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Mokhtar Essid.

Mokhtar is by origin Tunisian and is raised up in a Muslim family. Thirty-five years ago he was born again and gave the authority of his live over to his father in Heaven and to Yeshua.

Since 1994 he has been intensely involved in the engagement between Arab Christians and Christians from the nations, who believe in Thora and love Gods appointed feasts and have the conviction to be grafted into the olive tree (Romans 11), of which Yeshua is the root.

Mokhtar is married with Sifra and together they have three children: a son, a daughter (a twin) of 26 and a son of 24 years old. He lives already for 30 years in the Netherlands and labours through Cornerstone Ministries for Christians in North-Africa, the Middle East and Israel. Cornerstone Ministries works on the basis of prayer for the Arab nations and Israel.

Mokhtar was able to testify on different places and occasion about reconciliation and forgiveness, among others to political leaders. In October 2005-2009 he brought a message of reconciliation to the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. In 2006 he gave his testimony in the Parliament of Ethiopia. He spoke twice in the European Parliament about the Holocaust, in 2009 and 2010.

Reconciliation.

In May 2002 I decided to organize 'Day for the confession of sin between Jews and Arabs in North-Africa' in Paris. Paul Ghenessia, (died in 2011) the rabbi that leads the Messianic congregations in Paris and Brussels, provided for this purpose his building. The number of people that came exceeded all my expectations: there were hundreds of people! In my speech I have provided for an overview of the history of each country in North-Africa. Again and again it became clear that Jews had not been welcome in the past. I confessed our guilt for this towards the Jews from North-Africa. There were also many French people that attended the conference. God spoke to their hearts about what had happened in the time of the colonization, to which they spontaneously started confessing their guilt. There was, for example, a French man of 90 years who shared that in his service in the army he had fought in Algeria and had killed many people. He asked all the Algerians: 'Do you also want to forgive me?'

Only through Gods Spirit and Word people can be brought together in this way for the purpose of reconciliation. To Him all the glory. Until that moment I organized these conferences secretly. But on that day God revealed to me that I did not have to be scared for the people and the media. His message was: let the world know what God can do in the hearts of the people! We hear every day the lies that the media spreads about what happens between Jews and Arabs, either in Europe or the Arab world. This also creates confusion among the Arabs. They ask themselves what to believe and what not. I am convinced that the solution for the problems between Jews and Arabs is only to be found in Yeshua the Messiah. We have seen that miracles happen in the hearts and lives of Jews and Arabs. We do not hear the media about this. Still I believe that God will reveal this to the people of the press one day, so that they can bring out the truth.

God has given me boldness to organize all the succeeding conferences in public. In 2003 people from out of more than fifty nations came together. There were sixteen speakers who were invited to speak not only about reconciliation between Jews and Arabs but also the importance to support them in this. During the conference we have always dedicated much of our time to worship. It was very special to witness Jews and Arabs confessing their guilt to one another. It was great to see them



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"



reconcile! Through this glorious truth, a rare thing in this time, we were greatly encouraged. None of the attendees shall forget any of these fantastic events.

More than a year later, in 2005, I received a noteworthy invitation: I was asked to speak in the Knesset about reconciliation. I was very amazed; I did not really get why in particular I was asked for this. I doubted long about this invitation; I could hardly imagine that it was serious. In October 2005 the moment was there. After arrival I was first brought to a meeting in a hotel where political leaders from many countries were present. There I was, in the midst of ministers, introducing themselves to one another. In the end it was my turn to introduce myself. I remember that I spoke about what God had done in my life. The next day we were picked up by a bus and brought to the Knesset for a lunch. After the lunch, everybody had the opportunity to say something. There were many political leaders. I remember that a Jewish woman, born in Libya, spoke about terrorists; she told that Quadhafi supported many terrorists. The president of the Knesset, a Jew from Russia, showed the newspaper in which there was an article about the Arab Peninsula. They had been giving much money to Hamas and the Palestinian terrorists. Then it was the turn for David Demian from Canada, he spoke openly about who the God of Israel is.

