

# Peter & Jean Ard Ambassadors to the Jewish people

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***"... and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy [you], when I smite the land of Egypt;" Exodus 12:13b.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

March-April 2021

May we all thank God for the awesome, unspeakable sacrifice that He provided for Israel and even for all the world. I hope and pray that each of you who read this letter have personally experienced the gift which God has provided, that each and every individual might personally experience. Of course, I am speaking of the gift of eternal life made possible by the death (confirmed by the resurrection) of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Savior's shed blood cleanses the repentant sinner of his damning sin. PRAISE GOD!

Ministry News: Our Jewish friends celebrate Passover from Saturday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, until the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a good time to send a Passover card with a tract to a Jewish friend. Many Jewish people believe Passover is significant because it marked the moment that God liberated Israel from Egyptian domination. Yes, that is true, but they do not realize the significance of the lamb being sacrificed to save the life of the first born.

I have the opportunity to do a Pesach/Passover demonstration for a couple of churches. Please pray that I might have wisdom and liberty do this in Spanish and English. At this time, it will likely be visually.

I recently was able to talk Marcos M., a Jewish contact, in Tucumán, Argentina. He was pleased to hear from me. Pray for his salvation and for that of his family. He told me that since he had retired in the last couple of years his income had decreased by 50 percent. This would have occurred because of the devaluation of the Argentine peso. As God allows, I hope to travel to South America this year to visit Jewish contacts and to minister to different groups there.

Calvary Road Baptist Church in the Los Angeles area of California had decided to have several missionaries do a visual presentation in place of a mission conference for their congregation. Pastor J. Waldrip provided a link so that I might share with Calvary Road during that time. Pray for this Church and God's continued blessing on their mission program.

This time of the coronavirus can give us new opportunities. People are more open to talk about spiritual matters. When I went to be tested for hearing aids, I had the opportunity to talk with Ron H. I asked him what had been happening in his life. He said he been diagnosed with cancer a few days earlier. I was able to witness to him about how he might be prepared for the future and that Christ is the answer. In a second situation as I received a call regarding a purchase I had made, C.M. told me my purchase would be delayed. I asked him if I might share a verse from the Bible with him. He said, "Sure." So, I shared John 3:16 with him. He was very thankful. I told him if he would like more information on the subject that he should email me. Within a couple of days, he had responded, and I sent him a clear presentation of the Gospel. Please pray that I might have boldness and wisdom as to sharing the Gospel with others.

Jean and I are scheduled to receive our second coronavirus vaccination by March 26<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping this may make travel less complicated in the future, here in the U.S. and even internationally.

We thank you for your prayers and support.



***“He [God] hath remembered his covenant [with Abraham/Israel] for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations” Psalm 105:8.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

**September 2022**

This month, our Jewish friends will celebrate another New Year (Rosh Hashanah) beginning on September 25. This will be year 5783 (counted supposedly from the first day of creation). Some typical foods eaten at this time are apples dipped in honey and raisins, symbolizing the desire to have a “sweet year.” One Jewish site describes these feast days in this manner: “If the year is a train, the High Holidays (AKA High Holy Days) are its engine. A delicate blend of joy and solemnity, feasting and fasting, prayer and inspiration make up the spiritually charged “head” of the Jewish year.... The two-day holiday of Rosh Hashanah is the “head” of the Jewish year, the time when G-d (God) reinvests Himself in creation as we crown Him king of the universe through prayer, shofar blasts, and celebration.” The High Holidays continue, including ten days of repentance terminating with the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This year it takes place on October 4 and 5. This is always a good time to send a Jewish New Year card and include a tract prepared especially for a Jewish person. Our Mission has several tracts which are appropriate.

In recent months, there has been a lot happening. Jean had a significant episode of atrial fibrillation when her heart was beating up to 150 times per minute. This irregular heartbeat lasted for 12 hours. Even stranger, the incident occurred just after she had seen her heart doctor. We went back to see him, and he recommended that she have a heart ablation, a procedure where the heart is shocked in the area where irregular palpitations are likely to occur. This is the second time she has had this procedure. The first time, the procedure was successful for several years in reducing the irregular heartbeat. The doctor who did the procedure on both occasions is Jewish. We had previously given him a Tanach (bilingual Old Testament). When we saw him recently, we gave him the page reference for Isaiah 53:1-12 and encouraged him to read it as it deals with God’s provision for eternal life (by the vicarious suffering of the Messiah). He thanked us for the recommendation.

On June 28, we signed a contract to buy a house in Dowling Park, Florida in a community that has extensive health care facilities for senior citizens. With the help of our children and one of our grandchildren, we made the move to our new location. God blessed in a wonderful way to allow us to complete the move and begin to settle in our new location. The move was done in two stages, one in mid-July and the other in mid-August. During that time, we held two Everlasting Nation Fellowship meetings at Evangel Baptist Church. Pray for Missionary Stan Skriloff to receive the necessary support to continue these meetings in the future. Pray that Brother Milton would know God’s will regarding helping in conducting these meetings.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for Jean’s health.
- Please pray for the salvation of Jewish friends: Dr. F., Rabbi Mendy, R.G., Marcos and his family, Ignacio, Rut, Gabriel Sz., Ariel Sz. and their families, Gabriel, Ariel, Rubén, Pedro and Ana, Carlos and family.
- Pray that God would lead us to a solid Baptist church where we might be spiritually fed and serve.
- Pray for the health of IBJM missionaries Stan Skriloff and Horacio Mora.
- Pray for IBJM Candidate School in San Luis Potosi on September 16, 17 and Focus on 19-22.

In the Messiah’s love,

*Peter and Jean Ard*



***Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:3***

Dear Prayer Warriors,

**July 2022**

God is always faithful! We are thankful to report that the recent trip to Argentina and Uruguay went smoothly. My departure was on May 18. My flight originated from Tampa, Florida to Houston, Texas and then on to Buenos Aires. The initial time in Buenos Aires was brief. Missionary Pastor D.A. Brosius picked me up at the airport and provided transportation for much of the time I was there. He and I visited several Jewish friends that first day. The following day I traveled to Tucumán, Argentina. Missionary Pastor Larry Owens met me at the airport, and I stayed with him and his dear wife, Alma, for the weekend. The next day, Brother Horacio Mora, IBJM representative and I visited various Jewish contacts, inviting them to the Honor Israel meetings which were scheduled at Iglesia Bautista Bet-Él the next day. The evening before, our Jewish friend, Marcos invited us to his daughter's home. While there, we took time to share the gospel with Marcos, his wife, Delicia, his daughter, Daniella, and her fiancé, Ezequiel. During that time, we warned them of the upcoming Tribulation and how Jesus the Messiah provides us with salvation and deliverance from the judgment that will occur during the Tribulation. We encouraged those who were able, to attend church services that next day. We were blessed by the attendance of Marcos and Delicia in the morning service. Although neither one made a decision to trust Christ as Savior, they expressed their contentment with having attended.

The following day began a three-day session of teaching in the Bible institute at the church. There were afternoon and evening sessions so that the students could have time to work and cover their expenses. The combined attendance was 39 students. I was asked to teach ***How One can Share His Faith with a Jewish Person***. The class was well received. From Tucumán, I traveled back to Buenos Aires where Pastor Brosius had asked that we hold an Honor Israel meeting during the Sunday morning service. God blessed the service, and there were about 80 people in attendance. While in Buenos Aires, I visited different Jewish contacts. One couple I visited on more than one occasion is Pedro and Ana. Just before I left the country, Pedro was involved in a motorcycle accident. Thankfully, there was no loss of life. Pray that God would use the accident to cause Pedro and Ana to seek Him and come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as Messiah and Savior.

From Buenos Aires, I traveled to Uruguay to see the Andrés Ramirez family. Andrés invited me to preach his midweek and Sunday evening services. He is working on various outreaches near his church plant in Nueva Helvecia. We visited a new Jewish contact he had recently met. Please pray for the salvation of Mauricio. For the weekend, I met up with Victoria and Miriam Gaguine, Hebrew Christians who have labored with IBJM for over 50 years witnessing to Jewish and Gentile people and holding Everlasting Nation Fellowship meetings in their home for much of that time. Please pray for them as they are in their eighties. God has used them greatly for many years. The sisters arranged for me to preach in Tabernacle Bible Baptist Church that Sunday morning in eastern Montevideo. This church is pastored by Missionary Larry Carlisle.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for the salvation of Marcos, Delicia, and their family as well as Ezequiel.
- Pray for the salvation of Jewish friends, Pedro and Ana.
- Pray for IBJM missionaries, Victoria and Miriam Gaguine.
- Pray for the Andrés and Maria Ramirez family and Horacio Mora.
- Pray for fruit from the Four-Day Focus which was held at our Mission on June 20-23.

Below you can see some pictures of the events given above.

God bless you all as you walk with Him.

Servants of the KING,

*Peter and Jean Ard*



**Jewish friends, Marcos & Delicia**



**Pastors Owens and George with me**



**Honor Israel in Tucumán**



**Honor Israel in Buenos Aires**



*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Psalm 105:1*

Dear Praying Friends,

May 2022

We thank you for your prayers and support.

God has opened the door for my return to South America before the end of the month. At this time, the virus restrictions have been relaxed. Please pray that I might enter Argentina and Uruguay without any complications. Missionary Pastor Larry Owens has invited me to teach in his church's Bible institute later this month. He has suggested that I teach on *How to Share our Faith with a Jewish Person*. Please pray that God would prepare each student to have a heart to listen and to learn so that they might actively engage in reaching Jewish people for Christ and that they would be able to teach others to do likewise. Please pray for God to guide and use me during this time. Pray that others would know God's calling to witness to the Jewish people.

As God gives opportunity, I hope to visit Jewish friends and share the gospel with them. I would like to share one experience that took place the last time I was in Argentina. God blessed, and I visited several Jewish friends that we had met in previous years. One visit involved the Jewish bookstore located near a business district where many Jewish folks have their businesses (it is commonly called *Once*). Three Orthodox Jews work there at different times. I was hoping to find Gabriel, but Rueben was there instead. As I attempted to leave a Jewish tract, he began to berate me, saying that I had bothered them for 30 years and why did I not visit people in the jail who needed a visit. Pray that God would open his heart and that he (and others) would better understand my purpose to bless him with the Hebrew Scriptures. Gabriel has been much more receptive.

Are you aware that on the 5th of Iyar (this year that date happened to fall on May 5), the Jewish people celebrated the 74th Anniversary of Israel becoming a nation? For many of you, the more familiar date would be May 14, 1948. It is important to remember that for the Jewish people, the most important dates that they observe are based on the Jewish calendar which is a lunar-solar calendar. This means that the calendar keeps in sync with the natural cycles of both the sun and the moon. Each year has 353, 354, or 355 days. An extra month is added sometimes to keep the lunar year aligned with the solar year. Recently, Jean and I, along with Stan and Caren Skriloff, visited a public gathering where the Jewish people were celebrating the current anniversary which they call *Yom Haatzmaut*. We were blessed to see several Jewish friends with whom we visit from time to time. Rabbi Mendy and two representatives of the Jewish Federation were there. The Holocaust survivor, Rifka Glatz, who we had recently heard speak at a local synagogue was there as well. Many of these individuals were pleased to see us and responded favorably to our presence. Please pray that Honor Israel meetings may be possible in the U.S. and Argentina. Pray for the salvation of Jewish friends. Pray that God would give me wisdom as I witness.

Please pray that I might make contact with our missionaries in both countries and that I might have the opportunity to preach and teach in various churches, to encourage and instruct for His honor and glory. Please pray for the opportunity to visit Jewish friends and for their salvation. Pray too for the *Four-Day Focus* which will be held at the IBJM headquarters on June 20-23. These sessions teach individuals to be more effective in reaching Jewish people with the gospel. The registration deadline is June 10, 2022, for anyone wishing to attend. You may see more details at the Mission website: [ibjm.org](http://ibjm.org)

We are thankful for each opportunity to serve.

Servants of the King,

*Peter and Jean Ard*



*Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him; Psalm 33:8*

Dear Ones,

**March 2022**

Our Jewish friends celebrated Purim on March 17th. Purim is the most actively celebrated Jewish feast. They may celebrate to excess and dress in costumes. Even though it is a minor feast, it is a day of feasting and drinking. The Talmud goes so far as to state that "a person is obligated to drink on Purim until he does not know the difference between 'cursed be Haman' and 'blessed be Mordechai.'" The feast of Purim commemorates the defeat of Haman, the chief advisor to the Persian king, and his plot to wipe out the Jewish people, about 2,500 years ago. It is celebrated on the 14th and 15th days of Adar – the twelfth month of the Jewish calendar.

