



*From Texas Through the Atlantic Ocean to
Israel!
An Update from Daniel and Amber Pierce*



April 24, 2013

Dear Friends of Israel:

We really enjoyed Daniel and Amber's visit to the United States for our Passover Celebration, and to spend time with family and friends. Seeing Amber with the new baby developing within her was also a great delight. Today they arrive back in Israel and will prepare to move from Beer Sheva to Jerusalem next week.

I so appreciate the report they sent below as they share about how Lily is responding to the voice of the Lord. Continue to pray for the next generation to hear the voice of their Savior and respond in His perfect timing. Daniel and Amber also share about the need to remain watchful wherever we are located. Take time to pray Psalm 91 over yourself and your family, and that the Body of Christ will learn to walk in a new level of discernment.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Monday, April 22

We were given funds to invest in a time that we would be together to get vision for the future. Therefore, we chose to take a ship back to Israel. We are currently on a cruise off the coast of Africa and look forward to arriving home in Israel in a couple of days. The decision to incorporate our family vacation into this trip back home has been an incredible adventure. Yesterday we stopped in the Canary Islands and Lily cried because it wasn't Israel. She thought we would be home when we got off the ship. We have had many reasons to celebrate on the boat. Lily turned 4 on April 16th, I turned 34 on April 21st, and we are now 6 months pregnant with baby Elijah.



A Time for Make a Choice and Be Baptized

Our trip back to the United States had many highlights. *Our favorite was when Lily asked Jesus into her heart and was baptized by her Uncle, Keith Pierce.* I'll tell the story of how this progressed because it was such a subtle way that we were ministering to her without being pushy. We always wanted our kids to have experiences with the Lord that are very real to them personally. Both Daniel and I had life changing experiences with God and I never wanted to get out of His timing and manipulate our children's decision to walk with the Lord.

Last year a little after Lily turned 3, she asked me to tell her a story. I started to read her a book and she said, "No, I want you to make one up." I didn't feel like making one up so I said, "I'll tell you a story about how I got saved." She loved that and then wanted to hear how her dad got saved. His story is really one that she can relate to because Daniel was only 5 years old when he came to know the Lord. He told her that he was a greedy little boy who wanted all of the toys in the toy store. He told her about one Christmas when he obsessed over his Christmas list until the paper had become so frail that it was beginning to fall apart. He then went to his mom and said, "I want something that you can't give me. I want Jesus in my heart." He explained how Jesus filled up his heart and took away all the selfish desires that had been making him so unhappy. He told Lily about how God made him a new person and washed his sin away, and that his parents took him to church the next day to be baptized.

Lily then asked us to tell her the stories of how we were saved every night. Then she began to ask others how they were saved. It was always entertaining to watch people break their

testimonies down to the understanding of a 3 year old. We had asked her once along the way if she wanted to ask Jesus in her heart and she said, "Not yet." So we didn't ask again. After several months of not really having any conversation about it, she came running out of her Grandma Pam's office and told us that she wanted to ask Jesus into her heart now! Later that night she said, "***Well, I'm saved now, so can I go to church and get baptized.***" She had really been listening to her dad's testimony about how he was baptized. We didn't know how this event would impact us. We were both overwhelmed with emotion when she went under water. Lily now baptizes all of her dolls and wants to be just like Uncle Keith when she grows up so that she can baptize lots of people.

Remaining Watchful

We have been following the recent bombings that occurred in Boston. While watching the news we saw an interview with an expert on National Security. He mostly talked about Israel. He made the point that Israel deals with these situations on a constant basis and talked about the alertness of even the average Israeli. The average person becomes naturally aware of things out of place. For instance if a suitcase is left unattended on a sidewalk the bomb squad will be called. This can be a daily scenario in Israel. Turning on the news and learning of the bombing in Boston felt all too familiar to us and our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones. I was reminded of the stress that we felt in our first year over seas and the amount of caution that we had to learn to walk in.

Being so watchful was an adjustment for us because outside of Daniel's job in law enforcement, we hadn't experienced this (having always lived in America). Our sense of discernment has been exercised living in a country where acts of terrorism are a common occurrence. It has been constant spiritual exercise learning to deal with the enemy in a region with tremendous conflict. As followers of Jesus we are all supposed to remain watchful. After many of us adjust to the changes, we are able to find peace and rest, as we remain steadfast as watchmen.

Blessings,



Chuck D. Pierce

We appreciate your prayer and giving for Israel. You may donate by clicking [HERE](#) (and noting Pierce Support in Israel in the comment line) or by calling **1 (940) 382-7231**.