

Friday, 01 June 2018

Dear friends and fellow fighters,



After a blessed time at the 'Connected in the Covenants' conference we thank the Supreme for His blessings and the love, warmth and safety that we could experience together.

We also thank all the volunteers who have worked with unbridled energy to give a warm welcome to anyone who came from far or near. There were many volunteers and it is not possible to mention them all by name. Thanks to the many prayers of people who stood in the gap for us, there have been breakthroughs of reconciliation. Some of these reconciliations are so personal that we cannot go into detail here, but it is certain that miracles happened to believers who had been struggling with each other for years!

During the weekend there were around 250 guests. There were brothers and sisters from Egypt, Jordan, Algeria, Syria, Iran, Lebanon and of course from Israel. In addition, there were people from Belgium, France, Great Britain and Papua Guinea. The worship in Hebrew, English, French and Arabic was special and the dances were full of joy. We also had a presentation of the artistic work of Jip Wijngaarden, which was very impressive. Everyone could sign up for workshops on different facets of the covenants in the Word of God. It was a rich composition. In addition to teaching about the covenant of God, the emphasis in the messages was on the fact that we live in a prophetic time in which many of us experience that prophecies are being fulfilled. The fact that we held this conference at this time was also of prophetic importance. The people with an Arab background testified that many Muslims are coming to faith.

If you would like to follow the teaching of the conference weekend about the association, you can order a USB stick at Cornerstone Foundation for 20 Euro. Mail: mokhtar.cornerstone@gmail.com

On Sunday we provided a joyful welcome for Mr. Aviv Shir-On, the ambassador of Israel to the Netherlands. He spoke to us and gave a beautiful presentation of 70 years of Israel and the miracle that this nation has become in the last 70 years. The participants of Jewish, Arab and Dutch descent spoke both their blessings and encouragement about Israel, and to the Ambassador personally. During coffee and tea with pastries and a well-prepared lunch there was ample opportunity to hand over gifts to him and take a picture with him. The ambassador had the Israeli flag with him, on which everyone could write a wish. These flags are placed in a time capsule and opened in 30 years!

Monday was a day for the Jewish and Arab participants. There were no Arab asylum seekers, which gave us the opportunity to focus on mutual relationships. This resulted in a renewed commitment of the Arab participants to stand beside the Jewish believers and to see Israel as God's people, with which He walks a wondrous path. It was wonderful to spend time together; to share from our personal lives, and to discuss what God does. Even though the participants cannot meet each other in the current situation in which the Middle East is so divided, we recognize each



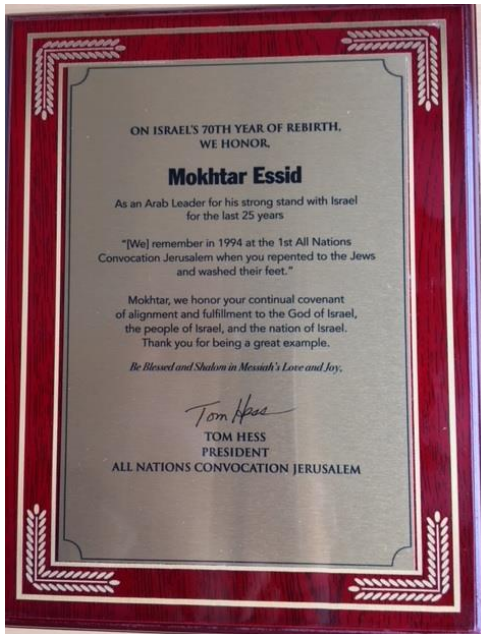
Obadiah 20b
"The captives of Jerusalem, that are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the South".

Isaiah 62: 10
"Go out, go out through the gates; prepare a way for the people! Build it up, build up the highway; clear away the stones! Raise a banner for the peoples".

Ezekiel 20: 40,41
"For on My holy mountain, Israel's high mountain – the declaration of the Lord God – There the entire house of Israel, all of them, will serve Me in the land. There I will accept them and will require your contributions and choicest gifts, all your holy offerings. When I bring you from the peoples and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered, I will accept you as a pleasing aroma. And I will demonstrate My holiness through you in the sight of the nations".

Isaiah 19: 23-25
"...25 The Lord of Hosts will bless them, saying, "Egypt My people, Assyria My handiwork, and Israel My inheritance and blessed"





other's existence, have chosen to dedicate ourselves to the plan of God, and pray for each other. Such a blessing!

At the opening of the 'Connected in the Covenants' conference, Mokhtar received a plaque from the board of 'Jerusalem Convocation of All Nations', led by Tom Hess, with which the Zouar Foundation recognized "25 years of dedication to stand behind Israel and to use his life for reconciliation ". We want to share this acknowledgment of gratitude with you, because you are the person who has been standing behind us for years, praying for us and financially enabling us to do this work. Without you, this would not have been possible. Thank you for your loyalty and devotion to the plan of God and the reconciliation between Jew and Arab.

Prior to the conference, Mokhtar had tried to invite his friends from North Africa, but unfortunately none of them managed to get a visa.

From 15 to 26 June, Mokhtar and his Jordanian friend Afeef will travel to Tunisia to organize a conference of a few days for the Tunisian Christians. They will teach together about Isaiah 19.

We long to see God's Name glorified among all the nations of the earth. He is worth it; there is no one like Him. We bless you on the path that He points to you so that we will see His Kingdom appear on earth.

Would you like to pray with us for:

- * safety for Afeef Halasah from Jordan. We want to ask God to prevent the customs officers from asking difficult questions because he is from Jordan. It is the first time that Afeef travels to Tunisia.
- * protection for Majdi and the other participants who practically organize this conference. They are attacked and buried under the scandalous accusation that they want to interfere with this organization in the leadership of the municipalities.
- * finances. Some Tunisians pay their own way to the place where we organize this conference, but not everyone can. Some of them have to travel 600 km for this. We pay their stay and the costs of food and education. For this purpose we have rented a private villa in which one can stay overnight. They cannot bear the expenses themselves. It goes without saying that we also reimburse Afeef's expenses. For this year, these are unforeseen costs for the Cornerstone Foundation.
- * the education that will be given. May it take root in the hearts of us all, that God's name may be sanctified.

It is so nice to know that we can share these concerns with you! We look forward to the Lord going to do a work in all of our hearts, that we may begin to reflect the identity of God through the Messiah's sacrifice, and many will come to know Him!

Sincerely,

Mokhtar and Sifra Essid

Mokhtar and Sifra Essid are working for the Cornerstone Foundation in Reconciliation between Jew and Arab. www.cornerstone-ministries.info donate via PayPal, conference Tunisia.