Recently, we visited one of the Jewish synagogues in the area to hear Rifka Glatz, a Holocaust survivor, and a practicing Jewess. We have had the privilege of hearing her speak before. She has a very interesting testimony which is available online. It is impressive that she expresses no bitterness about her past oppressors. At a recent Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting, a portion of her testimony was shown. We need to pray for and witness to Jewish people. Without knowing Jesus as their personal Redeemer, they and others will face the Tribulation period as revealed in the book of Revelation. This will be a time far worse than any previous Holocaust.

A few days ago, I had the privilege of doing a Passover demonstration for Hedges Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Pastor Sears also graciously asked me to preach in the evening service.

Passover this year begins Friday, April 15 at sunset and ends Saturday, April 23 at nightfall. This provides us with another opportunity to reach out to our Jewish friends. Part of the preparation for Passover dictates that the women will do a thorough cleaning of the house for a week or more before the feast, ensuring that all leaven is removed from the house.

We continue to have an Everlasting Nation Fellowship. I also had the privilege of preaching for the Senior fellowship here at the il Villaggio Community. Between the feasts of Purim and Passover, we plan to contact various Jewish friends either by personal correspondence or email. Please pray that God would prepare their hearts.

I have been invited to teach at the Bible Institute in San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina. Please pray that I might know what God would have me to teach. Please pray for wisdom, protection, and God's direction as to any travels out of the country and any ministry opportunities here in the U.S. On June 20-23, IBJM will conduct a Four-Day Focus at our Mission headquarters. These classes prepare believers to be better equipped to minister to Jewish people. Please pray for the instructors and students in these classes.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

Thankful to be...

In His Service,

*Peter & Jean Ard*



*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Psalm 48:1*

Dear Praying Friends,

January-February 2022

God has been so good to us!!! We thank you for your support, special gifts, prayers, and notes of encouragement celebrating Christmas, our anniversary, and my birthday. Jean and I celebrated our **50th Anniversary** as 2021 concluded. We celebrated by eating out a couple of times. It remains to be seen how we will celebrate in a greater way during these challenging times.

As I mentioned in our last prayer letter, I will cover my recent trip to South America in this update. When I got word that civilian flights would begin flying to Argentina again, I booked a flight to Buenos Aires. Jean was concerned about my being able to catch a return flight, so before I left the U.S., I was able to book a return flight on a separate airline. I arrived in Buenos Aires on Wednesday, November 4, and the next day took a ferry across to Uruguay (Colonia) and then a bus to Montevideo. The COVID requirements placed more demands on travel requirements, but God worked out the details, and I was able to meet all my commitments- Praise the Lord! I had already made hotel reservations in Uruguay before leaving the U.S., so any immediate delays would have been problematic at the least. God worked on the heart of an immigration official so that I would have the necessary paperwork to travel from Argentina to Uruguay. I exclaimed "milagro" (miracle) and left her a tract which she happily accepted. I was able to be with Victoria and Miriam Gaguine in Montevideo and share with them during their monthly Amigos de la Nación Eterna Meeting (ANE/or Everlasting Nation Fellowship). These dear sisters have been serving for some 58 years with our Mission witnessing to Jewish folk,



holding Bible studies, seeing Jewish people saved, some baptized and joining local churches. That evening, I traveled west to Nueva Helvecia to be with the Andrés Ramirez family. The Ramirez family is planting a church in Nueva Helvecia as well as beginning mission works in neighboring towns. I was blessed to teach their Sunday school session and preach during the main service. For the evening service, I traveled to the west coast and attended the church pastored by Missionary Archie Perez in Colonia. The following day, I returned to Buenos Aires to catch a flight to northern Argentina (Tucumán) to visit



Jewish contacts and see missionary Horacio Mora. He and I were able to visit several of our Jewish contacts during one of the days I was there. On other days, I visited our Jewish friends by myself.

One highlight of this trip was to visit Marcos, Delicia, Daniela, and Ezequiel. Marcos has been increasingly receptive to the gospel, and one night I was able to share with him, his family, and Daniela's boyfriend for a couple of hours

with them asking questions as I shared the Scriptures. Marcos and his wife have visited a good Baptist church with Horacio Mora. Please pray that these four would trust Christ as Savior. While in Tucumán, Missionary Brian George invited me to preach for Iglesia Bautista Bet-el for their mid-week service. That Friday, I traveled back to Buenos



Aires where I was able to visit several Jewish contacts in the Capital. Missionary D.A. Brosius invited me to preach in the Sunday morning service for Templo Bautista Emanuel and Iglesia Bautista Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) for their evening service. I was blessed to do so. Monday, before boarding the flight to return to the U.S., I was able to visit other Jewish friends. Please pray for the salvation of Marcos, Delicia, Daniela, Ezequiel, Ana, Pedro, Aaron, Rosa, Cristina, Raquel, Daniel, Bernardo, Carlos, Ignacio, Ariel, Nilda, and their families or associates. Please also pray for co-laborers, missionaries D.A. and Debbi Brosius who continue to serve in Buenos Aires.

On December 9, God called Brother Roy Lowe home to glory. We have served with the Lowes at many different times during our ministry. They have been a blessing and have challenged us in the ministry. Please pray for Mrs. Charlotte Lowe and her family.

I have included different pictures taken during the trip to South America.

Please pray for wisdom and strength as to how we might continue to minister in 2022. Thank you for standing with us. God bless you all!

Because He lives,

*Peter & Jean Ard*



*Tuesday, November 09, 2021*

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*Thank you, another brief update.*

*Dear Prayer Warriors,*

*Thank you for praying. God has been working in a wonderful way regarding my travels. By His grace I entered Argentina, passing on to Uruguay the next day. After spending the weekend in Uruguay I returned to Argentina yesterday traveling to northern Argentina last night. By the end of the day by God's grace I will have been able to visit two Jewish friends, one with some of his family.*

*God has kept me safe and blessed each entry (to each country). Since leaving the US I have had four PCR tests (test for CoVid 19) and am scheduled for one more prior to returning to the US. When I was due to travel to Uruguay I believe God opened the door for me to make the trip as I did not have the completed documentation when I arrived to take the ferry that morning. PRAISE GOD!!*

*I wanted you to know that God is blessing your prayers and I am very thankful. The Jewish friend I will see tonight is not saved nor are any members of his family. Please pray for Marcos and his family that they will listen and the Holy Spirit will convict and save according to His will. I am scheduled to preach here Thursday before returning to Buenos Aires the next day. I am scheduled to preach in two churches that weekend. Both here and in Buenos Aires I hope to visit several of our Jewish contacts. Please pray.*

*Pray for wisdom, and God's leading.*

*This Is already longer than I intended.*

*God bless you all,*

*Peter Ard*

*Isaiah 55:10,11*

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***“But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children;”*** Psalm 103:17.

Dear Praying Friends,

September-October 2021

We thank you for your prayers. Our son James was gravely ill with Covid. My brother who is a doctor was able to get him the attention and care he needed at the time and he is well on to full recovery. Christina, our youngest child, only had a mild case and recovered relatively quickly.

The eve of September 16<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the Day of Atonement. You remember that this feast is the most solemn feast of the year for the Jewish people. Previously, we mailed New Year cards to Jewish contacts here in Florida. Later, to Jewish friends in Argentina, we emailed them advising them of our prayers and informing them of God’s provision of an infinite and sure pardon. During Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) one major concern for the Jewish people is to “earn” a pardon for the following year. We provided a tract which explained God’s atonement through Messiah Jesus.

In a few days Jean and I will be traveling to Annapolis to be present for my 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion at the Naval Academy. At this point some 1000 of my classmates are scheduled to be there and of my company more than 20. Please pray I may be a witness to various classmates.

Trip to Argentina, Uruguay. We are thankful to report that the Gaguine sisters (serving in Montevideo, Uruguay) are both doing well. One being in remission from cancer and the other have recovered from hip surgery. Their most recent prayer letter confirmed this as did my recent telephone call. I checked on the possibility of traveling to Uruguay and was told by a missionary in the country that if I traveled there I would have to quarantine in a hotel or a government appointed location. That is the situation in Uruguay. I am told that in Argentina the restrictions are the same or more strict. Please pray about my traveling to both countries in the near future.

I have been blessed that we were able to hold an Everlasting Nation Fellowship for our church, Evangel Baptist Church, the beginning of this month. Another ministry experience was my having the blessing to preach for the Senior Fellowship again this month. During this month I visited Rabbi M. B. I gave him a Rosh Hashanah card with a gift of a bag of apples and some honey. One regular saying for this feast is “May you have a happy and sweet New Year.” With the gift I gave him a tract in Hebrew presenting Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. I had to go back shortly after dropping of the apples and I believe he was intently reading the tract.

A supporting church in Florida has contacted me and requested that I would do a Passover demonstration in the future.

Please pray for each Jewish contact that received a Rosh Hashanah card or email that they will realize their sin condition and understand that God has provided the solution in the Lord Jesus as their Redeemer.

Sukkot-the evening of September 20<sup>th</sup> begins the feast of Sukkot. It is also known as the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles. It last for five days. It commemorates the time the Jewish people spent in the desert and remembers how God protected them. During this time they live in booths.

Please pray for the salvation of Rabbi M.B., Howard D., Jody A., Harvey G., Mr. and Mrs. F, Sara S., Cristina, Eduardo C., Daniel F., Marcos M., Nacho and Rut, Gabriel, Ariel, Daniel and their families.

Thank you for your prayers and support. In the love of our precious Messiah,

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***“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah;” Psalm 68:19.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

July-August 2021

Our son and daughter have recently had Covid. Our son is currently experiencing high fevers nightly. We would appreciate your prayers for their recovery.

On June 21-24 Jean and I were in Hixson, Tennessee to participate in the IBJM Four-day focus. It was a blessing to be present, to participate in a minor way but also to review and learn the how to be more effective in sharing the Gospel with the Jewish people. During this time the Mission recognized Roy and Charlotte Lowe for 39 years of faithful service. At this same time Jean and I were recognized for our service with IBJM, also for 39 years of service. We were also blessed to meet with Joe and Nancy L. who have a burden to be able to reach out to the Jewish people in an effective manner. We are working and praying with them so that they might be used of the Lord in this area effectively.

The evening of September 6<sup>th</sup> will mark the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) of 5782. Yom Kippur will begin the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup>. These are feasts that most Jewish people will celebrate even if they are not very religious. This is a great time to send a Jewish friend a Rosh Hashanah card. You can pick them up at many local grocery stores.

Recently our church, Evangel Baptist, has had Stan Skriloff do a presentation of the Jewish calendar. Earlier this presentation was done at the IBJM Four-Day Focus by Jackie Powell. The calendar gives the dates for Jewish feasts during the Jewish year. If studied it reveals corresponding events which are prophesied by the Jewish feasts. Our Everlasting Nation Fellowship, which we held recently, reviewed briefly the earlier instruction. To consider a few of these, obviously, the Passover foretold of Christ's death. The feast of Unleavened Bread foretold of His burial. First Fruits foretold His resurrection. Shavu'ot (Weeks) foretold Pentecost. The fall feasts deal with the Lord's second coming. The calendar is very informative and gives the observer a better understanding of how to approach the Jewish people during the calendar year. We plan to send Rosh Hashanah cards to the Jewish contacts that God has given us in the area and email Jewish friends in Argentina.

I recently had the privilege to preach for the Senior meeting held here in our community.

I have been able to maintain contact with Marcos M. with WhatsApp even though he is in northern Argentina. Please pray for his salvation and that of his family.

I am scheduled to go to the Naval Academy for my class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Please pray for my being a witness to those classmates that do not know Christ as Savior and for the Holy Spirit softening their hearts.

Pray about my traveling to Argentina, and Uruguay

Please pray for the Gaguine sisters in Uruguay. Victoria recently fell and broke her hip.

Please pray for the salvation of Jody A., Rabbi Mendy B., Carlos M., Harvey G., Pedro and Ana G., Daniel F., Marcos M., Sara S. and their families, pray also for the salvation of Ignacio and Rut S. and their families.

Please pray for all those who attended the Four-Day Focus that each might use the instruction to better serve the Lord and be an effective witness to the Jewish people. We have included a few pictures of the Four-Day Focus below.

Thank you for your prayers and support. God bless and keep you during these days of uncertainty.

In the Messiah's love,

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*"Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments,"* Psalm 112:1.

Dear Pastor and Friends,

May-June 2021

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year I graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. My classmates and I are having our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in Annapolis in October of this year. Please pray that God would prepare hearts and that He would give me wisdom and boldness that I might be able to share the Gospel with several of my classmates.

Right now, Argentina has gone back on a strict lockdown with a curfew at 8 PM. All flights entering and exiting the country have been canceled. They have a curfew each day beginning at 8 PM. Please pray for God's will regarding my traveling to South America. As the Lord allows, I still would like to visit Argentina and Uruguay this year to preach and teach as opportunities arise. Please pray that God's will be done in this area. Please pray for wisdom for me as I prepare material to teach at the Bible institute in Argentina.

