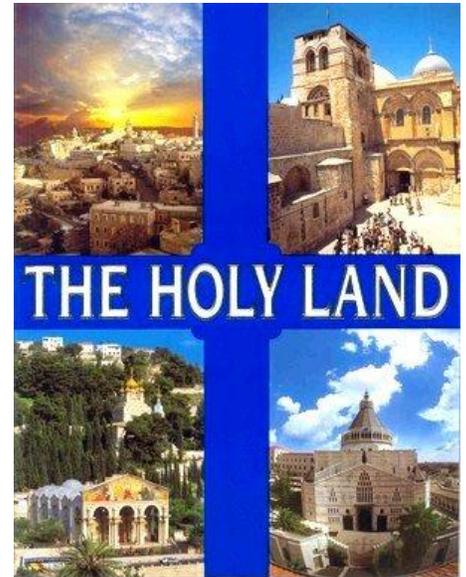


**Subject:** I went to the Holy Land to meet my Jesus!

**From:** Mary W-Xu –

Since I was back home from the Holy Land trip in April 2012, I have felt my heart has become much more sensitive to movements from the Holy Spirit.

Tears uncontrollably come out and run down my face frequently when I pray, sing hymns, listen to preachers, had devotions, and even sang with our Choir standing on the stage facing all the audients. Thus, I do share this great experience with sisters and brothers in our Church.



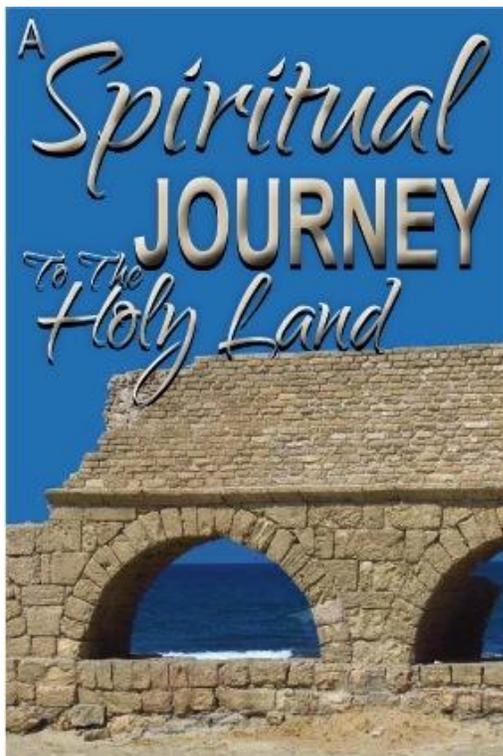
Do you know what my 8 year old granddaughter told me recently?

She said: “Grandma, it is because you went to the Holy Land to meet our Jesus!”

“My baby,” I said, “He was there 2000 years ago.....”

“But, He is God!” she replied. “His foot prints can never be erased by time! They are always there. Grandma, do you know you really stepped on His foot prints in the Holy Land!”

Praise the Lord! He used a pure-hearted young girl to tell me the reason for this unsearchable inspiration I received from going to the Holy Land.



## From Natalie Tan—

In the past when a few people told me that they have joined Holy Land Tours three to four times, I was shocked and amazed. I couldn't imagine why they would want to revisit the same place again and again. ... I would make one trip to the Holy Land and that's it. How wrong I was! Now that I've been to the Holy Land, I would like to go back!



There were many wonderful places that we visited during the Holy Land tour. For me the highlight of our tour in Jerusalem was wallowing through the waters in the Hezekiah's Tunnel, one of the most remarkable places in Israel, as follows—

Hezekiah's Tunnel is a miraculous engineering feat by King Hezekiah because of an Assyrian threat (2 Kings 19:14-19, 20, 32-34). In 701 B.C. Sennacherib of Assyria threatened Jerusalem. To protect Jerusalem's water source, Hezekiah ordered a tunnel cut through solid rock inside Jerusalem

(1,777 feet long, 6 feet down). Two teams worked at both ends. After going through an S formation they miraculously met in the middle. Then they covered the Gihon Springs from sight. The ruse was so successful that it was hidden until the 15<sup>th</sup> century, when an earthquake revealed it.



On the day that we walked the Hezekiah's Tunnel, the highest water level that we encountered was up to our thighs. It is said that sometimes the water level reaches to the chest. My group members and I were told that the walk through the entire tunnel would take about 45 minutes. So when I found myself at the end of the tunnel in just 30 minutes I felt a certain

measure of regret because I had enjoyed the walk immensely. Expecting to be walking on uneven muddy ground and stones I was surprised to find the path smooth all the way, and the water clear as crystal.

Nowadays when I flip through the pages of my Holy Land photo album, looking at pictures taken with many of you, I wish that I was still in the Holy Land enjoying your company. It was a memorable trip, truly the trip of a lifetime... I know that the life of each person who joined the Holy Land tour has forever been altered by his/her tour of the Holy Land--just as mine was.