



## *Still Small Voice Thanks You...* June 2017

Shalom dear friends;

***“I will not let you go unless you bless me... You have striven with God and me and have prevailed. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgivings.”***

Genesis 32: 26b, 28b. Colossians 4:2

My dear friends, we xeroxed this letter in our office, because funds are too short to allow us to have it professionally printed. To see the color photos go to my **website: [www. stillsmallvoice.tv](http://www.stillsmallvoice.tv)**

Thank you to every precious person reading this, for caring to inquire and pray for Jay at this critical time of his initial healing stage. Learning to take it easy will be a challenge, he has a dedicated team around him including his four sons and I. Before surgery I was sent to Yad Sarah, (The hand of Sarah) to get the walker he would need. This service organization is run by volunteers, and the lady who served me said, *“During the Holocaust, my mother was hidden in a bunker for 6 months with 15 others. She was starving to death, I was a new born, but she kept nursing me and I lived.”* One never knows who one will meet in this place.

Tim King, an old family friend wrote this shortly after his recent visit to the hospital. *“I went to see Jay at Sha’ar Tzdek hospital after his operation, which turned out to be post op Intensive Care. The door was locked, I spoke into the intercom, the door opened, and I barged in. A very kind nurse at the station said, ‘Yes, Mr. Rawlings is here, you have ONE minute.’ He was totally unaware of my presence. Seeing him as I did made me think of all that you two have done for so many. It is now your turn to receive from us. Dear dear friends, we are standing with you, and are not far away during this very challenging time. And... so I simply prayed just ONE minute for complete healing, and that not one day of his life would be cut short!* Obviously, this whole process is quite serious, and my wife, Martha and I just want you to know that we are right there with you. You probably hear that from a lot of people, but you should. Jay is loved by many.... and we care. Please do receive it and don't be bashful if you need our help.”



### **Jerusalem the city where the Almighty Put His Name**

We now celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem's unification under Israeli sovereignty in 1967. When the city was liberated tough IDF soldiers wept. The old city of Jerusalem was pillaged, utterly ruined by the conquering Jordanian army and Palestinian fighters from 1948 to 1967. The Jewish quarter was decimated. In fact both, synagogues and churches were used for latrines and stables. Our God is in the inheritance business, and sees that his children receive what is rightfully theirs. ***“Then it shall be after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion upon them, and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.”*** **Jeremiah 12:15:** Jews began their return in the 1880's, after the Roman dispersion and destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD as prophesied by Jesus who wept. Why? She did NOT know the day of her visitation...

***“Rejoice with Jerusalem, be glad with her, all you who love her;”*** Isaiah 66:10a

This scripture is written in the command form. We must love what God loves, and hate what He hates. Lets never forget that He hates iniquity and sin, not human beings. Today, Jerusalem is a place of inspiration, commerce and worship for Jews, Christians and some Muslims. She is beautiful with her gardens and parks. The Old City is bathed in light at night, as the Israelis rejoice in her liberation. She is becoming one of the world's top 6 high-tech cities due to ground breaking innovate contributions made globally.

Sadly these are the days of the 'Controversy of Zion'. Read Psalm 2. But our God who sits in the heavens shall laugh. Read Psalm 2. Israeli President Rivlin called for a *Jerusalem International Prayer Breakfast*. *The International Christian Embassy* (of which Jay and I are both founders) helped with the preparations. When Jews and Christians work, learn and pray together GREAT things can happen!