## Ministry Opportunities

In April, I did a Passover demonstration online for Templo Bautista Emanuel (Emmanuel Baptist Temple) located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Later that month Pastor Goad of Evangel Baptist in Bradenton, Florida approved my presenting a live Passover demonstration for the Sunday evening service. That meeting was an introduction/reminder to the congregation about the Everlasting Nation Fellowship meetings. This month Brother Stan Skriloff held the next meeting prior to the Wednesday service. (During that time Jean and I were giving an update for First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake, Miami, Florida, where Pastor M. Mortensen is pastor). Recently I preached for the seniors' gathering here in the community where we reside. Many of the residents do not attend a Sunday evening service. This weekend I am scheduled to preach and teach for Griffith Baptist Church in Griffith, Indiana which is pastored by Pastor D. Obinger. Thank you for your prayers for Miriam G. in Argentina who has been battling cancer. Her health has improved. Please continue to pray for her and her sister Victoria who is her caretaker. Prior to Passover I was able to send Passover cards to five Jewish friends and email friends in Argentina. Please pray for the salvation of Doctors Harvey G, Jody A., Daniel F., Sara S., Rabbi Mendy B., Carlos, Pedro and Ana, Ignacio, Ruth, Ariel, Ariela and their families

**FOUR DAY FOCUS 2021** Have you ever considered the possibility of being an effective witness to a Jewish person? Next month from June 21-24 our Mission, the International Board of Jewish Mission, located in Hixson, Tennessee will be holding a **FOUR DAY FOCUS**. I will quote the brochure prepared by the Mission. These sessions provide "practical training and information for those desiring to witness to Jewish friends. This exciting four day conference is the perfect way for you to discover God's will and plan for your life in future ministry." There is a \$165 cost which includes the materials and meals, lodging must be paid for by the participant. Full-time Bible college students and high school students may attend free of charge but no cost lodging is limited. Four college credits may be earned by completing the course. Attendees will find themselves challenged and blessed by this enriching conference. For more information you may go to the Mission web site at <https://www.ibjm.org>. Select Events/Training and then Gartenhaus Training Center. This will allow you to select Four Day Focus.... Please pray for God's blessing these meetings or even better consider attending.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard

Please pray for the salvation of the following Jewish friends:

Sara S., Daniel F., Harvey G., Jody A., Mendy B., Ignacio S., Gabriel S., Ariel S., Danny S., Marcos M. and their families.

Please pray as well for the salvation of Ron H, and C.M.

Please pray for missionaries raising support to serve the Lord in their appointed fields.

Please pray for Missionary Myriam Gaguine in Uruguay who is battling cancer.

Washed in the blood,

Peter & Jean Ard

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*"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake;" Psalm 79:9.*

Dear Pastor and Friends,

January 2021

We are thankful for all your kindnesses that were demonstrated to us this Christmas. We thank you for your prayers, for every card and special gift that was sent.

We were blessed by having the presence of all four of our children on Christmas Day here in the village where we are living. Jonathan our soldier son was present with Adriana and their two boys. James came with Erica and his two younger children. Elisabeth, who is living in the village, her husband, Jeff and her two children were present. Christina was able to spend a few days in the village. It was a wonderful visit with family. In the past 29 years we have only been together in like manner one other time.

I have been asked to teach a course on Leviticus for the Bible institute in Tucumán, Argentina. Please pray for wisdom and perseverance that I might develop and teach this course. Naturally it would need to be in Spanish. I have never taught this subject before. Argentina recently was closing the international airport again. If I do not make it to Argentina this year, I hope to at least make it to Uruguay which is just across the river from Argentina.

I have tentatively been invited to a mission conference in February. It is being held by a supporting church in California. I have said I will attend or at least participate online. Obviously COVID-19 could affect the manner I could contribute. Please pray for God's will. I am willing to visit other supporting churches. With the virus some churches are hesitant to receive visitors especially from out of state. You may email me at pard@ibjm.org or call me at (941) 666-9573 or the Mission at (423) 876-8150 if you would like to arrange for my giving an update or a challenge for Jewish missions.

The next prominent feast on the Jewish calendar is Purim. This is a very festive time for the Jewish people. Purim celebrates God's deliverance of the Jewish people in the days of Queen Esther of Persia. Purim begins this year on Thursday night, February 25 and continues through Friday, February 26, 2021 (February 27-28 in Jerusalem). This feast is covered in the Bible in the book of Esther. Esther and Mordecai are the two heroes in the story. Queen Esther risks her life to plea for the salvation of the Jewish people which her husband the king unknowingly has condemned to persecution and destruction. (Wicked) Haman, a trusted counselor of the king, had convinced him of the Jewish people needing to be destroyed. The next major Jewish feast after Purim is Passover which takes place the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for the salvation of the following Jewish friends: Harvey G., Jody A., Daniel F., Sara S., Rabbi B., Carlos M., Ignacio S., and Marcos M. We lost one Jewish friend to COVID-19. Please pray for our son Jonathan (serving in the Army) Adriana, and family as he begins a year hardship (unaccompanied) tour in Honduras (Central America).

We are praying for you all and are thankful for your support, for your prayers and for all you do to support our ministry.

In the Messiah's love,

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*“Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things;” Psalm 72:18.*

Dear Praying Friends,

October 26, 2020

This is just a brief update.

Today, Lord willing, I will begin teaching an Introduction to Minor Prophets course in Spanish online to a Bible institute class in Tucumán, Argentina. I will make extended use of course material from ORE MUNDO which was taught by Carlos Willoughby. I ask that you would pray for the students and for me that the course would be profitable to them and allow them to be better prepared to serve the Lord now and in the future. The class will continue for two weeks.

Additionally, this following Sunday, I am to speak for Whitney Baptist Church in Leesburg, Florida pastored by Brother R. Ford as part of their Mission Conference. They are considering supporting an IBJM missionary who is currently serving in Israel. To protect his ministry I will not mention his name in this correspondence. Please pray that I might be used to bless and to challenge the dear folk of Whitney Baptist Church and that God's will be done in regards to supporting our missionary.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

God bless you richly as you walk with Him.

He is ever worthy,

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***“At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people;”***  
**Jeremiah 31:1.**

Dear Pastor and Friends,

September-October 2020

As I write this letter our Jewish friends are in the midst of celebrating their most solemn feast days of the year. They are referred to High Holy Days. Yes, I am referring to the occasion that begins with Rosh Hashanah (head of the year) and terminates with Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement. Many Jewish people believe that books in Heaven are opened and reviewed at this time. If one is found in the book of the wicked he is cursed for the year. One seeks to amend all wrongs and be found in God’s good list that they might know God’s blessing for the remainder of the year. This Rosh Hashanah was the commencement of year 5781. This is a good time to reach out to Jewish people by sending them a greeting card and including an appropriate Gospel tract.

Argentina continues to remain closed to international travel. Many other Latin American countries have begun to receive international travelers. Uruguay has partially opened but is still not receiving flights from Brazil or from the US.

I have had opportunity to preach online. This Sunday I am to share with Templo Bautista Emanuel in Buenos Aires. Please pray for God to use me and this opportunity to touch lives. I have been able to email, or text Jewish friends, various ones in Argentina. I have mailed cards to Jewish friends here in the US.

This past June IBJM held the Annual Four Day Focus where those interested in learning how to be more effective in reaching out to the Jewish people with the Gospel attended. More than one of the attendees have stated that the sessions were excellent. During the same, God blessed with at least four individuals expressing their desire to serve as missionaries with IBJM. Please pray for these individuals. I will mention one of those John C. who has a burden to be a missionary to South America.

Ms. Jan B. has a burden for the Jewish people in Gainesville, Florida particularly for those at the University of Florida. Please pray for wisdom as to the best means to reach this needy field and for this concerned Christian.

I am seeking opportunity to speak in different churches here in the US and still hope to have the opportunity to travel to Uruguay and Argentina later this year.

Please pray for the salvation of the following Jewish contacts:

Daniel F. and family

Jody A. and family

Sara S. and family

Harvey G. and family

Marcos M. and family

Rabbi Mendy and family

Ignacio S. and family

Ariel S. and family

Carlos M. and family

Cristina B. and family

Thank you for faithfully remembering us in prayer and for your continued support!

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard

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*"But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation;" Psalm 69:13.*

Dear Pastor and Friends,

May-June 2020

May I be committed to pray more. O how our country needs those of us who are called by His Name to be more prayerful (1Thessalonians 5:17).

Family news: We are thankful to have escaped the coronavirus up to this time. I was asked recently how Adriana's (our daughter in law) surgery came out. We are thankful to report that her surgery went well and she continues to mend well. Thank you for praying.

Jewish news: April 21 was Holocaust Remembrance Day. Sadly, today many debate that the Holocaust never happened. It did happen and we must stand with Israel and our Jewish friends.

I am posting a YouTube link to support the reality of Holocaust having occurred.

**Click here** to watch a 4 ½ minute report by a British Member of Parliament, after her visit to the death camps in 1945.

**WARNING:** It is graphic and inappropriate for children.



In mid-March our Church had a group go to one of the synagogues in Sarasota for a Purim presentation. We enjoyed the visit. The presentation was enlightening. The meeting and time with the Jewish people and their rabbi was an experience that was unique and very special. Sadly, that very synagogue was subject to an antisemitic attack and the building defaced. Please pray and support Israel and the Jewish people.... Our Church had an Honor Israel Sunday scheduled which had to be postponed because of the pandemic. Many of you realize that often when we celebrate Resurrection Sunday the Jewish people celebrate Passover. That was the case this year as they celebrated from April 8 (at sunset) until April 13. A Spanish missionary brother in Spain posted messages prepared to be given to Jewish friends that he welcomed others to share. I was able use one of these messages to email to various Jewish friends in Argentina. More than one responded expressing thanks that we had thought of them and prayed for them at this time. One friend had said that he forwarded the message onto others. The next feast they will celebrate is

Shavuot. This is when the Jewish people celebrate the giving of the Law (Torah) on Mt. Sinai which begins at sunset May 28.

Ministry plans: It remains to be seen whether I will be traveling to South America in June. It will be by His grace if I am able to do so. I continue to prepare for teaching in northern Argentina. I have been working on an introductory course to the Minor Prophets. I acquired the course from OreMex. I have been blessed as I study the material. Yes, the course will be augmented from other sources. Please pray that God's will would be done.

Please pray also for the salvation of the following Jewish contacts with whom I have been in contact:

Pedro and Ana

Ignacio and Rut

Ariel and Ariela

Cristina

Marcos and his family

Harry

Sara and her family

Daniel and her family

Harvey and his family

Jody and his family

Rabbi Mendy and family

Rabbi Mike and family

We thank you for your prayers and support.

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***“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”; Psalm 8:9.***

Dear Pastor and Friends;

March-April 2020

This month, Evangel Baptist Church, where we attend, will be holding our annual Honor Israel Sunday. Each year this event has been attended by a representative of the Jewish Federation and numerous Jewish people. The Federation is located in Sarasota. They have been actively supporting the event. Jewish people who have attended have responded positively and some promote the event to their friends. Please pray for the event, for the speaker, Stan S., that it would be well attended, that the Spirit of God would work in a wonderful way and that God would be glorified.

At sunset, Monday, March 9th, our Jewish friends celebrated Purim. This feast is celebrated remembering God’s protection and His superintending in preserving the Jewish people. Satan through Haman attempted to obliterate the Jewish population when Haman was offended by Mordecai’s failure to show Haman obeisance. Although God protected the Jewish people through the bravery of Queen Esther His name is never given directly in the entire book. We emphasized Purim during our Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting this month. The next major Jewish feast will be Passover which begins sunset April 8 and ends sunset April 16.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Later this week, Evangel Baptist will be visiting a local synagogue as they celebrate Purim. Several members of the church have signed up to attend with us. This synagogue is one of several that have been invited to Honor Israel meeting which our church is holding the end of this month.

Please pray as I plan my schedule for this year. At this time I am going to Uruguay and Argentina in the month of June. While in Argentina I am to teach for two weeks in the Bible institute in Tucumán. Please pray that the time in each area will be maximized to God’s

honor and glory. As I visit different areas I have the opportunity to witness to Jewish friends, preach and or teach in different churches. If a supporting church would like me to visit/give a report please let me know. I can be reached at [prayforIsrael.pa@gmail.com](mailto:prayforIsrael.pa@gmail.com) or my cell (941) 666-9573.

In June IBJM will be having two important activities.

-New York City Mission Trip May 29-June 5 with the last day to register being April 17.  
-Four Day Focus during which attendees are taught about ministering to the Jewish people (June 22-25, 2020); the last day to register is June 12. More information is at [ibjm.org](http://ibjm.org). With the coronavirus taking place all events are subject to change.

Prayer requests:

Brother Roy Lowe who has cancer.

The Honor Israel Meeting March 29.

The Salvation of Jewish friends.

