

Besides massive grace to me, He showed me His Heart tight to Israel: **MAY MUI**

### Before I set off the trip:

Starting from learnt of an Israel trip organized by our Church, to my tour confirmation, God looked after my worries and struggles at every step, by granting me lots of confirmation and encouragement so as to allow me step on this trip with His faith, peace and joy. 'But seek first My Kingdom and My Righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' (Matthew 6:33, NIV) Thank you, my Heavenly Father!

### Israel – the yet heartbreaking nation of God



Honestly speaking, I thought I was to broaden my eye-sight by this trip, as it's common understanding that we'd gain knowledge by visiting the place, not only by books. In fact, I never thought of, and did not know how to pray for Israel; even I would set foot on this country. However, my view-point towards Israel was changed ever before the tour would have commenced.

During one of the briefing sessions of tour preparation, I could not hold my tears from falling when our tour guest speaker talked about Israel. At one of the Prayer Meetings for Mission, my heart was deeply moved by God when I stood in front of the world map. When Pastor invited us to stand on the country that we'd like to pray for, tears flooded my eyes and I knew immediately I had to pray for Israel. I cried so hard that I had to bend my body, teeth gnashed and wailed. There was a deep sorrow from within my body that I wailed and could not open my eyes, I wet my forehead and felt pain from within like a laboring woman, who would give birth to a child. I was astounded to realize this deep hurting feeling of God, who shared His love to Israel to me.

Such gracious Israel trip of mine:

1. **All God's grace who got on this trip:** it was all God's grace to us, each of us had gone through strict custom inspection for about 20 minutes' questioning before ever leaving HK, had safe touch-down at Israel, a gentle and breeze welcoming at mid-night Botanical Garden, and the first peace breath at the outskirts of the 'City of Peace' – Jerusalem, and sumptuous taste of this 'land flowing with milk & honey, in terms of weather, land, sea, people, fertility and early morning tranquility.
2. **Beautiful mix of gifts and grace from God amongst all tour members:** I thank Father God to have arranged Betsy (tour leader), Karen (tour guest speaker), Ah Nee (Israel tour guide), Kam (琴) (apprentice tour guide), Tommy (HK tour guide) and 37 tour mates for me. We worked for each other in Him by gifts of pastoring, leadership, worship, teaching, healing, intercession, translation, even filming and photography, etc.. I believe there have yet gifts I do not know, but it truly is "we



know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

3. **Accompaniment of a long-known mate:** we were converted to Christ at the same time, travelled to Israel together & experienced God together. In addition, I thank Prudence for being my roommate this tour, of whom had not sent me outside the room since I had been on-and-off coughing throughout the tour.
4. **True and faithful intercession support from my church fellows in Hong Kong:** We experienced quite a number of shortcomings, e.g. sudden changes of temperature, different food and water system, which dried us up with fatigue to even sudden illness. However, all of us made through by Father God’s love and protection. These all made me realize the power of intercession and the necessity of intercession support from our church fellows in Hong Kong.
5. **Communication pass – translation:** Language barrier has always been my worry, as I could not ask others to set aside their tour interests and look after me on my understanding to physical environment during the tour. However, there were a number of tour mates, who volunteered to translate for me. And I was grateful, especially to Jessie, who interpreted lively and beautifully.
6. **Accident and blessings:** I ran into a lowly-built staircase and had a hard bruise on my head one morning before getting on the coach to start the day-journey. I fell on the ground together with my camera. Immediately, my tour mates circled me, one sat me straight and held me in her arms and soothed me, the other got me medicine, and another examined my wound, yet some others prayed, some approached to comfort me, and took photos of my wound. I had to especially thank Doris for her medicine did cure. I had not even a slice of bloodshed; neither had my camera gone out-of-order. Such little faith of mine that I even went for inspection after I returned HK. To my surprise Doctor said I had a very minor bruise at the skin of my head that I could leave it as it was, nothing harm had done below my head skull. No medicine, no treatment was needed. Should all praise and glory go to our God, and thanks to my tour mates and church fellows prayed at my back. It was God’s hand and all prayers that had protected me.
7. **Eyes opened to all who served the Lord:** We had chances to visit and work with some parties to serve local people there. No matter they were Arabs, returnees after the holocaust, or orphans or leftovers after war, to even the army; God had set up various ministries to care and serve them with their daily living to being accepted by the society. God had called His workers from over the world to leave their home country to serve God’s people in different parts of Israel. I was so grateful and joy to witness God’s love worked out by all these wonderful works and redemption to His people of Israel.
8. **Beautiful testimonies:**
  - One of my tour mates – Doris met a long lost friend Kam (琴) – the apprentice tour guide during this tour;
  - A safe journey to one of the tour mates who had just recovered from leg injury;
  - Another tour mate had earned handfuls of grace and blessings, instead of gone on a family sight-seeing tour with her daughter and husband;
  - One of the tour mates – Vania learned a lesson of trust in the hands of God. Vania’s mother suddenly fell sick and was hospitalized at our 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Israel visit. We all prayed earnestly. Vania had experienced an extra peace from God that she needed not give up the trip to



early return to HK to her mother. Her mother was released from hospital the day before we had returned HK;

