



# May - June

# 2022





Ariel USA Texas Mary Ann & Arnold Fruchtenbaum



#### Praise Reports

• I have now completed 32 of the 48 chapters of my commentary on Ezekiel.

• I have had several opportunities to teach, both locally and elsewhere in the USA.

• I have just finished my final review of the commentary on Romans. This book will soon be printed and published.

• I have begun the initial proofreading of the chapters of the commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations that have already been edited.

#### Prayer Requests

• For the last couple of months, Mary Ann has mostly been sleeping and has become very hard of hearing. Please pray for her.

• Please pray for the editing process of the Jeremiah and Lamentations commentary.

• Also pray for the printing and publication of the Romans commentary.

• Pray for the Shoshanah 2022 summer program, particularly for the following:

- An increase in adult students from around the world despite COVID restrictions
- Additional staff to take care of the physical needs on the property
- Workers for the children and youth ministry



Home Office San Antonio, Texas



• Praise the Lord for a number of discipleship opportunities that staff is involved in.

• Praise the Lord also for recent fellowship times over lunch with leaders of local congregations, hosted at the Home Office.

• We praise the Lord for providing through so many who give generously for the work of Ariel Ministries USA as well as the work of the Ariel branches, representatives, Shoshanah Campus, and Ariel College of the Bible (online courses).

• Praise the Lord that the "Arnold Answers" Q&A feature for the website is completed and progress has been made in adding previous content to it.

• We thank the Lord for Tim Velasco's three years of excellent service on the Board of Directors, as he steps down for a time due to other pressing responsibilities.

# Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the filming of the Isaiah course taking place at the Home Office for the Ariel College of Bible and Messianic Jewish Studies online courses.

• Pray for the Jewish Evangelism Seminar led by Henry Matarrita (World Mission Outreach) to be held at the Home Office on June 11th.

• Please pray for the Ariel Ministries Board as they continue to work behind the scenes to provide leadership and direction. Pray for the new member, Guy Hoffman, as he takes up responsibilities on the Board.

• Pray that we may effectively encourage and minister to people who call or come into the Home Office.

• Please continue to lift up in prayer the Ariel staff members dealing with health concerns and family support efforts.

• Pray for the Lord's provision and joy for the many people who are supporting the ministry. Pray that the Lord would touch additional hearts to partner in the work through their giving and prayers, especially for the upcoming 2022 Shoshanah program.

• Please pray for smooth completion of a new Online Magazine feature on the website and resolution of some technical difficulties in the online store.





Ariel Publishing North Carolina Christiane Jurik



• We are praising the Lord for the effective work of the proofreading team! The Romans commentary is finished. I have received only positive feedback from the team regarding this work. One proofer wrote: "Another pristine commentary!!!!!!" The number of exclamation points says it all. The Romans commentary is fantastic! At the time of the writing of this prayer guide, the finalized book was in the hands of Dr. Fruchtenbaum. Once he is done reviewing it one last time, it will go off to the printers.

• Ariel's Publishing Department is being supported in great parts by generous donations from faithful believers. We are praising the Lord for their support!

• The faithfulness and stamina of the entire publishing team (including the graphic designers, the copyeditors, proofreaders, and translators) are a blessing, and we are so grateful for your prayer support!

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for timely and quality completion of printing and shipping of the titles that are printed for the first time and a number of titles that have to be reprinted. Because of paper shortages at the company that normally does printing for Ariel Publishing, we have had to place orders with overseas printers.

• Please pray for the general work of the publishing department and specifically for:

- The editing of the Jeremiah/Lamentations commentary
- The proofreading of Volume 6 of Come and See
- The team that proofreads the Jeremiah/ Lamentations commentary
- The authors and the graphic design team of the magazine
- The health and wellbeing of the entire publishing team, including all translators (please pray especially for our eyes)

- Dr. Fruchtenbaum's work on the Ezekiel commentary
- The many translators around the world





Mark Adler, Ph.D. Vice President and Provost Ariel College of the Bible and Messianic Jewish Studies www.ArielCollege.com



