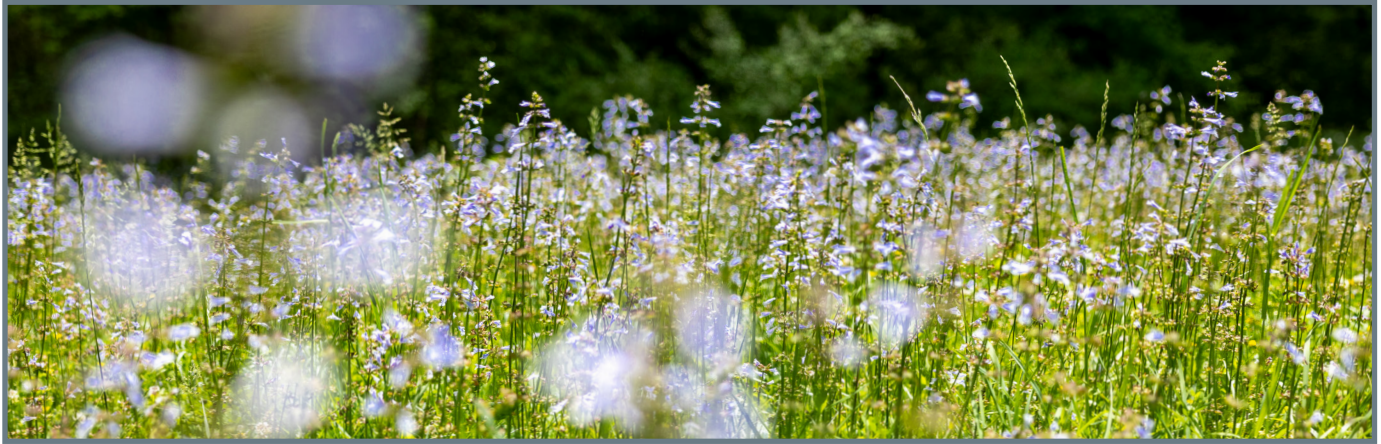


# NEWSLETTER

*And El Shaddai bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a qahal of people.*

*Genesis 28:3*



*photo by Tracy Grijalva*

## A Letter From the Editor

*by Moises and Tracy Grijalva*

Shalom! I can confidently say that the wood stoves are done for the season! I look forward to getting our tomatoes and peppers in the ground as soon as the night temperatures look fantastic. Just as the flowering trees and green-covered landscape show growth, the new Biblical Year is in full swing. We had some wonderful fellowship for Passover and Unleavened Bread, and I hope the same was true for others. We are now counting the weeks until Shavuot and look forward to even more fellowship there.

Speaking of fellowship and pleasant weather, the next Qahal meeting will be at MLK Park in Morristown! I know the children enjoy these types of meetings as they can run through grass rather than just running around indoor tables while the adults kindly tell them to stop running. We have found that sometimes, meeting at a park is a little more inviting than at a building, and we pray that these summer meetings will bring more small fellowships together. Let us hope for sunshine and a clear Word from the Father!



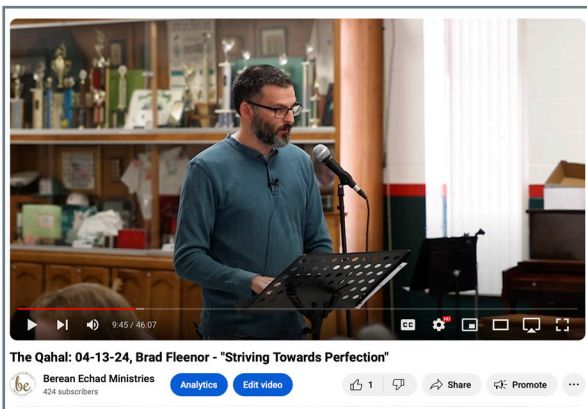
There was a post recently on Facebook where someone was asking where to move to, where there were a lot of Torah observing folks. Quite a few answers pointed her to The Ozarks and East Tennessee. With so many like-minded believers in this area, we hope to make a positive impact on the world starting with our children. In filming *The Freedom Story: A Passover Movie*, the children saw what coming together, teamwork, and organization could accomplish. The hour-long movie they made together proved it to them. At first glance, it may just seem like a movie. However, time was spent together to build friendships, not just a film, so a bigger picture emerged. We hope the adults and children will continue forming lasting friendships and fellowship that make a positive impact in our communities. Shalom Studios also plans to make more videos, and with more videos comes more outreach and friendships. Seeds will be planted as other children or adults watch these videos. It is unknown which seeds the Ruach will grow, but if they are never planted, there will never be anything to harvest. In this process, progress can be made to advance the kingdom here on earth.

