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# PATIENCE! SAVLANUT!

*"Savlanut bore heavenly fruit"*

*"But let patience do its complete work, so that you may be complete and whole, lacking in nothing."*

—James 1:4

"Savlanut—patience—is one of the first Hebrew words you learn in Israel," Anna said in softly accented English, her brown eyes sparkling.

"Why?" I asked.

"Because in Israel you need a lot of patience!"

We were "teaming" at the time. Getting together for prayer, getting ready to go. Twenty three B4P missionaries spent weeks preparing—tucking God's Word into our hearts.

God blessed B4P "Fire in the Desert Israel Team" with American, Israeli, and Australian members ready to serve.

"Patience" evolved into a three-fold message. Patient with others, patient with ourselves, and patiently waiting on God to act.

Our first night in Israel, Anna's family joined us with instruments, song, and welcome in Yeshua's name. They sang in Hebrew, we sang in English. Dancing broke out!

The B4P team continued the dance across Israel, changing tempo, sensitive to heaven's music. My heart sang, "The Lord is not slow in keep-

ing His promise, He is patient with you...it is not His purpose that anyone should be destroyed." – Peter 3:15. Jesus, our Bridge for Peace, would pour His saving grace through us.

On Saturday Sabbath, Ed and I strode into the elevator, programmed so Orthodox Jews do not have to push buttons, which is considered forbidden work. We rode with one man in a sparkling white dress shirt, black pants and hat. He said, "This is the Sabbath elevator. It will stop at every floor. We say

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**Rabbi methodically straps phylactery to Mark's (team) arm**



**Ed & Annette's 45th anniversary celebration on Sea of Galilee**

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'Savlanut'. Patience. In Israel you have to have a lot of patience. Everything gets there, just slowly."

*We hear you, Lord. I prayed. Our purpose here is to serve Your purpose.*

Our team from different cultural backgrounds moved in heavenly harmony. That movement was lived-out prayer in a land of suspicion, disunity, and contention. God favored us with visible signs of the fruit of patience.

Praying in a circle in our hotel lobby before departure, an Argentine man approached Ed and said he felt the Holy Spirit around us. He stood with us in prayer.

We prayed at the Mount of the Precipice in Nazareth where a crowd threatened to push Jesus over the cliff, but He walked through unharmed. We prayed for Christians in similar circumstances. A young Arab Christian joined our circle; he is among the persecuted minority in mostly Muslim Nazareth. Our translator said, "He says he senses God's glory with us." The young man keeps in touch and is encouraged by a B4P team member since our return home.

When the team ministered in a Nazareth church, I noticed a lady using an aluminum cane with an arm cuff. Throughout ministry time, I observed different B4P missionaries patiently praying for her. Then I saw her husband walk out with her at his side and her cane over his shoulder. She didn't need it anymore.

In Acco, the B4P team went two-by-two walking the beach and the streets. A young married couple from different religious backgrounds, rejected by their parents, opened their hearts to a B4P team on the beach and received prayer. A man suffering pain and on a cane in the city received healing prayer from a team and insisted they take something from his refrigerator—they entered his home and emerged with three cans of Coke! Ed and I wound through streets under Divine Guidance, noting turns so we could later find our bus! We arrived in a courtyard God had shown me in prayer. We met a Christian Arabic lady suffering from neck and shoulder pain and immobility. After prayer, she swung her head in every direction, grinning and thanking God, not only because she was healed, but because she now knew God had sent Christian people to the city to pray! Later, as we patiently waited in the

lobby for an issue to be resolved, a Nigerian worship leader approached us, "Will you pray for me?"

Six B4P team stepped off the elevator, two needed prayer. Our rooms were on opposite ends of the corridor, so we prayed right there. Two of us ministered on our knees when the elevator doors opened and a tall man in military uniform, weapons hanging off of him, stopped and asked, "Everything okay here?"

"Yes, we're just praying."

"Pray for us," he said.

"We will!" We responded and immediately lifted the Israeli army to the Lord, again.

On our last day in windy Jaffa, two B4P missionaries literally *glowed* as they trotted down the street on either side of a man with wild curly hair and scruffy clothes pushing a shopping cart. They hoped to buy him lunch and nearly burst with joy at the thought of serving!

