

Shalom Haverim (Hello friends)!

Spring is here in the Arava and not only are we seeing new life in God's creation but also in ourselves and in the family that God has given us here in the desert.

Darick and I have been blessed to have the opportunity to lead a small tour group in Israel. We consider it one of our greatest privileges in life to bring people to Israel and watch them experience God's word through His land.

We are also enjoying the company of some very special people for several weeks. Chuck and Michelle Johnson from Colorado are here making the desert bloom. Chuck has had considerable experience in the States with gardening and growing and he is following a vision to share this knowledge and talent with us. One part of our desire here at the park is to green the desert and to make an oasis for visitors like you and also for passing guests. You can imagine that getting seed to grow and survive in desert sand can be difficult; especially with the drastic climate here. Darick, Josh, and I are gaining the wisdom and experience to begin to cultivate the land. We are very excited and can't wait to share the outcome with you. We are trying vegetables, flowers, and desert plants. Won't it be awesome to eat from the trees and plants when you arrive some day? Can you picture yourself meditating on God's word while hearing the birds enjoying the flowers and greenery? We are excited for this day to come and we are working to see it come to pass.



*Finally, we wanted to share with you that we have just found out the gender of Biblical Tamar Park's new addition in July. **Darick and I are having a baby girl!** You can come to see me waddle around if you are scheduled for the February tour.....or you can come and cuddle the new sweetheart if you plan to come in the Fall. If you are not scheduled this year, we send you our warmest blessings and we will try to keep you updated with this letter. New life is all around us!*

La-Chaim!

Darick and Kate