God blessing and directing my travels and ministry.

For the discipleship sessions with Pedro, Michele (Michael), Ana and the Mendozas.

For spiritual growth for Alfredo.

Pray that the coronavirus would not require changes to these plans.

Jean's continued recovery as she continues to suffer minor issues.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

He is ever faithful,

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***“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it;” Isaiah 55:11.***

Dear Pastor and Friends.

January-February 2020

We thank you for special gifts and cards for Christmas and our anniversary.

Currently we are at Fort Belvoir, Virginia which is near Alexandria, Virginia. We ask that you would pray for our daughter in law, Adriana, who is suffering from endometriosis. She is experiencing significant pain. The first doctor who operated on her felt the surgery was too difficult and just closed her back up. Our son, Jonathan and Adriana have since scheduled a specialist. They will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia to have the surgery done. Please pray that the procedure will go well, for her quick recovery and for safety as they travel back and forth. We are watching the grandchildren in their absence. We hope to be visiting supporting churches while we are here.

I was blessed the other day. I approached Brother Tom of our church and asked him about the Jewish couple whom he had invited to a past Honor Israel meeting. He seemed a little uncertain as to how he should proceed to develop the relationship. I suggested he might give them a bilingual (Hebrew and English) Tanakh (Old Testament) or Brit Hadashah (New Covenant or N.T.). The idea excited him. Whenever we share the Word we should bathe our actions with prayer. After a brief period of time he gave Dr. and Mrs. F. a copy of each. Brother Tom said they were very pleased to receive the two. May this be a challenge to all of us to be bold in Christ (Heb. 4:16) to reach out to others with the Truth. When giving the Scriptures to Jewish friends it is best that no additional literature be given but allow the Word to work in their lives without distraction. Pastors did you know that **THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING HEBREW SCRIPTURES** provides these books in various formats to be given for free to the Jewish people (only the Jewish people)? The original base for this ministry is located in England. They now have representatives throughout the world and there are several distributors in US.

Last month, in place of the regular Everlasting Nation Fellowship Missionary Stan Skriloff taught on Hanukah during a regular Sunday evening service. He simplified the teaching by the short expression “it is all about the oil.” We remember that the feast is about the rededication of the Temple after the Syrian Greek desecration of the same. To rededicate the Temple the sacred oil was necessary to light the menorah. Although there was only sufficient oil for one day the oil which remained lasted 8 days which provided sufficient time to prepare more oil. The feast this year terminated on December 30. Typical foods are “latkes” or potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts. These foods are suited to the feast because they are fried in oil.

Another prominent feast the Jewish people will celebrate is Purim. It is celebrated beginning at sunset March 9. Also in March our church, Evangel Baptist, has scheduled the Annual Honor Israel Meeting on March 29. In the past this service has been attended by numerous Jewish friends. Please pray for God’s blessing on the service, by it being well attended by Jewish friends, for God’s blessing on the message and for the guests to have their hearts open to the message and might eventually receive the Lord Jesus as Savior.

Please pray for the schedule for this coming year. There are tentative trips to South America and to Mexico. Pray for wisdom in planning the travels, and for teaching in the Bible institute in Argentina.

Pray for the visiting of local churches to encourage and help them being better prepared and to have better understanding to reach out to the Jewish people.

During the month of January and February many of the churches in South America have their youth and adult camps. Please pray for God’s working in and through the lives of the campers and the counselors.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless and use you greatly as you serve Him.

In the Messiah’s love,

Peter & Jean Ard

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September-October 2019

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Jean has recovered well from her two knee surgeries. The left knee occasionally bothers her. Thank you for praying.

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***"O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?" Psalm 89:8***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

May-June 2019

God has truly blessed us in a manner beyond understanding. All blessings we receive are as a result of God's love demonstrated through His Son, Jesus (John 3:16). God has chosen to use Israel to be a means of channeling to all His blessing. Two Bible verses that attest to this as true are Genesis 12:3 and Matthew 1:1. Because of God's having chosen Israel, if we are to bless and obey God wholly, we must seek to also be blessing to Israel. I believe many churches are uncertain as to how to effectively reach out to the Jewish community. God still loves the Jewish people. Yes, they need a Savior, they need the Messiah. The question is how we might reach them. IBJM conducts training sessions to teach how Christians might be better prepared and able to share their faith with the Jewish people. The annual sessions conducted at the Mission are called **Four Day Focus**. This year this training is scheduled from June 24-27. The deadline to enroll is June 14. One may go to the website [ibjm.org](http://ibjm.org) to register and for more details (select events/training and under that topic choose Gartenhaus Training Center). If you would like to a more effective witness to the Jewish people the **Four Day Focus** is a good way to start.

Jean has been recovering gradually from her knee surgery in January but still experiences pain in the muscles behind the knee. Please continue to pray for her overall health and that she might be able to walk without much pain.

#### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Our church, Evangel Baptist, recently had an Honor Israel Sunday. A representative from the Jewish Federation spoke during the Sunday School session. There were at least five Jewish persons who attended. Those present expressed their approval with the meeting and left with the desire to encourage others to support the meeting in the future. This meeting was organized by Missionary Stan Skriloff (and his wife) who was also the main speaker. A local rabbi has recently said he wants his congregation to develop relationships with the members of our church. This is highly unusual. Please pray that God bless this situation and work in the hearts of both groups that Jewish people might be open to search out and receive the truth of God's Word.

**Trip to South America** I have been invited to teach in the Bible institute that is northern Argentina (Tucumán). I have been asked to teach the book of Genesis. Please pray that I might be effective with my instruction and for God's working in each student's life.

Missionary Thomas Gilmer has wanted a representative from IBJM to visit their ministries in Brazil. As I am already scheduled to visit South America, I will begin my journey south via Brazil. From Brazil I will travel to Buenos Aires and Tucumán, Argentina. I am still working on the schedule. As God allows, I will be visiting Jewish friends in different cities. Please pray for God's wisdom for me and for the Holy Spirit convicting Jewish hearts and others as to their eternal need and that He might guide and use me in each speaking and teaching opportunity.

Our daughter and son in law are currently on furlough from Mexico. One reason they are on furlough is to help ease the process for our granddaughter (their daughter) Victoria to begin college. Please pray that the Lord would bless each area of their furlough and provide for our granddaughter's further studies. At this time, they have been nearby as they seek God's will for where they should base themselves during this furlough. We have enjoyed their presence and were recently able to attend Victoria's high school graduation.

Alfredo our Cuban contact is currently in the US. He has had back trouble in the past and recently has been experiencing heart issues. There are times the spinal column can cause heart problems. He had been diagnosed with only about 10 percent heart capacity. In the last two months his heart capacity has increased to 40 percent. Even so this greatly limits his ability to work. He not only works to support himself but has a wife (Marlenes) and two children (Jorge and Maria). His doctor has told him recently he is not to work. Please pray for God's healing, His provision and direction at this time. I am discipling him three to four times a month. Please pray for his spiritual growth and for the salvation of his family.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support over these many years. Please pray that God would continue to use us for His honor and glory.

Thankful to be

Servants of the KING,

Peter & Jean Ard

***“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;” Ps. 33:18***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

March-April 2019

Praise the Lord! Jean has now been in remission for six years after her second episode of breast cancer. Thank you for praying. She is still making progress on her second total knee replacement. It has been a painful recovery. She now has almost full extension of the leg and has been able to pass 110 degrees on her flexion. She still has moments of considerable pain in the knee as the scar tissue within needs to continue to break down. Thank you for praying.

Please pray for our **Honor Israel Sunday**. Invitation letters have been sent out to many local synagogues. The Jewish Federation is to have a representative present who will be speaking about the Jewish Passover. Many Jewish persons have said they are planning to attend. Jewish friends have been invited.

JEWISH FEASTS. Recently our church visited a **Purim** presentation put on by a local synagogue. Everyone enjoyed the visit. They used Elvis songs to do the different elements of the story. Of course, Purim recalls Satan’s attempt to eradicate the Jewish people from the land. God worked behind the scenes and used Esther and Mordecai to foil Haman’s wicked plan.

As we get ready to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection our Jewish friends are preparing to celebrate the **Passover**. They will celebrate Passover/Pesach beginning sunset April 19 and ending sunset April 27 as they remember God’s deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

Please pray for the salvation of these Jewish friends Harry, Drs. Sara, Harvey, Daniel, and Jody.

Please pray for Alfredo. Alfredo made a profession of faith. He has had a continuing problem with his back. He traveled to Cuba for treatment. It is possible that as they treated him for his back pain the medicine administered affected his heart so that it has been only functioning at 10 percent of normal capacity. Please pray for his spiritual growth and his physical health. I have been working to disciple him.

Please pray for our schedule for this year. I have been asked to teach in the Bible institute in northern Argentina. Pray for our ministry opportunities for the rest of the year and that we might be greatly used. We are working on a new prayer card.

This past week I traveled north for a brief stop at the Mission. From Chattanooga/Hixson I traveled to Elberton, GA and then to Greenville, SC. Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville had requested me to report for the Sunday evening service. While I was in the area, I was able to visit the folks of Believers Baptist Church for their morning services and share with them. I was blessed by my visit with each church.

Your prayers make a difference.

In the Messiah’s love,

Peter & Jean Ard

**“When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory;” Psalm 102:16**

Dear Pastor and Friends,

January-February 2109

We thank you for your every kindness in the various ways you remembered us this Christmas. Thank you for the special gifts, and cards.

Jean did have her second knee replacement (complete, left) done January 7. It has been more than two weeks since the surgery. They say that with knee surgery the hardest part is the rehab. It was her experience the first time and so far it has been much the same this time. Please pray that she might continue to endure the physical therapy and recover the full use of her left leg without too much pain. Her earlier knee replacement of the right knee has alleviated much pain in the right leg and has improved her ability to walk.

There are those today that say the Jewish people cannot be reached. Others might say that they have no interest in their own Scriptures. When I was in Uruguay I had the privilege of working with Missionaries Manuel and Schumak Moyano. Their church is across the street from the largest synagogue in Montevideo. They often will set up a table with bilingual Tanakh and New Testaments in Hebrew and Spanish. While the table was in place one Friday night several Jewish folks came by and took copies of either one or the other or both. The Rabbi's wife asked one of the synagogue's employees to pick up a copy of each for her. We have included pictures. One of the pictures includes their younger son, Ezequiel. As we departed that evening one Jewish man who had been at the synagogue suggested that the table with the Scriptures be set up at least once a month. If we are willing to go God is always ready to bless.

Evangel Baptist Church where we attend is holding special meeting beginning Sunday January 27. We and others have been inviting several folks to come. Please pray that God would use the speaker to challenge us and the guests to respond to God's Word in a life changing manner.

Please continue to pray as Jean and I adapt to the changes regarding our ministry. If a supporting church would want me to come to give an update please let me know. My cell number is (941) 666-9573 or you may email me at [prayforisrael.pa@gmail.com](mailto:prayforisrael.pa@gmail.com). We continue to reside in Bradenton, Florida. Our being here in the US has allowed Jean to have medical attention that would have been at best very difficult to have done in Argentina.

Thank you for your prayers and for your support!

In the love of Messiah Jesus,

Peter & Jean Ard



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Dear Pastor and Friends,

September-October 2018

We thank you for your prayers and faithfulness in the support of our ministry.

Last month I was on the road for over two weeks. This was the longest trip I have taken since Jean has had assorted medical care. Several months ago, a supporting church had asked if I would be available for their missions' conference. I had peace as far as committing to participate. The church was Liberty Baptist Church located in Holly Ridge, North Carolina and pastored by Dr. R. Warren. I knew it would be an all-day trip of nearly 700 miles. It only made sense to combine that opportunity with other supporting churches in the area. God blessed the trip and several supporting pastors and their churches allowed me to schedule meetings. My initial stop was at IBJM to check in with the Mission and picked up literature. Aside from Liberty Baptist I was able to report and preach in five other churches: Welcome Baptist Church, Pastor D. Crawford; Sweethaven Baptist Church, Pastor C. Borkert; Immanuel Baptist Church, Pastor J. Keeter; Wayside Baptist Church, Pastor P. Mitchell; and Immanuel Baptist Church, Pastor J. Godfrey, Jr. These churches are located between Holly Ridge, NC, Chesapeake, Virginia and Clifton Forge, Virginia. In all the trip was about 2000 miles.

When I sent out our last prayer letter I had mentioned how Jean's rehabilitation for the knee replacement surgery was a struggle and very painful. She has made significant recovery and is now discussing scheduling the other knee. Thank you for your prayers, please continue to pray. Because we live in a Christian community there are many friends who attend the same church where we attend, (Evangel Baptist Church in Bradenton, Florida) and have been available to look after Jean when I am traveling.

