

# J@EM mail

Newsletter of Judah and Ephraim Ministries

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Dear friends,

*We are still building bridges. When we started bridging Papua with Israel, symbolically we planted a stake on the Mount of Olives. Although the bridge between Israel and Papua has wobbled, the relationship with Israel continues. We are the pier in Jerusalem that connects Papua with Israel, but Jesus is the one who connects the believers from the nations with the Jewish people. That bridge is still being built. Ezekiel had to take the stick of Judah and the stick of Ephraim and make them one in his hand. In the prophetic school we have held in many places, we explain how God is working in a different way among the Jews and is also preparing the Christians, in order to unite both of them in His plan. Although we occasionally are being used in the plan of God with the Jews, the emphasis of our ministry is still very much on the relationship with the nations. More bridges are being built. Apart from Papua, we are now also involving Papua New Guinea in God's plan with Israel. Politically it might not be possible to unite the Papuans, but we believe God looks at them as one people and as such wants to involve them in His plan. He breaks through barriers made by men. As for what the Lord is doing in Papua in relation to Israel, we believe He wants to use us in building bridges with other nations as well. Our first contact outside Papua in bridging Israel with the nations will be with the Aboriginal people of Australia. But before we share about this, we want to start with the latest news from Papua.*

## EXTENSION OF JIP

The Israel Papua Bridge which was established in 2007 would like to reach all twenty nine districts in Papua with the message about Israel. When we visit Papua, JIP organizes our meetings. We have already been teaching prophetic schools about the Master Plan of God in many different places in Papua. The local JIP team has travelled all over the country to testify about what the Lord has done during the trips to Israel. Recently a pastor spoke in the newly formed district Griminawa about the importance of blessing Israel. During the war in Gaza, Israel was depicted as the aggressor in the Indonesian media and people were called upon to curse Israel. He expressed concern that Indonesia would bring a curse upon itself by cursing Israel. However the Papuan people admit openly that they want to bless Israel. They want

to say to Israel: "It will come about that, as you were cursed among the nations, you will become a blessing. Have no fear and let your hands be strong." (Zechariah 8:13)

JIP has also set up a choir which was blessed and dedicated in a special service and later used in Griminawa. The choir sings prophetic songs they have received from the Lord. One of the songs is about the Morningstar which is part of the design of the Papua banner. As we wrote before, the Papuans cannot use their political flag; therefore they have designed a banner with which they can express their relationship with Israel. Israel is a mystery, much more profound than the State of Israel that comes to mind when we speak about Israel. This is why we teach about God's plan with Israel and about His purpose for Israel at such a time as this. More and more people in Papua begin to understand this mystery. The covering cast over the nations is being destroyed. With thankfulness we can say:



JIP Choir



Papua Banner

O Lord, you are our God. You have done miraculous things. You have been completely reliable in carrying out your plans from long ago. (Is.25:1 & 7)

**A BOOK**

Daud Betawi



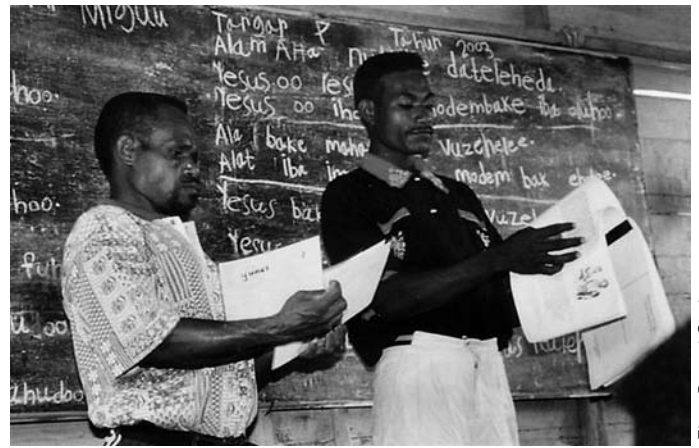
Daud Betawi, the first district leader from Papua who accompanied a delegation from JIP on a trip to Israel, was arrested on suspicion of corruption. He has been imprisoned for almost a year in Jakarta. But he will be acquitted soon as the charge against him was unjustified. However the Lord used this time of imprisonment. While in prison Daud began to

understand the plan of God. He showed him how He can use Papua in His plan. God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put wise people to shame. Daud did not renounce his vision for Israel while questioned by people who strongly oppose Israel. On the contrary, he testified about God's plan for Israel. The revelation he has received from God while in prison, he is now turning into a book.

