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Bridgeport, Connecticut

## **Apostolic Worker's Meeting**

### ***Safe Candles***

Our candle products need to be using "snuffer clips" to hold their wicks. They extinguish the flame about a quarter inch from the bottom of the candle, preventing the bottom of the candle from getting too hot and overall, minimizing the danger of fire. The new wax globes have melted all over people's doilies. They are actually a fire hazard. Shoresh knows where to get them. Later in the meeting he told of an incident with one of the candles Common Sense had made for another company which had started someone's room on fire. Somehow, he had ended up responsible and there was a gap in his product liability insurance concerning their candle products. By the time the other insurance company turned the affair over to him the man was getting irritated and ready to listen to the counsel of his lawyers to take it to court. Really, he didn't want to, and when Shoresh offered an immediate settlement, the lesson from Katherine Hikel finally being learned, the man was at peace and accepted his offer. When the company he worked for heard of it, they were so happy with how Shoresh had promptly and "professionally" dealt with it that they are reimbursing him in full. Shoresh is also forming a relationship with the man whose bedroom caught on fire, and it is turning out for the best. We gave thanks, and Korem saw the need to get product liability insurance.

### ***Swine in Israel***

He also counted the number of phones listed on the sheet of addresses, 84. At an average of \$20/month service charge, that alone is costing us \$1,700/month. At an average phone bill of \$100/month, these 84 phones are costing us a total of \$10,100/month. These are not all the phones we have but these "swine" are consuming our wealth at the rate of approximately \$121,200/year!

### ***The Throne of Grace***

Daniel talked about a conversation he had with Yoneq about a problem in his community. Yoneq told him, "All I have ever known is that a son is welcome at the throne of grace." I want it to be in my heart to run to my father. I want it out of my mind as a teaching. I just want to be normal.

Barak shared sometimes he wants to start working before the rubble is out of the way. He has learned that if we are to build with our abba we have to get the rubble out of the way. Hakam told us we have to be able to find the confidence to keep building, feelings or no feelings, thoughts which might come to us or no thoughts. A young man wrote to me after the Festival and said, "The confidence I saw in my older brothers gave me confidence as I saw them speaking and encouraging others even though I knew they were suffering. I know our God is waiting on us to speak His word with confidence."

We have to be able to stoop down as leaders and bring the sheep up always. This brother gave me this verse to read, Is 55:8-11 (Hakam read it to us in the Amplified version). We have to be able to preach, teach, and exhort with the word of God. And we have to live it. This brother went on to say, "I appreciate the attention you gave us so much. I don't have a family anymore, my old family lives in Georgia. When you spoke to us it was like my uncle taking an interest in me. It meant a lot to me."

Hakam shared all he had done was told them how blessed they were going to be to hear Sameach teach them about love. He said he spent maybe 1 minute with them before the teaching began. We get confidence from Him by being able to hear from the least. This is one of the main reasons Yoneq has so much grace - because he is so humble in hearing from the least.

If we don't go to the throne of grace our iniquities are going to come out of us. The way that is in us that we don't want to be will come out of us if we don't go to the throne of grace. If our heart isn't turning to our children and their iniquities start coming out of them, what do we do? Do we start coming down on them, getting heavy handed with them? Or do we see they need a relationship with us, that they need the grace they receive from us like we receive from the throne of grace, for the same purpose, so that their iniquities won't come out of them. We

know how far away from Him and from our children we are by how deeply we say, "How come you're that way?" apart from seeing that what is coming out of them is coming from the depths of our being that we have passed on to them. Keli told us we can know the spirit of Elijah is in our midst because of how we are continually brought back to the necessity of turning our heart to our children.

A brother communicated to Daniel one time that sometimes God is silent in the circumstances we are in - only to see what is in our heart towards Him - but He hasn't left us. He is never far from us, He is covenanted to us. Yoneq communicated something to me the other day which I have heard many times, but it was fresh, just what I needed. It was that way because that is how he lives. When a young brother come to me I don't want to give him an answer out of a teaching folder in my head, but because I am living it.

***Report on Yahnathan's Accident***

[See separate document entitled, *Report on Yahnathan's Accident.*]

***Tribe of Manasseh***

Sameach began by reading to us 2 Cor 1:3 ff from the Amplified Version. Then we read Deshe's wonderful letter to the apostolic workers about the needs in Manasseh, the faith they have to continue, and the people they are asking for to meet the needs and encourage the brothers, as well as what they will need from us to meet different needs in Judah. It was a very encouraging and stirring letter. It was obvious that Deshe has been restored, part of the heart, functioning as part of the nucleus of the 12 tribes.

