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News and Views

A message from Professor Maureena Fritz, NDS, PhD

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Dear Bat Kol alums and friends

Two events happened to me recently. First, I received in the mail the monthly missalette, "Living with Christ" that has the texts for the daily masses. The short commentary for the first Sunday of Advent reads: "There are three aspects to Jesus' coming in the Advent Season. One looks to the past, as we anticipate the celebration of his birth 2,000 years ago. The second looks to the present, as we prepare ourselves to receive him in our lives today. The third looks to the future, for his coming again. A few more lines and the writer concludes, "As we begin the Advent season, let us prepare

our hearts not just to celebrate Christmas, but to receive him when he comes again in glory."

The second event was a visit from an Israeli Jewish author, Eyal Megged. He loves Jesus. The most important line for him in the Gospels is Matthew 25.40: Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. "That line captures the essence of all religions for me," he said. Then he added, "I am a man in my 50's. One day my wife approached me and said, 'I want us to adopt a little boy that no one wants.'" He had doubts because of their ages. But she insisted, "No one wants this child. No one! We have to take him." So he agreed. Then for the next half hour he talked in glowing terms about this child: "When I dropped him off at the nursery this morning and said good-bye, the trust in his eyes held me. He knew I would return to pick him up. He knew he was special and unique to me. Now my wife and I can't imagine our lives without him. When I think how close I came to saying No, I'm horrified. That verse in Matthew says it all."



Later that day I reread the words from the missalette: "let us prepare our hearts not just to celebrate Christmas, but to receive Jesus *when he comes again in glory.*" I was not inspired. The encounter with Eyal, however, lit a fire within me. I picked up a pen and I crossed out the phrase *when he comes in glory* and replaced it with "when we encounter him on the road." I don't meet Jesus in the future. I meet him in my response to the call of the moment.

Blessings on all our alums and readers,

Maureena

PS. Sr. Helena O'Donoghue, Chair, has called for a meeting of the Board of Directors of Bat Kol to take place on December 30 in Toronto. Please, let us support this meeting, which will be important for Bat Kol's future, with our prayers

A message from Helena O'Donoghue RSM

Chair, Board of Directors, Bat Kol Institute, Jerusalem

“The members of the Board of Directors send best wishes of Shalom and blessing for *Chanukah and Christmas* to all the alums and friends of Bat Kol Institute. May you all have a happy holiday and time for refreshment and family. And as we enter the second decade of the millennium we look to renew our efforts to be a *Bat Kol* as fully as we can and find ever greater strength in the ‘Word that goes out from Jerusalem.’

“The Board will hold its mid-year meeting in Toronto at the end of December. The focus will be the provision of necessary administration arrangements for the future working and development of Bat Kol. Please keep that meeting in your prayer. Kind regards to all.”

A message from Br Jack Driscoll CFC, PhD Director of the Development Office

“Blessed Advent, All

“I write from the shoreline of south Sydney, Australia, where the sights and sounds of crashing surf of the immense Pacific Ocean make a majestic Sabbath setting.

“And why am I here? A blessed, happy narrative to share with you. Those of you, my Readers, who are alumni/ae of any of Bat Kol’s Jerusalem programs will know that our charism draws its definition, its commitment and its expressions from the power and the challenge of *Nostra Aetate*, a rousing and singular call to action within our church still echoing strongly even now, 45 years after its proclamation in the closing sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

“You graduates of Bat Kol will well remember the invitation and the challenge that was always a clarion call in our commencement programs in the basilica of Ecce Homo. We heard: “Take the *Nostra Aetate* message and the Bat Kol experience back home to your ministry sites. Let the Torah go forth from Jerusalem. Share what you have learned in those ways and in the manner that your church and educational settings will allow.” And we responded, “We will hear and we will do.” Over the years many of you alums have launched Torah activities, which are appropriate and effective in your own locales. In an authentic way, Bat Kol was the seedbed of each of them.

“As another example of this, in July 2007 and in July-August 2009, Teresa Pirola and a band of five Bat Kol alums from Sydney took that invitation with full seriousness. Maureen Fritz and Anne Anderson had founded Bat Kol as a daughter of *Nostra Aetate* in 1983 through programs that aspired to bring the message, on a graduate school level, to universities, seminaries, apostolic training centers and the like. Later I became a very active member of the Team. Now, the Sydney-based initiative, *Light of Torah*, has become another daughter of *Nostra Aetate*.