**BIBLE FOR THE BAUZI'S**

After his journey to Israel, Paulus remained in town for a while to prepare for his return to the Bauzies. Thanks to Pieter's guidance he didn't yield to the temptations of power and money, for which many Bauzies have come to town. From the moment we got to know Paulus as a little lad, we have seen his leadership qualities, spiritual as well as governmental. Next to being chosen as the pastor of the church in Siloadi, he has also been elected to become Kepala Desa. This is the official position of village chief. The people are now entitled to receive financial aid from the government for community development. Previously this money never reached the Bauzies because it was held back by a man from another district. Do pray Paulus will use these funds wisely and in consultation with his people. Siloadi is now officially called Fona, which is an acronym of the names of the different villages in the area. The highlight of Paulus' return to the Bauzies is the publishing of the Bauzi New Testament. Dave and Joyce Briley, Bible Translators with Wycliffe, have worked for years on this translation. This Bible will be dedicated officially in Noaidi, a village in the south eastern part of the Bauzi district.

Dave Briley



First Bauzi Scriptures

A delegation from Fona will be present. Soon after, Paulus will return to Fona to take up his new responsibilities. Please, continue to pray for him regarding his task as pastor and Kepala Desa.

**PAUD**

Paud is an Indonesian abbreviation for the education of toddlers and pre-schoolers. The team in Papua has started a pre-school in the building of Katartismos for children who have been neglected by their parents. There are many families in Waena who have come to town from the more remote areas to look for money. But most parents haven't found work and the children have been left to fend for themselves. Kezia and her friend Tema, with the help of Debora and Yulianti, have



Children of Paud

started this pre-school. As the parents have no money to pay school fees, the older children are also left out of school. Kezia has taken some of these kids in her class. Most of the children come from the Dani tribe in the highlands, but there are even a few Bauzi kids whose parents have been seeking their fortune in town. Because the children are often mal-fed or undernourished, their concentration span is limited. They are looking into the possibilities of feeding them a supplementary meal.

Yulianti, who has just finished her Bible school training in Papua New Guinea, is helping out



Yulianti

temporarily, as she is waiting to start a medical course in preparation for being sent out to the Bauzies. Debora is still waiting for permission to study at the same Bible college in PNG as Yulianti. The kids who attend the school during the week, usually also come to the Sunday school in Katartismos. In spite of his busy job as a newly graduated doctor, Isak often helps out on Sundays.

## **KARUNIA**

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This is the name we use to refer to Pieter's ministry in Papua. Apart from using his own gifts (karunia) in music, Pieter also helps others to develop their gifts and talents. The music studio that was recently built by one of the congregations in town will not be used by Pieter for his music school. It looks like the Lord wants him to develop his own school, in which he is free to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. At the moment he is teaching a select group of students. Among them even a three year old who really got in at an early age. Please pray that the Lord will use Pieter to encourage Papuan musicians and artists to be led by the Holy Spirit.



Pieter Visser

In May Pieter is planning to visit the drama team that came together with him to Israel. Much has happened in the lives of these young people and it is good to do some follow up. There is not much chance that we will be able to visit Mankowari again this year, as other places have asked for our teaching and ministry. Therefore we are glad Pieter will visit the drama team in Mansinam and will also be able to meet with some of the leaders from JIP in Manokwari.

## **ACROSS THE BORDER**

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When we will be in Papua this summer, we will also pay a visit to Papua New Guinea. We have been invited to teach the lessons of the Prophetic school during a conference of NCF / MCF. This is a Christian fellowship among nurses and doctors who meet regularly to pray and study the Word. This year the national conference will be held in Vanimo, which is just over the border from Jayapura. As some of the members of JIP are also nurses and doctors, a group from Papua will join us. This will be a first step in joining the two parts of the island in their vision for Israel. The Lord sees them as one people. We expect that this year a delegation from PNG will join us to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in Israel.



