



Six Days into Operation Pillar of Defense An Update from Daniel and Amber Pierce



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Dear Friends of Israel:

Thank you for continuing to pray for the situation in Israel. Below is Daniel and Amber's report from this morning. Later today we will also have an update from Martin and Norma Sarvis. As you can read, the situation is very intense. Continue to decree that the enemy will not be able to shift times and seasons in a way that pulls the people and land of Israel out God's perfect timing.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Six Days into Operation Pillar of Defense *(the translation from Hebrew is Pillar of Cloud)*

Our Family just returned home after spending two nights in Nazareth. Rania Sayegh held a 24-hour prayer watch to cover Israel and seek revelation for the future. It was a blessing for us to participate in worship and get a couple nights sleep without any air raid sirens or trips to the bomb shelter.

We attended two prayer sessions and joined with many Arab believers in intercession over Nazareth and other cities in Israel. We made a declaration that the Messiah would be enthroned over Gaza and reveal Himself even in the darkest places.

Southern Israeli cities have been under heavy fire from mortar shells and artillery rockets since operation Pillar of Defense was initiated in Gaza. Several long-range Fajr-5 rockets have been fired at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem sending citizens running for cover as air raid sirens sound. The Israeli military has amassed troops and equipment along the Gaza border in preparation for a possible ground invasion.

I went to pick up a friend in Bee'r Sheva on Friday morning. Red alert sirens sounded just as we were getting in the car. We ran to the nearest building for cover and watched as the Iron dome shot down several rockets in the sky above us.

Sunday night we got some rest, as things were relatively quiet. We have already been in the bomb shelter 5 times on Monday morning as I write this letter.

Life in the midst of war is what you might expect it to be. People here in the south are staying close to home. Most of the stores and shopping centers are closed. Schools are also closed until the threat of rocket fire subsides. The grocery stores have remained open so that people can still get food and other necessities for daily life. Most people that we know maintain supplies in their homes for at least two weeks should an emergency occur.

Several friends of ours have already been called in from reserves to join their units.

Most people here in Israel are experiencing mixed emotions as almost everyone has good friends or family members in the military. While in Nazareth we met a soldier who had just received orders to head south for the operation. He was trying to comfort his mother and father over lunch. Amber prayed with him before we left the café. All of the young soldiers we've spoken to seem proud to serve their country and ready to go to war in order to secure a brighter future.

On Friday morning, Avi and Chaya Mizrachi made the trip from Tel Aviv to visit us and pray over our home. We are very blessed to have good friends who think of us and lift us up in prayer. Chaya also brought Lily a picnic set which has become her new favorite toy.

Please take some time to pray for all the children in Gaza and southern Israel that they would not only be protected from physical harm but also that a spirit of trauma would not be able to take root in their lives!

For those in Israel and Gaza who have lost friends or family members there is not much a person can say to comfort them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be the voice that brings comfort and renewed hope to their future.

One of the greatest dangers Israel is facing right now is the possibility that the operation in Gaza could spark a wider conflict with neighboring countries. Remember that the same people group that occupy Gaza make up a large percentage of the population in Jordan and the West Bank. The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt also works closely with Hamas in Gaza. Hezbollah as well as Iran have both recently denounced Israel's operation in Gaza.

Over the last two days, there has been some talk in the news of an Egyptian brokered cease-fire. Please pray that the political Leaders in Israel will hear God's will and push into this situation until victory is completed and the future is secured.

We thank all of you at home who are praying for us and for Israel.

Blessings,



Daniel, Amber and Lily Pierce

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