During the month of October, I will be traveling to South America. I had mentioned previously I am to speak at the Fundamental Baptist Congress which is to be held in Cordoba in western Argentina. The theme of these meetings is sharing the Gospel. I have been asked to speak on sharing the Gospel with a Jewish person. There will be some 12 different preachers at these meetings. Please pray for these meetings and that God would work to prepare His servants and that each one present might be challenged and better equipped to share the Gospel in each opportunity. An additional challenge I have while I am in Argentina is to teach for two weeks in the Bible institute in Tucumán. While in Argentina I will also have the opportunity to visit Jewish friends and share with them the Scriptures. Please pray for each of these ministry opportunities. Please pray for additional opportunities to minister while I am traveling in South America.

A few days ago, our church held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting. During the meeting we discussed Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. On September 19 our Jewish friends will celebrate Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement. This is an excellent time to share with them or send them a Happy New Year card with an appropriate tract. According to the Jewish calendar this is year 5779.

In our Spanish meetings we are going through a 12-lesson discipleship course. Alfredo, who has been having physical problems, has returned to Cuba to be with his family and to seek medical treatment. Please pray for his spiritual growth, the salvation of his family and that he might get the medical treatment he needs.

Thank you for all you do to make our ministry possible.

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard



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Dear Pastor and Friends,

July-August 2018

When we last wrote Jean was soon to have a complete knee replacement. It is said that the most difficult part of knee replacement surgery is the rehabilitation. The surgery went well and the “rehab” has been slow and painful. Her recovery has been difficult. She has not walked properly for years so the muscles and ligaments need to be retrained. I believe she is making steady progress and we trust the worst is now behind. She continues to have pain in her knee but that has been subsiding with time and regular use. Please continue to pray.

A few days ago, we held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting at Evangel Baptist Church. This was the fourth meeting that has been held here. Pastor (if I may) does your church regularly pray for Israel and is the congregation burdened to reach Jewish friends with the truth of the Scriptures? If they have the burden are they prepared to share the Scriptures when God would bring a Jewish person across their path? I believe we all know that God still loves Israel and God has big plans for Israel in the future. If you are not holding an Everlasting Nation Fellowship (ENF) or something similar in your church I believe your church is missing a blessing (Gen. 12:3; Romans chapter 4). If you would like further information on ENFs PLEASE contact me or the Mission.

Currently our Jewish friends are celebrating Tisha B'av a time when they mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple. One Jewish site declares Tisha B'av as the saddest day of the Jewish calendar. The next major feast they will celebrate is Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) which begins at sunset September 9 and ends at sundown September 11. They will be celebrating the beginning of year 5779. During this time, they celebrate the creation of Adam and Eve. This feast is followed by the solemn feast of Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement which begins this year at sunset September 18. For the orthodox Jew this is the holiest day of the year.

During the month of July, the youth of our church will be going to The Wilds for a summer conference. In Argentina and South America there will be winter conferences for the youth as well this month. Please pray for these conferences, for God having His will done in each individual participant.

One of our supporting churches in North Carolina has invited us to their mission conference in the month of August. I have notified various supporting churches in the area as to the possibility of my visiting and giving an update regarding our ministry either before or after the scheduled mission conference. If I have not contacted you and you would care for a similar visit please notify me at [prayforisrael.pa@gmail.com](mailto:prayforisrael.pa@gmail.com) or [pard@ibjm.org](mailto:pard@ibjm.org). My cell phone number is (941)666-9573. As Jean is becoming more independent I am trying to minister in other areas. She tentatively will have another total knee replacement surgery for the other knee some time in the future.

Spanish Church-God has blessed with some occasional visitors. Some have visited more than once. Alfredo who made a profession of faith several months ago had returned to Cuba where his wife and daughter live to pursue treatments on his back as he has three ruptured disks. He has recently returned to the US and is still pursuing treatment. He does not have medical insurance here. I was able to visit him a couple of days ago and we covered some discipleship material. Pray for the salvation or spiritual growth of Alfredo (health as well), Rosalia, Margarita, Néida and their families.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of Jewish friends in Argentina: Ignacio and Ruth, Ariel and Ariela, Gabriel and his wife, Danny, Eduardo and Raquel, Pedro and Ana, Aaron and Rosa, Isaac and Leanor, family Rozanthal, Gabriel (another Gabriel) and his family, Ariel (different one) and his family. Pray as well for the following Jewish friends in the US: Dr. Harvey G., Dr. Sara S., Dr. Daniel F., Rabbi Mendy, and Dr. Jody A.

Please also pray for Missionaries Ruth and Larry Owens. She has been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Pray for healing, wisdom, strength and God's provision.

We THANK YOU for your prayers and support.

In Messiah Jesus' unfailing hand,

Peter and Jean Ard

***“Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth;”***  
**Psalm 57:5,11.**

Dear Pastor and Friends;

May-June 2018

Jean is scheduled to have knee surgery on May 7. This is an answer to pray. Please pray for her surgery to go well and for a rapid recovery with minimal pain. If she recovers well she can have the other knee done later this year.

God blessed the Honor Israel Sunday held recently by Evangel Baptist Church in a wonderful way. Jewish folks attended with a representative from the Jewish Federation and with other Jewish friends attending the service. Brother Sam Wilson with IBJM preached the service.

Just a few days ago the church followed up the Honor Israel meeting by holding an Everlasting Nation Fellowship. Please pray that the folks would be challenged to pray for the salvation of Jewish souls regularly. Pray also that the church would be a beacon to the Jewish community as to their need to search the Scriptures and see that Jesus is the Messiah and Redeemer that all mankind need. Pray also that sister churches would begin to realize the need to love and be a greater witness to the Jewish community.

Sunset May 19 our Jewish friends celebrate Shavuot. Shavuot marks the giving of the Tora (Law) on Mt. Sinai. The ten commandments are read in the synagogue, just as they were read in the desert over 3300 years ago. This feast will be celebrated until the evening of May 21.

Please pray for my opportunity to preach for the Baptist Congress (Fundamentalismo) in Argentina this year that I might have wisdom in preparing each message and be able to challenge National pastors and missionaries in how they might have more effective ministry in reaching out to their Jewish communities and teach their churches how they might accomplish this as well.

Regarding the Spanish ministry, please pray for Alfredo. Alfredo prayed to receive the Lord several months ago. He is currently suffering from a bad hip. He has no medical insurance so he has returned to Cuba to seek treatment there. Please pray also for his spiritual condition and for his time with his family in Cuba. His wife and daughter are not saved. Pray that I might be able to maintain contact with him. Pray for the salvation of others of the Latin community and for the spiritual growth of those who now attend. Please pray that as we go out to give out tracts to Spanish speaking persons that we might have the opportunity to witness and share the Gospel with them and some might be saved and would begin to attend our Spanish services.

Please continue to pray for our transition. I would like to visit neighboring Baptist churches to encourage and challenge them to reach out to the nearby Jewish community.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Your faithfulness and support have been an immense blessing to us as we have served our blessed Redeemer.

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard

***And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt; Exodus 12:13.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

March-April 2018

This year our Jewish friends celebrate the Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) beginning at sunset on Friday, March 30 and will continue to celebrate the feast until nightfall Saturday April 7. They celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their deliverance by God from slavery in Egypt. Of course, we remember that this took place after God had judged Egypt with 10 plagues demonstrating God's power and sovereignty over the Egyptian gods. As I look at one familiar Jewish web site concerning Passover I see the offer to sell one's leaven (in Hebrew Chametz). Biblically leaven represents sin. For the practicing Jewish person all leaven in the house must be eliminated or if not, sold to someone else not Jewish so that the house will be kosher or clean for the feast. In the process of preparing for the feast the house will be inspected by the father to ensure that all leaven has been removed.

I was warmly welcomed the other day as I attended the reformed synagogue of Temple Emanu-El in Sarasota as they celebrated the feast of Purim.

In a few days our church (Evangel Baptist) will be holding an Honor Israel meeting. The Jewish Federation located in Sarasota will be sending a representative to participate during the Sunday School hour. IBJM missionary Sam Wilson will be bringing the message during the main service. There will be a luncheon upon the conclusion of the service with many Jewish foods being prepared by the ladies of the congregation. Please pray for this meeting and for the salvation of several Jewish friends who have been invited: Dr. S. S., Dr. J. A.; Dr. H. G., Dr. D. F., Rabbi M. B., their families among others.

Jean still needs to decide when she would have knee replacement surgery. One complication has been pending dental work. She was eating recently and lost a crown. Her medication to protect her from a reoccurrence of cancer has side effects that affect her physically. Particularly it affects the calcium level in her body. She is considering having the knee surgery in the near future and that affects our scheduling. Please continue to pray for wisdom.

We continue to conduct the Spanish service for Evangel Baptist. This service is held weekly shortly after the morning services in English have finished. One of the men who is active in the church and in the Spanish ministry has asked me to disciple him. We have been having weekly meetings. Please pray for Brother Jesús M. and me and that God would use these sessions for both of us to grow spiritually and be better equipped to serve others.

Missionary Pastor Charlie Smith and his wife are due to go on furlough from Buenos Aires in the next few days. We have done pulpit supply in the past when he has gone on furlough. We are unable to help in this area. He has a national (Facundo Martinez) preparing for the ministry to take his work. The Smiths had to move from their apartment and their meeting place with little notice just a few weeks before their furlough was to begin. Please pray for the Smiths, the Martinez family and this ministry at this time.

Please pray for IBJM missionaries Victoria and Miriam Gaguine in Uruguay as inflation has greatly reduced their support. If any church would consider supporting them they have had a productive ministry for over 40 years reaching many Jewish friends with the Gospel. Several of those have made professions of faith and remain faithful in following the Lord worshiping in Fundamental Bible believing churches.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In the Messiah's unfailing love,

Peter & Jean Ard



*"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5*

Dear Pastor and Friends,

January-February 2018

We send you greetings from Bradenton, Florida.

In December, Jean had an appointment with her oncologist. Her test results indicate that she remains in remission. Her arrhythmia has improved. She still has had a few isolated incidents of arrhythmia. Praise the Lord! She has been diagnosed as not having any cartilage in her knees, so it is no wonder that it is very painful for her to walk. Please pray for healing and that we might have wisdom as to how this condition should be treated.

We continue to hold a service in Spanish at Evangel Baptist Church. Although our group has been small, recently we have had a new visitor (a different one each Sunday) come three consecutive Sundays. That has been a blessing. Pray that God would continue to bless these meetings. Since we lost our piano player, he moved out of state, Jean has been providing the music by playing her guitar.

During the months of January and February, many youth attend Baptist camps in Argentina. Please pray for them, the workers and that decisions made would be followed through in the months to come.

Please pray for God's blessing upon the Honor Israel Sunday to be held April 8 at Evangel Baptist Church. Last year there were several Jewish friends that attended. We will be delivering invitations to various Jewish friends. Please pray for Dr. Sara, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Jody, Dr. Daniel, and Rabbi Mendy. Please pray that God would bless this occasion with the presence of numerous Jewish friends and that His Holy Spirit would prepare their hearts for the biblical message that will be preached that day.

This year Israel will celebrate 70 years as a nation. It is an excellent time to express your support for Israel to your Jewish friends.

I have been invited to preach at the Baptist Congress (Fundamentalismo Bautista) this October in Argentina. I am to preach and teach about how to share our faith with the Jewish people. Please pray that God would use this opportunity to encourage and challenge national pastors and missionaries to be better able and faithful to witness to the Jewish people. Argentina has the largest Jewish population in South America. There are also groups of Jewish people living in various neighboring countries.

Please continue to pray for our transition. Pray that God would guide me to develop ministry opportunities during the year.

Our prayer letter is received by numerous churches and individuals. We have not visited many of our supporting churches for some time. Jean's health is stable at this time. That being said, if a supporting church would like me to come and report, please let me know your desire. I can be reached at our email address [prayforIsrael.pa@gmail.com](mailto:prayforIsrael.pa@gmail.com) or via the Mission address: IBJM; P.O. BOX 1386; Hixson, TN 37343. With your request please provide possible times, dates and the means of contact that you prefer. Depending on the circumstances, I would visit alone or with Jean.

Thank you to all those who sent special gifts, and cards. Thank you for your faithful support. God blessed us with the celebration of our 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 30, 2017.

In Messiah Jesus' love,

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# Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace; Isaiah 9:6”.*

Dear Friends,

CHRISTMAS 2017

We send you greetings from Fort Belvoir, Virginia as we visit family and supporting churches while we travel (Harvester Baptist Church, and Freedom Baptist Church, both churches are in Maryland). On the way north, we shared with Layton Chapel Baptist Church in Spring Lake, North Carolina.