- Our Israel tour guide – Ah Nee, and her original family were Vietnamese refugee some ten years back. Her father had been a Pastor before they fled from Vietnam and was the first family Israel received after the dissolve of Vietnam Communist Party Government;
- The new life after lodging in Israel and how they established the business and ministry to God's people;
- Yet, there were still so many witnessing stories amongst our team members, and I'm sure God touched their lives beautifully.

9. **God's love towards Israel:** "I love Israel. My heart is in Israel." I heard this from The LORD. I pray and shall diligently learn to follow Him.

### **God's Love for Israel – 'I love Israel. My heart belongs to Israel.'**

I deeply experienced God when we visited Dugit Café – Messianic Outreach Center. Shmuel was the owner and also Pastor to share his ministry that morning. When we were watching the video of their past activities, a soft voice ran in my heart saying, 'I love Israel.' It felt like the love story between couples. At the same time, the same sorrow I had during the prayer meeting returned. I started to sob again, and had the conversation (prayer) with God. "...teach my people with my Word, rebuke them with my Word." Such message urged me to lay my hands on Pastor Shmuel's heart and head to pray for him, to let him feel how tight the bondage and love between God and Israel. I could not describe how deep God's love for Israel. His heart is always with Israel and never leave.

Then I spotted a merchandise key chain, which had a heart locked inside the blue Star of David, with "My heart belong to Israel" as narration. This exactly explained the bonding of God's love towards Israel.

After that, I learned that there were annual parades by the homosexuals in the city, of whom had explained why our LORD's heart was so deeply sorrowed.



### **How do we respond to God's love for Israel?**

I thank Heavenly Father to have allowed me step foot on His Holy Land, to climb His Mountain. I would love to return His love with my whole love! I pray that our LORD loves you with His everlasting love and touches you to return His love for Israel. In Jesus' name I pray.

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## 2009 年以色列訪宣心聲 ~ May Mui

### 出發前的心聲

這次以色列訪宣行程，從考慮報名到落實報名，主都顧念到我心中的憂慮和掙扎，把信心的禮物一份又一份地賜下來，直至我心裡有著全然的平安喜樂向以色列出發。天父爸爸說，「你們要先求我的國和我的義，這此東西都要加給你們了！」(太 6:33) 多謝天父爸爸 !!

### 以色列民--- 如今仍在神心裡的哀痛



事實上打從落實報名以來，都祇抱著一顆「讀萬書不如行萬里路」的心態參加，沒有特別感動為以色列祈禱，亦不知如何為以色列祈禱。然而在出發前的兩次聚會中，神的靈卻大大的臨到。其中一次聚會，當一位將會同行的講員分享到以色列時，從聽她分享的開始到結束，我的眼淚就無法制止地不停流下來。另一次在宣教祈禱會上，當世界地圖在地上展開時，當牧師開口問弟兄姊妹：最近有否感到神要你們為什麼地方禱告時，我的眼淚立時奪眶而出！【以色列！】當地圖展開，以色列就在我眼中！我即時踏前，面伏於地並切齒的哭喊。哀痛在我裡面不斷地搶奪出來！眼睛一直緊合得不能睜開，深切的哀哭哀號不斷從裡面發出，全身有點無力、額頭頭髮都似濕透，眼睛完全睜不開，正如經上說：「就像是生產的婦人。」我因這極大的感動而感到震撼。原來以色列民在神的心裡是如此的哀痛 !!