# Praise Reports

- Praise to GOD for:
  - The launch of the online course on James (Jacob), I and II Peter, and Jude
  - The completion of filming, overlays, and editing of the Judges and Ruth course
  - Excellent progress on the recording of the Isaiah course
  - Generous donations from faithful believers who are helping to provide funding to this division of Ariel
  - Steady growth in the number of students who are taking the online courses
  - Our students, from all over the nation and world, who are working diligently in their studies
  - The successful transition from "Ariel Online Courses" to "Ariel College of the Bible and Messianic Jewish Studies" (ACB-MJS) and our new website: www.ArielCollege.com
  - The new "Arnold Fruchtenbaum and Ariel College of the Bible" YouTube Channel with new ACB-MJA worship videos and course samples
  - The team of believers that God has called to help build ACB-MJS
  - Very good health

# Prayer Requests

- Please pray to GOD for:
  - Courageous, tireless, visionary, and servantminded leadership
  - Creative and academic excellence in the development of the new "Foundations" courses
  - Efficient completion of the next courses to be launched: Judges/Ruth, Feasts and Fasts of Israel
  - Swift and full approval of all financial grants applied for
  - His continued amazing work in building, prospering, and protecting ACB-MJS
  - Excellent health—spiritual, physical, mental, and relational—for all involved with Ariel Ministries and ACB-MJS



Ariel USA Shoshanah Campus New York Joe and Cindy Azevedo



# Praise Reports

- We praise the Lord:
  - For the average of 10 to 30 students per week so far
  - For 16 out of 23 workers needed
  - For all the work that the Lord enabled us to complete on campus so far
  - That the tree that fell on cabin 7 didn't do a lot of damage
  - That Cindy and I are officially members of a good local church

# Prayer Requests

- Please pray:
  - For continued enrollment of students
  - For laborers and good weather to complete the work still needed to be done on campus grounds and buildings before July 1st
  - For the remainder of staff needed to accomplish the work for the 2022 program
  - For the Lord to bless Arnold and the other teachers with good health and strength
  - For health and strength for us to serve at the Shoshanah Campus
  - That students and workers would grow in their relationship with the Lord because of their experience at Shoshanah Campus this summer
  - For wisdom from *Ruach HaKodesh* to make decisions for the daily administration of Shoshanah Campus ministry



Ariel Australia Victoria, Australia Chris & Lisa Savage



# Praise Reports

- We praise the Lord:
  - For the answers to prayer from our weekly prayer meetings with Ariel New Zealand
  - For the Lord's continuing grace which abounds towards us
  - That we are still able to meet together for group studies
  - For those who continue to support us in prayer, resources, and time
  - For the growth in attendance to our Zoom meetings

# Prayer Requests

• Pray for effective time management.

 $\circ$  Continue to pray for the successful launch of our new website.

• Pray for a helper in the social media area for Ariel Australia and New Zealand.

 $\circ$  Pray that the Jewish outreach planned for later this year will take place.

 Keep praying for continued boldness in the work of disciple making that God will

- Open a door for the word especially among the Jewish people
- Enable us to declare the mystery that is Messiah
- Enable us to speak with clarity
- Give us the words to speak on each occasion



Ariel Canada Montreal, Quebec Jacques & Sharon Gabizon



#### Praise Reports

• The new French radio programming is going well. We have heard back from francophones who are blessed that dispensational teaching is aired on these French stations. One caller, a French speaker who knew of his Jewish roots, grew up as a Catholic. He was so excited to connect with us since no one from his family is willing to acknowledge this Jewish ancestry. He even learned to read and understand Hebrew within one year, this having been done on his own studying of the *Tanakh*.

• The evangelistic outreaches in Montreal and Calgary are experiencing amazing results. Just last week, the team gave out 100 pamphlets on Passover along with four sets of Scripture and had many conversations. And this was just one of many outreaches! Thank You, Lord, for the openness we are seeing among Jewish people to converse and consider.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for more and more French people to tune into our radio programming.

• Please continue to pray for all those who received the Scriptures and pamphlets.

• Please pray for protection for those who faithfully serve at the congregation.

• Please continue to pray for time management for the many things to be done so that the Word of God would pierce through to the heart of the Jewish community here and elsewhere.



