

Greetings in Jesus name we rejoice in the springtime flowers and the hope we have in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord gave a special time in Peoria Illinois. I was in three churches, two of which had special services, inviting the Jewish communities to their services. Pastor Joey Watt is the pastor of El Vista Baptist Church. This church is a long time friend of IBJM. This year was their twentieth 'Tribute to Israel' service. Many of the Jewish people in Peoria have visited the church over the years.

This year the Jewish Federation of Peoria had a special guest worker, Gal Hartman who works for The Jewish Agency of Israel, the largest Jewish nonprofit organization in the world.. She was sent to Peoria



to help promote Israel and the Jewish community in Peoria. She had met Pastor Watt and invited him to a special lecture on Israeli memorial day. I went with him and met with her. I spoke with her in

Hebrew and told her of the 15 years that I lived in Israel. She was quite surprised and we related our common bond with Israel. After the lecture, we invited all the Jewish people to attend our tribute to

Israel service. She said she had to go to Chicago, but was hoping to attend. I was afraid that that would be a convenient excuse not to come. However, even though she was an hour late, she did attend the evening tribute. The church had a special presentation where they sang the Hebrew Israeli National Anthem and other selected songs and gave a special greeting to Miss Hartman. She sent greetings from Israel and told how much she and Israel appreciate the love, support and prayers.

I gave a special message on how we love and support Israel and how Jesus is the hope of both Gentiles and Jews. As it says in Romans 10:12, "For there is no difference between the Jew or the Greek for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." She received the message and received a Hebrew/ English Bible. We spoke with her after church about her personal beliefs and she shared how she is secular but believes in God. She expressed interest in keeping in touch. I called her a week later and she was glad to hear from us and she wanted to keep in contact after she returned to Israel on May 28. Please pray for her salvation. We then had a blessed conference with Pastor Barnett of Grace Bible Baptist Church of Knoxville just before we departed for a four-week trip to California. We will have meetings in six states and return June 23. Thank you for your faithful love and support.

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