Eventually it was my turn. I felt that as a representative from Arab Islamic origin, who believes in Thora and loves Israel, I was obliged to react to what people before me had said about terrorism. I told that I was raised as Muslim and how God had changed my life. I told that I was changed through studying Thora. Because I had gotten a relation with dear Israeli brothers, my attitude towards them was changed, that I had become to love the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so much, that I wanted to repent for my wrong attitude against the Jews and my wrong thoughts about the land of Israel. About how God had used me in the recent years to bring Jews and Arabs together. Also I witnessed about their changed attitude to one another, that they started to speak with each other and could even forgive each other on the ground of their faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

In December of that year (2005) we again had a conference in the Netherlands. There was spoken clearly about the theme of reconciliation between Jews and Arabs. It was wonderful to see and experience that the input of 23 different countries all fitted together perfectly. There were participants from out of more than sixty countries. Through a satellite connection we have broadcasted this conference directly to 123 churches in America. On the stage there was a big tent of Abraham. It was wonderful to sit with different people in that tent: Jews, Arabs and people from all different nations, one in Yeshua the Messiah.

Ethiopia.

In 2006 I received an invitation from the minister of finance in Ethiopia to speak to the Ethiopian cabinet (in 2005 we are together in The Knesset) I was treated very kindly and with much respect there. There were many Africans. Again I could witness about how God had changed my life and how He has filled my heart with love for Him and His people Israel. I have confessed the guilt on behalf of the Arabs with I represented, about what they have done to the Africans. I told them that not every Arab is an terrorist – a prejudice that has caused much separation and grief. I could witness about the possibility of reconciliation when Yeshua the Messiah is accepted. It felt to me as a dream: flying to Ethiopia in one day, speaking there for one day and the next day I was already on my way back home.

At the end of 2006 I have organized a leaders conference for Jews, Arabs and pastors from different countries. Together we have studied the Bible, about what it says about covenant. We sensed how important it is to study the Bible together in this way and therefore we moved on to immediately make an appointment with each other for the next study meeting in 2007 with the theme: 'The land Israel'. For whom is the land? For Jews, Christians or Arabs? And the question was: what does the bible say about the land of Israel?

God gave us the desire to focus ourselves on the young generation, so that they will know Him and understand His word. We find it important to give to them what God has learned us. Since November 2008 we have started to do this in small groups. We have just finished these seven years. Therefore our organization is focused on stimulate young people to take up responsibility: in Israel, the Netherlands, Europe and the Arabic countries.

Mokhtar has receive different certificates:

- ✂ **UN October 2006:** certificate (Ambassador of peace)
- ✂ **House of Prayer Jerusalem All Nations Convocation:** 2007, 2010 en 2012
- ✂ **Yadvashem:** 2009 planting of a tree on behalf of the North Africans.

Projects of Cornerstone 2016:

- ✂ **Mokhtar:** publishing a book in Arabic on the covenant of Abraham (giving away 10,000 copies for free to refugees)
- ✂ **Every Saturday:** 'Parasha' study between 15 and 20 persons.
- ✂ **Every Thursday:** Sifra teaches about the roots of our faith
- ✂ **March 2016:** Course by Sifra on the book of Hebrews based on Thora
- ✂ **Mokhtar:** education among North-African believers through Skype, WhatsApp and Email
- ✂ **Tunisian Jews:** financial support
- ✂ **Financial support:** Jews in Tunisia, France and Israel
- ✂ **Financial support:** Arab Christians in North-Africa
- ✂ **Aliyah:** Sponsoring.
- ✂ Youth Conference 29th of April to 1st of May (speakers are from Israel)
- ✂ **Organize prayer trips in Israel:** North Africans (3-15 October 2016) and young adults from the Netherlands (2 weeks in October 2016).

May the Lord encourage you as you stand in the gap for His kingdom purposes to come on earth as they are already established in heaven.

Shalom,
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