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Dear Bro. Dean Bye

It was wonderful to receive your letter about developing Prayer Valley in the Jordan Valley.

When you first approached me about the proposal, I did not want to open my heart to it because on one side it came at a moment I was not expecting it, but secondly because I had promised God that I would not do anything in my power to establish a prayer place in Israel but would wait until He did it sovereignly.

The Background

In 1996, on my very first visit to Israel, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said that the strategy of "Prayer Altars" which He had led us to use to transform our country of Uganda, and which we are now sharing with many other countries worldwide, was actually a strategy that belonged to Israel. He said that it was the very strategy that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob had used in order to possess the land of Canaan. (Genesis)

It was also at the very center of the Exodus when the Hebrews left Egypt for the Promised Land. The Lord instructed them that the fire on the Altar should never be allowed to go out day or night. (Lev. 6: 12-13). The Altar continued to play a central role in the life and journey of Israel through the years.

At that time in 1996, the Holy Spirit instructed me to bring an offering of thanksgiving, that the Lord had given to us the same strategy that He gave to Israel to possess the Land. He then promised me that He would make a way for us to establish a "strategic prayer altar" in the land of Israel and that this altar will play a major role in the fulfillment of key prophetic words concerning Israel and the nations.

The Holy Spirit promised that there will be a time when Israel shall appear to be forsaken and abandoned by other nations of the world, and because of the many trials that will come its way, there shall arise out of Israel a cry of prayer like a woman in labor. At that time, the Lord will move sovereignly on behalf of His people. He shall cause all remaining children of Israel scattered in the nations to return to the Holy Land, and the Lord will reveal Himself to His people as their Messiah. In the strength of the Lord He will stand in their midst and will show the Majesty of His name. They shall abide before Him in safety and He will, at that time, cause His glory to be great to the ends of the earth.

Mic. 5: 3-4

*Therefore, He shall give them up,
Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;
Then the remnant of His brethren
Shall return to the children of Israel.
And He shall stand and feed His flock
In the strength of the Lord,
In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God;
And they shall abide,*

*For now, He shall be great
To the ends of the earth;*

When I first heard those words from the Lord, I was very excited. I shared with my leadership team in Uganda and we started raising money to buy land in Israel and establish that Prayer Altar. However, things did not work out as we expected, either in Uganda or in Israel. After three years of frustration, I made a promise to God that I would lay this vision down and simply wait on Him to make it happen in His timing. I also promised God that my commitment will be expressed in my visiting Israel every year as I waited on Him. I have done that for the last 23 years.

So, when you came to me with this proposal, my first instinct was to push it away, in case it was a temptation for me to again do things in my strength. However, during our 40-day fast at the beginning of 2019, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “do not close your heart to this invitation, for this is what I promised you 23 years ago.” I could not contain my excitement but chose to send an advance team to come to visit the Jordan Valley with you and waited to hear what report they would bring back to us.

Later, I visited the place in June and my heart was convinced beyond any doubt that this was, indeed, the working of the Lord. I and the World Trumpet Mission are committed to partnering with you and Return Ministries, Aliyah Return Center, and the Jewish Agency to establish Prayer Valley as a prayer altar for Israel and the nations. Everything that the Lord has taught us at Africa Prayer Mountain is available for the Prayer Valley.

We take this as an assignment from God and would like to thank you heartily for extending this invitation to us. It is also a sign that great prophetic times are about to happen in Israel and the nations. I am sure that this Prayer Valley is going to play a key prophetic role in the days to come.

To God be the Glory!!!

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