas like: The Land of Israel Today, Jewish Religion, Jewish Culture, and sharing Y'shua as Messiah in Israel.

Costs associated with both short- or long-term Volunteers and Mission Teams, are the responsibility of each individual serving. In both cases, assistance and information from AOHE is available on creating partnerships, doing deputation, and fundraising to support your mission opportunity.

If interested, please contact either:

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