“The programmatic activities of *Light of Torah* are the expressions of an ecclesial movement of women and men who seek to bring Talmud Torah into parishes and homes. The weekly resource pages, based (as are Bat Kol’s weekly commentaries,) on the Jewish Torah lectionary, are found on the website, www.lightoftorah.net. The website is home to a growing array of parish and home-based resources.

“And so I am here again in Sydney to participate in various *Light of Torah* teaching programs with parish-based groups, young adult ministries and home study projects. To find out more, may I invite you to visit our website, www.lightoftorah.net and you can sample these resources, especially the weekly Torah reflection. Indeed, the light of Torah continues to go forth from Jerusalem. In these closing days of Advent may blessings be with you and your loved ones. Your brother, Jack.”

NEWS FROM ALUMNI/AE

AUSTRALIA, Melbourne: Patricia Watson

“In Melbourne, two Bat Kol Groups meet regularly each month, totaling in all about thirty people. I also organized a day’s Seminar on the ‘Prophets, Jeremiah and Ezekiel’ for about thirty-five people. The keynote speaker was Paul Forgasz, a long-standing Jewish friend of Sion. Paul stressed the importance of study of the text and context of any biblical passage, and in particular, the prophets’ messages. The second part of the day’s program was given to group discussion on naming the present-day prophets in our own society.”

AUSTRALIA, Melbourne: Celia Martin

News from the Sisters of Sion and Bat Kol Havrutah,

“This year, aside from our regular Bat Kol gatherings going long ‘into the wee hours’ we have also gathered several times throughout the year to break open the Word with the Family of Sion. In April, Dr Lorraine Parkinson, Chair of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Uniting Church in Australia Working group on Christian-Jewish Relations, lectured on ‘Jesus of Nazareth-How did he become the Christ?’

“It was great to have Amy-Jill Levine share an evening meal and conversation with us while she was lecturing in Melbourne in July. She had lectured at Monash University on the topic of ‘Paul the Jew - Continuities and Contradictions.’ Saul of Tarsus was a Jew who became St. Paul the church’s foremost missionary. Today he is both hailed as the inspired evangelist who brought the God of Israel to the Gentiles, and condemned as a self-hating Jew who distorted the teachings of both Judaism and Jesus. In this lecture, Amy-Jill explored Paul’s Jewish identity, his understanding of Torah, and his views on the role of the Jewish people in the divine plan. A-J ably walked us through the context of Paul’s writings to help those gathered to understand that Paul lived as a Jew who was faithful to his tradition and he understood it, and whose central thought was Jesus the Risen Christ whose death and resurrection was ‘good news’ (gospel) for both Jews and Gentiles.

“During her evening with us, A-J spoke on ‘Women in Scripture’, stressing the need to always look at scripture in the context of its time. This topic raises an important question for today: Why does one follow Jesus today? What makes a person a Catholic, not just in terms of belief, but also in terms of action? How are spirituality and tradition related? What does it mean to proclaim that the ‘Reign of God’ or the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ is really inbreaking? For those first-century women who knew Jesus prior to his death; their memory of him was enough to sustain their faith, even in his absence. The love, the commitment, the faith, and the joy that they had in his presence continued, and they all helped to create and sustain the communities formed in his name. We don’t need fiction like Dan Brown’s novel to tell us of the importance of the women around Jesus: the Gospels provide us not only good historical information but also spiritually uplifting, instructive accounts.

“In August we had the opportunity to gather with three members of the Inter-religious Coordinating Council of Israel (ICCI). Issa Jaber, Co-Chairperson of ICCI, Rula Shubeita, a Christian Arab Palestinian from Jerusalem, and Dr. Deborah Weissman, Co-Chairperson of the ICCI and Chairperson of the ICCJ. They shared their experiences as a Muslim, Palestinian Christian and Jew living in Israel working together to build peace through inter-religious reconciliation, education and collaborative action.

“In September Paul Forgasz, Department of Jewish Civilization, Monash University, gave a lecture on ‘Jeremiah and Ezekiel: Prophecy in the Shadow of Destruction and Exile.’

“There have been many visitors in Melbourne this week’s gathering for the for the Parliament of World Religions, John Pawlikowski osm; Rabbis David Rosen, David Saperstein, Michael Melchior; Hans Kung and Joan Chittister and many others.

