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Saturday, June 4 – Good Endings Breed Wonderful Beginnings

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Gisela -
Overcoming the
enemy by the
blood of the
Lamb, the word of
her testimony and
not loving her life
unto death

Little did we know when we awoke in our beds in Nitzana in the southern Negev Desert this morning what God had in store for us this day!

We had it on our hearts to hear the testimony of how Gisela, an Argentinean Jew who made Aliyah many years ago and is now a volunteer at Nitzana, came to place her faith in Yeshua. Karen Kellerman made it possible for us to meet in Nitzana's Beit Knesset – their synagogue. This was highly unusual but our God is into the 'highly' unusual and we can all attest to the fact that what took place this morning was our High and Holy God doing a marvellous work in His children.

Gisela's story is one of deliverance from deep depression and a life without hope. At her lowest point, she was befriended by our friends Rachel and Avner Boskey who poured their love and the word of God into her. But it was Jolanda Pinchas who helped her through one of the biggest hurdles Jewish people face when considering Yeshua – the divinity of this Man from Galilee and the Trinity – three Persons in one God. All their lives, Jews say the Shema – *Hear O Israel the Lord your God is One*. How could this Yeshua be God's son and have deity like the Father?

Jolanda took Gisela to Genesis 1:26 to begin her journey: Then God said, "*Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness . . .*" Then she used the analogy of water and the three states of water: liquid, steam and ice – yet all water, to bring light to the doctrine of the Trinity. Suddenly, something in Gisela's heart opened and the revelation of the power of the blood of Yeshua began to take form. There is much more to the story as this precious woman was besieged by demons for many years, but now, armed with Yeshua within her heart, she began to walk in authority under sound teaching and oversight, and one by one, the demons had to depart from her. She thanked God for the blood of His Son that set her free and encouraged us to appropriate the blood of the Lamb to be rid of any demonic influence in our lives. Dean invited anyone who was troubled in this area, or who had a loved one or friend in bondage, to come forward for prayer.

This synagogue became holy ground as Yeshua ministered freedom to many. The next hour was



Image of intercession
before the Lord

one of chains being broken and prisoners being set free; of secret sins confessed and the blood of Yeshua joyfully claiming His own. God created an environment of His Presence in this place and the enemy had no choice but to flee. How special of the Lord, that in the fullness of time on this tour, He ended our time together in such a precious and powerful way. All glory to our Saviour and Lord!

Then it was time to bid farewell to these dear hearts at Nitzana and to point our bus north to Tel Aviv. During this two hour trip, Dean drew us out to share what was going on in our own hearts and then he answered Gab's question of "Now that we have been awakened to God's heart for the land and the people of Israel, how shall we live; how can we communicate this truth back home?"

Dean encouraged us to live the word, and to ask God for opportunities to be a Jew with a Jew right where we live. Eat the prophetic word; hid it in our hearts, so that when we open our mouths, the Lord will fill it with His message, His heart for the people, His love for each one He is calling home.



Refreshing watermelon
break on the beach

Arriving in Tel Aviv, we checked into our favourite Gilgal Hotel and make a bee-line for the beach. Ahhhh – the beautiful refreshing waters of the Mediterranean Sea washed away our weariness and a rousing game of water Frisbee sharpened our appetites for the farewell dinner. We celebrated Antoinette's birthday during our meal and then headed to the roof for our windup meeting.

Surprises awaited us! The young people had prepared a wonderful skit, picking up on all the lovable idiosyncrasies of our beloved leader, Dean Bye. It was hilarious as each one presented some of



Dean is honoured through a wonderful skit that said it all!

his signature statements or moves like: “Ladies and gentlemen”; “Can anyone say ‘Baruch HaShem’”; “Can you get excited!!” and the way he literally leaps for joy. When Dean enters a room, you know it as his presence is ‘bigger than big; and ‘larger than life.’ These dear guys and gals had him down pat!!



Captured in Israel - memories to take home to share

Then Annie Elliott presented a three minute overview of the trip to the music of “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord.” It was outstanding and so good that we asked her to play it again. She captured each one of us in humorous or poignant poses which brought back the memories of special moments on this wonderful adventure.

Dean invited us to share memories, testimonies, bless others and generally just to share what this time in Israel has meant to each one. I tried to keep up with writing what each person shared and will send my notes out separately to each one on the tour.

It was time to say our farewells and to get a good night's rest before the long plane trip home.



Deanna Bye & her
fiance Chaim enjoyed
the evening

But nobody wanted to leave! We have entered into friendships at a deep level and we feel God is knitting us together like a net to be flung out into the nations. We are fishermen on assignment – to carry His sons in our arms and His daughters on our shoulders, back from the West to the place of their destiny (Isaiah 49:22). We have been captured by the King of Israel. Praise His name.

Sunday, June 5, 2011 – L’Hitraout – See you soon!



Homeward bound - till
next time . . .

As the last bag was loaded, the final hugs given, promises to keep in touch abounded, and suddenly, this part of the journey ended. Over to You, Lord God of Israel. You have captured our hearts and our lives are Yours.

It has been a joy to BLOG this journey and I thank each one who contributed to this journal. Now rest well and get ready for your next God-assignment!

Love and shalom to all, Peg

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