**It is our prayer that you might have a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.**

As we celebrate the holiday season we wish to remind you that our Jewish friends are celebrating Chanukah. Observing Jews will celebrate Chanukah on the sunset of Tuesday, the 12th of December and will continue to celebrate through sunset the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

We wish to thank you again for your support and prayers. God has blessed us and provided so wonderfully this year. May we share with you some of the ways God has answered prayer during this time of transition: When I returned to Argentina this year for six weeks from mid-February to March 28, God blessed and we were able to finalize the sale of our house in Buenos Aires. During that time, I was able to visit and witness to numerous Jewish friends in B.A. and an Everlasting Nation Fellowship was held.

In May Jean had an ablation procedure performed on her heart which has greatly reduced the incidents of arrhythmia of her heart.

In July I took an evangelistic tour group to Mexico City where 35 persons prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior, of whom, I was able to lead four of them to make this most important decision.

In late August I was able to return to Argentina teach two weeks in the Bible institute in northern Argentina. One Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting was held in Uruguay. I was able to visit missionary candidates Aaron and Ludivina Rodriguez in Uruguay. I was able to make a brief trip to Rosario, north of B.A. and visit with the Herrera family who arrived in Argentina earlier this year. Two churches held Honor Israel meetings with numerous invitations to Jewish friends being delivered and tracts being given out.

In August Evangel Baptist Church began holding Spanish services one time a week. When I am present I preach the service. We have been blessed by Alfredo's decision to repent of his sin and trust the Lord as Savior. I had the joy of leading him to the Lord.

Jean survived Hurricane Irma passing through Florida with minor damage happening to the community in which we are living. This was while I was back in Argentina! Praise God for His watch care!

In October I returned to Mexico this time to the city of Monterrey where a missions conference was being held and we conducted classes on witnessing to the Jewish people (Focus on Israel).

Thank you for your part in prayer and support and making this all possible.

Peter and Jean Ard



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Dear Praying Friends,

**September-October 2017**

As I began this letter I was in the airport in Monterrey, Mexico where I had been blessed with the opportunity to take part in the missions conference of Iglesia Bautista Fundamental Betesda. It truly was an international conference. There were missionaries and pastors from Venezuela, Mexico, and the US. There were missionaries whom God has called to Argentina, Israel, North and South Korea, and Turkey. Of course, there were numerous of God's servants who were either working in Mexico or called to work in Mexico. Monterrey is a metropolitan city with a population of some five million people. Part of the missions conference included a "Focus on Israel" (Enfoque a Israel) of which I had a part.

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**“Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways;”** Psalm 128:1.

Dear Pastor and Friends.

July-August 2017

I returned from Mexico City last week where the IBJM team of 2 Mexicans and 4 US citizens met for ten days of evangelistic efforts in one of the largest cities of the world. Before our departure from the US there were two training days held at the Mission headquarters in Hixson, Tennessee. God blessed our time together. While in Mexico City there were 35 persons who prayed to receive the Lord as Savior. God blessed and I had the joy of leading four persons to pray to receive the Lord as Savior. Please pray the spiritual growth of each of these new Christians. One of the team members estimated that some 1,500 tracts were distributed. We were blessed to minister in three different churches while we were in Mexico City. Missionary pastor Clint Rardin and national pastors Victor Santamaria and Leo Rivas were our hosts at their respective churches. At both Sunday services Jewish believers were in attendance. We were blessed as well to have the deputy ambassador for Israel attend the final meeting. He was most gracious. I have included one picture from each Sunday service.

Since we returned to the US last November Jean has seen three knee specialists, two heart specialists and been in to see the dentist on various occasions aside for seeing more than one of her oncologist specialists. We believe that her chemotherapy and other cancer treatments have lessened her bone density which has resulted in other complications, her broken wrists, broken teeth and such. The most recent treatment she had was her heart ablation. Since that procedure she has had repeated episodes of arrhythmia. Please pray that the episodes would subside and that the ablation would accomplish its intended purpose of eliminating the arrhythmia. Please pray for her health in general.

**This Sunday Evangel Baptist Church is to begin holding services in Spanish** here in Bradenton, Florida. When I am in the area I am to be the primary speaker. There is a large Spanish population in the area. Please pray that God would use this outreach drawing many Spanish speaking people to come to hear the Word and that they might be saved. Please pray also for the Mendoza family who will be helping with this outreach.

August 28 I am to fly to Argentina and minister in Argentina and Uruguay for the following several weeks. Please pray that God would use this time with souls being saved and Christians challenged and encouraged to serve the Lord in a greater way. Our Mission has missionaries now in Argentina (in the city of Rosario) and in Uruguay. Please pray that God would use this time for His honor and glory.



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Next month our Jewish friends will be celebrating the High Holidays of the New Year and Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah will begin on the evening of September 20<sup>th</sup> and Yom Kippur on the evening of September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for praying and for your faithful support.

Because He is faithful,

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*"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezekiel 3:17*

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***"Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth;" Psalm 57:1***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

May-June 2017

As I begin this letter Jean and I are at the hospital. She has been scheduled for a heart ablation for some time now. She is at the hospital for pretesting/pre-admission. The procedure is to correct her arrhythmia which she continues to experience occasionally,

It is a blessing to give you an update on the Honor Israel Sunday which was held recently. A former IDF (Israeli Defense Force) soldier and a representative of the Jewish Federation both gave testimony/report on Israel and current events regarding Israel. During the main service a message on Israel's history with a gospel emphasis was given by a Hebrew Christian sharing the hope we have in God's mediator the Messiah Jesus. After the service there was a meal provided with several different Jewish courses being served. As the meal was ending a Holocaust survivor (of course she was Jewish) spoke and gave her testimony. In all there were a total of 13 Jewish people who attended. Many positive comments were expressed by the Jewish friends who attended as to how the meeting was a success. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to work in the hearts of those present and those who were invited to repent of their sins and receive the Lord Jesus as Redeemer and Messiah

The last Sunday of May Templo Bautista Emanuel in Argentina held another Amigos de la Nación Eterna meeting. Another update regarding Argentina is that God answered prayer and the sale of our vehicle was completed.

This summer there will be several special activities at the Mission headquarters. A few of those are:

Four-Day Focus on Jewish Missions from June 19 to 21 when meetings were held providing practical training and information for those desiring to witness more effectively to Jewish friends and contacts through the local church.

An evangelistic trip to Mexico City is scheduled from 14-24 July. Training for this trip will take place two days prior to the trip. I have been asked to take part in the training and coordination of this trip.

In late August I am scheduled to travel to Argentina and Uruguay for several weeks on a ministry trip. We have missionaries serving in both countries.

In closing, Jean has had her heart ablation procedure. She was initially taken off the prescription medicine Sotalol which is to help the heart to resist arrhythmia (irregular heart beat). Two days after the surgery the arrhythmia was back and her heart at times was beating at 150 times per minute. We called her doctor and he put her back on the Sotalol. This is a normal occurrence. We were told that there is an observation period of three months to determine if the procedure was successful. We would appreciate your praying for God's will as to the success of the procedure.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

In the Messiah's hand,

Peter and Jean Ard

***“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever;” Psalm 136:1***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

April-May 2017

It is a blessing to be back with Jean after six weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The house finally sold on March 28, 2017. It was a blessing as well to have the six weeks there in Buenos Aires. Thank you for praying. During that time God allowed me to visit our Jewish contacts and witness to various persons. I also had the privilege to preach several times in three different churches, Templo Bautista Emanuel, pastored by Missionary D. A. Brosius, Iglesia Bautista Bíblica of Padua pastored by national Pastor Roberto Galarza and Iglesia Bautista Libertad pastored by Missionary Charlie Smith. Also during that period Templo Bautista Emanuel held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship (Amigos de la Nación Eterna). Pastor Brosius, Christian Orellana and I visited various Jewish contacts. I left them a list of our Jewish contacts so they could continue to visit them. Please pray that they might continue visiting our Jewish contacts and that God would continue to soften the hearts of our Jewish friends that they might soon be saved. I am scheduled to return to Buenos Aires later this year.

While I was in Buenos Aires, I had the opportunity to speak to Florencia G. about her spiritual need. The Holy Spirit blessed, she understood and prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior. Her husband is Jewish. Pray for his salvation and for that of their two daughters. Please pray for her spiritual growth. I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Jewish friends and Gentile as well. Please pray for God's Word to bear fruit in these dear people's souls.

Our Jewish friends began celebrating Passover Monday evening, April 10 and will conclude Tuesday evening April 18. During this time all leaven is to be removed from the home. There are web sites where a Jewish family or business can sell their leaven without ever removing it from the premises.

We are thankful that Jean's right wrist bone has healed. She is working to regain the flexibility of the wrist. She has seen three knee specialists since I returned. She has also been to the dentist and a heart specialist. She is scheduled to have an ablation to her heart on May 26. Please pray that this would correct her arrhythmia.

Evangel Baptist Church will be holding their first Honor Israel Sunday April 23. Brother Stan Skriloff has done much to prepare for this meeting. He prepared the invitation and organized the meeting drafting the letter to invite numerous members of the Jewish community. A survivor of the Holocaust is to speak. It has given us the opportunity to invite the various Jewish friends and contacts God has given us in the area. Brother Stan did an excellent job teaching how to share one's faith from the Old Testament. In a few days I am to teach on Antisemitism. Please pray that God would use this time to challenge the Church and the Jewish community to better understand His will concerning the Jewish people.

Please pray for the Erik Herrera family. They are scheduled to begin their ministry in Rosario, Argentina this month... to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Please continue to pray for our transition. Please pray also for Templo Bautista Emanuel in Buenos Aires, Argentina during this transition. Please pray about the sale of our truck in Argentina. Pray about God's will that Evangel Baptist Church here in Bradenton, Florida would start a Spanish ministry.

We thank you for your prayers and support. Our wonderful Lord worked in a marvelous way allowing us to sell our furniture, empty and sell the house in less than five months' time. We know of other instances where friends have tried to sell their houses for three or more years. Thank you again for praying.

In the Messiah's unfailing love,

Peter and Jean Ard

***“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD;” Ps. 106:48.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

February-March 2017

I have the privilege of being in Buenos Aires, Argentina once again. God has blessed and I was able to return February 15. As mentioned previously we have matters to take care of concerning our house and our car. Please pray the God would direct and superintend. Jean has remained in the US. She has several doctor appointments. This January she was trying to move a recliner and the footrest released and hit her in the chin. She put down her right hand to break the fall and her right wrist broke. Thankfully the bone remained in place. She is now wearing a splint. Please continue to pray for her health and for the salvation of her doctors. Pray that God would watch over her and me during this time.

Since arriving in Argentina I have had the opportunity to share the Gospel with various Jewish friends. Please pray for the salvation of Ana G., Gabriel S., Bernardo and Alex. Pray for other opportunities to witness to these friends and others. Cristian O. has expressed the interest in continuing our ministry in testifying to Jewish friends and conducting the *Amigos de la Nación Eterna* meetings (*Everlasting Nation Fellowship* meetings) in Buenos Aires. Please pray for God's blessing upon Cristian that he would be faithful to God's will and would be used by God in this ministry. I was also able to visit José I. and briefly talk to his mother Rosa. Rosa (and her husband Aaron) need to be saved. José needs grow spiritually. Please pray for these dear souls. Templo Bautista Emanuel is scheduling an *Amigos de la Nación Eterna* meeting for the last Sunday in March. Please pray for this meeting. I want to be challenging various Jewish friends to make this meeting.

Before leaving the US, Pastor Andy Goad of Evangel Baptist Church, Bradenton, Florida asked me to consider partaking in a Spanish ministry to Spanish speaking people through the church. Please pray for God's will in this area. This church has also scheduled an ***Honor Israel*** Sunday for April 23. Please pray for this meeting. Brother Stan Skriloff, a Hebrew Christian and his wife, have been doing the vast majority of planning and organizing for this meeting. Please pray for this outreach that Jewish friends would come and be stirred to seek God's truth concerning the Lord Jesus, their Messiah and that Christians would have a better understanding of God's love and desire for the Jewish people.

God has given me the opportunity to preach in three churches thus far. The first was in Iglesia Bautista Bíblica in San Antonio de Padua located in greater Buenos Aires. After the message Illiana responded by coming forward to receive the Lord as Savior. She had heard the Gospel previously yet God used the message to allow her to realize her need to be saved. I have also had the opportunity to preach in Templo Bautista Emanuel (Missionary Pastor D.A. Brosius), and Iglesia Bautista Libertad (Missionary Pastor Charlie Smith).