Ariel Canada Montreal, Quebec Jackie Fierman



• Praise the Lord for opportunities to speak out-oftown three weekends in a row in April. It was the first time in over two years, and it felt so good to be on the road again. One of the churches was new to Ariel, so it was great to see people connect with our translated materials for the first time. I have already been invited to return.

• It was tremendous to rejoin the evangelism team's outreaches in person again in April. At the Passover season, we gave away many tracts and sets of Scriptures. I hope to regularly go a couple times per week.

• My little finger and knee are gradually healing up as I work out every other day and do the needed exercises. Praise God for the financial provision to pay for the physical therapy.

# Prayer Requests

• Please pray for more and more speaking occasions as Quebec opens up. I look forward to when I can travel out of province as well, but might focus on the fall for New Brunswick and/or Western Canada.

• Continue to lift up the evangelistic outreaches in Montreal and with other people I encounter as the weather has finally warmed up, making it easier to have longer conversations outside.

• Please pray for the salvation of my siblings, nieces, nephews, and extended family. My three siblings are all in declining health. It is more than time for them to consider end-of-life questions.

• I am not sure about my summer plans and am seeking the Lord's direction about a trip to the U.S., depending on border requirements.



Ariel China Evergreen

#### Praise Reports

• We appreciate your faithful prayers so much. We praise God for His mercy in keeping us healthy, for the good weather we have had while sharing the good news of Messiah Jesus, and for the Lord's grace to our daughter during the last four years of her college studies.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the proofreading and publishing of the Chinese translation of the abridged version of Yeshua – The Life of Messiah from a Messianic Jewish Perspective.

• Please pray for more volunteers to join the Ariel China team in order to prepare more material from a Jewish perspective, especially for the translation of the commentaries.

• Please pray for wisdom and strength to spread Ariel's teaching and materials. May more Chinesespeaking believers know the Scriptures and love God more deeply!

• Please pray for the Lord to give us more co-workers and disciples to serve Him, bringing more fellow Chinese to the Lord in our ministry field.

• Continuously pray for opportunities to make friendships with Messianic believers in Seattle.

• Pray for the church ministries in Mainland China, especially during the recent serious pandemic situation.

• Please pray for the Lord's guidance of our daughter's future.





Ariel Germany Duesseldorf, Germany

(This branch is led by a team of ten dedicated people with a heart for Jewish mission work.)



# Praise Reports

• We praise the Lord for Katie, who recently came to faith and is such an encouragement to us with her simple, child-like trust in the Lord.

• We also praise Him for some good ministry opportunities during the spring and for Philip, a volunteer, who may be able to assist us in our video work.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the different translation teams who are working on projects such as the translation of the Isaiah commentary by Dr. Fruchtenbaum. Pray for health, strength, and protection from the enemy.

• Please pray for God's guidance and provision during the coming months as we take definite steps to purchase the ministry building.

• Pray for the growth of our newly started Bible study in our home.

• Pray for wisdom from God to use the evangelistic opportunities we have with Jewish Ukrainian refugees.



Ariel Hungary Urom, Hungary Ivan & Rita Nagy



#### Praise Reports

• Five days after the war started in Ukraine at the end of February, when sanctions were made against Russia, our bank of 20 years went bankrupt in one day. We did not have any chance to withdraw or wire money from our accounts. The bankruptcy affected our personal account as well as the account of the Hungarian Ariel branch. We had to move very quickly to open a new account. Because of a certain insurance law in Hungary, we were able to get the money back after a lot of administrative work. Support also came from Ariel US and other donors. We are very thankful for this.

• We praise the Lord that our Messianic fellowship began meeting in person again at our Jewish friend's place and that we were able to celebrate Pesach there.

# Prayer Requests

• Please pray for peace in our region (Ukraine is our neighboring country).

• Pray for the safety of many thousands of refugees from Ukraine.

• Pray for our fellowship meetings and for those who attend them. Some of our members are experiencing hardships.

• Please pray for further protection and health in the present pandemic situation.

• Pray that Dr. Fruchtenbaum's video about the gospel may reach many.

• Pray for the preparation of the sixth conference with Dr. Fruchtenbaum in October 2022. One of the things we need is a good conference venue.

