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HOUSE OF HOPE

BETHLEHEM, ISRAEL

'Serving the blind and children with special needs and presenting them with the love of Jesus'

MIRA: THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SMILE!

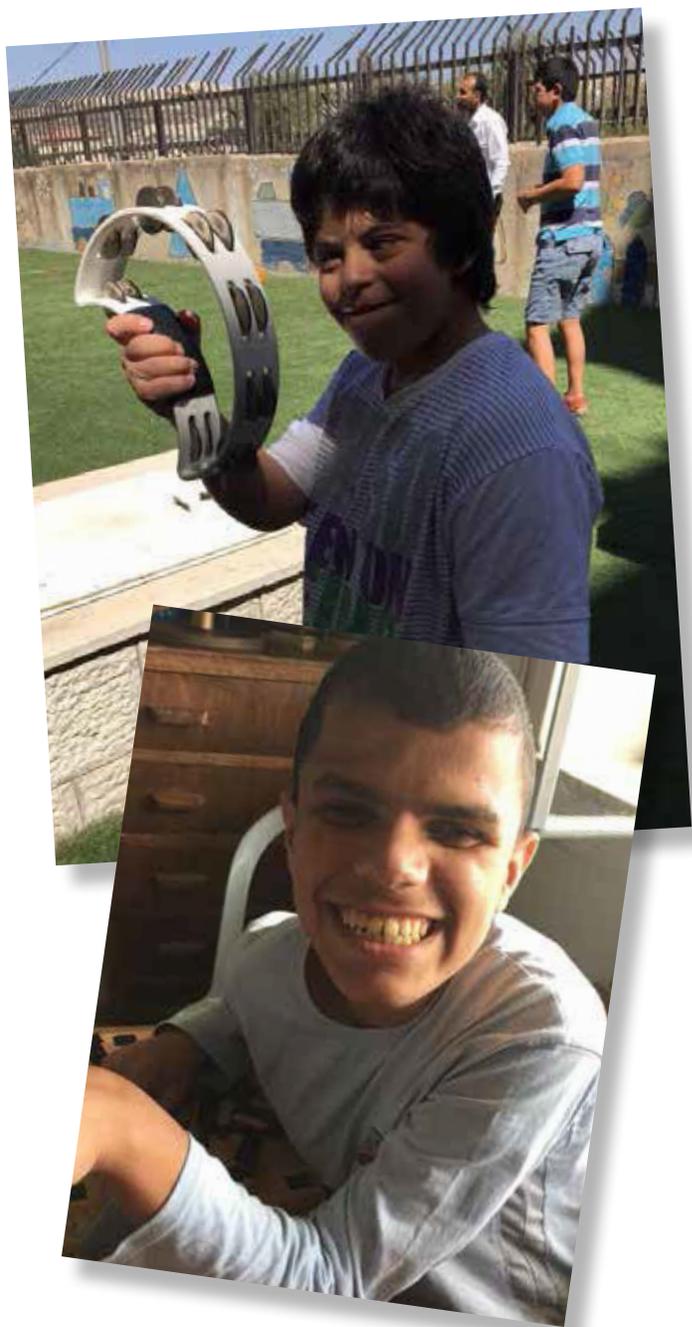
13 year old Mira from Ramallah, living at the House of Hope since she was 11 years old, was born with Down's Syndrome. Mira does well to express herself by using simple words and some signs. Her teacher, Jackline, helps her with her pronunciation and some handwriting. Halimeh, one of the House Mothers, is deaf and so teaches the girls some signs to express themselves. Mira has gone far and can now recognize every single vegetable and fruit as well as many animals.

Mira is busy all the time; she loves to make puzzles, to paint and to take pictures. When outdoors she loves to play football (soccer) and is always ready to throw the ball.

Mira has a kind and pure heart, but most importantly, she loves to pray during the devotional time and she always asks God to bless the house and all the staff. She gives you the biggest and most beautiful smile!

ANAN: ALWAYS PRAYING WITH OTHERS!