“Finally, Teresa and her Light of Torah group are currently working with Jack doing great things in the Broken Bay Diocese of Sydney. Mary Anne Payne has also taken Light of Torah into her parish at Templestowe. Gina Bernasconi has been using it with her Light of Torah group who meet on the first Friday of each month at 7am.”

AUSTRALIA: Hobart, Tasmania: Elizabeth Young,

“The past year has been a busy one. Etz Hayim—“Tree of Life” is growing and continuing to develop its resources for Christians who, like ourselves, who are involved in the study of Torah, in developing our understanding of Judaism and Jewish spirituality, and in building Jewish-Christian interfaith dialogue and cooperation. One of Etz Hayim—“Tree of Life’s” new initiatives is the development of information and teaching materials on the Jewish Festivals—

these include *free* downloadable inserts for parish newsletters, and a series of study sheets for classrooms and study groups.

“Another online resource is the Etz Hayim—“Tree of Life” *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew* material which, while still a work in progress, already provides easy lessons and learning objects to refresh your own Hebrew, or to help you to teach Hebrew to others. With flash cards, bookmarks, word searches and crosswords you and your learners can enjoy a serious but “do-able” Hebrew learning experience. These resources, available on the [Etz Hayim—“Tree of Life”](http://www.etz-hayim.com) web site, will be expanded in the New Year.

“This year *The Jewish and Christian Liturgical Calendar* ran to its third edition and I am grateful to all of my fellow alums, and the Sisters of Sion, who have encouraged me and helped make the Calendar a success. I am also happy to thank Bat Kol Institute, which has added its name to the list of endorsers for the calendar. Bat Kol’s endorsement is much appreciated. If you would like a copy of the Calendar you can order online at <http://www.etz-hayim.com>.



“On a personal note, the Young family is continuing to grow. By this year’s end we will have celebrated two more marriages and another on New Year’s Day. Our home is full of happy toddlers (now numbering four) and young people planning life and pursuing dreams. It is a happy and stimulating experience and Tom and I thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

“My prayers and blessings to you all—in your personal lives, and professional endeavours—as we enter into this liturgical season of joy and promise.”

BRAZIL, Maria Cecile Piccoli

“Since 2006 when I first attended a Bat Kol course on Genesis, I have been translating the weekly *parashah* into Portuguese so that many Portuguese speaking people around the world can benefit from the commentaries. The translations guide my weekly schedule and also some religion meetings, not only in the school where I work, but in other communities as well. Translating is something I do out of gratitude for what I have received.

“I must confess translating is not really an easy task especially as I am not a professional, I do not have the techniques. I have never attended a course on how to translate. The commentaries demand a lot of time and thought. I have to read the weekly *parashah*, the *haftarah* and the Gospel. Sometimes the commentaries come late or they include idiomatic expressions I have never heard before. But I do it out of gratitude.

“I am grateful for the Sisters of Sion who introduced me to the Jewish way of studying the Word. They taught me to see the unconditional way God loves us. From them I learned God needs us too. Although I grew up as a Catholic in a Catholic family and attended Catholic schools, I only experienced God’s love for all His creatures and myself when I met Judaism.

“Finally, I am grateful to Sister Maureena and Sister Maria Christina for their support and for the opportunity they give me to keep studying the Word through translating it.

“Why have I been translating? Because I heard ‘We will hear and we will do’ and I do. “Next year in Jerusalem!”

CANADA, Toronto: Patricia O’Reilly

.”I took a group of twenty-three Canadian teachers to Israel to spend two weeks doing a religion course for additional teacher qualifications at the University of Toronto. I was aware that many teachers in the group were not particularly interested in religion and perhaps some were only interested in getting a needed credit. Their motivation was not important to me because I knew that a visit to Jerusalem would change them in numerous profound ways.

“The course they did with me was a mini Bat Kol course. They traveled to various important religious sites around Israel and listened to lectures from Rabbi’s, Peace groups and archaeologists. They were prepared to celebrate *Shabbat* by Rabbi Levi when we visited Kol Ha Nashama Synagogue. Many teachers had never met a Jew before and they were spellbound as Levi sang a welcome to the Shabbat as bride and talked about the gift of *Shabbat* as a blessing from God.

“After the *Shabbat* service on the Friday night the group returned to Ecce Homo to meet with Sr Marie Andre and Sr Elisheva from Bat Kol who explained the *Shabbat* meal and walked us through the ritual meal. They did an excellent job teaching Catholic teachers about the intimacy

of *Shabbat*. What a joyous night! We had wonderful guests from Bat Kol, prayer and laughter—all with a million dollar view from the rooftop of Ecce Homo. Teaching doesn't get any better. "The Torah shall go forth from Jerusalem."