• Please continue to pray for the salvation of a Jewish Holocaust survivor who has been attending our online fellowship. Pray for Rita as she visits this lady regularly. They are having great conversations about the Messiah.  Please continue to pray for the salvation of a Also pray for M, another Holocaust survivor, who has Parkinson's disease. Rita has been visiting her.
Please pray for additional opportunities to talk about the Messiah.

• While you are praying for Rita and her ministry to these women, please pray for her Hebrew studies.

• Continue to pray for the sister in our fellowship who regularly visits Holocaust survivors.

• As always, pray for finances to continue the work in Hungary and against anti-Semitism in our nation. In this context, pray for Ivan as he works full time, that he would have the energy to prepare the Bible teachings.

• Pray for further study in counseling as there is a great need for this.

• As always, pray for our health and the health of our loved ones as well as for our daughter as she finishes her studies at university.





Ariel India Ahmedabad, India Bakul Christian



• We praise God for the ministry He has entrusted to us. I am still teaching several local Bible studies and youth groups, as well as my nephew and his family in Australia.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the translation of Yeshua – The Life of Messiah from a Messianic Jewish Perspective and HaMashiach – The Messiah of the Hebrew Scriptures.

• Please pray for additional teaching opportunities in Gujarat churches.

• Please pray for the health of my wife, Jenet.

• Please pray for my health, as I am still dealing with some lung issues that sometimes bother me a lot.





Ariel Israel Near Natanya Sasha & Lilian G.



#### Praise Reports

• We thank our Lord for He has provided us with additional funds to continue the promotion of the Ariel-Israel website in the Russian language.

We praise our Lord that the Ariel-Israel website in Russian has reached 5,625 page-views from January to April. 56.58% of these views were from Ukraine. The most visited PDF was "The Deity of the Messiah."

• The long-awaited positive answer to our prayers has arrived. We have received a donation that will allow us to come back to our translation of the "Come and See" discipleship program both in Hebrew and Russian (about five additional lessons in each language).

#### Prayer Requests

• Last month, there were four terror attacks in various cities of Israel. Fourteen people have been killed. We ask you to pray for the families of those who lost their loved ones and for God's mercy and protection of His nation.

• Please pray for our relatives in Russia (Moscow). Lilian's two cousins live there. They don't agree with and don't support the war. They both are originally from Ukraine. We can't imagine that their sons will be taken to the army forcefully, as they cannot and do not want to fight against the people of their motherland.

• Pray for our family in Ukraine. Lillian's uncle and her other cousin's family live in Donbas. They cannot flee to Israel, to Ukraine, or to Russia. We are in touch with them on a daily basis. They ask for our prayers and say that it feels to them that our prayers protect them as an iron dome. We hope they will turn to the Lord and will get to know their Messiah.  Keep on praying for our social media team and designers of Ariel-Israel websites in Hebrew and Russian. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and protection from all kinds of evil.

• Pray for our translators and proofreaders as they are starting their work translating additional manuscripts of the "Come and See" program. Pray that they would do their work highly professionally and as fast as they can.

• Most importantly, pray with us for those who visit the two websites of Ariel-Israel, that unbelieving people will be touched by the light of the gospel and that those who already believe will grow deeper in their knowledge of God's Word and their walk with the Lord.

• Furthermore, pray for wisdom in our marriage counseling ministry.

• We are preparing to move on to the next step in implementing the vision of providing a Messianic facility for people with special needs. We intend to open an NPO, build a work plan, and start raising significant funds for the realization of the project. We understand that the fulfillment of our vision, a completed housing and employment support system, will take time due to the need to raise significant funding. This is an ambitious but blessed vision, seeking to provide the Messianic community in the Land of Israel with a framework that can take care for the special people that God created as part of His body. Please pray with us to see God's blessings, guidance, and provision. Also pray for strength, faith, funds, and the right people to serve with us, hand-tohand. If you have any ideas of how to help us establish this project, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us or to connect us with those you think might be able to help.