Anan, born blind and with a disability in his right hand, has been at House of Hope in Bethlehem for the last 4 years; he is now 15. He loves to play outside, to participate in devotions, to sing along



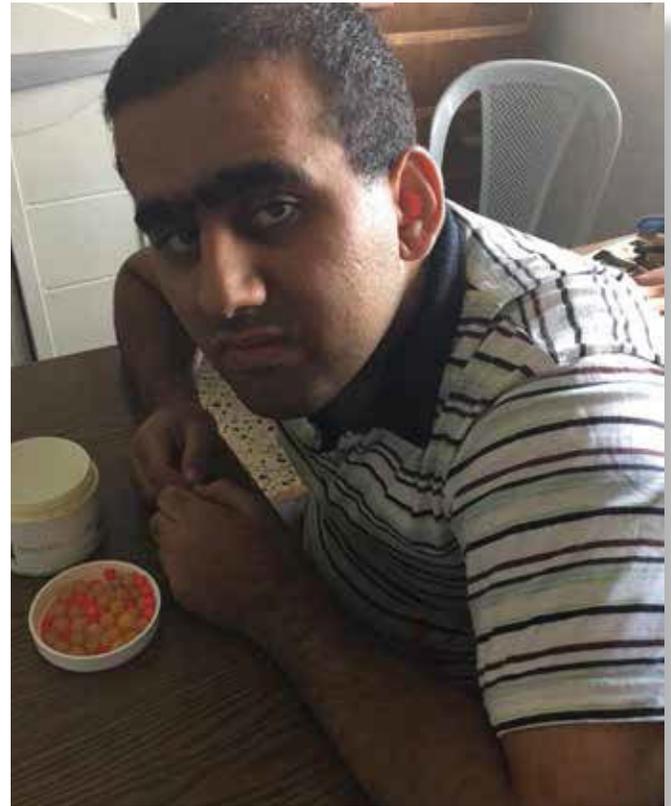
even when he doesn't remember the words and he always prays with others. In class he is learning some activities to better use his disabled hand and soon he will learn how to use the brail machine.

Anan is a great boy with a beautiful smile that he gives to anyone who talks to him.

MOHAMMAD: NEVER SAYS NO!

Mohammad came to House of Hope from Hebron when he was 8 years old and now he is a 23. Born with Hydrocephalous, he has faced problems with mobility and so he wears a brace to help him walk.

Mohammad is knick-named Forest, because he likes to go for trips and to swim. He listens carefully during class and is good at memorizing songs. Director George comments of Mohammad: "The thing we love about him is that he never says NO for anything especially food! Plus, he loves to participate in devotions and he leads us in singing."



SUNDAY LINE FELLOWSHIP: CHURCH IN THE PARK

The last weekend in May was special for Sunday Line Fellowship. The Omega students, from the 1 year mission course at Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford, BC, returned after their 3 weeks in Thailand and shared how they had been able to bring smiles to the faces of many children as they interacted with games and activities in the school classrooms. Following the service we gathered at Roman and Pat's home for a bounteous barbecue. The highlight was the water baptism of 4, including the Zhao family who has recently come to Canada from China.



I WILL BE WITH YOU!

Key Scripture: John 20:21

“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.”

Jesus' final words to His disciples in John 20:21 give His disciples this powerful charge. Have you ever stopped to reflect on what Jesus is really saying?

It is easy to underestimate the full meaning of Jesus' words. Jesus is not simply sending the Church to get some provisions at the corner store. The early Church was to challenge the might of the heathen empires; they were to undermine authorities and repudiate their doctrines and beliefs. They were to denounce and condemn everything anti-Christ which would bring down the wrath of emperors. Some would be fed to hungry lions and burned at the stake. Many would be stoned, whipped and crucified and the world would hate them.

If his disciples were to succeed in carrying out the work set before them, they had to understand that they needed to depend upon Him. Although these men were unlearned and illiterate, their ultimate success wouldn't be achieved through academic arguments, but by the divine truth which flowed through them.

In Jesus' own words He is sending the Church in the same capacity as He was sent, which is fully anointed as He was fully anointed with the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 3:1-19 the apostle Paul prays: **“I pray that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”** What does that mean?

To be filled to the full measure of God simply means that the Holy Spirit has complete and entire control of our lives. It means He occupies the entire person and not just part of a person. We can use the example of inviting a guest to our house, and welcoming them to stay; however, we also give them some exclusions and limitations to certain parts of the house. The guest might feel welcomed

but cannot fully make themselves at home. Likewise, the Holy Spirit allows us to treat Him as a guest, and because He will not force Himself upon us, He allows us to exclude Him from many aspects of our lives.