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### ***...inquire of the Lord:***

The Bible describes David as 'a man after God's own heart'? Why? He, like you and I made lots of mistakes... Well, I believe it was because we often read that "he inquired of the LORD." That description grabs my heart, my

attention. Do we want to be like that? Lets peek at Psalm 122, written for all who believe in the God of Israel and His Messiah. Again, It is in the command form to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The key is the word **PRAY - Sha'al** in verse 6. Being mindful of the power of prayer, I hope you will appreciate this. PRAY in Hebrew means: to ask, inquire, request, pray, desire, wish for, and demand! Talk about insistence... not letting go. In this psalm we are told "to ask for" or "inquire about" **God's people and for the sake of the Lord's house** (v. 8, 9). More and more Christians are waking up to the importance of Israel, but just how many are "inquiring about God's people...?" For example, in the last two months, we have had limited financial support! I am very surprised by this and I hope you are as well. I am not referring at all to the handful of older faithful saints that have worked with us for decades! So this is our call according to Psalm 122: I write the points in 1st person singular... get it!

- **I am** instructed to seek Jerusalem's good. to inquire earnestly about her welfare.
- **I am** to ask with true concern about her condition.
- **I am** to "ask for" or "request" Jerusalem's peace as a mother would request a wanted child. I personally know this kind of prayer, because **I inquired of the Lord for our youngest son, and was heard on high. I joyfully gave birth to Daniel at the age of 46 in Jerusalem.** Psalm 85: 5,6.

### **BLESSED BE THE NAME...**

God's 4 letter name 'יהוה' **yod hey vav hey** in Hebrew... is the essence of the verb TO BE. Moses said His name is "I AM" (in English.) During Tabernacle and Temple times The High Priest uttered this name once a year on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when he entered the Holy of Holies asking for forgiveness of sin for himself, his family and the nation of Israel, AND the surrounding nations. It was a fearful moment. Even today Jews say, Ha Shem or Adonai or Lord, instead of *The Name*. But God is our Creator, and has worked the essence of HIS NAME into our very ordinary daily vocabulary. For example: You ask me who I am, I respond: "I am Meridel." **Unknowingly, I am using HIS HOLY NAME every time I refer to myself, because I came from Him.** Selah! Just pause and consider that for a moment! How sweet and profound and intimate are His ways, defining us!

### **You Can Make a Difference:**

You are the people who have enabled us to complete our latest documentary film against human trafficking in Nepal. It was shown nationally in Finland over TV 7 on May 27th. The founders of TV 7 are putting the film into Estonian, Swedish and Russian. On June 5th it was shown nation wide over Norway by *Norge Vision*. This film is now dubbed into Spanish and German. We pray for even greater media outlets in South America, Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. We are pursuing open doors in media outlets world wide. If you have any contacts, please help us. Also, many of you have copies of "**You Can Make a Difference**". We suggest that you have a showing in your own prayer group,

Bible fellowship, church or neighborhood. Gratefulness floods Jay's heart as he heals in the hospital. The LORD is blessing the film on behalf of the ongoing work of very humble and dedicated Nepalis. Of this we are quietly confident that when Abba Father ordains a thing, "No man can stop it!"

Photo Rt: David, Chris, Meridel and Josh, Dan is missing.



### **Please Remember...**

We would be happy to be **your** Israeli family in Jerusalem. Remember Jews are the living evidence of the physical family of Jesus. In the beginning of his work He said: "**I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.**" Matthew 15:24 We read about Messiah teaching them, meeting their needs, praying and weeping over them and Jerusalem because they did NOT know the day of their visitation. He has never lost His first love. He longs to be with us, to be known by all of us, to live among us. Great changes are taking place to make this a reality. He imparted that love into my heart with the command in 1969; "**IF you love Me, love My people!**" Simply, profound! That changed our life's work, our place of dwelling and even our citizenship. Thank you for praying for the *homecoming of the Prince of Peace to Jerusalem*. We pray against deception in Israel and the Church.

## Sha'ar Tzdek Hospital

### Gates of Righteousness

I have been encouraged and challenged by visiting Sha'ar Tzdek during Jay's 50 days spent there since December 2016. Life brings us the tough times mixed with unforseen blessings. This cardiac facility is the best in Jerusalem, and surgeons visit from all over the

world, to take 'refresher' courses. The gravity of life and sense of purpose is palpable. As many of you know, when dealing with issues of the heart, the brevity of life and nearness of death is tangible. **In this place there is respect for all.** Rooms are shared by all three faiths, Jews, Christians and Arabs. Tolerance and consideration, even human kindness is fiercely adhered to by the dedicated staff, be it the chief surgeon, head nurse, students or the kitchen and cleaning staff. We were so pleased at the quality of care.