Ariel Italy Carimate, Italy Paolo Speciale & Martina Pifferi Speciale



• We praise the Lord for the great feedback we received after the online conferences were aired. The videos Dr. Fruchtenbaum and Mottel Baleston recorded were dubbed and subtitled in Italian. They have reached thousands of people. We praise the Lord for what He is doing in our country and for helping us to understand how to share Ariel Ministries' teachings in a more direct way with our people.

• We praise the Lord because after the conferences were aired, we received many orders for Footsteps of the Messiah translated in Italian.

• We praise the Lord for the opportunity Martina had to share the Word through an online broadcast dedicated to women's ministry. She had the chance to present Ariel Italia and to explain why it is so important to learn how to share the Gospel with the Jewish people. Those who hosted the broadcast were so happy with Martina's presentation that they asked her to be their guest again in the near future.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the organization of the third tour in Italy with Dr. Fruchtenbaum in the fall. May the Lord give us wisdom in all the decisions to be made.

• Pray for the opportunity for Martina and our kids to go to New York this summer so that they can attend the program at the Shoshanah Campus.

• Pray for our move back to Tuscany in June. May the Lord give us wisdom and strength in everything.

• Continue to pray for all the translation and revision projects and for the necessary funds to support the tour, the printing of the new books, and the production of more dubbed videos.



Ariel Liberia Monrovia Wion and Shirley Wleh



#### Praise Reports

• We are thankful to God for all that He is doing through us in His ministry in Liberia, West Africa. We are also grateful to Him for the prayers and support of all of you who are standing with us in the ministry. The Lord had done such great works that the words of our mouths are inadequate to express our thanks and appreciation.

• We are praising God for the opportunity to implement the ministry plan for 2022. Our church held her annual missions conference that brought fifty-one churches together from different denominations. We taught on the eight mysteries of the New Testament. We were also invited by Christian Light Organization (CLO) to serve as key speakers of their annual conference in some rural area in Liberia. We taught on the mystery of the church, the Great Commission, the transfiguration, and the imprisonment of Paul and Silas in Philippi using the theme: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved." So many people gave their lives to Yeshua.

# Prayer Requests

• We organized and hosted a youth conference for more than 150 young men and women and taught them the Word of God from a Messianic Jewish perspective. Please pray for these young people and ask the Lord to grow the seeds that were sown in their lives.

• CLO has asked us to start a Messianic Jewish Studies training with them in their community. They are going to invite pastors, church workers, and other believers to be a part of the training. We need your prayers for this ministry to CLO.

• Please pray as we prepare and build a new training center to resume our organic agriculture training classes that we suspended because of the relocation of the training center.  $\circ$  Pray with us as we continue our Messianic Jewish studies with pastors and church leaders.

• We also maintain our plan to conduct three-day seminars in rural counties. We plan to visit at least two counties this year and will need your prayer for this.

• Shirley is praying to train young women and teenagers in tie-and-dye and soap-making to give them some skills.

• Pray with us that it will be possible for us to attend Ariel's School of Messianic Jewish Studies at the Shoshanah Campus next summer to complete our five-year course. People are willing to sponsor us, but COVID restrictions still make it difficult to travel.





Ariel New Zealand Auckland, New Zealand Johan van Vuuran



#### Praise Reports

 $\circ$  Praise God for all He has done and provided for Ariel NZ.

• Praise God for the love and encouragement from our families.

# Prayer Requests

• Please continue to pray for the various study groups around New Zealand that are using Ariel material.

• Please continue to pray that people attending will grow in their knowledge of our God and will be inspired to teach others. Also pray that more people will attend.

• Please continue praying for the study groups that I am leading. It is such a blessing to see people growing in their faith. Please pray that these groups will grow in number, but also that people attending will go out and teach others.

• Please pray for the Board of Ariel New Zealand. Pray for humbleness and wisdom for the work that we do in New Zealand of promoting Ariel material.

• Praise God that our borders are opening and that there will be again Israeli backpackers visiting New Zealand. Please pray that they would hear the gospel while travelling through our beautiful country.

• That also means that Dr. Fruchtenbaum and Mottel Baleston can visit in 2023. We are looking at dates in November. Please pray that the visit will go ahead.

• Please pray that I would get more opportunities to speak in churches.

