

## Missionary Highlight

**Rachel Zupke** – Serving with Life in Messiah; Chicago

Summer in Israel Update:

“You awakened something in my spirit,” remarked a dear elderly resident at Ebenezer home. The feeling in his hands and feet is limited and it is especially discouraging for him since he used to be a concert pianist. Ebenezer is the only nursing home in Israel for believers in Jesus. It has been a home for many different people, each with a unique story.

While Life in Messiah Executive Director, Levi Hagen, was leading a group all through the land of Israel, I stayed with his wife and son in an Israeli coastal town. The day before we left Israel for France, we met a Jewish French lady. She shared with us how she was driven to leave France because of the rise of antisemitism there.

The Lausanne Consultation of Jewish Evangelism Conference in Poland was encouraging to see and hear how God is at work all over the world. There were 29 agencies represented at the conference. One of the days we visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp.

I am so happy to be right where Jesus has me. I especially enjoy encouraging Moody students and visiting elderly Jewish friends. I am also making plans to visit campuses and mission conferences.

### Prayer Requests:

1. Intercede for the people of Israel at this time of war.
2. Especially for the hostages, grandmothers, mothers and toddlers.
3. For God to continue to open doors and go before me as I am learning to trust Him more.

<b>October 2023</b>	<b>YTD Giving</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>
General Fund (Calendar Year)	\$ 211,336	\$ 201,118
Missions Fund (Budget Year)	\$ 41,604	\$ 38,239



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## Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Parent's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- **Sunday Morning Prayer Time** – will meet in the office off of the sanctuary platform at 9:30am.
- **Welcome** to new member Jabez Amick!
- On Sunday, November 19 there will be a **fundraiser meal** for the Nicaragua trip, with more information and pictures. Please join us.
- **Baby Shower for TJ & Anne Bernard** – on Saturday, November 25 from 11am-1pm at 2207 Crabtree Blvd. TJ & Anne are registered on Amazon. Baby's gender is a surprise!
- **Study on the Gospel of John** • Room 200; 9:30-10:15am.
- **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child** – Shoeboxes are available in the lobby to fill with toys, personal care items, school supplies, etc. Please return by November 19 with \$10 to assist with shipping costs.
- **Carl & Karen Groot**, missionaries to Thailand, that our church has supported for years, will be here Wednesday, November 15 to speak to Covenant Kids and the Teens. If you would like to greet them, or see the video of their years in Thailand, come for supper at 5:15pm.
- **Holiday Cheer Boxes** – The Women's Bible Study is asking for items to include in the holiday cheer boxes. If you would like to contribute homemade breads, jams, honey, candy, fruit, etc. Please place your donation in Room 200 by Wednesday, November 29. Questions? Please contact Lori Lyman at 218.290.6786. Thank you!
- **Holiday Parade** – The past 2 years, we have had a float in the "Home for the Holidays" parade, the Friday after Thanksgiving, advertising Christmas Eve in the Barn. We are not having that event this year, but could have a float in the parade. If you feel it's important to present the true meaning of Christmas in the parade, contact Lynn Peterson.

## United in Christ

Ephesians 2.1-13

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.