

"You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation"

Psalm 89:26

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Dear Friends

As a result the postal strike before Christmas we are late with sending you a newsletter.

This past summer was very busy, with visitors almost every day. Each one seemed to be looking for an encounter with the Lord Jesus while spending quiet time on Canaan and in the Garden of Jesus' Suffering and Resurrection. It was so encouraging to meet with those who seek to follow Jesus uncompromisingly, making Him the centre of all they do and say. We also saw a renewed interest in love for Jesus, which is the centre of all Mother Basilea's writings.

One of the leaders from a Bible School in the USA actually teaches from *My All for Him*. Displaying her worn-out copy, she explained how much this book by Mother Basilea meant to her.

Response from a Bible School class and staff after their morning visit: "thank you for your generous welcome and deep desire that we grow in faith and experience of His living presence. Thank you for opening your land of Canaan to us."

Sister Myrrhia, one of our first-generation sisters, turned 100 in 2024, the first of our sisters until now to reach this remarkable milestone. It was she, in obedience to images the Lord revealed in prayer, who was responsible for creating the artwork and reliefs for the Prayer Garden. The scenes depicted in these reliefs are in all the Canaan Prayer Gardens around the world and bless many as they contemplate the Lord's love and suffering.

The only unwelcome visitors we received last summer were the beavers. They chewed down lots of trees, several on top of our fence along the lake side. Even then the Father in Heaven provided just the right solution at just the right time. A church group who had visited earlier in the season offered to help whenever needed. The pastor quickly organized a group of men to cut up the trees for firewood. They were thankful, loading up their trucks for both themselves and to share with others. The beavers were allowed to keep the branches they wanted for their new winter house along the lakeshore!

ISRAEL YOU ARE NOT ALONE:

Beth Israel Synagogue Edmonton, October 7th memorial

It was a privilege for two of us, together with several friends from Wetaskiwin and Edmonton, to attend this gathering. Over the years we have always tried to join with our Jewish community at the Kristallnacht and Holocaust Remembrance gatherings in Edmonton. This particular evening was totally different from anything we had previously experienced. One person mentioned that there must have been 1000 in attendance. There was no more seating and the walls were lined with people standing. On October 7th, 2023 a massacre of the Jewish people in southern Israel took place, the likes of which has not been seen since the Holocaust during the Second World War. Since then, Israel has been fighting to survive.

Many came up to us and thanked us for attending and supporting the Jewish community. "Your love and empathy warm our hearts, especially in times like these, when we often feel isolated amidst the irrational rising of antisemitism across the globe. Your support means more than words can express, and we are truly grateful."

A new publication *Ambassadors for Israel* by Sister Adora Graf can be downloaded from the US website under their blog section: <https://canaaninthedesert.com/ambassadors-for-israel-s-adora-graf/>

This message was shared during the EUROPEAN COALITION FOR ISRAEL commemoration of October 7, 2023 in Geneva on October 9, 2024

It has been a number of months since our last newsletter. If you have a change of address or would like to share your e-mail with us please let us know by mail or e-mail. Thank you very much.

May the Lord bless you and your families in the days ahead. Jesus is alive and with us today even in the darkest moments. If we allow Him to be Lord of our lives we will discover His true peace and joy. May the Prince of Peace bless us all as we turn to Him who truly rules over all.

With hearts full of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father and to all our friends,

your Sisters at Canaan of God's Glory