Our Jewish friends will be celebrating Purim beginning the evening of March 11<sup>th</sup>. Passover this year will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard



*“I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior;” Isaiah 43:11.*

Dear Pastor and Friends,

January 2017

After almost 29 years in Argentina the simplest explanation of what is happening in the Ard household is .....**TRANSITION.**

Since the first time Jean was found with breast cancer in 1992 we have had people recommending or suggesting that it was God’s timing we should return to the US. Since that time we have had numerous events that God has allowed to occur in our lives and then mercifully given us the grace to endure and continue to serve in Argentina. Jean has suffered various health issues, more than one life threatening. In 1992 and again in 2013 she was found with breast cancer. Both of these incidents could have been fatal. On each occasion she was treated with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Currently she is taking a strong medication to help maintain her cancer in remission. She has arrhythmia (heart condition), and high blood pressure. One of her heart medicines that was prescribed in Argentina was in the process of destroying her vision. In October 2015, she fell and broke her wrist while we were in Tucumán, Argentina. The wrist was initially set there but had to be reset a few months later in the US. The cartilage in both of her knees has deteriorated to such an extent, that to walk is very painful most of the time. Our house in Argentina is two story and for Jean to go to our bedroom has been a trial each day. We have no medical insurance once we are out of the US for periods longer than two months. If I understand correctly recently I was diagnosed with a developing angle closure of both my eyes which could lead to glaucoma and blindness. The two doctors that checked the condition recommended laser surgery to both eyes to allow them to continue to drain properly. The surgery should prevent glaucoma. At this time we expect the surgery to be done soon...

All this being said, we believe it is now God's will for us to continue our ministry with IBJM in the USA. IBJM is aware of our health needs and is fully supportive as we plan and begin this important transition in our lives. My ministry as Field Director of South America would remain unchanged. At this time I expect to travel to South America during the year to minister to our IBJM missionaries there, as well as to the local Baptist churches and to teach in the Bible institute in northern Argentina. Additionally there is a need to have IBJM Spanish speaking representatives here in the US. The Spanish ministry of IBJM is growing in Mexico, in the US and in South America.

Early this past October Jean and I were talking about when and how we would move back to the US. We had been checking on a place to lease in Bradenton Florida for some time so that we might at least have a temporary base. Il Villaggio, formerly Bradenton Missionary Village in Bradenton, Florida had approved our staying at the Village but was awaiting our final decision. Basically we had done very little to empty our house and put it on the market. Upon talking to one of my brothers as to our future plans it became obvious to me that if we were to leave Argentina it would not happen by accident. So we began taking steps to “test the waters.” We listed the house on the market, began organizing our possessions and then offered our furnishings for sale. Before returning to the US November 25 we had sold nearly all our furnishings, arranged for a small shipment of the items we planned to keep and had emptied nearly everything left in the house. To accomplish all that in the time frame that we did required God’s moving in a miraculous way and was an answer to prayer. The house has been shown various times. An offer to buy has recently been made on our house in Argentina.



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Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America **as I did not pay to renew our post office box this year.**

Tentatively I am scheduled return to Argentina in the next few weeks, for a brief stay.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of our Jewish friends. Missionary D.A. Brosius is to be visiting them with me so that he might be able to follow up on visits to our Jewish contacts.

\*Please pray for God's continued leading and blessing in our lives so that His will would be done.

\*Please continue to pray for Jean's health and for my eye surgery.

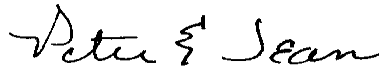
\*Please pray for God's will, provision and timing regarding the sale of our house and our vehicle in Argentina.

There are a considerable number of Jewish people in Bradenton and the surrounding areas. Also there are numerous Baptist churches. Please pray for wisdom as to developing an effective outreach to the Jewish community. To my knowledge very few of the local churches have an outreach ministry or are encouraging their congregations to have a burden for the Jewish people. Please pray for God to continue to open doors and direct us concerning our ministry in the US and our continued ministry in South America.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE SPECIAL GIFTS, CARDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT that you sent during the Christmas holidays.

May our great LORD continue to bless you richly as you continue to walk with Him.

In the Messiah's unfailing love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter & Jean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter & Jean Ard



## Pete and Jean Ard

Dear Ones,

**We hope and pray that our wonderful Lord will bless your Christmas and the New Year and that you would seek to walk with Him.**

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As I concluded the sessions in Peru I flew to Medellin, Columbia to visit and preach in the ministry of Hermano Ismael and Cecilia Fuentes, IBJM church planters who are planting a new work in the city. They graciously hosted my visit and I was blessed by their hospitality, fellowship and having the opportunity seeing God work and move in this new work. Please pray for God's continued blessing upon the Fuentes family and their blossoming ministry.

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On November 20, Templo Bautista held another meeting of los Amigos de La Nación Eterna (ANE). I had the privilege of directing that meeting. I preached on Antisemitism, its prevalence today, and why it is significant to the believer. An interesting twist took place as I was delivering invitations, many of those to the business or home where they would be left. What happened differently was I ran into Aaron I., José's father. I was able to speak to him. It has been months if not years since I had last spoken to him. We had a nice chat. Please pray for his salvation, the salvation of his family and that of each of our numerous Jewish contacts. Regarding the ANE (Everlasting Nation Fellowship) God blessed with the attendance of friends from Templo Bautista Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana Bautista of Martinez, Iglesia Bautista Calvario and Iglesia Bautista Bíblica de Ramos Mejía. With all the visitors there was an exceptional attendance for the meeting. We returned to the US the day after Thanksgiving for doctors' appointments. A friend, Chuck T. has established a good relationship with one of his doctors who is Jewish, Dr. G.. Please pray for wisdom and the working of the Holy Spirit to save this Jewish man.

We thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for wisdom and God's leading regarding our ministry.

Thank you again for your support of our ministry.

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CHRISTMAS 2016

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*"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Ezekiel 3:17*

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***"Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth;" Psalm 57:11***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

October 2016

The evening of October 2 our Jewish friends began celebrating the New Year, Rosh Hashanah, year 5777. This was also the beginning of the ten-day period they refer to as the High Holidays. On the final day, October 12, they celebrate Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement. This was the subject of our most recent Everlasting Nation Fellowship. The invitations given to our Jewish friends promoted this meeting and included an evangelistic tract. Please continue to pray that the Spirit of God would soften their hearts to God's truth and their need to personally accept God's Redeemer, Jesus, as their personal Savior.

Missionary D.A. Brosius returned safely from the US. God blessed his time there and my time in Tucumán. I am thankful for having the opportunity to teach 15 hours in Tucumán in the Bible institute. Aside from that I was given the privilege to preach or teach nine different times. Pastor Owens had encouraged me to hold an Everlasting Nation Fellowship during the time I was in Tucumán. God blessed with approximately 100 persons attending. We visited the three synagogues in the city; two of them accepted our invitation. We also left invitations at Jewish schools and with Jewish friends. During the month Brother Brosius was in the US the services at Templo Bautista Emanuel went smoothly. Several youth and some of the adult men covered the different services. During the month a special service was held for Children's Day. When I was in Buenos Aires, I had the privilege to teach Sunday School and preach the morning and Wednesday night services. A couple nights before I left Tucumán I preached at one of the newer works. The pastor had recently been called by the church. He asked me to speak to a young man who was visiting. As I did I had the opportunity to lead Dante to pray to receive the Lord as Savior. Please pray for his spiritual growth.

The first weekend of September, Jean and I were able to travel to Uruguay to visit with Victoria and Myriam Gaguine in Montevideo for their Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting. There were over 30 persons present at this meeting. The following day we traveled to Nueva Helvecia, Uruguay where we visited with Brother Andrés Ramirez and family who are planting a church in Nueva Helvecia. Please pray that God would continue to bless, guide and provide for each of these dear servants of God.

This month I have been invited to teach and preach in the Bible Institute in Urubamba, Peru, where I am the principal speaker. The subject is Israel, Past, Present and Future. Please pray for these meetings. Please pray for God to use me and help me to exalt Him and that those attending the services would be edified. The Ismael Fuentes family is serving in Itagüi, Columbia planting a church. Upon finishing the time in Peru I am scheduled to visit the Fuentes family in Columbia. Please pray for this visit and God's continued blessing upon them.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

He is ever-faithful,  
*Peter & Jean*

***For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods, Ps. 135:5***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

August-September 2016

Thank you for your faithfulness in the area of prayer, and support. I send you greetings from San Miguel de Tucumán where by God's grace I have been able to return and teach in the Bible institute for Iglesia Bautista Bet-Él pastored by Missionary Larry Owens. (Jean is in Buenos Aires, "holding down the fort"). Last night the students and I began an introductory course to Biblical Greek. I am using the DVD material produced by OREMUNDO, an organization that began serving primarily in Mexico but has expanded over the years. The material gives a good introduction to Greek in a brief period of time. The class began with more than 20 students. There are actually two courses which I intend to teach, one this week and the second next week. The first is basic Greek and the second is a follow-up with some grammar. The idea is to further the student's knowledge and help him retain what he has learned for the future. Please pray God would bless and use this time to help equip each student to be better able to serve the Lord.

While here in Tucumán I have been able to link up with Hermano Horacio Mora and visit various Jewish contacts in the city. Today we went out and visited four Jewish friends. Also while here I am to preach and teach various times. Pray God would use me for His honor and glory. Additionally we have scheduled an Honor Israel meeting on this Monday. We are inviting our Jewish friends and the local Baptist churches to take part in the meeting.

Today while returning from downtown Tucumán I had the opportunity to witness to Sergio as he drove me back to the hotel. Before I left the vehicle he prayed to receive the Lord as his personal Savior. Please pray that God would give him understanding as to his decision and that he might go on to know the Lord Jesus as Lord of his life.

Missionary D.A. Brosius with whom we work in Buenos Aires has gone back to the US for the month of August to assist his daughter as she moves to Wisconsin to continue her schooling. This month the church will hold the annual Children's Day at the end of the month. Please pray that God would bless this occasion with many visitors and a clear presentation of the Gospel. When I am in Buenos Aires I will be teaching the adult Sunday School class and am scheduled to preach the morning worship services. The youth and men of the church will be covering the evening services and most of the services while I am not there. They have progressed greatly in recent months. Please pray that they would continue to do so and that God might challenge them to go on to serve Him in a greater capacity.

In the upcoming months we have trips scheduled to Uruguay and to Peru.

Please pray that God would lead, guide and bless these opportunities for His honor and glory.

Because Jesus never fails,

Peter & Jean Ard

*“For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods; Psalm 95:3”*

Dear Pastor and Friends, July-August 2016

We are thankful that God has allowed us to return to Argentina again. We landed on July 6, 2016. We took a shuttle to the Miami airport after dropping off our vehicle in Pompano Beach, Florida. As we traveled to the airport I was able to share the Gospel with our driver, J.D. As he heard the Scriptures he realized his sin condition and prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior. Please pray for his spiritual growth.

This month we are to hold an Everlasting Nation Fellowship in Templo Bautista Emanuel. Please pray for God’s Spirit to touch Jewish hearts that they might seek Him and to challenge believers to have a Biblical love for the Jewish people.

While we were in the US Jean was able to see her cardiologist, oncologist p.a., eye specialist doctor, the doctor who conducted her radiation, her surgeon (for her wrist), knee doctor, foot doctor, and surgical oncologist. The basic report was good yet she does still have some medical needs.

In the area of ministry we were able to visit and share in the following supporting churches in Florida: Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Torran Dismulke; Hedges Baptist Church. Pastor Mark Patterson; First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake, Pastor Marc Mortensen; Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Alex Flores; in Georgia: Central Baptist Church, Pastor Don King. God blessed each visit and it has been good to express our thanks for the prayers and faithful support of these faithful churches. Three of Jean’s Jewish doctors received either a bilingual Old Testament or a New Testament. Please pray for the salvation of Dr. Sara S., Dr. Harry G., Dr. Jody A. and their families. I also had the opportunity to visit the synagogue in Lakewood Ranch with Brother Cliff T. Please pray for the salvation Phinehas and Rabbi Mindy. We were able to have a return visit with the Rabbi Mindy. I also had the opportunity to talk with Harry, another Jewish friend. Please pray for his salvation as well.

In the upcoming weeks two pastors will be traveling and I am to preach for them here in Argentina during their absence please pray that the power of God might be known as I preach.

Later this month there are two youth conferences scheduled. Please pray that God would use these conferences to broaden and challenge the youth that they would be better able to serve God. In August I am to teach in the Bible institute in Tucumán. During the same time we plan to hold an Honor Israel meeting reaching out to the Jewish community of Tucumán and challenging the local churches to reach out to their Jewish community.

