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Big Changes Are Coming!

In the past year, God has been stirring the heart of Pastor Jack Sara to step down from the role of head pastor and to step out in faith into a new role that until a few months ago was unknown to him. Pastor Jack felt a calling to reach out and serve the wider community of Christians outside of the Old City Church. Just like God asked Abraham to take a step of faith into the unknown, Pastor Jack felt that same calling. He announced to the church that he would be stepping down as head Pastor. At the same time, God had been preparing assistant Pastor, Mazen Nasrawi, to step into this role. Pastor Mazen has worked side by side with Pastor Jack for 9 years and it is clear to the church leaders that he is the one that God has called into this position. For the next few months Pastor Jack and Mazen will co-pastor the congregation and in September the transition will be completed. Soon after Pastor Jack announced to the church that he would be stepping down, he was approached by the founder of Bethlehem Bible College and was asked to take over as President of the Bible College! This new role will allow Pastor Jack to reach out and serve the wider community of Christians from all over the country! He will be involved in helping to train leaders and encouraging other churches in the Land.

We are excited about these changes but we are asking for your prayers for all the transitions involved. Pray for a smooth transition for both Pastor Mazen and Pastor Jack. Pray for their families as they make the adjustments and pray for the raising up of new church leaders to assist Pastor Mazen.

Major
Outreaches!

Monthly
Topical
Seminars

Pray for Us!

1. Wisdom for the leaders as we are moving into a new church planting strategy.

For each holiday we've held major outreach events inviting a few hundred people to join us. Many unchurched people come to these events. Just a few examples:

- *Christmas Party for Families
 - *Valentines Party for Couples
 - *Mothers Day Brunch
 - *Summer Camps for Kids
 - *Summer Retreat for Families
- Thank you to all who have given to support our outreach events! Each one costs close to \$5000 because of the large number of people attending!

MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH



Result in families coming to Christ!

On the last Thursday of every month we've started offering special seminars on topics of high interest to the community. We've recently covered topics like, "Why does God allow suffering?", "What is the evil eye and should we fear it?", "Does luck exist?", and "What does the Bible say about magic and witchcraft?"

As a result of these seminars we've seen a few families come to Christ or start asking serious questions! Please pray for more people to join us and to find the truth they are seeking for.

- 2. For pastor Jack and pastor Mazen as they are transitioning.
- 3. For our ongoing monthly seminars every last Thursday of the month.
- 4. For several big events that we run in Jerusalem where we invite hundreds of people and share the gospel with them.
- 5. For the new elders and deacons in the church

KIDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



Pastor Jack and Mazen Baptizing a New Believer



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