

October to December 2020

Dear brothers and sisters ofUCAIM,

Subject: Report on the ministry,

In an effort to plant house churches and get the gospel of Jesus Christ to Arab Israelis (both non-born-again Christians and Muslims), Mimi and I have done the following ministries **during the months from October till December 2020**

Although the Corona crises and the lockdown, Mimi and I made a huge effort to go outside of the house to visiting different homes from both, inside and outside the church. We have visited **49** families who are members at The Good Shepherd and handed many of them foodstuffs and supplying products and had a chance to encourage and pray with them. We had also opportunities to visit and meet families and individuals from outside the church even from Muslim background (Shared the Gospel and prayed with **4** Muslim ladies and a Muslim leader). and in addition, we shared the word with **27** nominal Christians for specific requests, we prayed with most of them and encouraged them to read the bible and learn more about the Lord Jesus Christ. The total number of families we have visited from outside the church is **40** and some families received from our church foodstuffs and supplying products packages. We had a chance to speak deeply with our daughter in law's parents and their son and his fiancé and her sister who are from communist background, the Holy Spirit opened their hearts to listen to us carefully and asked many questions about faith and marriage and we told them to read the scriptures which are related to marriage and to have Jesus a partner of their future life. By God's grace we reached a businessman who was planning to shoot and kill his neighbour who was bothering him for a long time because of a parking issue, we spoke with this man who seemed to be very angry, we tried to calm him down, so he returned from his decision and asked us to pray with him to have the peace of God in his heart. One of Mimi's student's father prayed with us while we were visiting his mother-in-law, he felt much joy and peace deep in his heart. One couple I visited last month from the church neighbourhood started to come to church after I clarified biblical issues were understood wrongly, they prayed with me and were filled with joy and peace of the Lord. Mimi had many opportunities to sit with our grandchildren and teach them stories from the bible and singing hymns since they are not able to join the Sunday school, we took them to mount precipices. Mimi

also has conducted last November a woman meeting and it was so successful and very blessed, 28 ladies attended. The church family made a big surprise for me in my 66 years birthday, it was unbelievable how much cakes and food they brought.

On December 27th we had our Christmas party it was 50 persons attended, we offered lunch for all of them, and it was so delicious.

Since the Corona crisis began some members do not come to church meetings but we call them from time to time to pray and encourage.

Last November we had a big project at the church by painting the hall building, and polishing the floor, installed 3 new screens, replaced all the lighting in the church building, and replaced the church electric sign.

Mimi and I spend some hours daily talking by phone and WhatsApp with the people.

Please keep praying for returning to normal life so people can come to church services for fellowship together and worship the Lord. We are still limited by number of gathering and the government allows only gathering of 10 people inside the church building. (but more people come praise the Lord). Pray to have much more freedom to reach out the lost for Christ and do more home visits. We are still in closure and very difficult to move around and drive outside of Nazareth.

Please put us on your list prayers as the follows items:

1. Salvation of the lost.
2. More doors to be open for the ministry.
3. Return to normal life.
4. For the Steadfastness of the believers.
5. Return the ones who stopped coming to church.

In conclusion Mimi and I want to thank you with all our hearts for your prayers and continuous support and want to tell you that we love you all and longing to see you face to face.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Afif & Mimi Saba

Note: Mimi is going to send you some pictures of our various services and outreach and church activities.