

# November<sup>2018</sup>

## Our Walk in the New Church Year

“But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (Mathew 13:23)

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A mission was sent to Israel with 91 members in total including the people from the U.S. from October 29 through November 10. In this year when Israel celebrates the 70th anniversary of its foundation, we visited Jerusalem and Galilee to receive firstly this year's Scripture verse and to worship the Lord and pray. We were much blessed and God revealed to us many things.

November is the first month of the year for the Lord's Cross Christian Center, the parent organization of the Water flowing from the Sanctuary Mission. Christians are spiritual Israelis, Israel is the symbol of “the Kingdom of God”, and Jerusalem that of “Heavenly Jerusalem”. At the beginning of our church year, we receive the Scripture verse of the year at the New Year worship service. Receiving the baton of the Great Commission in Galilee, the very place where it was given, and where the Lord Jesus started to preach the Good News in full swing, God sends us out to the places of our work.

In Galilee, this year's Scripture verse was given from Mathew 13:23. In Jerusalem, a message was delivered from the Book of Revelation 20 which talks about the New Heaven and the New Earth. We need to realize we are the citizens of the “Heavenly Jerusalem” and understand it in order for our walk on earth to become more steadfast. A prophetic word given over 30 years ago about our relationship with Russian Jewish people was fulfilled in 2014 when we ministered at a Russian Jewish people's congregation. Our fellowship with them has deepened by ministering at this congregation every year since then, and the work for the Jewish people about which God told us has been going further.

On the way back from Israel, the team was divided into 12 groups and each took a different flight to come back to Japan as they were not able to take the scheduled connecting flight at Warsaw. A new walk which was quite different from our previous walk has started. We are heading for the accomplishment of the Great Commission and the mission for the End Time Revival. The time is drawing close when the Promise of the Lord will come true. When we stand firm upon the New Year Scripture verse, thoroughly pray and obey the Lord, He will do His work and accomplish His Promise Himself.