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Dear beloved, faithful brethren in the Messiah:

Sincere, hearty, and joyful Philadelphia greetings in the Name of Almighty Yahweh Elohim, our beloved Father in Heaven, and in the Name of His Son, our Redeemer and Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. HalleluYah!

During this recent sacred season, we were blessed to be able to draw close to Almighty Yahweh, our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, and brethren of like precious Faith. We have nothing but the greatest praise, thanksgiving, and appreciation for Almighty Yahweh for the abundant blessings that He has poured out upon us. Yahweh spoke to us through His Word, announcing the sacred season of the seventh month of the scriptural year with the sighting of the new moon of Ethanim. With a piercing blast of the shofar, announcement was made signaling the dates of the Yahweh's holy convocations for 2014.

Following the Feast of Trumpets, we entered the Days of Awe: nine days of self-examination which precede the Day of Atonement. During this time, we closely examine our hearts, minds, and every aspect of our life, before our appearance before Yahweh on the Day of Atonement. Each year, this self-examination strengthens us, as Yahweh corrects us through His Word, lifting the burden of sin from our hearts, reconciling us to Him through Yahshua the Messiah.

Almighty Yahweh has blessed us beyond measure during the sixth year of the Sabbatical cycle, preparing for us a glorious Feast of Tabernacles here at Bethel. From around the United States, Canada, England, and the Caribbean, dedicated brethren and sisters came to serve Almighty Yahweh during the sacred season. Each year, we concentrate upon the sound doctrine of the Word of Almighty Yahweh which prepares us for the coming Kingdom of Yahweh. During this Feast of Tabernacles, we all

sought to achieve a higher level of spirituality by obeying every one of Yahweh's commandments and following in the footsteps of Yahshua the Messiah. The attitude of Philadelphia was truly evident here at the Feast of Tabernacles, with each brother and sister in the Faith serving each other with humility.

The theme to the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles was the command that Yahshua the Messiah gave to His disciples in Mark 16:15, ***“Go You Into All the World and Preach the Good Tidings!”*** The good tidings of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world before the return of Yahshua the Messiah. With WMLK (which is expected to come online soon), the eternal good tidings can be preached to every nation on the earth—a message of repentance and remission of sins through the Name of Yahshua the Messiah. The Names of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and His Son, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah, must be proclaimed to all that dwell upon the earth.

The 2014 Feast of Tabernacles theme brought a great spirit of unity to the Feast. It reminds us of Psalm 133. ***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that came down upon the skirt of his garments; Like the dew of Hermon, that comes down upon the mountains of Zion: For there Yahweh commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.”*** A profound spirit of peace was evident among all who attended this annual convocation.

The Sabbatical Year began on September 6, 2014, at the end of the Day of Atonement. Consequently, we were able to fulfill the command of Moses in Deuteronomy 31:10-13. ***“And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years,***

in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, when all Israel has come to appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which he shall choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and your sojourner that is within your gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Yahweh your Elohim, and observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim, as long as you live in the land which you go over the Jordan to possess.” This was truly a high point for the Feast because we were able to read the fifth book of Moses—the restatement of the Law—in one sitting. We assembled the whole congregation—men, women, and little ones, just as the Word of Yahweh instructs us—to hear the Law of Yahweh being read. Since this is a commandment that we can only observe once every seven years, we always hold this reading of the Law of Yahweh near and dear to our hearts. We also were able, most days, to assemble together as a group for the daily Bible reading, solidifying our partnership in fellowship.

The feast site was also as beautiful as could be! The flowers in front of the Tabernacle were a skillful array of brilliant colors painted by the hand of Almighty Yahweh. This year, we had a new Feast Office, designed and constructed by Deacon Nathaniel Meyer, assisted by the brethren and volunteers. Since 1996 we have been using a mobile home as the Feast Office, which was not easily accessible for the elderly and handicapped. Now, a spacious ground-floor office (which looks like a miniature version of the Tabernacle) easily accommodated everyone, especially those in wheelchairs.



Since the beginning of the Sabbatical Year, we have seen a major downturn in the economy, just as happened in 2007. Financial pundits, however, largely ignore the dangers of this bear market. They expect that this downturn will quickly rebound, and a bullish market will emerge. With the dark and gloomy clouds of financial crisis on the horizon, we must seek to stock up on our Sabbatical supplies. Included with this **Narrow Way Newsletter** is the **Sabbatical Year Newsletter**, giving tips and pointers of how we can prepare for the Sabbatical year to come.

Brethren, let us make our calling and election sure, preparing ourselves for the Kingdom of Yahweh which is soon to come to this earth. Let us keep up that inspiration that we felt at the recent Feast of Tabernacles! Yahshua the Messiah’s return is imminent, and we must be ready when the trumpet blows, signaling His return. As we work out our salvation with fear and trembling, eagerly anticipating Yahshua’s Second Coming—we must be washing our garments in preparation for His return.

Keep the Faith, Brethren! May Almighty Yahweh bless and keep you always. May Yahweh’s face shine upon you in His Name and in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, our Redeemer and Savior. May Yahweh’s peace (shalom) that passes all understanding be upon us. HalleluYah!

***With Sincere Philadelphia Affection
and Yahshua’s Name!***

Teaching Elder Jonathan S. Meyer

