

# Beth-haran Newsletter



## *What's in a Name?*

### *A Note from Hannah*

Thank you to all who were praying for my parents and I during their last difficult months. Their passing away has been a difficult time for me, but I feel the covering of the Lord. I have no evidence that either of them came to know the Lord, yet God continues to remind me that His love for them is stronger than my own. This brings great comfort.

Through this experience God is showing me His love in a new way. After my mother's death I found myself avoiding deep fellowship with the Lord. I realized it was easier for me to hide from the Lord than face Him because He would not allow me to ignore my grief. He desires me to come in my grief. I knew this would cause pain that I wasn't ready for. As I avoided my Heavenly Father I was walking in discontentment in almost every area of my life. I began bearing burdens too heavy for myself. God revealed to me what was happening and as I was willing to go to Him I was set free. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to see God's deep love for me.

How much of what we do and think is affected by what we have or have not dealt with before the Lord. How many things that we think are gone, have really become a part of who we are? Our pain, frustrations or grief are like a splinter that disappears for a short time only to fester later. I have realized that God, as the master surgeon, wants me to be whole. There is no way that splinters can be removed unless I am willing to engage in painful surgery.

*"There comes a time  
when the desire to made whole  
outweighs the desire to be secure."*

Originally, when we chose the name Beth-Haran we thought it meant 'House of Grace'. Recently however, a diligent saint challenged us on the definition and to our amazement they were right! According to the Hebrew it actually means 'House of the Joyful Shout'. After pondering this new meaning we are actually quite pleased. When a girl turns from the bondage of following her own will to the sacrificial way of following the Lord, her life becomes fulfilled and blossoms. As we observe this transformation, we definitely feel like shouting for joy!

## *Student Update*

We are happy to announce the graduation of Beth Haran's first student. She has successfully finished a full year of discipleship with us and has grown in the Lord tremendously. In June she went to Thailand to help an American missionary family to adopt a Thai baby and establish an orphanage in Laos. If they are successful this will be the first orphanage in Laos. Congratulations, Sadie, we rejoice with you!!

Your continued prayer for one of our students who recently left is appreciated. We thank God for the four months we had with her.

A new student came to us in May. She is doing well in our program and we are hopeful she will continue to grow.

## *Its Fair Time Again*

July and August is fair time and our students are given the opportunity to witness at several fairs in a booth set up by the Christian Business Men's Association. We encourage the students to be bold to share and defend their faith in an effective manner.

Here's what one of our students has to say about her time at the booth this year:

"I am very glad I had the opportunity to volunteer with the team that witnessed at the fair. It strengthened my convictions when I shared with others. I began to see in a clearer way the need for true change in Christ. I was also very blessed to find that I was able to share and that God could really use me to help others."