**The WAITING Room:** Waiting during Jay's surgery was the toughest time for us all. We shared the waiting room with many others. Photos right: You see a Muslim family from Bethlehem. Photo Lt: The men with their heads bowed to the ground are Muslims praying during Ramadan. Close by, see a religious Jew reading his prayer book



Photo Lt: Daniel fell into an exhausted asleep...waiting. Prayer is a constant. I listened to worship music, encouraging myself in the Name and blood of Jesus. Yes, there were tears, I was hanging on for life and health for my beloved. Finally, when we felt we were at the end of endurance, the surgeon came and gave us a report. He performed four procedures on Jay's heart; satisfied that all would be well. Photo Rt: Seeing Jay was a shock, even to this experienced nurse, in Intensive Care. See photo below. Many of you know the trauma for the whole family from this kind of incident.

For 11 days staff worked round the clock with Jay through the initial healing stage. His has been discharged and was sent to a rest home to get over the exhaustion before he begins 3 months of rehabilitation 3 times a week at the hospital. First, he had to learn to breathe deeply and cough.

***The Rawlings Family gladly gives glory to the LORD God of Israel. We also acknowledge, appreciation and respect to the State of Israel and medical staff at Sha'are Tzdek hospital. Being Israelis has taken on a new depth of meaning.***



## Greetings from Jay:

He chose this passage to express his love to Abba Father and Jesus.

**“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

**Marvelous are Your works**

**My frame was not hidden from You**

**When I was made in secret...**

**And in Your book they all were written,**

**The days fashioned for me,**

**When as yet there were none of them.**

**How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!”**

Psalm 139: 14a, 15a, 16b.



Photo Rt: Jay is telling Eli, a Russian Jew about his years working to make a film on the plight of the trapped Soviet Jews. He told of being caught by the KGB, having to raise funds for the film, and how ‘Gates of Brass’ encouraged Jews and Christians globally to picket Soviet Embassies world wide until release came in 1991, and then over 1,000,000 Russian Jews began to come home.

Photo Lt: This nurse said, “There is no evil eye between you and your wife!”



There are several ways you can support my on going healing work through supporting *The Still Small Voice*. I specialize in “hidden wounds”,

which can often be the most deadly. My latest book, focuses on generational sexual abuse and is ready for the printers. I would appreciate any help you could give, also for the ongoing Nepali work with the afflicted and abused. I love your personal notes and letters. They mean so much to me and my family.

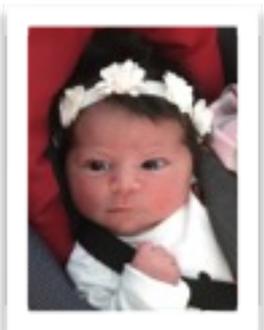
Jay’s operation was during the Feast of Shuavot or Weeks, or Pentecost. This is one of three great Feasts of the year. It is considered a Sabbath, so this sign was posted at the entrance. This is considered a time of enormous blessing. In antiquity the Law was given to Moses and 2,000 years later, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the 120 and the Church was born.

**“I am your portion and your inheritance!”** Numbers 18:20

Photo Rt: Shabbat Shalom sign posted in hospital entrance.



To close on a happy note, this wee soul was born the day of Jay’s surgery and here she is on her way home with her brand new Emma & Abba, who did not want their photo taken. Jay left the hospital on the 11th day post surgery, and then he spent five days in a beautiful, quiet rest home, where he could simply rest, but especially sleep and begin the long road to a full recovery. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.



**We send you the Father’s blessing from Jerusalem.**

*Jay, Meridel and family*

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