

# GBM Summer Report

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## The Shelter

By Dr. Stan Fleming

I remember a time in my life when I first began recognizing that Jesus was the Lord. In a very difficult situation, He asked me to trust Him and to come into His shelter. At that time, I had not read the Bible, but I decided to trust in Him.

Eventually, I read the Bible and discovered this amazing reference to His shelter in Psalm 61:1-4.

“Hear my cry, O God. Attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You. When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.”

King David wrote these words as a prayer and a song, and they should be a strong encouragement for those who trust in the Lord but are going through serious difficulties.

The shelter does not stop the storms that bring trials into the believer’s life, but the shelter positions him or her in the revelation and awareness of God’s comforting and protective Presence.

There is an expression that says *knowledge is power*. One’s whole perspective can change with the awareness that God is actively involved in providing a shelter at just the right moment.

Psalm 57 and 142 were written from caves by David when he was hiding from enemies. From there, he was able to calculate his next moves. Sometimes the shelter of the Lord can be a secret hiding place. Psalm 91 reveals that the Presence of the Lord can provide a secret “refuge” and “fortress” for be-



**View from the top of Masada in Israel, 2018. King David used to hide in caves near here.**

lievers to rest and take stock of their situation.

The Lord knows our deepest concerns and needs. He always acts on our behalf to champion the best path forward.

When the concerns of life come rushing at you like a storm, remember that you can retreat into the shelter and secret hiding place of God’s love. He will empower you, enrich your perspective, and reveal the best path forward.

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### Kenya

This August, GBM will help to train many pastors and leaders.

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### Pakistan

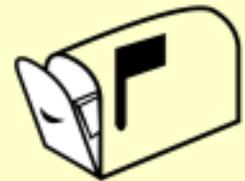
GBM operates 23 schools and two church plants.

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### Israel

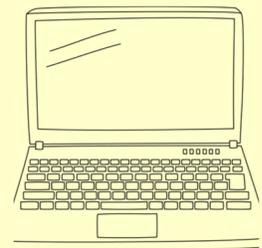
In February, GBM led its 5th prayer tour to Israel.

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## Pakistan Trip Highlights

In October, 2018 GBM was in the Punjab area of Pakistan doing ministry. Below are some of the major events that took place.



At a large open air meeting, many people made first-time decisions to invite Christ into their lives, including 200—300 Muslims.



We celebrated with 90 women as they received diplomas from our six (6) GBM Trade Schools. These are Christian training centers in which the goal has been to empower them to get jobs and start businesses.



In October, 2018 GBM had (16) sixteen primary schools in the brickyards for the children of slaves. In June, 2019, we now have (17) primary schools. These children begin to work in the brickyards when they are five or six years of age and are forced to work 12 hours per day and six days per week.

Our ministry rents space for our schools in the brickyards next to where the slaves live and work. The children work six hours, go to school two or three hours and then must finish working their daily shift.

The donations of GBM's faithful donors are used to start the schools and then provide money for curriculum, furniture, uniforms (which are expected in Pakistani culture) and to pay certified teachers. The subjects include Urdu, English, Math,



Geography, Science, and the Bible.

In February, 2018, GBM was actually able to get registered in Pakistan as a non-profit ministry. This was consid-



ered by us to be somewhat miraculous because in the fall of 2017, we were turned down by the government.

In February, 2019, GBM purchased an acre of land in Kasur, Pakistan where we desire to build a secondary school for the slave children. It will be for grades 6 - 10. Education is the key to their freedom someday. More information is available online at [www.gatebreakers.com](http://www.gatebreakers.com).

Thanks so much to all of you that give to GBM. Your contributions are making such ministry possible in Pakistan.

## The Languages of Jesus

The debate of scholars over the last century as to whether Jesus spoke Aramaic or Hebrew took a turn when the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. These scrolls, hidden in caves near the Dead Sea and uncovered in the 1940's, included most the books of the Old Testament. Scribes copied them down before the time of Christ and they are a great treasure for the church today.

The Dead Sea sect, often called Essenes, lived prior to and at the time of Jesus. John the Baptist visited this sect. We learn something important from them about the use of Hebrew at the time of Jesus.

Author Randall Price, in his book *Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls* said, "Though Greek and Aramaic were known and used by the Dead Sea Sect, the Scrolls reveal that the scribes had a linguistic loyalty to Hebrew. This loyalty was demonstrated foremost in their attempt to preserve the form of Hebrew in which the Bible had been written from the earliest times through the First Temple period . . . Not only did the sect write sacred documents in paleo-Hebrew, they also used a form of Late Biblical Hebrew for many of their sectarian documents (such as rule books, prayer-books, and Thanksgiving psalms). From study of this script . . . It was also learned that the Sect spoke Hebrew as a living language."<sup>1</sup>

First century Israel would have been multi cultural with languages of Aramaic, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin. Jesus would have learned Hebrew as a sacred language in Synagogue school, used Aramaic in certain social settings, and probably engaged Roman authorities in either Greek, Latin or both.

•Greek: In Matthew 8:5-8, Jesus spoke to the centurion in Greek and then later with Pontius Pilate (John 18:28-38). The disciple Philip was a Hellenist, a Greek-speaking Jew, who conversed with Jesus (John 12:22)

•Hebrew: Jesus spoke Hebrew in the synagogue of Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21); to the Samaritan woman (John 4); at the last supper (Matthew 26:26-29); on the cross (Matthew 27:46); and to Saul of Tarsus (Acts 27:46).

