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Grace, truth and peace be to you in Jesus name.

Back to school

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Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Prime Minister

Many families across the world are in the back to school gear. The summer Holiday is well and truly over. Innumerable parents are just happy that their children are back to school so they can return to "normal life". Yet others are frantically snapping up last minute bargains or just waking up to those school supplies that did not buy and neatly arrange themselves in their children's School bags/boxes - pretty much as you would expect your garden to tend itself.

For those already back to school, playgrounds will be buzzing with long tales of holiday adventures - real, exaggerated and imaginary.

Some schools will also have the added pleasure of some celebrities or government dignitaries paying them motivational visits just like I experienced during my secondary School days in the 70's. During one such visit on Tuesday 27th August 2013 by the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the Yoni Netanyahu Elementary School in Netanya, Israel, he told the young children: "Every one of you can excel in his or her way. You should always wave the flag of excellence high."

That would have been a moving moment for both the children and the Prime Minister himself, as it was the school named after his older brother who died during the 1976 operation to rescue Israeli hostages in Entebbe, Uganda

Whilst the politicians were making their rounds in different schools, Soldiers of the Israeli Home Front Command were also busy instructing school children from every sector of the society on how to respond during emergencies (fire and rocket attacks)!

It never ceases to amaze me how as Christian parents we go to great lengths to give our children the best education and material security while giving little or no care about their spiritual wellbeing. We always demand that all the teachers in our children's schools be trained to very high standards. Even the soldiers must be skilled and well equipped. Why do we not insist on such quality delivery at home and in the church?

This back-to-school season is also a time for us to take stock of our journey to the Eternal Promised Land. How has it being for your family and Church?

As a covenantal community the Church has to take active responsibility for the total growth and maturity of her young. The same applies to each family unit.

We are here to go on this journey with you and to make it easier and fruitful for your family and church. Our next Children's/Youth Ministry Courses will be commencing on Saturday 28th September 2013 and our ParentingPoint Course will start 26th September 2013. Please contact us for full details.

These programmes can be delivered in your own church too! Contact us to discuss your needs.

Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the Lord of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion. (Isaiah 8:18 NKJV)

Your Co-labourer,

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