In the near future we have meetings scheduled in Uruguay, Peru and possibly in other locations. Please pray for these meetings, and for God’s leading and blessing.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Because He is ever faithful,

Peter & Jean Ard

***From:*** Peter Ard

***Sent:*** Saturday, May 21, 2016

***Subject:*** addendum to May June prayer letter

*I forgot to mention to other blessings in the letter I just sent.*

*I was blessed to initiate the Mission month for Iglesia Bautista de Nueva Vida (New Life Baptist Church) located in Junin, Argentina pastored by Missionary Mike Todd. The church folk were attentive and responsive to God's leading in their lives. We had a pleasant visit with Brother Mike and Sister Sandy Todd. Templo Bautista Emanuel recently had two youth follow the Lord in believer's baptism.*

*Thank you again.*

*Brother Peter*

***“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” 1Timothy 2:5***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

May-June 2016

Last month we held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship. We had a good meeting. I shared with the group the testimony of Dr. M.L. Rossvally. He published that testimony and called it **Charlie Coulson, The Drummer Boy**. Dr. Rossvally was a Jewish surgeon who operated on many wounded during the Civil War. One of those was Charlie Coulson. He was not old enough to bear arms and so served as a drummer boy. Coulson sustained injuries which required the doctor to amputate his arm and his leg. The young man's testimony of love and trust in the Lord Jesus impacted the doctor with a memory he could not forget. Ten years later the doctor meets a Christian barber who ceaselessly witnesses to the doctor in a gentle manner. Days later the doctor receives Jesus as his Savior. Eventually his wife, his daughter and finally his son become saved. The doctor becomes a fervent witness for the Savior.... God is still in the saving business and Jewish souls are in that category as well!

I was visiting a Jewish friend, Carlos M. whom I have visited for many years. He told me of a recent experience. He is not saved. He was talking to three other Jewish friends. One who was orthodox, another who believes the Kabbalah yet not as orthodox as the first and the third who was not firm on any particular religious persuasion. My friend, Carlos, confronted the three and told them that according to the Scriptures the only person who conformed to Messianic prophecy was Jesus. He was adamant with them that Jesus is the only valid conclusion someone would deduce as they examined the Scriptures. It thrilled me that he has taken this position. Pray that he might realize that not only Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies but He is also God's appointed Redeemer, the Son of God and God the Son.

As I was visiting Isaac G. another Jewish friend he shared with me his upcoming prostate surgery. Please pray for the procedure to go well and more importantly that he would be challenged to seek the Lord more aggressively. Isaac, his wife Sara, their daughter, two sons and families need to be saved. Please pray for their salvation.

We will be going back to the US for several weeks. Jean is due for bone scan for her cancer check-up, and is also to see the surgeon (Jewish) regarding her wrist, the cardiologist, the doctor (Jewish) who administered her radiation therapy, eye specialist (Jewish doctor) and the orthopedic for her knee. Please pray for the salvation of her doctors and their staff. Pray that the visits would be beneficial and positive. Please continue to pray for her health. Our Mission is having a meeting for all field directors and we will be attending said meeting late June. Additionally in June there will be the **Four Day Focus**. It is being held in Hixson, Tennessee, just outside of Chattanooga. Those meetings will be held June 21-24. Anyone wanting to be a more effective witness to the Jewish people should seriously consider attending these meetings.

We have been blessed to have our oldest child James, his wife Erica and their baby Stran visiting with us for a week. James was sent here on business and was able to stay over for several days.

In a few days we will be holding another Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting. Please pray for the salvation of Jewish souls and that Christians would be challenged to seek God's will as to being a testimony and a witness to Jew and Gentile.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard



***“Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways;”Psalm 128:1.***

Dear Pastor and Friends,

April-May 2016

We send you greetings from Buenos Aires. Glory to God we have been back in the country for more than a month! Jean is due to see a specialist regarding her wrist here in Argentina. We hope the doctor will be able to advise as to how the healing process is progressing. She has kept her splint on and the wrist has been feeling better.

Earlier this month we held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship inviting several Jewish contacts with a personal invitation. Additionally I took the opportunity to challenge them to visit a site on the internet explaining the difference between trusting in works and God’s finished work, of course His sacrifice at Calvary. Additionally we regularly notify fellow pastors and missionaries concerning the meeting and invite them. The meeting went well. Please pray that some of our youth might be challenged to have a greater burden for the Jewish people.

We have been invited by Missionary Mike Todd serving in Junín, Buenos Aires, Argentina to initiate his Church’s (Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida or New Life Baptist Church) mission emphasis month. He has given me the opportunity to preach a Saturday night and Sunday morning later this month. Please pray that God would bless the preaching of His Word and that the folks of Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida would be challenged for God’s honor and glory regarding their opportunity/duty in reaching out to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Some of you may be aware that our Jewish friends are celebrating Passover beginning the evening of April 22. It is followed immediately by the seven day feast of unleavened bread. Some may wonder why our friends are celebrating Passover so much later than we did. It demonstrates that the Jewish calendar is based on a lunar calendar as we of course use a solar calendar.

Lord willing we will be holding another ANE (Amigos de la Nación Eterna) meeting in May. Please Pray God would bless it.

Please pray for the upcoming meetings. In August, I am to teach for two weeks in Tucumán. In late October I am scheduled to teach a week of meetings on Israel in Peru. Thankfully Missionaries Dana and Debbi Brosius are here in Argentina to assume the leadership role for Templo Bautista Emanuel. I did have the blessing of covering the services while he was in Israel for ten days. God did bless the services with good attendance and one profession of faith. Presently I have been teaching the adult Sunday school class.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

In the Messiah’s unfailing love,

Peter and Jean Ard

***“Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name;” Chronicles 29:13.***

Dear Pastor and Friends

March 2016

Today Jean saw her surgeon who removed her cast and has cleared her to return to Argentina. She has to wear a splint basically 24/7 for the next month and to not use her wrist. After the next month she may possibly begin light therapy as we continue to serve in Argentina. So far both parts of the bone remain in place and the bone seems to be healing properly. Thank you for praying. Please continue to pray. Jean and I are ready to return to Argentina. We are scheduled to fly back to Argentina in a few days, March 9. Please continue to pray that Jean's wrist would heal properly, for our return trip and for our time in Argentina.

During the remainder of this year (so far) we have meetings scheduled in Tucumán, Argentina; tentatively in Mexico; and later on in the year a conference in Peru. Please pray that God would continue to use us and to bless each opportunity. Please pray that God would lead and guide us during this time. Please pray for the salvation of Jewish souls.

We rejoice that Templo Bautista Emanuel in Buenos Aires held an Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting just a few days ago. There was a good group in attendance. We have included a picture of the group. Missionary Pastor D. A. Brosius directed the meeting. This past month the Church had 13 persons baptized. Brother Brosius is scheduled to go to Israel this month and I have the privilege to preach in his absence. The church will be celebrating their anniversary this month as well. {PLEASE PUT THE PICTURE IN BETWEEN THESE TWO PARAGRAPHS}.

While we have been in the US we have had the blessing of visiting several of our supporting churches. In Tennessee we visited Old Pathway Baptist Church and Mowbray Baptist Church. In Florida we visited Hedges Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church and West Meadows Baptist Church.

June 20 through June 24 of this year IBJM will be holding the Annual Four Day Focus. These meetings provide practical training and information for those desiring to witness to Jewish friends through the local church. Anyone having a valid interest might go to [www.ibjm.org](http://www.ibjm.org) and look for the link Apply Today! (for) the Four Day Focus.

This month our Jewish friends will celebrate the feast of Purim (begins the evening of March 23). You remember that this feast commemorates God's deliverance of the Jewish people from wicked Haman's attempt to eliminate them. God protected Queen Esther as she appealed for her people before the king. The feast of Passover will be celebrated from the evening of April 22 until the evening of April 30.

The Mission continues to advise us of special gifts which have been given to help with our expenses. Many times no note is sent or no explanation given. We do wish to express our HEARTFELT THANKS for the special gifts and also to those who regularly pray and/or give to make our ministry possible.

May our wonderful LORD bless you richly as you walk with Him. HE IS FAITHFUL!

In the Messiah's love,

Peter & Jean Ard



***“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable;” Psalm 145:3.***

Dear Pastor and Friends

February 2015

Thank you for your prayers. Jean’s surgery went well. The doctor was able to remove the plate placed in Argentina and replace it with a new plate and set the bone in the correct position (Praise the Lord!). We saw the doctor again January 28th when the bone was X-rayed and a shorter cast was put on. Thankfully the bone is still in the proper position yet it is too early to say that the bone is healing as it should. We are to see her doctor two more times this month. The last visit this month we hope to know how the bone is healing. After the later visit we also hope to have a better idea as to when we might return to Argentina. Please continue to pray that her wrist would mend well. Please pray for her doctor’s salvation and the salvation of her family. Pray as well for the salvation of Harry L., a Jewish friend of many years. His health is getting worse and his spiritual blindness to me does not show any improvement.

Brother Stan Skriloff with our Mission continues to teach a Sunday School class for Evangel Baptist Church in Bradenton, Florida. His schedule was such he needed to travel the last Sunday of January and he asked if we would be available to take the class for the second time. I was glad for the opportunity. There continues to be about 16 persons who are interested as to how to be a more effective witness to a Jewish person. I felt impressed to share with them some of my experiences in witnessing to Jewish people and cover the “Road to Zion” which is the plan of Salvation as given in the Old Testament or what our Jewish friends often refer to as the Tanach. I spoke to one of the men in the class afterwards to pray about considering the possibility of starting an Everlasting Nation Fellowship group with the nucleus of the Sunday School class. Please pray that God would guide in this area. Various ones expressed their thanks for helpful insights I was able to share.

Templo Bautista Emanuel will be having an Everlasting Nation Fellowship the end of this month. Please pray for this meeting and for God’s continued softening and moving in the hearts of Jewish and Christian friends to His truth. The church ended up having 70 youth attend camp this past month. Thank you for praying. This month there is to be a camp for married couples. Please pray God would use this time to strengthen and encourage couples.

I have been blessed to hear from two Jewish friends in Buenos Aires since we have been in the US. Both Ariel S. and Fernando S. have emailed me. Please for their and their families’ salvation as well as the salvation of our other Jewish contacts.

During the time we are here in the US we are going to try to visit some of our supporting churches. Please pray for wisdom and His guidance.

In the Messiah’s unfailing hand,

Peter & Jean Ard

***"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth;" Psalm 124:8.***

Dear Praying Friends,

January 2016

Thank you for your prayers, special gifts, and cards! Last month we were blessed to have celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary and 28<sup>th</sup> year since we first went to the field of Argentina. God is so good!

We write you from our Mission headquarters in Hixson, Tennessee. We were scheduled to fly back to Argentina on January 4th. After seeing three orthopedic surgeons and two of them strongly recommending that Jean have surgery to remove and replace the plate that was surgically placed in her wrist in Tucumán, Argentina we rescheduled our flight. The wrist is not healing properly as the upper part of the wrist is not properly connected to the lower part of the bone. The plate is hitting the upper portion of the wrist when Jean moves the wrist in certain directions. Jean is scheduled to have the plate removed on January 15th and have a new plate inserted. To correct the angle of the wrist a small portion of the bone would be removed. One complication is the plate currently in place is of foreign origin and the technicians here in the US do not recognize the hardware (screws) that was used to hold the plate and bones in place. Please pray that the surgery would go well and that the removal of the old plate might be done without complication. Jean's cancer check-ups have gone well and she remains in remission. Praise the LORD!

On the ministry side, the surgeon who is to do Jean's surgery is Jewish. Please pray for the salvation of Dr. Sara S. and her family. Brother Stan S. is teaching an adult Sunday school class at Evangel Baptist Church in Bradenton, Florida. He asked me to teach/share one Sunday service with the class. I was blessed to do so and see some 16 persons present with the interest as to how they might be an effective witness to a Jewish person. Please pray for Brother Stan and the class that they would be effective witnesses to the Jewish community.

Before we left Argentina it was a blessing to pick up the D.A. Brosius family at the airport in Buenos Aires and get them to their home. With Missionaries Dana and Debbi Brosius back with the church that freed Jean and me to be able to minister more to our Jewish contacts. Debbi Brosius had broken her leg in the US and continues to pursue rehabilitation on the use of her leg now in Argentina.

This month is Baptist camp month in Argentina. Templo Bautista Emanuel has 50 + campers scheduled to go to camp this year. This month is the first full month of summer in Argentina. Please pray for the campers, counselors and workers during this time. Many important decisions are made by the youth which may be life changing.

God is working in a wonderful way in the ministry of the IBJM. Numerous individuals are surrendering to serve as missionaries to the Jewish people around the world. Various ones of these are Spanish speaking. With these new potential laborers comes the need to prepare and equip them properly. The Mission has been discussing with Jean and me how this might augment our ministry.

At this time we were able to schedule our return flight to Argentina on February 11th. Please pray for God's will and that surgery on Jean's wrist would go well. Obviously our return to Argentina depends on the doctor's release and approval.

I was not able to comment on our trip to Uruguay in last month's letter. The trip went well. Both Jean and I were both able to minister there. The Everlasting Nation Fellowship meeting with the Gaguine sisters was well attended by a number of Hebrew Christians with a total of about 30 persons being present. I was able to speak for Iglesia Bautista Biblica "LasTres Cruces" pastored by Missionary Jesse Parnell and also for Templo Calvario. Both churches are located in Montevideo, Uruguay. Thank you for praying.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!

In the hand of the Messiah,

Peter & Jean Ard