# Monthly Meeting

by Tracy Grijalva

Once a month, the Qahal meets, uniting smaller fellowships together for praise and worship, study, and fellowship. Last month, Brad Fleenor gave the teaching. It is recorded and posted to YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@bereanechad>).

*Please note the change of location for the May Qahal to Morristown as seen on the adjacent image.*



# May Qahal in the Park

by Tracy Grijalva

On May 11th, the Qahal will meet at MLK Park in Morristown! It will be structured slightly differently than past meetings because it will be an open mic rather than a led study. There will still be praise, worship, and oneg, so please bring tambourines, flags, or other percussion instruments. Also, please bring a kashrut dish to share and a camp chair if you have one!

I will lead a youth study for ages 12 and under during the open mic time. With Shavuot coming up, the youth study will be on Ruth. If you would like to help me with the youth, please text me (423-300-1389) or email ([tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com)). I plan to have some bible reading, a craft, activities, and games. Ideas and input are welcomed and appreciated.



# Local Fellowships

Are you interested in hosting Shabbats at your house, starting a fellowship, and need help? If you would like your fellowship to be part of the Qahal, please contact Moises @ (423) 300-2089.

## Harrogate, TN

Berean Echad Springs Fellowship  
Contact: Brad Fleenor – 859.475.8658  
Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923  
Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089  
279 Keats Drive  
Harrogate, TN 37752  
bereanechad.com  
*Services begin at 3pm. Call or text for more information.*

## Rogersville, TN

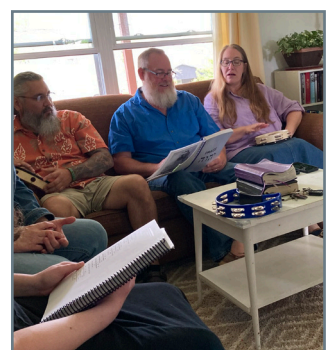
Contact: Bob Kuhn – 252.634.4100  
Contact: Kate Coffelt – 513.807.9654  
Contact: Eric Schaefer – 423.426.0923  
Contact: Moises Grijalva – 423.300.2089  
Rogersville, TN 37857  
*Services begin at 11am.*

## New Tazewell, TN

Contact: Tyler Pahl – 865.279.1710  
1993 Snodgrass Rd  
New Tazewell, TN 37825  
*Services are flexible, Hours 2pm-Till Evening.  
(Please call)*

## Tri-Cities Torah

Contact: Dan Whittaker – price1020@aol.com  
*Various locations - email for more details.*





## Feast Day Fun

by Tracy Grijalva

That's an unleavened wrap for Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread! Here are a few photos from some of the celebrations (if you want to see your photos featured in future newsletters, be sure to text or email them to me! At 423-300-1389 or [tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com)).



Next, we look forward to Shavuot (Pentecost). On the Shabbat before First Fruits, the children at Berean Echad learned about the resurrection, ascension, and the counting of weeks leading up to Shavuot. They even made an abacus-inspired counter to keep track of the weeks (see the photo on page 3). Even though we may disagree on the days of His appointed times, let us continue to honor Him in our understanding.

## Meeting Announcement!

by Moises Grijalva

Bill and Cheryl Fuentes will be holding disciple/student-based studies where questions will be given to nurture self-driven education. The topics will be fundamental biblical topics. These types of studies are an opportunity for new believers in the faith to be grounded in the Bible and for others to come to a fuller understanding of Spirit and Truth. Please stay tuned for more information. A flyer will be sent for upcoming dates, locations, times, and details.



