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Shalom from Jerusalem

Dear Christian Friends

"Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3b

Welcome to the latest edition of For Zion's Sake magazine, and if you are reading a printed version, please be aware that we have released a longer electronic edition which is available via our website (click button to subscribe) at Publications at www.cfijerusalem.org. You can also read the short version on our website.

This past spring, we experienced a very strange phenomenon for Israel, in the form of summer rain. Whatever the cause of this highly atypical weather, we are reminded that our Lord is able to release wellsprings of spiritual renewal and nourishment, even in the midst of the ever darkening, parched and weary world around us. However great a challenge that might seem to us, however incongruous, it is good for us to rest our faith upon the goodness of the Lord and to continue to "*hope all things*" (1 Corinthians 13:7b).

For us here, it is really a time of hoping and enduring all things, as we witness the fulfilment of so many promises of God concerning Israel's restoration, taking place around us. Yet as we see these things, we know that the complete redemption has not yet come in its entirety, and we continue to hope for the fulfilment of all the Lord has foretold in His Word. It remains a very great privilege for us to be your hands and feet in Israel as we go about the important task of preparation: Preparation of hearts and lives through acts of love and kindness; binding up broken hearts; applying the metaphorical Balm of Gilead to those who are hurting; bandaging their wounds; and, so to speak, "*pouring on oil and wine*" (Luke 10:34b). There is still so much more work to be done, so many lives to touch and so little time remaining. Thank you over and over for walking this uncommon journey alongside us, enabling us to continue in this work as we seek together, in a multitude of ways, to prepare the way of the LORD.

Tristan Hall
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As He respectfully completed the reading of the ancient Hebrew scrolls in the synagogues of His day, His identification with His Jewish nation remains with us in the Writings of the Apostles (New Testament). Yeshua was accustomed to allying Himself with His people as “we Jews” (**John 4:22**). Therefore, with all due respect, I lovingly appeal to church leaders to ask, “When did He cease being a Jew?” His family tree was recorded in the first chapter of the book of Matthew. Could it have been placed at the beginning of the writings to cement the unbreakable connection with His earthly manhood years? We know the Lord treasures the nations; however, at the same time He reminds the Gentiles to be a blessing to His Brethren (**Matthew 25:40**). Being in right relationship to Israel is not to be taken lightly, as He continually implied, “I am a Jew!” (**Matthew 22:42; 2 Timothy 2:8**). It is a fundamental truth with which the Church needs to come to grips. I will continue to remind us that

“there is no Christian Messiah! He is either Jewish or He is not the Messiah” (Dr. Dwight Pryor). This basic point needs to be made clear so that followers will not fall into the trap of following *“another Jesus”* (**2 Corinthians 11:4**).



Yeshua taught us from the Hebrew Scriptures



There will be Oneness with the One **TRUE GOD**

Jesus came to fulfill Scripture (**Mark 12:35**). The ancient writings had been sealed by God until the time of the end. Just as the seal was separated from the parchment paper, so the mysteries of the end of days are revealed. God holds the scroll in His Right Hand (**Revelation 5:1**) and only the Lamb of God (**Revelation 5:9**) is deemed worthy to reveal the eternal weight of God's words. The world appears to be in the hands of the "god of this world," (**2 Corinthians 4:4**) but a new world is on the horizon. We have entered the age of a changeover from man's systems to the heralding of the unshakeable kingdom of God (**Hebrews 12:28**). The "perfect Torah" (**James 1:23-25**) which will go forth from Zion will be a Torah of freedom. All will seek the best for their brother. I am not ashamed to say that Jesus is my Messiah; however, He is at the same time, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (**Revelation 5:5**). Israel is experiencing a shaking, (**Isaiah 13:11-13**) along with believers around the world. We hold on to the Rock that never moves. God's prophetic announcement is, "**One more time I will shake not only the earth but heaven too!**" (**Hebrews 12:26**). A second time He will again shake the world: "...**the things that are shaken are removed since they are created things, so that the things not shaken may remain**" (**Hebrews 12:27**). We have entered a refining pot (**Proverbs 17:3**) where the righteous must never be moved (**Proverbs 10:30; Psalm 62:2**) ...as the wicked will never inherit the kingdom (**Psalm 125:3**). Many righteous will come through their troubles; (**Proverbs 11:8; 12:13**) and the Lion of the Tribe

Jesus the only One worthy to open the scroll

of Judah will triumph over all the woes revealed in the scroll. We do not know the day He will take us to be with Himself and so we maintain oil in our lamps (**Matthew 25:1-13**) and watch (**Habakkuk 2:1; Matthew 26:41**).

What Lions Signify

A Lion is the official insignia on the flag of Jerusalem. Figures of lions can be found near city squares across Israel. My husband and I live above the Biblical zoo and from time to time we listen to the roaring of lions. The sound of the roar of the Lion of Judah will be as a warning of danger on the horizon. It will be something like proclaiming, "*It's time to move!*" God will send forth an earthshaking roar which will be heard around the world, (**Job 37:2-4; Isaiah 42:13; Jeremiah 25:30; Joel 3:16; Amos 1:2**) and many will feel the pain of shaking—many hearts will tremble. Sleepers must awaken spiritually. Jerusalem will come into hearts. A roar will proceed from the Western world (**Hosea 11:10**) and the sons of Jacob will come home to rest. Many still wear the grave clothes of the nations. The Jewish people will ask the way to Zion (**Jeremiah 50:5**). Messiah also returns—back to Zion. God forbid that the worldwide Church does not recognize her Hebrew foundations. True Christianity is Jewish.

Orde Wingate once declared: "When I came to Palestine, I found a whole people (the Jews) who had been looked down upon and made to feel unwanted by scores of generations and yet they were undefeated and building their country anew. I felt I belonged to such a People." This is the voice of a lion who loved and helped the Jewish people. Have you ever journeyed to Jerusalem and felt you had "come home"?

There is so much spiritual thirst in the world, along with Israel also searching for her identity. The very sad part about the shaking is that the strength of Jerusalem will wane at some point, as now, **(Isaiah 17:4)** like a woman who is tired of pain. For the City of God, the Bible uses the metaphor of the shaking of an olive tree **(Isaiah 17:6)** and also the shaking as a cup of trembling **(Zechariah 12:2)**. There will be sorrow and pain as if it will never stop; **(Isaiah 17:11)** however, God promises *never to forget* Jerusalem **(Isaiah 49:14-16)**. He still holds her hand through all the pain **(Isaiah 26:17-18)**. Lance Lambert said, “*God will back Israel against a wall until she cries to Him.*” Even if she is weak, she will become stronger. She will see the Lord and then cry, ‘*Baruch Ha Ba!*’ **(Zechariah 12:10)**. This is when we need to be holding her in prayer and also bringing her comfort through the throbbing travail. “‘*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*’” **(Jeremiah 29:11)**. The future end-time pressure of the battle will be over who will rule the Kingdom. Hordes of darkness will say, “We will take the Land!” The Lion of Judah says, “It’s Mine. I Rule!” “**Judah is a lion’s whelp...and as a lion, who shall rouse him?**” **(Genesis 49:9)**. The scepter “**shall not depart from Judah...**” **(Genesis 49:10)**.

