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Dear Friends

I would like to share with you again about our lives here in Israel and what happened the last half year in my life.

My father had a stroke two months ago and his right arm and leg have been affected. I have been with my parents for almost a month this year. They have good help in the house from a lady from Poland day and night but it is appreciated now much more then ever, if we as children come and visit or parents.

On the 30th of January the sister Marie- Agnes, Gräfin von Clary und Aldringen from Salzburg died after a long time of suffering in the age of 88 years. Sixteen years ago she paid for the entire house we live in Jerusalem. I went to her funeral and as a sign of her love to Jerusalem and Israel I brought a bouquet with white and blue flowers and the flags of Jerusalem and Israel to be put next to her grave. Her funeral was a wonderful testimony of her love to our Lord Jesus and her children honoured their mother and her faith together. I like to thank the Lord for her life and friendship.

Right after the funeral I joined Pastor Surprise in Rome and was part of his ministry team. A catholic Charismatic Community that ministers all over Europe invited him. The fellowship with Pastor Surprise and the team was a very encouraging experience for me.

In March I had the privilege to host five craftsmen from Germany, Sachsen, in my home. They worked for two weeks in my house and put tiles on the upper roof and on another balcony.

From the 5th to the 12th of May I will be again for one week on the island of Patmos. If you would like I can give you the address and you can visit this place some other time. We know some believers there who have two small apartments for guests.

I am very happy to be able to prepare for Pastor Surprise six meetings in Germany and Austria from the 3rd to the 8th of June 2008. I have attached the itinerary for this time in June. In my last newsletter I shared with you about his ministry in Jerusalem. After his brother was murdered in September in Mozambique Pastor Surprise returned to Mozambique and announced through the radio that he wanted to talk about forgiveness. Four thousand people showed up, many of them with

Moslem background, and 2000 people received the Lord Jesus. You can visit the website of Pastor Surprise: www.surprisesithole.com

I would like to share with you a little of what is happening in Jerusalem. For twelve years we hold a monthly meeting for Catholic and Messianic Believers at my house. A team comprised of Benjamin, Reuven, and myself leads this meeting. In the five summer months we meet in the Berger's garden in Ein Kerem. Over the years the Lord granted us real fellowship together in Him. We also have a monthly meeting between Arab and Jewish brothers. To our knowledge this is the only regular meeting of this kind in Jerusalem. I especially enjoy the prayer meeting on Mount Zion every week on Wednesday morning. For a half year this group has prepared a monthly worship meeting in Kiriath Yearim, which is close to Jerusalem. Sister Kathryn has welcomed us and we are enjoying the presence of the Lord in these meetings. This is the place where the Ark of the Covenant stood for many years and the place from where David took the Ark to Jerusalem.

For the past year I have invited the former drug addicts from Bait Yeshua to my house once a month for lunch. The Lord has granted me a great friendship with some of the leading brothers of this ministry, Zvi Randelman and Roni Rejwan. This week they are also beginning a work among women. I made myself available to take care of these women once a week. It is such a joy to see how thankful these young believers are to the Lord because they have experienced life from the dead. In Jerusalem there are many believers without a physical family and we can experience what Jesus said in Matthew 19:29, "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life."

Also this coming summer we will take another journey to the former concentration and death camps in Poland from the 17-22 of July 2008. There is an invitation in the attachment. Sadly three members from my home group needed to leave the country of Israel because they didn't get a renewed visa. These three members are Tabea, Patrick, and Suzanne. We are thankful that Dietmar is still able to go in and out of the country every three months on tourist visas. In the last months Vanessa from Germany, Ria from Holland, and Laura from Canada have helped me in the house. Now we have Lydia from Germany with us and we hope she can stay for a longer time. Please let me know if someone who does not require a specific visa to enter Israel would like to come and help for three months.

In the last months we had a Russian Jewish family with two children living with us for six weeks because they couldn't find an apartment

during their transition time from one house to another in Jerusalem. Rent for apartments has dramatically increased in Jerusalem lately. My very good friend and prayer partner, Vera, is still fighting bone cancer. Her son married a believing girl a few months ago. He got to know her two years ago on our summer journey in Europe. We really need a breakthrough in healing because even in my home group many members are fighting various illnesses. In our house there are always three people who live and work together. We all want to thank you for your support that makes our service here in Jerusalem possible. We pray that our prayer support and financial support would get stronger. There are many situations that have happened over the last months, which we cannot share in a newsletter like this. We need to trust the Holy Spirit that He will remind you to pray for us the right things at the right time. I am so thankful that the Lord has given you, as my friends and that you stand with us in our spiritual battles. I am also encouraged that the website I began only a year ago has already had 70 000 visitors. You can download my booklet for free. Currently it is translated in seven different languages.

I know that in my newsletter there is not a lot of information about the political situation and daily news in Israel but I get many newsletters, which are giving information's about it and I am happy to send you some of the E-mail addresses if you would like to know more. But I would like to mention that fifteen-year-old Ami Ortez, the son of a Messianic Pastor, was badly wounded as a bomb exploded in front of him. It was decorated as a Purim present. The Body of Christ is facing many challenges in Israel, especially in the Negev.

Please feel free to write, visit, or call me, as I would like to continue to build a bridge between the Body of Christ in the land of Israel and in the nations. Thank you again for your friendship and support. I hope to see some of you in the coming months.

Shalom from Jerusalem, Christa.

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