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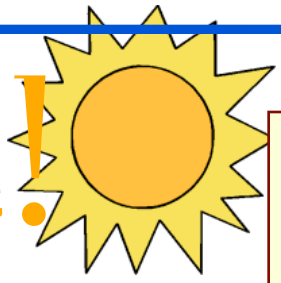
Arise, Shine!



"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isaiah 60:1-3).

There is a lot of good in growing up without television or the Internet as I did in my small village of Motta, Ethiopia. I was totally unaware of the world around me. What was most important to me was the little part of the world in which I lived: my village, my family and my friends.

With technology, the events that occur around the world impact us immediately. Therefore the darkness that accompanies these events casts shadows upon our little worlds. **Tornadoes ravaged the Midwest** *(top picture)***.** The **Mississippi River spilled over its shores** and submerged homes and washed away crops and farmlands *(middle picture)*. **Backlash in the Middle East because of the death of Osama bin Laden brings more deaths** *(bottom picture)***.** We watch and listen, and we pray for those affected. The darkness that covers us because of these events seems oppressive and unending.

However, this Scripture calls us as believers not only to **rise** above the darkness, but also to **shine** through it.

Isaiah speaks prophetically of what the world would be like when Yeshua was born. He said it would be dark, as a matter of fact "thick darkness." At the time, pagan and imperial Rome covered the known world. Even the priesthood and political system of Israel had become corrupt. Yet, the prophet says to "arise and shine" for our light has come! We cannot fear as the world fears! We cannot live in the darkness as the world lives. As Yeshua was the light for those in the first century, we must be that light for them today. No wonder Yeshua called us "the light of the world" (Mt. 5:14) and "the salt of the earth" (Mt. 5:13).

The glory of the Lord is upon you. No matter what is happening in the world, no matter what is happening in your life, let the glory rise upon you.

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To Israel it has been prophesied that "nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

Whether you are the chosen Messianic seed or grafted in to the olive tree, the promise is to you. Let nations and kings see your light. Let neighbors and co-workers be drawn "to the brightness of your dawn." In the midst of natural disasters, let your light shine! In the midst of national and international violence, let the glory of the Lord rise upon you. Arise and shine, people of God, and let's make the darkness disappear from around us. ✡

Shalom in Messiah Yeshua,

Kokeb Gedamu

UPDATE ON JEWS OF INDIA

When Morris Ruddick and I returned from India, Morris wrote an extensive report. I would like to share excerpts from that report (read full report on our website) with you so that we can keep the vision of our "Historic Moment" before you, that, is to bring two Indian Jewish believers and one gentile pastor with a Jewish heart to the 2011 MJAA Conference in Grantham, PA. We can only do that with your help.

From Morris Ruddick:

Historical patterns of Jewish persecution [in India] more likely support the premise of flight and relocation over the 250 years in question.

Assuming that to be the case, what is the lineage of the fearful 88-year-old Jewish Christian we met, who was raised as a Christian in Karachi and then settled in the Jewish quarter in Pune? What about the Jewish believer Yerush whose grandmother passed down a menorah? With two of the families interviewed knowing the tribes of Israel of their heritage, is it not likely that we have made initial connections with lost sheep of the house of Israel?

The invitation has already been extended to return with God's economy program. Our pastor/guide, as General Secretary for his denomination in India, is eagerly embracing the mantle to make this happen. Jesus said, "That which is hidden will be revealed and that which is covered will be made known." God's faithfulness with your prayers has already uncovered a great deal, indicating there to be much more. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Let's make it happen **together**! ✡

BRINGING COMFORT & REVIVAL TO THE NATIONS

When we ran a revival in Ethiopia in 1999 *(pictures at right)*, everyone was so hungry for the words of comfort and revival! They were challenged in their faith with the signs and wonders that Adonai displayed in their midst. Some gave their lives to Adonai Yeshua. At that time they dealt with local issues like poverty, but today they are affected by wars, civil strife, and uprisings around the globe. These events have caused us to narrow our vision for this revival, but we know that the fires are lit and the revival conferences must go on.

When you receive this newsletter, I will have come out of a time of ministry in two Messianic synagogues in Virginia, so I will need your prayer for strength and protection as I minister and travel.

I also need you to keep this revival conference on your personal prayer lists and those at your congregations. Pray that spiritual strongholds will be broken, especially over the cities of Gondar and Bahardar, Ethiopia and Haifa, Israel.

CONFERENCE DATES

June 17-19—*Gondar* —over 5, 000 expected to attend.

June 23-26—*Bahardar*—over 7,000 expected to attend.

July 14- 17—*Haifa, Israel*—ministry to the *Beta Yisrael*

We are asking that you would sow a seed into this great work. I always say -- "We can't all go, but we can all pray, and we can all sow." Help us to cover the cost of this conference so that when we walk away, we are debt free and will not be a strain on the people we minister to. Use the envelope enclosed to stand with us as we advance the Kingdom of God and enlarge its borders in the nations. ✡

A PRAYER FOR YOU

"I pray that the God of our Yeshua Hamashiach may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Let that power rest upon you! Amen." ✡