Rabbi Johnathan Cahn is a solid teacher of prophecy. The following words are his research. He says that “things were set in motion years ago by God... He is working to fulfill His Promises to Israel.” Rabbi Cahn then explains that Moses revealed that in the End Times God would gather His Jewish people back to the Land: “**Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion...**” **(Numbers 23:24)**. “Before the ingathering of the Jews to their homeland... a stranger was to come to the Land when the Land was wasted and desolate (about 150 years ago). The “stranger,” God said, **(Deuteronomy 29:22-23)** would bear witness that it was a wasted Land and that after this, God would start to bring His People home. The man wrote a book and confirmed this prophecy. His name was Mark

Twain. In fulfilment of the prophecy, the words Twain wrote were the same as those predicted by Moses. Simultaneously - as Mark Twain was in Jerusalem - the Jewish people were reading the weekly Torah portion in the synagogues. They were reading “The prophecy of the stranger in the Land.” In 1867, the year of Jubilee, things were set in motion... and God’s mercy would be seen. Mark Twain’s real name was Samuel Clemmons. The name Samuel means, “*The Lord has heard,*” and Clemmons means “*and has been merciful.*”



**God will send forth
an Earthshaking
ROAR**

Fifty years later in 1917, the next Jubilee year, a World War took place between two empires, the Ottoman and the British. God raised up two men, Arthur Balfour and David Lloyd George, both Prime Ministers. God put them right in place for the 1917 Jubilee year. After that, General Allenby comes into the equation. The Ottoman Empire crumbles. General Allenby came into Jerusalem... then the Balfour Declaration is issued: “*This is your Land.*” For the first time, wings and air power came into view. Jerusalem was delivered because of airplanes. In fact, Bible prophecy had said: “*I will deliver Jerusalem as birds flying*” **(Isaiah 31:5)**. At the same time as the deliverance of Jerusalem, General Allenby’s soldiers opened the Book of Common Prayer to the prophetic words saying: “*I will deliver*



The Lion of Judah in **REVELATION**



Jerusalem as birds flying.” Even the British airplane squadron’s motto was, “*I will spread my wings and I will keep my promise!*” God had put it all together.

Let us look at Theodore Herzl. As a very young boy he had a dream... He, Theodore, was the little boy who would take back the Land for his people! He became the initiator of modern Zionism and wrote a prophecy: “Today I founded the Jewish state but in 50 years the whole world will know it.” He (Herzl) wrote this in 1897. In 1947, fifty years later (a Jubilee) Israel was voted back into the nations of the world. There was a code God embedded since the time of Moses, Rabbi Johnathan Cahn says. The law of Jubilee explains: **(Leviticus 25:13)** “**You shall return...**” (**Tashuva** in Hebrew) ...and the people returned. The numerical value of the word is 1948, the year Israel returned. And if we look back to 1867, (Mark Twain) to 1917, it is another 50-year period. The Jubilee is about restoration, survival, and coming back home—End Time prophecies focusing on Jerusalem.

Israeli soldiers entered the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967, for the first time in 2000 years. Meanwhile, a mystery of two millennia still remained on Masada. Realizing the nation had stood against Rome, they began to excavate Masada. They uncovered a parchment which said, “**Can these bones live?**” (**Ezekiel 37:14**) and, “**I will bring you back. I will open your graves**” (**verses 13-15**). They return. Counting days on the prophetic time clock, it leads to June 7, 1967... another Jubilee. On that day Israel came into Jerusalem. Birds were flying, back in 1917 (**Isaiah**

31:5). Then we find the Bible says God will fight for Jerusalem as a Lion (in the Hebrew text: “as a lion, and a young lion”): “**For thus the LORD said to me, ‘As a lion or a young lion grows over his prey, and when a band of shepherds is called out against him he is not terrified by their shouting or daunted at their noise, so the LORD of hosts will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill’**” (**Isaiah 31:4-7**).

In the Six Day War (1967) Israel had to secure the mountains around Jerusalem as the Jordanians were shelling them. **Col. Ben Ari** secured it. His name in Hebrew is “*the son of a lion*.” He was ordered to fight as a lion for the hill (or mountain of God). The head of the Har El Brigade securing the mountain was **Arik Regev**. ‘Arik’ is short for ‘Ariye,’ meaning “*lion*.” He gave the command: “*It’s time guys to take Jerusalem!*” So, a lion gives the command – man could not have planned this! **Col. Arik Regev** then, hearing the sound of a shofar, and Commander **Motta Gour**, (Gour in Hebrew is “*young lion*”) were the first people through the gates to Jerusalem. Arik (lion again) Achmon was with Motta Gour. Major Achmon also passed the command to another soldier who was also another young lion. They entered the gates and took Jerusalem. Through which gate? Yes, the Lion’s Gate! God had been with them. And as He has been with them before, He will

be with them again to save them. But instead of a lamb, He returns as a **Lion**.