Patience. The energetic B4P team put themselves in Holy Spirit harness, moving together under God's authority. Savlanut! (Sah-vlah-noot) Savlanut bore heavenly fruit. We wait patiently to return to Israel, to again bring healing to the nation through Jesus Christ. —Annette





## FIRE IN THE DESERT TEAM

It was a mission trip like no other. It was so exciting to be with my B4P family again, where God is always doing something new! I could feel and appreciate the prayers and words of all the amazing intercessors carrying us along—it was a big team, inside and outside! We were to pray for Shalom for the people of Israel, i.e. peace and completion that only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can provide. It was my 85 year-old mum's first mission trip. A time of focus, fire, and fun.

**FOCUS** We had some serious prayer times: Standing in the gap in intercession for President Trump's visit to Jerusalem. Listening to God's word being proclaimed in the holy places where Jesus actually walked. Watching strongholds getting broken: God sent a man with a key to unlock a Moslem school overlooking the Dome of the Rock that was built on Temple Mount in Jerusalem. We declared the Lord's Victory from that vantage point. We then got to walk around the Dome of the Rock—heaven was moving! We were hidden in Him by the power of the Blood of Jesus that was spilt in this

land. We were washed in the River Jordan on the next day. We prayed for the fire of God to burn up strongholds of disunity, addiction, etc. over Mount Carmel and Armageddon. We prophetically "fished" over the sea of Galilee and cast out our nets for the B4P catch, while celebrating a wedding of two hearts—Ed and Annette—that have blessed us all. We prayer walked through underground cisterns and worshipped in the Dead Sea. And best of all, we prayed with and for the beautiful people of Israel: at ancient places, in the sea, by the roadside, at the shops, in the hotel, on the bus, in the taxi, at the airport and at the local churches.

**FIRE** God's fire went before us. We were fanning the flame of the Holy Spirit within us and for others. (Annette gave us actual rainbow fans!) We were the fire in the desert bringing God's Holy Spirit to His land of Israel. We were atmosphere shifters, bringing hope and joy in places of despair and brokenness. We were growing spiritually. We were passing the flame onto others. (I actually gave my "glory" banner to a spirit-filled tour guide in Bethlehem.)

God's fire was before us when we joined a Chinese group crying out to God in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and to many others who joined us in song on the way. Renae and Joshua wrote a beautiful song called "Fire in the Desert" for Ed and Annette's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary gift. We were 23 on team, all facets of a diamond emitting light on mission in the desert.

**FUN** Singing praise at the airport lounge with the Aussie team. Burning off the Israeli breakfast buffet by dancing and singing on the bus. Celebrating the sweetness of our Lord Jesus and the unity we have with chocolate. Laughing in the Spirit till my abs hurt! Laughing more at some of the crazy team name suggestions that actually got votes! (Every B4P Mission team names itself.) Laughing as we ministered to each other in love. Laughing as we dressed as shepherds and road camels—"ships of the desert." The joy of the Lord is truly our strength.

Thank you to all the Bridge for Peace people who laboured in love to help make this Israel mission trip possible. —Louise Goderie

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## PRAISE FOR FOUNDATION FOR HEALING

I have just completed the Foundation for Healing course. A big Thank You!

So much in this course has clarified my understanding of the wonderful things our God has done for us. I knew very little about my inheritance through Christ—certainly knew about salvation but not the extent of what sozo meant. I knew I had provision, but had always struggled with healing. I had no doubt the Lord healed—I was healed of anorexia—but didn't know whether we could expect healing. (I also had a healing during the course.) Now I understand! Thank you B4P!

For almost two years I had struggled with thrush in my mouth as a result of using an asthma medication. I couldn't get rid of it. My doctor said I needed two courses of the prescribed medication to get rid of it. Within a day of finishing it the thrush returned. At times my mouth was white with thrush.

While taking the course I went to a church event and ate two sweet biscuits and a piece of cake. The next day I had cake, too! On the third day the Holy Spirit nudged me—

and I realized I didn't have any symptoms! Having those sweet things in the past would have made my mouth white! I looked in the mirror and not only was my mouth thrush-free, but my throat which had been red for so long, was the normal pink color. Praise God! You have no idea how amazing this is!

The final word must come from the Lord:

I was sitting outside in the warmth of the sun, finishing off the questions in the last two lessons. In, "When You Don't See Healing," I was trying to answer a question when the Lord interrupted, saying, "My child, you're missing the important part."

I asked, "What part is that, Father?"

He replied, "It's all about My Son and what I sent Him to do. He was to proclaim My Kingdom on earth—to bring My Kingdom wherever He went. Those that rejected the King didn't receive all that came with the Kingdom, especially healing and deliverance."

So, obviously, God loves this study!

—Sheryl



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- 6 Praise Cruise** Sailing at 4:30!  
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