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“Can we live out the love and beauty of Jesus in such a way that all children of Abraham – Jews, Muslims, and Christians – will be compelled to take another look at him? Can we, learning and growing and serving together, incarnate Jesus here?” That was the challenge set before us by Lynn Hybels at the “Christ at the Checkpoint” Conference in Bethlehem.

On March 10, the 2010 Northwest Churches Holy Land Reconciliation Team led by John Berg and

myself began a 17 day journey to listen to, learn about, encourage and support; peace, reconciliation and justice. We had a powerful and uplifting time together in the Holy Land region. Our team included my lovely wife Margaret, Lolita Allen, Perla Belo, Frankie Bottinelli, Marvin Charles, Eddy Davis, Andrew and Sharon Mead, Marian Merson and Esther Walker. We journeyed together beginning with the outstanding five day “Christ at the Checkpoint” conference where we were challenged to build peace and justice. We had the privilege to stay in the homes of Palestinians for three nights. We traveled to Jerusalem where we met with Israeli and Arab students voicing the issues of peace, reconciliation and justice. We continued onto Galilee where we toured Armageddon, the Mount of Beatitudes and stayed in Nazareth. These are but a few of the things we were able to experience during our time away.

YOUR financial gifts and prayer support made this journey possible. Not only did it touch my life and change me but impacted the team and the people God allowed us to meet. I am grateful to God for all my years of experiences because I realize those experiences have prepared me for this ministry of reconciliation. Working with Breakthrough Partners in the Ministry of Reconciliation is my passion. It is my calling. Thank you for making it possible. Please continue to pray for me, for increased donor support and for the Holy Land Reconciliation Team as they reenter their lives here in the US asking God to give them clear direction for living out what we learned in the LAND OF THE HOLY.

Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Israeli or Palestinian.
Pray rather for yourselves, that you may not divide us
in your prayers but keep us together in your hearts.

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18

Your Senior Partner in Reconciliation Ministries,

Allen Belton