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Dear Friends of Ariel Ministries,

Many of you have joined us in prayer for years and even decades now in seeking the Lord to provide someone to be my successor to ensure that the work of Ariel Ministries continues to grow and remain strong in the years to come. God has answered our prayers! Let me be the first to introduce to you Dr. Tim Sigler. Tim has many years of experience in both the realm of academia and Messianic Jewish ministry. He will join the Ariel staff on July 1, 2023, in the official position of CEO2. Over the next year, I will mentor Tim in this new role as he travels and teaches alongside me, so many of you will get a chance to meet him in person.

For the time being, I will remain in my position and continue to teach and write. In other words, unless the Lord promotes me to heaven, I am healthy, working, and not going anywhere.



Here is a bit more about Tim:

Dr. Tim Sigler has been studying and teaching about the land and people of Israel for 35 years. He will transition to Ariel Ministries after serving as Provost and Dean at Shepherds Theological Seminary (Cary, NC) since 2018. Prior to STS, Dr. Sigler served at the Moody Bible Institute (Chicago, IL) for 18 years, most recently as Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Studies. He served as an elder for most of his 20 years at the Olive Tree Congregation and has served in pastoral ministry for over 10 years.

He has maintained an active international presence, writing and lecturing as the Israel Scholar-in-Residence with CJF Ministries and hosting study tours throughout the biblical world with Wisdom Passages. His Ph.D. dissertation at Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL) is titled "Emotional Geography in the Song of Songs: A Literary Study of the Contexts of Love." Grace College and Seminary (Winona Lake, IN) awarded Dr. Sigler a full-ride scholarship to participate in their M.S. in Higher Education program (completed in '18). He also holds the B.A. in Biblical Studies ('91), M.A. in Theological Studies ('93), and M.Div. ('95) degrees from Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary (Ankeny, IA). He spent his junior year of college in a work/study program on a kibbutz in Israel. Tim's written contributions have appeared in *Trinity Journal*, *Messianic Perspectives*, *Mishkan*, and *Bulletin of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism* as well as in *The Chronological Life Application Study Bible: Messianic Jewish Edition*, *The Moody Bible Commentary*, *Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical and Post-Biblical Antiquity*, and the Shepherds Seminary volume titled *Forsaking Israel: How It Happened and Why It Matters*. Tim and I were also coauthors in *What Should We Think about Israel? Separating Fact from Fiction in the Middle East Conflict* and will both be contributors in a forthcoming Zondervan publication, *The Messianic Jewish Study Bible*.

Tim and his hospitable wife, Bernice, have three adventurous young adult children—Netanya, Atalya, and Asher—and they enjoy hosting Jewish holiday events and speaking Hebrew at home.



The Ariel Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend an offer to Dr. Sigler on April 10, 2023, and we wanted you to know as soon as possible so that you may praise the Lord alongside of us in this incredible answer to decades of countless prayers.

Again, please rest assured that I am not retiring from Ariel Ministries. I am simply stepping aside from the position of CEO within one year from the time that Tim begins his transition period, which will start on July 1, 2023. I will still be busy writing and recording more courses for the online school and traveling to conferences and teaching at the Shoshanah School, just to name a few.

In the Messiah,

Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum