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## The Miraculous in the Mundane

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***The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts. "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness.' (Zechariah 8:5-8)***

I was walking recently in the old city of Jerusalem and contemplating the above prophecy of Zechariah. Just then a small Jewish boy rode by me on his bike trying to navigate the busy tourist filled streets. Jerusalem represents a variety of things to different people groups. Many-a-pilgrim has come to experience a wide range of emotions ranging from sorrow to hyper spiritual euphoria. But to that little boy this was just his every-day playground. It was home. **I am an eye-witness to how the miraculous manifests in the mundane.**

The prophets were not spiritualizing these future prophetic events. They spoke in literal terms of the final re-gathering from all the nations of the world. The Holy One of Israel could regather His children with a mere thought. If He chose to He could miraculously transport them all to Israel in a twinkling of an eye. But He has chosen to do it in such a mundane and practical fashion that His involvement is nearly invisible. God is using the people from the nations to labor in the Aliyah and fulfill His purposes on the earth today.

I believe that the practical nature of the regathering of the Jewish people back to Israel is the reason so many are overlooking this modern day miracle. After-all, schlepping suitcases, doing document research and driving a van at first glance doesn't seem to meet the criteria for miracle status. But anyone familiar with the corruption in the governments of the nations where we work can appreciate that anything getting accomplished is indeed a miracle.

Which brings me to the unsung heroes of these miracles. The representatives of Ezra International are people just like you and I from the nations. They daily give of themselves to serve the Jewish people who are in need a helping hand. Even to the extent of driving in and out of the war-zone in eastern Ukraine for the past two years.

These ordinary people are doing the extraordinary job of fulfilling the prophetic words of prophets like Isaiah who said:

***Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; (Isaiah 49:22)***

Isaiah leaves no doubt that God's desire is for members of the nations to be involved in this final re-gathering of the Jewish people back to the land of Israel. Ezra International staff, representatives and donors are doing just that every day. ***"Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.'***

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