<i>To Manasseh from Judah</i>	<i>To Judah from Manasseh</i>	<i>To Manasseh from Gad</i>	<i>To Gad from Judah</i>
Grace Stanzione +	Roi and Rachel + (looking good if Yaqarah can be released from Bellows	Yakin and Savav (on hold until Aharon and Sarah can be released from Gad)	Aharon and Sarah (on hold because of ongoing need to resolve Judah's

	Falls)		financial structure)
Yaqarah and children looking +	Reah Amsah ? (dependant on Ariel and Tohorah being released to Manasseh)		
Yowceph + (there already)	Nehemiah & Dardah + (will live with Hakam and be near Sameach)		
Elkanah + (wants to go on a waiting period with someone there)			
Bennabiy & Grace + (Will be going soon)			
Ariel and Tohorah ? (Various concerns)			

### ***Various Matters***

There will be a large gathering at Plattsburg AFB with free camping for 4 (?) days because of a Phish concert there on August 16, 17 (Friday and Saturday nights). 95,000 people are expected. We want to go there in a big way.

There will be a large Folk Festival at Philadelphia at the end of August which Joseph Grellis has been looking into. As we discussed the conditions which they set on volunteers (They have to do five 4 1/2 shifts over the course of three days, provide their own food, etc.) it seemed to us as though Boston should take this on with a view to getting to know the organizers to help us get in next year with a portable cafe. Yowceph took the information home and a reply needs to be made by this Friday to the organizers. They have already given us a grace period of nearly a month longer than other people have had to volunteer in.

We talked about the difficulties the Basin Farm has had in getting reimbursed for its outlays for the recent festival - especially the portable toilets which will save us thousands of dollars over just the next few festivals alone - as well as the difficulties Gebar has in collecting our contributions for Brazil. We saw that for the communities to meet these needs, and the now current need of \$100 per clan per month for Israel, that people are going to have to be set aside in each community to make sure this is a priority and that it is paid promptly or that prompt notification is made when it is not possible to make payment, or full payment.

For these kind of needs Yoneq mentioned in several communications the tithe which is set aside for apostolic needs. He said that is how Nun has been able to meet such needs, because the money is already set aside and not touched until such needs come up. Daniel said Bellows Falls has been able to give its money in the same way, taking the tithe off of what the industry gives to the household.

We saw we don't need credit cards. Debit cards are better, but the offer is there for people to be enticed into getting credit cards if they do well for a period of time. An American Express card, which you have to pay within thirty days, may be necessary for certain financial transactions like renting equipment or vehicles, but not credit cards. We might as well mortgage our houses as use credit cards. There is no difference. We saw we are getting into the realm of buying vehicles and making payments. It is not what we want to be doing. It is hurting us financially and in our faith. We are not supposed to be borrowing from the nations.

We also heard with sadness that people are complaining (some of the people) about Ted Miller in Island Pond, basically because he gives tickets for speeding. It is unjust. We are so thankful for Ted. (Perhaps those who appreciate him should write him to let him know. The children there (in our community) all wrote him cards appreciating him.

The purpose of the elders and prophets leading the gatherings and ending the prayers is to not impose a form. It is for the purpose of stimulating the people and teaching, recognizing the others in our community who have prophetic gifting, who have gifts of encouragement and exhortation, etc. We have to be taught how to go to the throne in our gatherings (and in our

life). We should be the last ones to pray because we have the spirit and the ability to bring others forward. There has to be a prophet filled with the Holy Spirit to cry out, "Yadah." If there is, then they will be able to affirm the younger brothers when they lead, confirming in them they heard from the Holy Spirit. We have to full of the Holy Spirit in our obedience to the anointing.

Daniel noted the young men of Boston spoke a lot too much at the Festival.

### ***First Day Festivals***

We read the notes, just distributed, about turning our First Days into festivals. There are a lot of issues here:

The essence of what we are hearing about First Days is working in our Father's word, along with exercises, projects, meals.

It takes vision in our communities to do what we can. Some communities have no Friday night celebration because they are small. Otherwise we are just stuck in first gear in our communities. In Asher Nun had no musicians and he got a tape deck and started dancing in the streets for evangelism. Now his community is full of musicians.

First Day Festivals are long term vision. When people are added to us continually then the wealth of the nations will be coming in and we will not have to work on First Days to support ourselves (that is short term vision). The mountain in Judah is our mortgages and our rents. We have to beg our Father to move the mountain. Faith sees ahead.

We have to have faith to support ourselves working 4 1/2 days each month. It is often financial pressure which keeps us from setting aside First Days for the Word.