



# The Zion Letter

The Monthly Newsletter of For Zion's Sake Ministries, Inc.  
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## From Joe & Dawn

Dear Chaverim (Friends)

Shalom in the name of our Messiah and Savior Yeshua! Over thirteen years ago Dawn and I answered God's call to come to the Tri-Cities and



pioneer a Messianic Jewish work. At the time there was no such work anywhere in the area. Since that time, God has blessed our ministry and made us very fruitful. We have been fruitful in raising awareness of the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, of His love for Israel, and His desire for the Jewish people to return to Him (Deut. 30:1-10, Rms. 11:23). In addition, we have been fruitful in leading people to Yeshua and in our prayer ministry to the sick. We have seen well over a hundred people saved and several hundred healed of serious illness and cancer, myself included. I still suffer with osteo-arthritis of the spine, brought on as a side effect from the cancer, but I continue on in the work while I wait upon the Lord to complete the healing He has begun in me.

God has also made us fruitful in raising funds for needy people in Israel. The Apostle Paul taught us to do the very same thing: ***"But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem," Rom 15:25-26.*** By the grace of God we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for *The Joseph Project* which

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## A Time to Pray



*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1*

God gave the children of Israel one special day every year to humble themselves before The Almighty, to gather together in His Temple and to make atonement for their sins. That day is known as Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) Leviticus 23:26. God said it was to be a statute "forever, throughout your generations." So we continue to gather together on Yom Kippur every year and to "afflict our souls" as the scriptures tell us by fasting and prayer. Yom Kippur was Israel's National Day of prayer. If there was trouble for the Nation, the people would could come together on Yom Kippur and confess their sins corporately before God.

We invite you to join us as we gather together to rend our hearts, confess the sins of our Nation, and pray for America and Israel on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm, which is the beginning of Yom Kippur. We will begin a fast that evening for 24-hours, then regather again on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:00 pm for a concluding service followed by a covered dish meal to break the fast. If you have never celebrated Yom Kippur and are interested to come, we welcome you to join us!

But that's not all folks! September 30th is the 14th day of the Biblical seventh month, and we are having our second 7-14 prayer service for the year. We will begin a fast after supper on Saturday, September 29th. We will meet for prayer on Sunday, September 30th at 3:30pm with a covered dish meal to follow the service.

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goes to help the poor saints in Jerusalem and all throughout Israel. Many of you have partnered with us in this great cause! Praise the Lord, *The Joseph Project* is thriving in Israel today. Nevertheless, during the summers of 2009 and 2010 *The Joseph Project* was struggling to survive. The folks at *The Joseph Project* came to us for help and we were able to release \$50,000 in 2009 and \$60,000 in 2010 to help keep *The Joseph Project* operating! Because of the dedicated efforts of *For Zion's Sake Ministries*, *The Joseph Project* was saved from shutting down two years in a row!

*For Zion's Sake Ministries* is touching thousands of people's lives in many other ways locally and internationally, but our support for Israel through *The Joseph Project* is a number one priority in preparing for the return of the Messiah. As you know, nothing is for free and, unfortunately, fund raising for Israel incurs a substantial amount of expenses that are not covered by the funds that are raised. When we promote *The Joseph Project* on TV each program costs \$300. Our newsletter, *The Zion Letter*, costs \$400 a month due to printing, postage, and paper expenses. With this newsletter we reach more than 2000 people in the mail plus the thousands more who take them home from *The Manna Bagel Company*. When we host a banquet at Feast times with live worship, speakers, and food, we run a budget of around \$10,000. All of these costs must be raised apart from the donations raised on behalf of *The Joseph Project*. When we raise funds for "*The Joseph Project*" it all goes to *The Joseph Project*!

*For Zion's Sake Ministries* has always been able to cover these expenses in the past. However, it has been a dry summer financially and we are experiencing a significant budget shortfall of around twenty thousand dollars. I believe *For Zion's Sake Ministries* is good ground to sow into! God's word says, "**Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness,**" **2 Cor. 9:10.** Recently I was on a hill overlooking the hills and mountains of East Tennessee. The Lord spoke to my heart that through *For Zion's Sake Ministries*, His word is going out to people on every hill and in every valley beyond what my eyes could see! I couldn't count the number of hills, mountains, and valleys on that beautiful sunny day. God showed me that He that is multiplying our seed exponentially through this

ministry, and that we are reaching thousands of people far beyond Bristol, TN.

I realize that these are challenging times for many people. I am writing to you because many of you have stood with us in the past, and we offer a heart felt thanks to those of you who currently stand with us every month. For those who don't, I ask you to pray about standing with us now to help us through this dry spell. I sincerely believe that God will multiply your seed!

Here are some ways that you can help:

- \$300/month will pay for one airing of *For Zion's Sake* television program for one week
- \$200/month will cover half the cost of printing one *Zion Letter* edition
- \$100/month will cover the cost of 1,000 copies of *The Zion Letter*
- \$50/month will help to print Gospel tracts and *Zion Letters* for the Bagel Shop

*Whatever you are able to do, we trust that you will pray and ask the Lord if He would have you support For Zion's Sake Ministries at this time.*

*In Yeshua's Love*  
*Rabbi Joe & Dawn Bell*

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In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God said, "**If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and I will heal their land.**"

Folks, America and Israel are in trouble. If you are concerned for this nation and for Israel, the greatest thing you can do is PRAY TOGETHER with God's people. So consider joining us at our service or gathering together at your church, prayer group, or Sunday school class. Whether you are here with us or at your place of worship, its time to stand up and be counted; it is TIME TO PRAY.

Please call us for more information about this event or for the 7/14 prayer points.





**Sunday Sept. 30th / 3:30pm**  
**7/14 Day of Prayer**  
 (A time to pray for America and Israel)  
*Don't Miss it!*

## 2012 Fall Feast Schedule

**Rosh Hashanah**

**Monday Sept. 17th / 6:30 pm** (*revised date*)

*Light refreshments to follow*

**Fall Feast Overview Service**

**Friday Sept. 21st / 7:00pm**

**Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre\*)**

**Tuesday Sept. 25th / 7:00pm**

[fasting begins]

**Yom Kippur (Neila)**

**Wednesday Sept. 26th / 6:00pm**

*followed by covered dish [breaking the fast]*

**7/14 Prayer Service**

**Sunday Sept. 30th / 3:30pm**

*Covered dish to follow at 6:30 pm*

**Sukkot Service**

(The Last & Greatest day of the feast)

**Sunday Oct. 7th / 5:30 pm**

*Covered dish to follow at 7:00 pm*

**Location for all Services:**

**The Tri- Cities Messianic Center**

**1128 New Hampshire Ave**

**Bristol, VA 24201**



For Zion's Sake Ministries Special Event

An evening with..... **Marty Goetz**

*To benefit the Joseph Project*

**Friday October 19**

**7:00 pm**

Admission:

\$12 adults \$5 children  
(Desserts and coffee to follow)

**The Tri-Cities Messianic Center**

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