

# INSPIRATION

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## VIOLENCE IN JERUSALEM

Greetings from Jerusalem, the City of Peace

Today is Jerusalem Day, a national holiday in Israel, commemorating the reunification of

Unfortunately, as you know from the news, there is a tension in the streets of Jerusalem for several weeks and right now in several other cities of Israel. Nobody

Everybody among Seventh-day Adventists is safe.

There are however some reasons for concern. We have an institution in Jerusalem East, Adventist



*Damascus Gate, Old City of Jerusalem*

Jerusalem after the war in 1967 and the control by Israel of the entire city, including the famous old city.

knows the future and the evolution of the violence in the country, but we just want to share with you our thankfulness to God for his Guidance and protection.

Study Center, that is very close to the points of tensions. For example, a house belonging to a Jew, where lives a Palestinian family,

that could be expelled by the decision of justice, is less than 50 meters from the Center. On Saturday night, May 8, on Hatem A Tawi street, adjacent to our place, there were so

that place and Herod's Gate. What you see on television is mainly focused on this location. The proximity of the Study Center to the Damascus Gate makes things uncertain, if the violence

single, and full time student. He plans to stay there until the end of this summer.

We are inviting you to continue to pray for Jerusalem, for the Country of Israel, for the Adventist Study Center, and in a specific way for Richard, Rubia, Eliness, and Juan. May our heavenly Father be their protection. May He help the political leaders to find a solution that is stable and inspired by respect, justice, and peace.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." Psalm 122: 6. 7.

Israel Field of Seventh-day Adventists has 22 congregations in Israel and about 830 adult, baptized members, speaking 8 languages: Hebrew, Russian, English, Spanish, Romanian, Arabic, Amharic, and Akan (Ghana). 5 full time ministers and 2 Assistant Pastors proclaim the Everlasting Message of Peace to each and



*The Temple Mount. In the middle is the Dome of the Rock with gold-plated roof. This is considered as the Mount Moriah, where, according to the tradition was the most Holy Place of the Second Temple, and where Abraham offered his Son*

many people gathered together, yelling, chanting, and protesting against the court verdict. They burned tires and spent long hours outside, creating an atmosphere of insecurity. Yesterday evening, things were better, because of the strategy of protesters who try to be unpredictable and to change the place of their gathering.

Another reality is that the Sheikh Jarrah place, where the violence is the strongest, is just 500 meters of the Study Center.

The Damascus Gate, is a symbolic strategic point, that is very convenient for mass gatherings. The media like to capture the movement of the crowd in this well-known place . It is only 1 kilometer from our Center. The majority of Muslim worshippers who go to Al Aqsa Mosque and the Temple Mount pass by

continues in the weeks and months to come.

We have currently in our center a family of students, Richard and



*Garden Tomb, a place where, according to the Protestant tradition, Jesus was crucified and where He rose again the third day, just 500 m. from Damascus Gate*

Rubia, who have Eliness, a daughter of 2 years. They will stay with us until June 2022. Richard is also working with our Youth department. There is also Juan, who is

everyone with joy, conviction, and respect.

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