## The Freedom Story

by Tracy Grijalva

If you haven't already, please check out this video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/6v15fjRcwWk>

It is unique because it is written, directed, produced, and cast by talented youth. You can check out the credits to see all the talent, and you will notice that everyone is under 17! The parents helped here and there, and I did all the computer work, but I hope to teach those interested in some of the things I know. This team of youth, as they dubbed themselves Shalom Studios, plans to keep this going! They are brainstorming their next video (or video series) and will meet this summer to begin production!

It was so fun to make this movie with the kids, and you may notice in two of the photos above that the film was shown during the Passover and Unleavened Bread gathering! We also heard of another fellowship showing it, complete with popcorn! If you want to be involved in the next film, continue reading on page 5.



# Shalom Studios

by Tracy Grijalva

Aaand Cut! The group of about 20 youths, ages 17 to 1, had a fantastic time producing *The Freedom Story*. Their families showed great support, bringing them to the meetings, being personal cheerleaders, helping where needed, and providing much-needed nourishment between takes. We couldn't have done it without everyone involved.

The support they received off-set also made a huge impact. Words of encouragement, advice, and growing anticipation drove this group to put forth their best effort and create a stellar movie that many have enjoyed.

Filming was such a positive experience that they are now in pre-production talks for the next video or video series. It has not been decided what the story will be. Still, some ideas they toss around include: *The Life of Yeshua*, *The Freedom Story Part 2: In The Wilderness*, *The Life of David*, *The Story of Esther*, *Judges*, *The 40 Years in the Wilderness* and *40 Days of Yeshua Parallel*. If you have a child interested in being part of the next film, now is the time to let us know! Our first meeting will be on May 23rd, and we will meet about every other week. Send me a message if you would like to be included in correspondences about meetings. Even if your child is camera shy, there are plenty of other opportunities on set for them to participate in.

In addition to serving the Father, this is a great learning experience. These are just some of the benefits of being part of a drama team: building confidence, developing creativity and imagination, improving verbal and non-verbal communication skills, developing empathy and concentration, encouraging teamwork and collaboration, learning problem-solving skills, and developing new friendships.

## Sponsoring the Youth

by Tracy Grijalva

We are looking for sponsors for the next film (some of the teens want to continue doing this potentially as their adult ministry). The teens shot *The Freedom Story* with my Canon R6 camera and used my MacBook Pro with Adobe software for editing. We did have two additional Canon Rebel cameras, but their footage didn't compare to the R6 camera, so many potentially good shots from 2 other teens were wasted.

Besides my computer, there was not a powerful computer for the teens to work with that had enough memory - so for them to increase their skills in ministry, more technology will be needed (when it comes to video editing you need a powerful computer with at least 2 TB of memory to do it). It was the same case for the soundtrack. All the music was created and produced by teens using what they had, but an increase in technology would help. The costumes, you may have noticed, were made on a low budget - parents simply went through their homes and found old sheets, pillowcases, and fabric. We made do with what we had, and I believe it turned out great! But we do want to move forward and keep building on lessons learned.

TO BE A SPONSOR TEXT OR EMAIL TRACY

# SHALOM STUDIOS

COME BE A PART OF THE NEXT FILM!

**PRE-PRODUCTION MEETING**

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD  
HARROGATE, TN  
AT 01 PM

Join the team as we discuss the next film and plan production!

For more info text or email Tracy:  
423-300-1389, [tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com)



There is so much talent among this group with a considerable willingness to serve the Father. I hope that as more people hear about this, even more youth will listen to the calling to join in! We did great with the last film using what we had and will continue to use whatever the Father blesses us with, whether a little or a lot. Funding will help this group increase productivity and quality. If you don't ask, you will never receive, so we are asking: are you willing and able to help this group somehow? Small donations would help with costumes, props, and sets. More significant contributions will help with technology (cameras, lighting, microphones and computers).

So, if you are interested in supporting and sponsoring this group, please reach out. You can contact me or Moises at [Tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.m.grijalva@gmail.com), 423-300-1389, or [Grijalva.Moises@gmail.com](mailto:Grijalva.Moises@gmail.com), 423-300-2089.