## **BRIDGING ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS**

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After we attended the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People here in Israel, we have felt a desire to share about the plan of God with more indigenous people. We saw how the people came to Israel to praise and worship the Lord in their own style and with their own traditional instruments, but they were mostly ignorant about the role Israel plays in God's plan and how God wants to involve them in that plan. What we have experienced in Papua, we would also like to see happen among other people groups. Even before we prayed about this, a request was made if we could also teach the Yolgnu people of Elcho Island in northern Australia about the plan of God with Israel. In the seventies of the last century revival began among the Aboriginal people of Elcho Island and spread to all Aboriginal areas in Australia. Since then, just like in Papua, a desire to go to and become connected with Israel developed. However many questions about Israel are still unanswered. Maybe we can answer a few of those questions. We hope that this year the Yolgnu and the Papuans will be praising and worshiping the Lord together in Jerusalem and that they will be a sign from the far off coastlands to the Israeli people. During the Feast they will have ample opportunity to dance and sing before the Lord.

## **PREPARATIONS**

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This time in Israel has mainly been a time of preparation for us. We set up several programs for the trips that are planned this year. We contacted the travel agents and booked hotels and now we hope that the numbers we estimated will indeed be coming this year. Apart from these practical preparations we also communicated with Papua, PNG and Australia to work out the details of our visits. We sent out brochures, invitation letters and our teaching schedule, some by snail mail and others by email. We've made some expensive phone calls, but that's part of sowing the seeds before we can see the harvest.

Iris has started to translate her lecture notes into English, which by now has become a book of 160 pages. The old version has become obsolete. It has been quite a while since we have been teaching these lessons in English. But the Lord brought about an opportunity to get some practice, because Iris was asked to teach the lessons to the people here on the compound where we live in the City of David. Through this

teaching some interesting and deep conversations developed in the place where we literally see the plan of God unfold. Unfortunately we can only teach the first part of these lessons because we will only return to Israel for six weeks at the end of March, after a short break in the Netherlands. Not really a break, but again a time of teaching and visiting. Mid May we will leave from Tel Aviv for Singapore from where we will first visit Australia and then go on to Papua. Our next newsletter will probably be written during one of our stop-overs in Asia. We have enclosed the itinerary of our journey. We trust the Lord will remind you to pray for us during all our travels. We will be using various means of transportation, from big aeroplanes jets to small one engine planes, from luxury cars to trucks and jeeps. Everything is possible, not forgetting boat trips by dugout canoe or speed boat. Pray for our health and protection against sickness, particularly malaria and other dangers. The Lord is faithful and He will care for us. But it is good to know we will be carried by your prayers.



Yeshurun, Kezia, Victor en Samuela.jpg Yulianti

### **BROAD OUTLINE OF OUR SCHEDULE**

31 March	- 15 May Israel
16 May	- 24 May Singapore
25 May	- 22 June Darwin, Elcho Island (Australia)
23 June	- 28 June Vacation on Bali
29 June	- 6 July Meeting with JIP and team in (on our base in Waena)
7 July	- 26 July Papua New Guinea
27 July	- 4 Sept Different places in Papua (Merauke and Biak)
5 Sept	- 9 Sept Vacation on Bali
10 Sept	- 15 Sept Singapore
16 Sept	- 16 Dec Israel

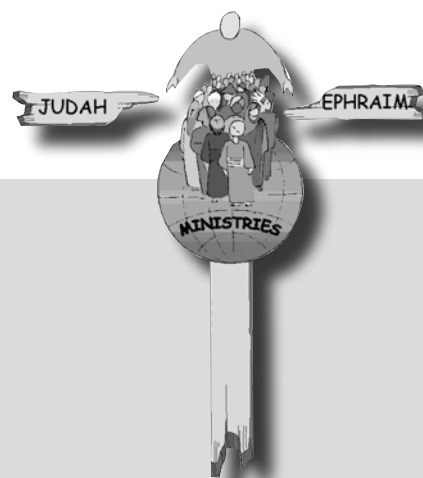
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