

## Team to Israel 2021.11.1-11.10

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From November 1st through 10th, a team was sent to Israel from the Water Flowing From the Sanctuary Mission. Israeli government was not accepting tour groups from abroad because of the Covid-19 pandemic, however the team was accepted as a case of pilot program of the government.

We arrived at Jerusalem on November 1st, and spent 2nd and 3rd of November praying in the courts of Seven Arches Hotel at the Mount of Olives. On the fourth day, we moved to Galilee and had a meeting in which Pastor Leon Mazin spoke. Next day, Friday we prayed the whole day by the Sea of Galilee, and on Saturday we visited Pastor Leon at Return to Zion Congregation, where Pastor Akimoto gave a message and Pastor Kihara gave a testimony. The Gifts and a worship team led by Pastor Paul Mori also sang several songs there. After that we had a luncheon with members of the Congregation. On 7th, Pastor Akimoto interpreted the New Year's Verse from the Bibles. On that evening, we had the Coronavirus testing at a hotel in Herzliya. On 8<sup>th</sup>, we had an evening meeting at the hotel and came back to Japan from Ben Gurion Airport.

God gave us John 14:12 as the verse of the Year: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater



works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." God told us that Christ Himself will do through us the works that He did on the earth, and greater works than that.

On November 5th, while praying by the Sea of Galilee, God led me to pray and dedicate the rest of my life and my ability second time to the Lord for the works of End Time Harvest. I felt the Spirit of God being poured on my head, and heard a voice of God in my heart, "I have heard your prayer."

Thank you very much for your intercessory prayer for the team.

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That was so impressive cause, first of all, we departed from Japan, secondly, Europe which is on the stage of the end of an era: Germany would be also the next country for a mission team to be sent in the coming near future. Thirdly the capital of Israel, Jerusalem: we were led to visit 3 nations within one day. We were guided to do this on the exact first day of our church's new fiscal year.

There was little information about overseas travels among COVID-19. I found it meaningful for me to have stayed in Japan, for I could collect some valuable information, therefore, I praise the Lord.

This team was organized as a special pilot program by the Ministry of Tourism by Israeli Government. We confirmed a lot of times the applications for online entering statements to the Ministry of Tourism, and the Israeli Embassy in Japan. However the information was required to be correct in Frankfurt, our transit place. So we, 25 members all together, had to quickly apply again within 30 minutes before departing from Frankfurt. The Lord had led us previously to practice the procedures again and again for entering online statements of the Ministry of Health before departure from Japan, therefore we were able to end up the sudden online procedures smoothly in Frankfurt. It might be said that the worker of the airline company didn't know that we were transiting in Frankfurt from Japan, I'm not sure.

Anyway, it was a miracle to handle the procedures so fast by using 3 Wi-Fi devices within 30 minutes because of the help of the young people of the second generation on the team. Among Covid-19 Infection, we had to receive many personal emails, so it was obvious that using only two Wi-Fi devices was not efficient for 25 members. Consequently, the fact that the team had rented 3 Wi-Fi devices was so advantageous.

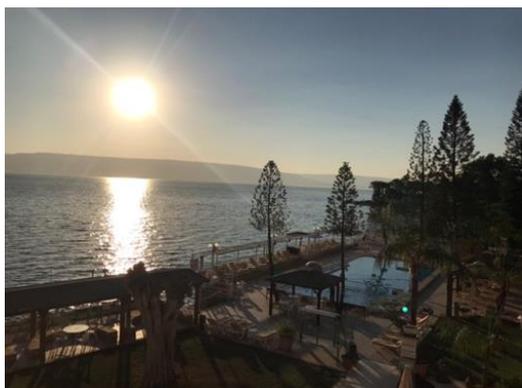
It was some difficult situations, for example, according to changeable infections peak and decreased or spread out, each country regulations could be shifted easily, and the cancellation possibility could have happened on flights such as it had happened usually, the expired time with Covid19 negative proof is so changeable within 48 hours or 72 hours. The team as "the first remarkable Japanese group to visit after shutting down the border" was guided and ended up the schedule in safety without any troubles was a miracle. I appreciate your intercessory prayers.

Nasopharyngeal Swab and Saliva PCR tests were required for 4 or 5 times officially. In addition, the vaccination certificates were also integral. We had to show the negative proof within 72 hours when we used Café in Frankfurt international airport, where over 37,000 people were infected per one day in Germany.

In European Union Law, we had to wear a surgical mask on flights, and in the airport on the duty. On the contrary, Israel passed over the infection peak, and we can see it was getting not strict, for example, in the hotel as a regulated quarantine facility, the alcohol liquid as the sanitization was supposed to be prepared, but some bottles happened to be empty over three days, and also, those were prepared were not in noticeable spots in any hotels and restaurants. People didn't wear masks strictly. We could see the trace of Covid-19 infection here and there in Israel. The Seven Arches Hotel on the Mt. of Olives which the Messiah would come secondly was opened especially only for us to use the restrooms. However, there was much dust for not opening over 1 year and 8 months. I can't see any possibilities to reopen the businesses incoming soon yet. The owner of the other Hotel was saying the hotel was about welcoming the overseas tourists eventually.

The commentary with Tora Portion from Genesis by Rabbi Mazin was so interesting for Japanese members. The fellowship was so blessed, and Pastor Akimoto shared that "the end of the earth" on Acts 1:8 means Japan, also "Judaea" suggested Jewish in Israel, being both people were so interesting.

Personally, I was led to read the whole book of Revelation during the flight from Germany to Israel, in the sky beyond the Mediterranean Sea where Patmos Island was located. God showed me the beautiful 7 colors reflection of sunlight on the surface of the Mediterranean Sea. It seems that the Lord said that the glory of work is belonging to Himself and no need to be proud therefore GIVE GLORY only to the Lord. I received this speaking from the Lord in



relief. Also, the word of the fiscal year in our church was spoken from John 14:12 by Pastor Akimoto. I can see the coherence between church's word and my personal received word from Revelation 14:7, and I got intense and expectations," Our LORD would DO His Works in this fiscal year seriously"

For Pastor Akimoto, this was the first team to Israel for the past 3 years. This team was guided with many blessings. The words of the fiscal year were spoken from scripture John 14:12, also the other incredible sermons were delivered by elder pastors, which was a blessing. The HOLY SPIRIT opened the explanation of 144,000 people as 12 tribes; included lost ten tribes, perhaps it might be concluded Japanese, were written in Revelation chapter 7 and 14 are suggested the Jewish Martyrs who would follow anywhere after THE LAMB is going to be.

Personally, when the team arrived at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel, the Holy Spirit spoke to me in German "Nach 2 Stunde", it means "after 2 hours." However I didn't get it. On the same day, I was spoken from a devotion scripture" At 6 o'clock". Both speaking to me meant the specific time to enter the City of Jerusalem with traffic jams. Later I realized the call from Heaven, then I replied to it. After that, I was guided to have a conversation on the phone with a member of the congregation in Jerusalem as an Instagram friend.

In conclusion, I joyfully give glory to our Lord who has started His work. Thank you for your prayers.