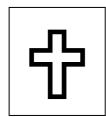
IN THE NAME OF JESUS

It has been a while since I wrote a prayer letter which is remiss of me. I have been in the UK since March and am due to return to South Africa mid June. My time here has been a restoring time and an encouraging time as I have and still am visiting friends in churches and groups in the North of England. The messages I have been giving are to encourage people to seek out the lost in their communities. The Spirit 'knows' and leads us to people that the Father is reaching out to. We are His hands and feet here on earth. I am ever thankful that someone obeyed the Spirit and guided me into the arms of the Father, through Jesus.



Unless we are taught. How can we know ?







I have been very fortunate to be invited to a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during my time here. It was a most amazing and enlightening time, both to walk where Jesus walked and visit the Holy Sites but also to visit the Palestinian people in refugee camps, in the West Bank and walk with them through checkpoints, to hear their stories of suffering in the occupation.

In the background of the picture – the Church of the Annunciation, in Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary . The first night I lay in bed then sat up and said to myself 'I'm in Nazareth!', it was so much to take in.



The Via Dolorosa where Jesus walked to the site of crucifixion carrying the cross.

As we walked up the aisles of the checkpoints , it reminded me of Christ walking up the Via Dolorosa, as I watched the humiliation of the people.



The wall which surrounds the West Bank bearing the words ' A country is not only what it does, it is also what it tolerates.' 'Love each other.'

Graffiti written by Palestinian people whose homes and land has been occupied, they now live in the refugee ghetto.



The entrance to the Aida Refugee camp, where many Palestinian people live after they lost their homes, land and livelihood in 1946.

The key is to say that they did not give up the keys to their houses. They kept them, for when they return to their homes. The keys are a symbol of hope that they will return one day.



Gladys , Ebbie and Pamela have been looking after Augustina and her 5 grandchildren, and another family, whilst I am away

Before I return to SA I WILL BE TAKING A RETREAT BASED ON The Song of Songs at Loyola Hall, Rainhill, Liverpool.

PRAYER POINTS :

Thank you Lord for our homes and the security we have had through our lives.

Pray for the Palestinian people and for the Israeli Jewish people for peace and reconciliation

For Gladys, Pamela and Ebbie, as they work together in South Africa and continue some of the work

For the Spirits leading for this next year, to enable the vision to unfold

For protection as I return – there may be some changes where I live.

For a good retreat , to be in our Fathers Presence A listening ear and open heart

Thanks to Jesus Christ who has led me to the Father who cares for us and is ever faithful.

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