

Dear Friends,

Much has happened since we last wrote. Thank you for your prayers surrounding our visas which were once again, renewed at the last minute for another year. We started to plan a much-needed break to the UK, and having booked our flights, it became apparent that Kevin needed surgery that we were advised should not wait until we returned. You will have heard us talk in newsletters about the relationships we have built since we have been in Jaffa, and we are so thankful to the Lord for providing us with friends and contacts that enabled us to be put in touch with the head of surgery at our local hospital. He was able to operate a week later after we accessed various tests that even by Israeli standards, were performed, reported on, and found to be satisfactory in record time. Kevin has a new cardiologist, who kindly gave up his time and saw us out of clinic hours in order to certify him fit for surgery. This was a great testimony as everything fell into place and many friends and neighbours acknowledged the work of the Lord in the situation. We were blessed by two dear ladies in our congregation who helped transport us to appointments and stayed with Jen while Kevin had surgery, when they were able to pray together, read scripture, and offer support for Jen. Once discharged home, Kevin started a week of enforced rest, hoping to be fit to fly one week after surgery. As we waited to see the surgeon on the day before we flew, the Iranian missile attack took place and we spent that Saturday night, and the early hours of Sunday morning, once

again in our bomb shelter in our apartment. It was a different yet familiar atmosphere as we waited and prayed together, aware of the time frame from missiles being sent to reaching their target and seriously wondering if this was to be our last night in Jaffa. Many of you will know how much we needed a rest, and especially now post-surgery, how much more so. We felt sure that the Lord wanted us out of Israel for a while to pray and see family and spend time reflecting and discerning, and yet we watched the news as flights were cancelled and the airport was shut. We thank the Lord that he provided a window for us to travel and, having got the all clear from the surgeon, were able to continue with our plans.

We have just returned from three weeks in the UK where we were able to spend time with family, friends, and visiting familiar places that were important to us. We are really thankful for a mixture of people's hospitality and good Airbnb's, and were able to enjoy the English countryside, sunshine and rain. It took about three days for Jen to warm up after we arrived!

We are sorry that we were not able to see as many of you as we would have liked. Those we did meet up with, thank you for your kindness and love, and for the support you showed for the ministry here in Jaffa. It was a privilege to be able to share first-hand what the Lord is doing here and to know you will pray directly into the situation here.

On our return, we have a further two weeks to settle back into life here. Kevin managed the trip very well but is still taking things slowly. We have time to reflect on the time away and pray about the next steps. There are plans for the renovation and extensions of the Beit Immanuel building in Jaffa that we hope to be involved in, and we look forward to sharing with you how those plans progress.

In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and we will be in touch with more news very soon.

Blessings,
Kevin and Jen