Christian Missions Resource Centre

The Safe Room

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October Newsletter

Israel

As you are all aware, the situation in Israel and the Middle East in general, has been precarious at best. In September, Douglas and his wife Marni visited Israel with long-time friends Ted and Linda Walker to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. This Israel update is not about our mission work in Latin America, however, we trust it will be of interest to you.



Israel update by Douglas:

Almost a year ago, we received an invitation to travel to Israel from our friends Ted and Linda Walker who have lived in Israel for more than 45 years. We met them when we lived there 40 years ago. Ted and Linda invited us and their family and a few other friends to celebrate their 50th anniversary in the first few weeks of September.

With all the wars and conflicts happening, we felt that we needed to pray about it and see if we were to go. With the lull in the conflicts in Israel, we felt that it would be a good time to go. Most of our time there was spent travelling as a group to see the different sights. Our travels took us to Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Yad Vashem the holocaust museum, the Garden of Gethsemani, the Garden Tomb, the Dead sea, Masada, and a baptism in the Jordan river. We spent time in Galilee and in the Golan where we took a “jeep tour” along the Syrian border. It was a wonderful time seeing and experiencing Israel once again. We felt very safe all the time.



During our time in Israel, there were a few terrorist attacks in Samaria, but nothing where we were. On our last evening, Marni and I were invited by a family (relatives) to celebrate Jewish New Years and to have dinner with them which was a unique cultural experience. They told us that one evening during the war, they heard the sirens sound and went into their “Safe Room.” A loud explosion occurred as a missile hit nearby. Upon receiving the "all clear," they came out and every window in their home had been broken, and everything had fallen off their shelves. It was a close call but everyone was safe.



Most homes in Israel have a “Safe Room” which is different than a bomb

shelter which is in every neighborhood. Bomb Shelters are underground and can withstand a major hit. Safe rooms are cement boxes or rooms that withstand nearby hits and shrapnel hits. Spending time on the Syrian border, we learned about the politics and dangers of the different terrorist groups. We were within about 40 kms from Damascus and looked up at Mount Hermon. Surrounded by tanks and anti missile systems, we felt quite safe but were ready at any time to run into nearby shelters.

Please pray for Ted and Linda and the thousands of believers living in the land. Pray too for Israel as a nation and the special place they hold in God's eyes.



Doug Springer
Executive Director



Karen in Iquitos in the Peruvian Amazon Reports:

Young Women's Education

This month, the girls actively participated in a volunteer activity at one of the local churches, where a movie was shown for children, teenagers and young people. They contributed by distributing refreshments and registering the participants, demonstrating responsibility, willingness to serve, and active involvement in the community.

Lili continues to strengthen her academic skills through both theoretical and practical learning. The combination of specialized subjects, general education, and technological innovation is contributing to her comprehensive development, and preparing her for the challenges of her future professional environment.

Sindi is taking courses focused on essential skills, including medication administration, correct procedures for the use of medical equipment and syringes, hands asepsis and biosafety for patients, as well as the proper handling and use of suture materials. These subjects are helping Sindi develop practical knowledge and skills related to patient care, safety, hygiene, and the correct use of medical equipment and materials. Overall, Sindi is progressing in both her theoretical and practical training and gaining valuable experience.



Isabel is currently taking Basic Hospital Assistance, where she is learning essential skills such as assessing patients' vital signs, proper handwashing techniques, and the cleaning and general care of patients. Isabel was elected as the class representative by her classmates. She feels very happy and grateful that her classmates have placed their trust in her by choosing her for this responsibility. She is also taking a Nutrition and Diet course.

Paxi has informed us that she has almost completed the last practical training that remained outstanding after she had to interrupt it due to a surgical procedure. She has subsequently resumed her practical training.

Please pray for Karen and the young women who struggle financially and emotionally as they desire to do well in their programs, but sometimes home situations and finances cause struggles we cannot understand. Pray for wisdom for Karen as she mentors and leads the young women.



Urgent items needed for Cuba:

If you live in the London Ontario area and can drop off some over the counter medications or finances to purchase these to take, please contact Douglas at 519.680.2599 or by email at info@cmrc.ca before October 30th.

Laptops needed: Laptops for pastors in Cuba and young women in Peru. Laptops must be able to be upgraded to Windows 11. Contact Info@cmrc.ca



Note: The laptops, tablets, and electronic devices are only available to the churches and pastors we work and partner with in Latin America.

Do you know someone who loves missions and would like to work with CMRC? Please get in touch with us, or put us in contact with the person so we can introduce the work CMRC does. Send an email to Doug Springer: doug@cmrc.ca

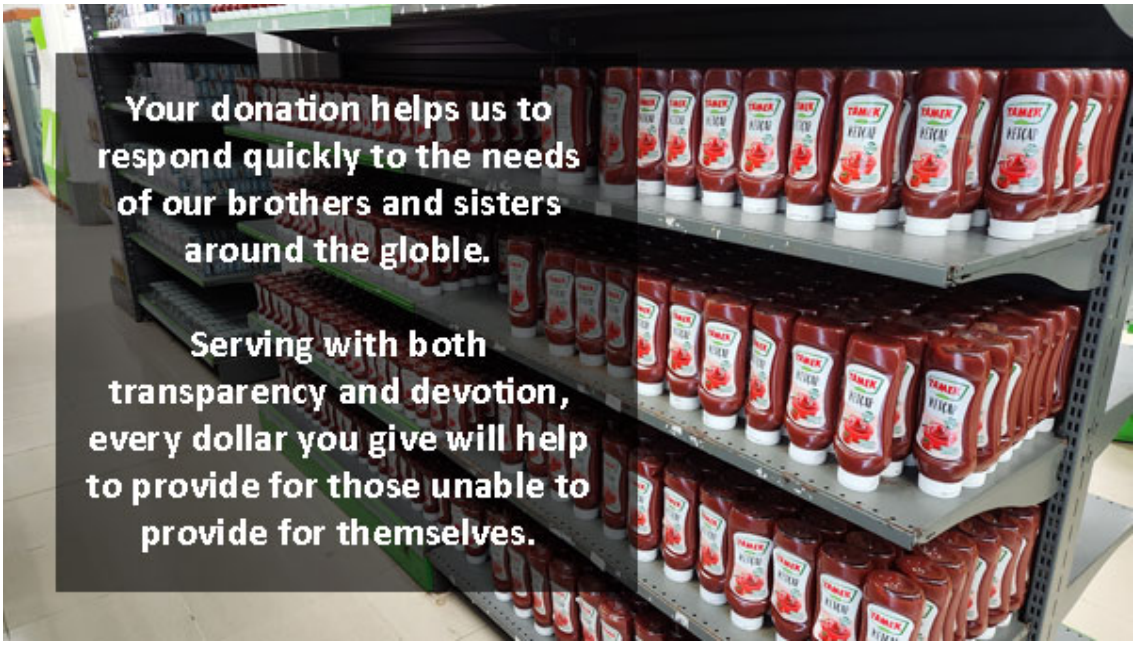
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Prayer Requests

- Pray for Israel.
- Pray for Karen and the young women.
- Pray for Cesar in Guatemala as the challenges of Students and Ai are becoming more obvious in the classroom.
- Pray for Douglas Springer as this year is one of constant travel and raising funds to support our needs in Cuba and elsewhere.
- Pray for the Cuban pastors as they struggle to purchase food for both their families and their congregations.

- Pray for Douglas as he will travel to Cuba on November 3rd and would like to take 2 suitcases full of over-the-counter medications and other supplies to the churches.

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