CANADA, Toronto: Jessica Zeyl

"It is with great joy that I write to you this Christmas. Here are some of the highlights and updates of my life and ministry this season. On June 26, 2009 our daughter Ophelia arrived in this world. Philip and I have felt thrilled and privileged to become parents to this incredible little girl. I am currently on maternity leave from Ryerson Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF).

"Since September 2000 I have been studying part-time towards an MTS at Wycliffe College. I handed in my summative exercise, *Bridegroom of Blood: Telling Zipporah's Story*, on November 19, 2009. Provided I don't need to do any rewrites I will have now completed this degree."

CANADA, Winnipeg: Michel Boutilier

"Just a bit of an update. I am Department Chair of Religious Studies and Chaplain at St Paul's High School in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. When I returned to school in the autumn of 2008 I shared my Bat Kol experience with the teachers in my department.

"Fortunately, the Archdiocese of St Boniface was offering a Bat Kol course that ran from November to March. We met once a month on Friday evening and all day Saturday. I convinced another teacher to take the course with me. Jack Driscoll taught the first session and Brother Camille Legare taught the December, January and February sessions. It was a very enriching experience and I know that my colleague gained a new appreciation and love for the Hebrew Scriptures.

"On November 27 I gave the High School Religion teachers of the Archdiocese of St Boniface and Winnipeg an overview of Bat Kol. I pointed out the roots of anti-Semitism and shared with them the resources available on-line. I gave them the Parable of the Prodigal Son and got them to share in *havrutah* their insights and reflections on the parable. We ended the session by looking at the Jewish understanding and meaning of the parable.

"To all the alumni of 2008, teachers and administrators of Bat Kol, a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year."

IRELAND, Wicklow: Dympna Travers

"Having lived in Dublin since my return from South Africa, I joined the staff at the Ecology Center in Wicklow run by the Cabra Dominican Sisters in 2007. Wicklow Head is the most easterly part of Ireland and a scenic view is seen from the 70 acres owned by the Sisters. Trees had been planted to attract birds, butterflies and insects and hoverfly, which eat greenfly! The trees are Alder, White and Blackthorn, Ash, Oak and Silver Birch. All the farming is organic and the produce is sold in the Organic Shop on the premises. Farm Markets are held in Dalkey on Fridays and in Bray and Wicklow on Saturdays

"A ten-week Ecology Program is run twice a year for students. There are 15 participants at a time. It is hoped that in this way the younger generation will be helped to care for the earth's resources. I am responsible for the student tour groups that visit the Center.

"It is a privilege living so close to God's creation in its many forms. I will write about the Spirituality of the Center later."

ISRAEL, Jerusalem: Rita Kammermayer

Ecce Homo Convent, Jerusalem.

"It is the time of the year again when we want to be in touch with friends. During this season of Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming into the world, may we be more open to change within our own hearts and through this become mindful of the needs of those around us. For many this is a busy time as Christmas has become so commercial. It is also an opportunity for us to be creative and to find different ways to share. May we find ways to do this.

"Here in Jerusalem the Muslim feast of Sacrifice, Id Al Adha has just ended. One of the traditions during this feast is that the children receive new clothes and toys. It is very interesting

to be in the streets full of people shopping and visiting. It really is a lovely spirit! We have also been blessed with good weather. Mornings and evenings are really chilly, but the days are sunny and warm so all of this has helped with the festivities.



“As we, Christians are preparing for Christmas our Jewish brothers and sisters are preparing for the coming feast of Chanukah - the festival of Lights. Eight days of praise and thanksgiving by lighting a new candle each evening of the festival. This year Chanukah is from 12 to 19 December. Our Christmas, a week later, is also a celebration of light.

“Let us be thankful for the people in our lives and for all that we have received during this past year. On behalf of our community we wish you a Christmas that is filled with a real joy and true peace. May the year 2010 bring you good health and be abundantly blessed in every way. May the light of Christ shine in our world this Christmas.”

SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town: Cynthia Thompson

“Unless I make contact with the other Bat Kol alums in the Cape very few meetings take place. We have scheduled something before the end of the year. When Tallis, Rota Stone’s son was small, the group was not meeting; I am hoping we plan something for next year.