To be filled with the Spirit means that we allow the Holy Spirit to make His presence and His influence felt everywhere in our daily lives. This is the power that worked in Christ in His earthly ministry; this is the power where He wrought many miracles; this is the power where He cast out devils; this is the power whereby He raised people from the dead and whereby He offered Himself up on the cross and was raised from the dead, and this is also the power that worked in the early Church.

Today there are many denominations and scholars that will tell you that this power is no longer available to the church today and that it passed away when the last apostle died.

With that kind of teaching it is little wonder that the church isn't working in the power of the fullness of God. In fact Paul tells Timothy that in the last days the church will have a form of godliness but deny its power.

When Jesus says to the Church in John 20:21, **“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you,”** His words were not just meant for the original apostles. His words were meant for all believers in all ages. That commission was for the Church and not just for the early apostles.

It was the anointing on Jesus that set Him apart to do the will of God, and that meant that He was totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit. This fact is beautifully brought out in the Old Testament in respect to grain offerings: Leviticus 2:5: **“If your grain offering is prepared on a griddle, it is to be made of fine flour mixed with oil, and without yeast.”**

In the meal or grain offering the cakes of fine flour were to be mingled with oil and also were to be anointed with oil. The fine flour is symbolic of Jesus' perfect humanity; He was sinless and spotless. The mingling with oil tells us that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and the anointing is symbolic of being anointed for service. Likewise when Jesus commissions us for service He anoints

us with the Holy Spirit which we call the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. The dove was the bird used in sacrifice...it was also known as the bird of love as in the Song of Solomon, and it was also known as the bird of sorrows. When the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove it marked Him as the sacrifice whose love had brought Him down from heaven to take upon Himself the sorrows of the world.

Another Old Testament type is found in the cleansing of a leper. In Leviticus 14 the priest would take two birds and kill one in an earthen vessel over running water. The bird of heaven speaks of Jesus who came down from heaven, and the earthen vessel speaks of His prepared body. The running water represents the word of God, the Holy Spirit who washes and cleanses.

In His mission Jesus came to fulfill the scriptures. He is the manna that came down from heaven; He is the tree in Aaron's rod that budded and bore blossoms and fruit; He is the Passover Lamb that came for the slaughter; He is the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night; He is the rock that gushed with water; He is the tabernacle in the wilderness; He is the showbread; He is the golden candlestick that was filled with oil and illuminated the sanctuary; and likewise it is the light of the Holy Spirit in every believer that illuminates our sanctuaries (these bodies) as we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

In 2nd Corinthians 4:6-7 the apostle Paul writes: **"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."**

The purpose of this all-surpassing power from God is not to hide or conceal it but for the purpose of releasing it. This truth is also clearly brought out in the Old Testament account of Gideon. He is one of the best known judges who served Israel, and more space is devoted to him in the Book of Judges than any of the others.

You will recall that when God called Gideon he was pressing grapes in a winepress when God appeared to him and in Judges 6:14 tells Gideon:

"Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. AM I NOT SENDING YOU?" 'Pardon me, my lord,' Gideon replied, 'but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.' The LORD answered, 'I WILL BE WITH YOU and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.'"

At the Lord's command, Gideon issued a call to Israel's men to join him and 32,000 men answered the call which eventually was narrowed down to only 300 men.

The only battle gear that Gideon's army carried was a trumpet and a clay jar which covered an oil lamp. At night they encircled the camp of their enemy and at Gideon's signal the 300 men blew their trumpets and broke their clay jars of oil which created a line of fire all around the enemy's camp, and in their confusion the enemy ended up fighting each other. Gideon then captured their wicked leaders and killed them, and for forty years afterwards Israel had peace.

The call to Gideon reminds us of Jesus' call to the church today: **"Am I not sending you?"** Jesus sends us into the world of missions. He sends us just as we are. When God called Gideon, He was aware of his inadequacy...his family was poor and he was the least in his household, but the difference is that God promised: **"I WILL BE WITH YOU!"**

And likewise the call today, is the same to us. He says: **"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you,"** (John 20:21) and **"I will be with you...even unto the ends of the earth."** (Matthew 28:20)

Isn't this a great comfort to know that God is with us? We are jars of clay filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit, called to let our light shine in this dying world.

Thank you once again for your faithful gifts to this ministry. Together we are letting the light of Jesus' love shine in the lives of many children around this world.

Blessings and Love,

*Pastor Roman
& Pat Kozak*