We don't normally think about His language, but it appears from these Scriptures and what is known of Israel at that time in history that Jesus was conversant in several languages.

<sup>1</sup> Randall Price, *Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Harvest House Publishers: Eugene, OR, 1996), 133-134.

## The Vessel of Faith: Israel 2019

By: Naphtali Fleming Murphy

Life is full of surprises. No matter how much we plan or think we have things figured out, some variable ripples the waters and new motions are set in place. Those ripples can turn into turbulent, violent waves or remain smooth and gentle. The ripples don't just affect the movement of the water. Ripples have the capacity to influence our deepest emotions. It's incredible how much power we give to every wave, to the emotions, to this temperamental thing we call life. The wind blows, the storms rise, and anxiety, chaos, and sorrow come rushing in to invade every area that's open to them. But, eventually the sun comes out and gentle breezes lull the waters to a place of tranquility. Peace sets in, joy is more tangible, and we float to a new rhythm.

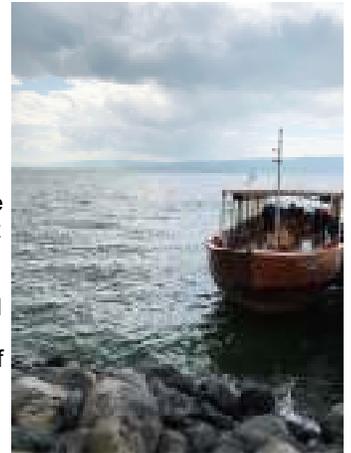
I was raised in a home that taught me about faith from an early age. And, though this may have never been articulated in this exact way, I always envisioned my faith to be like a boat. It was the best way that I could visualize its purpose. I understood the importance of taking care of that boat. I understood that the more I worked on the vessel, the bigger and safer it would become. When a wave was too aggressive, I had the responsibility to mend the damage. I intuitively knew that life was the water and faith was the boat. For me, it was a simple, logical acceptance.

Storms have slammed my boat against rocks, pushing it astern and then ahead and astern again. When I'm sure it may crack (or I may crack, rather) skies have cleared and gentle waves have guided me back. That's reality, right? The biggest storm I've ever faced though was very recent. So recent that I'm still seasick. The waves attempted to shred every side of my boat; my faith. But, even still, while the water sloshed in, I never questioned whether I should jump ship or not. I grabbed whatever bucket of knowledge I had and used it to throw the water back into the sea. (*Why are you afraid, O you of little faith? Matt 8:26*) When I was too tired, I had friends and family and even strangers gather to bail me out. I will most likely always question the sanity of the water, but the rationality of

the boat is undeniable. I'd much rather be in a vessel than swimming alone in the sea. Faith is essential to navigating life gracefully.

This past spring, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Israel for the first time with my dad, Dr. Stan Fleming, two of my sisters, and a dynamic group of individuals. It was there, while sitting in a boat on the Sea of Galilee that this image I built about my faith nearly 30 years earlier became more alive and more real than I ever dreamed.

The faith that I had built my life upon rooted deeper and immediately synced with the heartbeat of the Bible. What an experience! I fell in love with Israel. Its people, religions, cultures, history, food and terrain all intersect in a way unlike any other area of the world. How humbling to walk the paths and touch the stones of generations past. I knew visiting the Holy Land would be incredible, but I had no idea just how life changing the experience would be. I'm grateful to have knitted my heart to that country. The trip equipped me with even more tools to keeping my faith aligned with truth.



Dr. Stan has been leading groups to Israel for 7 years. He has designed an itinerary that allows people to pause and pray at strategic locations, have fun and explore all of the highlights, bridge cultural gaps, and travel from Jerusalem to Masada to the Dead Sea to Tiberius, to Magdala and more. It's a personal pilgrimage combined with tourist activities. If you've ever wanted to put tangible context to the scriptures, expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and join us in Israel, please let us know! The Spring 2020 GBM Israel Tour will be from February 26th - March 8th and is currently open for registration! Email: [talmarie@me.com](mailto:talmarie@me.com) or [sfleming@gatebreakers.com](mailto:sfleming@gatebreakers.com) for more information! Limited spots are available.

## Israel 2019: Photos



Front row L - R: (kneeling) Lenny Slender, Anjel Murphy, Aliece Franklin; Second row: Shirley Schneider, Raquel Halley, Shayna Smith, Judy Reimer, Liberty Fleming, Naphtali Murphy, Jadyn Gourley; Third row: Richard Schneider, Susanna Fleming, Gary Slender, Tom Stewart, Stan Fleming, and Joani Reimer.



Jerusalem



Magdala



Susanna, Liberty, Dr. Stan, Naphtali.  
It was so great traveling around Israel together!

Pray with Us  
for

**POWER,  
PROTECTION, and  
PROVISION**

as GBM takes a team, once again, to Pakistan in October, 2019 to minister in our schools and churches, host open air evangelistic events, conduct meetings, and visit the land on which we hope to build a secondary school for the 600 + slave children who are currently attending our primary schools. Any contributions are greatly appreciated!