

Maoz Israel UK Prayer letter – 7 September 2017

As a ministry, Maoz has at its heart the proclamation of the Gospel. When Paul writes about his people in Romans 10:14-17 he underlines the necessity of hearing about the Messiah, but also the importance of someone to tell them about Him.

Of all that is happening in Israel today, all of the busyness and pressure of life we have to remember that the proclamation of the Gospel is paramount. There are many who recognise the Biblical mandate to bless Israel, but how many include in that the most important directive of our Lord to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”, and that ‘repentance for the removal of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem’ (TLV).

A Messianic pastor from Israel was recently in the Far East sharing about the day to day life of leading a congregation. He shared a personal story that a yeshiva (Jewish seminary) in his city received a donation of 400,000 dollars from a large Christian organisation and yet it is that very yeshiva that persecutes the Messianic community.

Whilst we are sure that that organisation had at its heart a desire to bless Israel, for us the best way to bless Israel is to tell Jewish people the Gospel, a core activity of this has to be supporting local believers to spread the Gospel. We are grateful to you, our prayer partners, for standing with us in prayer. Our collective desire is that ‘All Israel shall be saved’.

Prayer news:

Maoz support Congregation Ebenezer in Tel Aviv. They are an Ethiopian Messianic Congregation that has seen growth in recent years.

Most recently they have been involved in outreach in several Israeli cities, including Netivot, 8 miles from Gaza. **Please pray** for Pastor Argaw, his family and his church as they seek to expand the Kingdom.

Congregation Tiferet Yeshua in Tel Aviv is also experiencing growth. Because of this they are seeking to carry out building work to make more room. **Please pray** for Pastor Gil, his wife Tamar and the leadership team as they seek to lead the congregation in this needy area of Tel Aviv.

Give thanks for the new openness to the Gospel that both congregations are experiencing.

Please pray for Beit HaYeshuah (House of Salvation) a Messianic Rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem that we support. The centre helps men who have had addiction problems. It is led by Oleg Vilinsky and through its work men have come to know the Messiah and have been delivered from their addictions.

Please pray for the Palestinian believers that Maoz support. In very difficult circumstances they work to bring the Gospel to people all over the territories and Gaza, sometimes with great danger. We cannot give you full details, but would covet your prayers for protection and fruit from their labours.

Our office in Tel Aviv is closed this week as our team take time out together, to pray and recharge their batteries. **Please pray** for them that they come back with renewed vigor and energy for the work ahead.

Please pray for our UK team:

Brian: Director

Helen: Development

Petra: Administration

Colin: Finance

Over the last year we have carried out several efficiency exercises to ensure that we are being good stewards of our responsibilities as Maoz UK. Our main aim at the moment is to grow our partner base in the UK, so that more people are praying and supporting our work in Israel – reaching Israelis with the Good News. There are many congregations and projects that Maoz directly supports – there is great need and we would like to help them all but need more resources to be able to do this.

Please pray for an increase in partners.

For an increase in intensity of prayer.

For more financial support for our projects.

For more churches to be open for visits from Brian and the team.

For our UK website www.maozisrael.uk – we had nearly 1000 visits in August. It's a great tool for connecting with the UK office.

For opportunities at conferences for the Maoz team to have a stand and speak about the work.

In November 2017 Maoz UK is taking its first tour group to Israel. This is a joint partnership with a UK church, Beit Hallel congregation in Ashdod and Maoz UK. Brian will be leading the tour with the pastor of the church and a local guide. **Please pray** for what we hope will be the first of regular tours. The key emphasis of this tour is engagement with believers. As well as seeing the sights, we will be visiting believers all over Israel, to pray with them and build relationships.

For our supporters in Northern Ireland: Long time Maoz UK trustees and dear friends Niall and Gerry will be representing Maoz at the first Bangor Israel Ministry Convention. This is taking place at The Fountain Centre, Queen's Parade Methodist Church Bangor N.Ireland on Saturday 23 September, 6.30pm-10.30pm, keynote speaker at 7.30pm - with tea, coffee & refreshments. This promises to be a great event so please do go along if you can and say hello to them. **Please pray** for this event, that it will be a great success and for Colin Nevin, who is bringing it all together.

Thank you to all of our praying partners – we very much appreciate you standing with us.

The Maoz UK Team

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Messiah and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, in Messiah God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them; and He has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. We are therefore ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were making His appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Messiah, be reconciled to God. TLV