**AUGUST 2016 DEVOTION**

## Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel $100,000

Leader: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 15, Jesus tells us the parable of the lost sheep. There, our Lord describes the joy in heaven when a sinner repents of his sins and turns his face to God. Christ is the Good Shepherd who in His infinite love, goes in search of the lost sheep. For centuries, many sheep in Israel have strayed from the flock of the Lord, and have lived their lives without Jesus, without forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life that only He offers. For this reason, today more than ever, the Church is called to share the message of Christ with sheep of Israel, who do not know Jesus Christ, the Messiah promised in the Torah, and who will meet to give them light in darkness, peace in the storm, and life in abundance in this valley of death.

All: **We thank You Lord for all the missionaries of Apple of His Eye Mission Society, who work tirelessly to rescue and support, guided by Your Holy Spirit and Your message of salvation, the lost sheep in Israel. Give them Your strength, Your perseverance and Your wisdom, so that they can continue their missionary work.**

Leader: Because of the conflict in the Middle East, Israel has been for years a land of wars, violence, and death. That is why Apple of His Eye Mission Society seeks to bring the peace of the Gospel to the hearts of the Jewish people. This organization works to train leaders in Israel to develop outreach strategies and planting places of fellowship.

All: **Dear Father, we praise and thank You for the redemption we have received in Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who sent us to all nations to look and care for the lost sheep of His flock. Today we pray for the team of Apple of His Eye Mission Society, and all people in the Middle East, for You can rescue them Lord, from the darkness, and bring Your peace, love, and forgiveness to their lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn 709,*** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*