

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 8:38 – 9:5)



Calling *David's birthday adventure*

When the LORD called Letitia and I to Israel almost two decades ago, we could never have dreamed what that calling was going to look like. And when we returned to Jerusalem together almost a decade ago, we never would have dreamed of the faithful, generous, and sacrificial support, encouragement, and prayers that would follow us. Thank you!!! We love you all more than words can express...

To be completely honest, the last few months have been the most difficult and challenging we have ever faced, and yet they have also been the most fulfilling and rewarding. The LORD has been and always will be faithful. We have seen and experienced an unprecedented opening of Jewish hearts to us as Christians that unconditionally love and are standing with them through war and hatred. There is still so much work to be done and we are so thankful to be part of the team of Bridges for Peace at this pivotal time in Israel's history.

Our food bank has never been busier, with new Immigrants fleeing hatred and violence from their home countries because of this war. Israel's poor and most vulnerable have also suffered greatly from lack of jobs and rising prices due to two years of war. Most young families are without their fathers for months at a time, being constantly called up to reserve duty. The rockets that are perpetually raining down on this country are the least of their worries right now.

Stefan is now responsible for the finances and IT of the ministry of Bridges for Peace globally. Please pray for him as the learning curve is steep and the workload is heavy. Please pray that Stefan would rely on the LORD's strength and wisdom to steward this ministry well and according to the LORD's perfect will. The past few months have been an intense time of seeking

the LORD's will for Bridges for Peace, with the leadership making some important decisions and transitions. Many of the offices around the world are struggling, and Stefan is spearheading an effort to support and strengthen them.



Children's play-therapy room dedication

Summer Camp



Letitia has been focused on homeschooling all three of our growing boys. On the side she has also been educating and equipping herself to be able to support those with trauma. Last week she completed a two month course on how to bring healing to those suffering from war related traumas. Almost every family in Israel has lost a loved one to this conflict, and children everywhere are traumatized by the deafening sirens and subsequent fleeing to bomb shelters at all hours of the night. Letitia continues to follow the LORD's leading to use her gifts in art and design to provide an outlet for others, and to ultimately lead them to their Messiah, the creator and the healer of every heart.

Ethan continues to grow in wisdom and stature. At almost eight years old he is already almost up to mom's shoulders! His God given gifts in engineering and design are blossoming and we look forward to how the LORD will continue to lead him to be a witness in this land. David is not far behind Ethan, having turned six this month and just a few centimeters shorter. His big heart for others and love for the great outdoors are a joy to our family. Caleb, our baby, is not at all a baby anymore. His lively stories and personality keep us all on our toes.

Family Time

In a week we will have the privilege of hosting Letitia's parents from New Zealand. Their last visit to us together was back in 2018. Our boys are eagerly awaiting their arrival and the ensuing adventures. This visit will coincide with Israel's high holidays and we are so looking forward to sharing this special time with them.

This past winter that we spent in Canada already feels like a decade ago. Time is flying and so much has happened here in Israel in the meantime. A huge thank you to everyone that hosted us and prayed with us and fed us. We were showered with gifts and love and we feel so blessed to be part of you. We miss you all dearly and are so thankful for the unexpected and precious time that we had with you this past winter. Our daily prayer is that the LORD would continue to bless all of you and your families with the same encouragement and generosity that you have blessed ours with.



Winter in Canada



Glorious Snow



With Love,
from Jerusalem

PARTNER WITH US *in Prayer*

- Pray for the salvation and peace of Jerusalem, Israel, and the whole Middle East.
- Pray for Stefan and the ministry of Bridges for Peace, for good stewardship of the funds and that we will be an effective witness to the love of Jesus.
- Pray that we would be able to minister care and healing to those traumatized by the war.
- Pray for our family as we homeschool and learn Hebrew.
- Pray for our time with Letitia's parents.



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