



# Lloyd & Elaine Cooke

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica

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Greetings friends and family,

Elaine and I were in Raleigh, N.C. on October 7th. getting ready to go to the Holy Land the very next afternoon with a group from our daughter, Gail's, Chapel Hill Bible Church. Many of you have informed us how greatly you interceded for us. The trip was finally called off the very morning: about 12 hours before we were due to depart.

This is the time of Thanksgiving: it is maybe, the only North American season that we really miss, since our return to Jamaica twenty-three years ago. We began to see the beginnings of the change of leaves during the two weeks we spent in North Carolina and Georgia, recently. We wish for you a great time of family gathering and remembrances of God's blessing to you and your families over the past year. We also have much to thank God for and to remember His often undeserved blessings over this past year.

While we regret the attack by Hamas on the nation of Israel, we rejoice in the Lord's help so far, and that He will use this issue to turn the hearts of the Israeli nation and its people towards their Messiah. God's promises are plentiful to Israel of their protection and their eventual "looking up-on Him whom they have pierced, and wailing as they receive His return for their deliverance (Zech. 14:10-12) Jesus/Yeshua promised the people of Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1-11; Psa. 118:26) that when they would finally ask for His return by saying "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" He would come to their aid and final deliverance. may we all continue to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" as Psalm 122: 6-9 requests us all to do. We also greatly give thanks to God that through faith in Christ, we have also become "sons of Abraham by faith (Rom. 4:1-18). We therefore suffer with Israel as their brothers and beneficiaries of the salvation brought into the world, as Jesus himself told the woman at the well that 'Salvation is of the Jews'.

Our thanksgivings also are due to you, our faithful prayer and financial supporters, who allow us to continue our witness for Christ here in Jamaica and wherever we go. Together we are Witnesses for Christ. Sometimes, as Francis of Assisi, advised us, we use words to do our witnessing. We will continue to "Occupy until I come"! until the Lord calls us home.

Yours sincerely in Christ's love!

*Lloyd & Elaine*

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