“I was in Zimbabwe, in Bulawayo and Plumtree, during the middle of the year doing Scripture with Catechists, Pastoral Workers and novices. We averaged 26 for all sessions and about 15 novices from different congregations and some other religious attended the meeting at the Seminary. It was an experience with mixed feelings. Scripture lessons went well and I enjoyed being able to also move into the rural area on two occasions and meet the people at Sunday Masses. The situation was worse than I had experienced in Harare and I was shocked at how little the people were living on. I stayed in a Convent in Bulawayo, (Indigenous congregation) and the conditions were poor, poor, poor. We had days with no electricity and no water. When the electricity and water did come back I made a dive for the shower and filled bottles so as to feel clean and to have water to drink. I felt so sorry for the people. On occasions the meals were prepared in three legged pots on an open fire outside and you might be lucky if it arrived by 3p.m. It was a GOOD experience for me and very sobering.

“We have had two very good programs running in the Parish and I trained the facilitators for both programs and selected groups and also worked with a group myself. The priest was very pleased with the turnout. .

“I continue to run a weekly Scripture group (22 in all. We studied Exodus as some of them were going on pilgrimage and it worked out beautifully. On their return we are doing *Bereshit* and trying to use the *Parashah*. The group finds it fascinating. I ran a six- week session in Mowbray with eight people and just this week have been invited to start something with a group of 11 in Constantia. I am going to introduce them to Christian/Jewish studies and see how we get on. I have also been invited to do three sessions on Lectio in Athlone at the beginning of Advent.”

SOUTH AFRICA, Johannesburg: Marie Andre Mitchell

“Margaret Mollet has been appointed PA to the President at St Augustine’s College, Johannesburg, the only Catholic university in South Africa. She is also Marketing Officer and Fund-raising assistant, not easy in these trying times. She really enjoys the part-time lecturing. At present Margaret is busy completing her D.Litt et Phil degree though the University of South Africa. The title of her thesis is, ‘Creeping Crusade: Interpretation, Discourse and Ideology in the Left behind Corpus: Society and Rhetoric in the Light of Revelation 7.’ She has used Jewish sources to support her argument.

“Bernadette Chellew replaced Margaret as Rector of the Catholic Bible College, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. A reunion was held Ha Phoror Youth Center at Hartbeespoort. Chris Schonenberger facilitated the gathering. Jennifer Slater was also there. Bernadette has encouraged the staff members of the College to join the weekly Bat Kol HaSimchah group run by Marie Andre, which meets every Thursday at the College.

“ This is the second year that Bat Kol in conjunction with the College and under the auspices of the Archdiocesan Catechetics Department has offered a 50 hour program on the “Gospels in the Jewish Context.’ In their evaluation the group have asked for some basic Hebrew. This delighted the writers and presenters of the program, all Bat Kol alums. There suggestion will be incorporated into next year’s program.

“Lynn Harrison and Maureen Lawson attended a program on the Gospel of Luke at the College so there was a great re-union with Teresa Marie Healey visiting as well.”

SOUTH AFRICA, Hartbeespoort, Jennifer Slater

“Since the Bat Kol experience, which both Chris and I valued tremendously, we tried to keep the flame burning in many different ways. Having moved to Ha Phororo Youth Retreat Community (because the Dominican Convent in Pretoria closed) my spirituality had been enriched in many different ways. Life in general here is based on four pillars, namely: Living in Community; Praying morning and evening prayer in common; Being in service of the vision and ministry of hospitality peculiar to the Center and to minister to youth and young adults who come to the Center.

“The spirituality of Ha Phororo Youth Retreat is a combination of *Taize* and *Lectio Divina*. Since the Bat Kol program we have added onto our Friday evening liturgy, the liturgy of ‘opening *Shabbat*’ and then on Saturday evenings ‘the closing of *Shabbat* and the opening of Sunday.’ The young people love this and for many it is a learning experience giving them new insights. Of course they love the Challah bread and the wine spiced with cinnamon. We have mastered all the songs we learnt at Bat Kol and have asked Sr Marie Andre for additional ones. Now we are busy making a new booklet and hopefully soon we shall have new Hebrew songs to learn and sing.

“Chris has continued with the study of Hebrew and has somewhat mastered the writing and reading fairly well. He does it as a hobby. Through our interest in the Jewish liturgy we have attracted a Messianic Jewish family who had become regular Sunday Mass goers and supporters of Ha Phororo. We have been to their house on a Friday evening for a *Shabbat* meal. This was wonderful as it was the “real thing” taking place in a household context. The family keeps us abreast with the Jewish calendar and we celebrate the most significant festivals as well. This has really added another dimension to our life here.