• Please pray for me with time management.

• Please pray for my wife's health.



Ariel USA North Carolina John & Sharon Metzger



# Praise Reports

• Thank you for your prayers and financial support as I continue to work on the Ariel Study Bible. I have finished I Corinthians, which took me the month of March to complete.

• Sharon had a foot operation, and it has healed well.

• May and June will be quiet months which will enable me to continue my focus on the Study Bible.

• In June, Sharon and I will take a few days to celebrate our 54th wedding anniversary. We are thinking of going to Washington D.C. and visit some of the newer exhibits on the Mall area, like the Bible Museum.

#### Prayer Requests

• Please continue to pray for a lot of wisdom as I embark on II Corinthians and Galatians.

• Please continue to fervently pray for the right person to translate my book *God in Eclipse* into Hebrew.

• I will be attending the General Association of Regular Baptist Conference (GARBC) in Grand Rapids, MI, the last week of June. Pray for lots of new contacts as I believe this is the first time that Ariel Ministries will be represented there.



Ariel USA Rock Hill, SC Jack Nakashima



• Teaching through the Life of the Messiah is progressing quite well.

 $\circ$  We had more than 70 people come to saving faith during my wife's mission trip to Central America.

• By the time this prayer guide goes out, I should have had the opportunity to lead a Passover Seder with over 60 people. For most, it will have been their first celebration of Passover.

• I have been able to make good progress in my video teachings on Revelation.

• I was able to have a display at a missions conference and share the work of Ariel Ministries.

# Prayer Requests

• I am considering a 4-week trip to Tanzania in August and September to train pastors in the Bible and appreciate your prayer support.

• Please pray for my part in developing a new course for Ariel College of the Bible and Messianic Jewish Studies.

 $\circ$  Continue to pray for an increase in language facility and for our general health.



Ariel USA New Mexico Roberto Anchondo



• I have been witnessing to a 21-year-old young lady raising her 14-year-old brother. She has recently accepted the Lord. A 94-year-old woman and a 96-year-old man also accepted the Lord. God is so merciful!

#### Prayer Requests

• I am working with nineteen Jewish people who are either atheist, agnostic, or not practicing any beliefs. Please pray that they will come to a saving knowledge of Messiah.

• Please pray for three evangelistic events scheduled in Mexico.

• Please pray for the street evangelistic team.

• Please pray for my hospice patients, both Jewish and Gentile, that the Lord save many before they leave this earth.





Gefen International Israeli Network



• We praise the Lord for Israelis using the network mostly in the USA, Canada, and Europe—and particularly in Italy in recent months.

• We also praise Him for very encouraging comments from Israeli travelers about the network and the hosts. Solo travelers, single parent families with their children, and couples with and without children have all been visiting with hosts, and many times, opportunities arose for discussion of the Word and for sharing the good news.

• We praise the Lord for new hosts and those returning from being on a break.

• Finally, we praise Him for Israeli students and residents who are still using the network in Australia and New Zealand and for the further opening of the air borders in these countries.

# Prayer Requests

• Please pray for the openness of Israelis to hear about the reason for our hope and for more Israelis to come to a saving faith in Yeshua.

 $\circ$  Please pray for more new hosts from around the world to join our outreach, particularly from the most popular locations.

• Pray for the Lord's provision for each host and supporter of the outreach.

• Finally, pray for an increase of the prayer and funding support in order to provide for all that is necessary to maintain and grow the outreach.

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#### **Our Purpose**

Ariel Ministries exists in order to evangelize Jewish people and to disciple Jewish and Gentile believers through intensive Bible teaching from a Jewish perspective.

# What Can You Do?

- Share the love of Messiah with a Jewish friend or neighbor.
- Study the scriptures from a Jewish perspective so that you will be able to present Messiah in a Jewish context.
- Pray for the work of Ariel Ministries and for the salvation of the Jewish people.
- Share the Jewish perspective of Scripture with other believing friends.
- Encourage your pastor or congregational leader to hold a Bible conference.
- Undergird the work of Ariel by partnering with us financially.
- We are here to serve you, pray for you, and work with you. Thank you for committing to the vision of Ariel Ministries.



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