### 要數算神在以色列之旅賜下的無限恩典

以色列之旅神實在賜下無盡的恩典，旅程中實在有太多的感恩：

1. 感恩！神帶領我們每位平安地踏進祂所愛的以色列，接觸到以色列天、地、海、人、流奶與蜜這美地，並且和平之城那份莫明的寧靜及和平。
2. 感恩！車隊的 41 名弟兄姊妹、Betsy、Karen、Ah Nee、琴、Tommy...，每位都好棒！弟兄姊妹間彼此服事、關顧，我們當中有牧羊人恩賜的；詩班恩賜的；有醫治恩賜的；有教導講道恩賜的；有禱告恩賜的；有翻譯恩賜的；有安慰者；還有攝錄恩賜的；相信還有許多我未接觸到的...實在神在我們當中讓我們互相效力。





3. 感恩! 主給我一位相識多年的同學一起信主、一起去以色列、一起經歷神。 並且, 多謝 Prudence! 當我每天在咳嗽時沒有將我拒於門外。
4. 感恩! 身邊的弟兄姊妹願意為我出發以色列作代禱守望。原來當我們站在以色列土地中, 實在有太多預料不到的事情、意外、水土氣候等不適應帶來身體的疲乏及軟弱, 這次才真實感受到代禱者守望的力量及支持。
5. 感恩! 主預備能翻譯的弟兄姊妹。這是我出發前最憂慮又實切的需要, 感謝弟兄姊妹的愛心及恩賜。特別是團中一位姊妹 Ming Sze, 她翻的很動聽!!
6. 感恩! 我撞傷時有團中弟兄姊妹的看顧、擁抱、拍照、供應藥物及代禱。沒有這些, 我定要大哭了!! Dora 謝謝你供應藥物給我。撞倒的一刻感覺到頭部及相機都要報廢了!! 然而頭部卻一直沒有腫起。我實在小信, 回港第二天再經醫生診斷, 頭部是有些於血但不用照 x-ray, 也不用吃藥, 自然癒合就好。要將榮耀歸給主!! 是主的恩手和弟兄姊妹禱告的雙手保守了我! (無論是團中還是在香港守望的)
7. 感恩! 探訪多間服事機構, 見識到神的作為 ---祂在世界各地選召各國各族關愛以色列。
8. 感恩! 有如同雲彩般的見證在我們中間:
- Doris 及 當地實習導遊琴的相遇. 神都有其美意在當中;
  - 一位腳傷初癒仍然勇敢前往的姊妹;
  - 一位獨個兒選擇與主同行而捨棄與女兒丈夫旅遊的姊妹;
  - Vania 及 母親得醫治及平安 [編者按: 當時出發後第 2 天 VANIA 得知身在深圳的母親急病入院, 在忐忑不安及猶疑是否取消行程回港上深圳看望母親下, 她唯有禱告交托。之後卻是不住的平安浸在心中, 繼續上路及禱告, 在行程最後一天得知她母親情況穩定了, 大家也為此喜樂及感謝神];
  - Ah Nee 及其父親的見證;
  - 當地身兼老闆的華人牧師的見證分享;
  - .....主在我們當中, 位位皆精彩。
9. 感恩! 神讓我感受到祂愛以色列的心- 「我愛以色列, 我的心在以色列。」

神對以色列的愛情 ~ “我愛以色列, 我的心在以色列 My heart belong to Israel”

最深刻經歷神就在特拉維夫的一間叫 Dugit Café (也是一間彌賽亞外展中心 (Messianic Outreach Centre)) 探訪。當牧師 Shmuel 在分享見證時, 輕柔的聲音從裡面出來說「我愛以色列」。這份愛以色列的感覺像是男女的愛情。牧師一直在分享, 出發前在宣教祈禱會上那份悲傷哀傷重來了, 再次在我裡頭不住地抽泣, 並且在我裡頭不住地為牧師禱告(對話)。感受到神為這地心頭極其哀痛悲傷, 並且神愛以色列的心極之深切。很大

的感動臨到要為牧師禱告說-『要用聖經的話語教導我的子民,也要用聖經的話語責備我的子民』。我無法用言語說明神那是何等愛以色列的心腸,神的心就在以色列,從沒有離開一樣。當我看見店中的一款索扣,圖案是一顆大衛星裡頭裹著一顆心,寫著『My heart belong to Israel』,這正正能表達出神對以色列的愛情就是如何緊緊著,無法分開。所以我為 SHMUEL 禱告時,一邊用手按著他的頭,一邊用手按著他的心房。讓他感受神為以色列憂傷的心是如此緊繃。

後來知道,神所以如此哀痛,原因之一是這地的同性戀者每年會大批上街遊行示眾。



您我對神愛以色列的回應 !?

多謝天父爸爸還我的願許我踏進以色列、讓我登耶和華的山。我願用永遠的愛情「來回應您的愛！」又願主用永遠的愛情愛您、感動您回應祂對以色列的愛情。