“Not to forget the weekly Parashah! We read this on a weekly basis and hopefully we shall be in a position to write commentaries in the future. We obtain the weekly Jewish newspaper and we had seen articles and pictures of some of the people we met in Jerusalem. A commentary on the weekly parashah is also in the newspaper. In the New Year (2010) we intend visiting the important synagogues in Pretoria and Johannesburg. In this way we may establish even more inter Jewish – Christian relations.

“We wish you a most blessed Christmas, Jennifer Slater and Christoph Schönenberger”

UNITED KINGDOM, Wales: Angela West

“Sadly, not much Bat Kol activity to report from this part of the world! It would be lovely if there was a flourishing UK Bat Kol group (better still in Wales where I live!) to which I could turn for renewal of the Bat Kol spirit - but so far no luck!

“Maureena came to give a short course at Ammerdown in the summer but I wasn't able to go to it as I was attending Jewish-Christian Bible Week in Osnabruck Germany, where some fascinating joint study of the Hebrew Bible has been taking place every year now for 41 years! Quite a few people come back year after year. Each time the focus is on a different book of the Hebrew Bible - and each group (of about seven) has a Jewish and a Christian resource person in it, as well as at least one person (usually more) who can read the Hebrew fluently. Plenty of liturgy and other 'cultural activities' for what is quite a large group (several hundred). The website for Bible Week at Haus Ohrbeck is: www.haus-ohrbeck.de and follow links for Bibel Forum or Jewish-Christian Bible Week. It would be nice if Bat Kol could send someone to this to strengthen links...but sadly it clashes with the course in Jerusalem.

“Meanwhile, I continue my Hebrew study and read the Parashah every Sabbath, with help from the Bat Kol commentary -and also one sent from Leo Baeck College in London. I continue with a project of theological reflection. It seems to me that the Bat Kol approach to scripture raises many very important theological questions and if any other Bat Kol alumnus/a else is thinking along these lines I would be happy to hear from them.

“We have also been in touch with Leonardo after the terrible floods in the Philippines that destroyed his library and sent a few volumes to help him to rebuild it.”

UNITED STATES /CHINA: Lina Rong

“I was very excited when I learned that I was listed in the roster of Teaching Assistants at the Catholic University of America in the beginning of the fall semester. I had been looking forward to some teaching experience. The course I am the Teaching Assistant for, is ‘Introduction to the

New Testament.’ Students are at all levels and have different major subjects. Most of them do not know much about the Bible and do not have the interest to know more. They are there simply because they need to fulfill a university requirement. My responsibility is to lead a discussion session every Friday and create some regular on-line exercises. It proved pretty tough to lead a discussion when the students had not actually read the material beforehand. I tried my best to show them how rich the Bible is and at the same time, I try to be accommodating, and to think from their perspective and to talk in their language. It has been a very good learning experience for me. I began to pay attention to teaching methods and different ways of posing a question. Enthusiasm is contagious; I noticed a change of atmosphere in class after the mid-term. Students began to pay attention and they started participating in the discussion sessions. I felt really happy for them. I am very grateful for the experience and looking forward to some more in the future. If I get the chance to teach the Old Testament, I will definitely teach them some Hebrew and show them the beauty of the language.”

ZAMBIA, Lusaka: Liguori Gillespie

The Lusaka Bat Kol cell was formed in 2005. Initially it consisted of Sister Sue McGregor and Brother Liguori Gillespie. Later they were joined by Sister Ann Kelly. Brother Frank Keane joined the group in 2009. Liguori attended the Bat Kol program in Jerusalem in 2004; Sue and Ann in 2007; Frank in 2008. The group has their *Havrutah* session every Thursday morning at Nalabutu Road, Lusaka.

“All four have found the weekly meetings most satisfactory, as they are life-giving, stimulating and challenging. The learning experience is enjoyable and enriching. From their experience in Jerusalem the group endeavors to be faithful ‘to studying the Bible within its Jewish milieu and using Jewish Sources.”

From the editor. Thank you to all those who contributed to this bumper edition of News and Views. Please often check the Bat Kol website www.batkol.info If you have photographs of your meetings send them to Maureena: msfritz@mscc.huji.ac.il Blessings on you all.



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“Christians Studying the Bible within its Jewish milieu, using Jewish Sources”

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