—Sharon Sanders—

KIDS For The Kingdom



Years ago I read a book "Hatred Is Sacred" which taught little children to hate the Jewish people. I thought how sad this was and the idea came, "If some can teach hate, I can teach love." I wrote this little book which can become a coloring book in Sunday Schools for teaching children to love the Jewish people. Won't you purchase a book and share with your Sunday School? Permission is granted to copy the booklet free-of-charge and if nothing is changed. —Sharon Sanders—

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CFI and CFNI in Jerusalem

It is with such great joy that Christ for the Nations is not only Ray and Sharon Sanders Alma Mater in Dallas, Texas, but that the new generation of family leadership is also connected to Israel through CFI. Christ for the Nations Bible college is one of the best in the world for young Christians wanting to serve God. (www.christforthenations.org). The son of Gordan and Freda Lindsay, (Dr. Dennis Lindsay) and his wife Ginger, along with their daughter Hawni (far left), recently met with Sharon Sanders (CFI Co-founder) and Tristan Hall (CFI Executive International Director) in Jerusalem. It was a joyous day to reunite with long time friends and leaders. From one generation to another, the Lindsays continue to spread the light of the Lord Jesus everywhere in the world. CFNI continues to be a light to Israel, something the Jewish people have rarely seen from Christians in Bible colleges throughout the centuries.

Praise God for CFNI in Dallas, Texas! —Sharon Sanders—

OUR FUTURE IN THE JERUSALEM OF GOLD

PSALM 122

Worshipping God at the Feast of Tabernacles

Image: Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz

I WILL NEVER FORGET the first time I glimpsed Jerusalem. Wending our way up the road from Tel Aviv in the taxi, my anticipation levels rising like the hair on the back of my neck. In the early morning slumber, the heavens suddenly opened up like a treasure chest. The gleaming gold of the first rays of amber dawn alighted upon the skyline of stone walls that suddenly presented itself to me, as a curtain rising to reveal a most sumptuous stage. In the dawning light, these stones appeared to glow with a golden luminance, redolent for me of both songs and scriptures that associate Jerusalem with the properties and substance of gold. After all, Jerusalem's destiny was always to be a city set apart, a city of royalty and of holiness. A city unlike any other city.

Traversing the Ancient Paths

Just before I left to embark upon my journey, one of the last psalms I sang at our congregation 'just so happened' to be Psalm 122. I knew this was my time to go up, to make my own personal *Aliyah*, or ascent, up the winding hills to Jerusalem, both physically and spiritually. "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.' Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!*" (verses 1–2). Psalms 120–134 are, of course, known as the Songs of Ascent, the fifteen songs traditionally sung by pilgrims coming up to Jerusalem to honour God at the appointed times of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. So for me at that time, it was on the cusp of Pesach; and, as I reflected, every word woven together was alive and imbibed with a rich tapestry of meaning: "*Jerusalem is built as a city that is closely compacted together,*" (verse 3)



The New Jerusalem

King David reflected. And as my eyes rested upon the many gold-tinged tower blocks, the many modern storeys of apartments so characteristic of the newer parts of Jerusalem, I could only concur with David's observation, even with the passage of some three thousand years.

"*Where the tribes go up,*" David continued in the the next verse, "*the tribes of the LORD.*" What a privilege to traverse the ancient paths trodden by the twelve tribes of Israel of old, "*to the Testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD*" (Verse 4). More than that, what a vivid parallel we find in the pilgrimage of the tribes of Israel going up to worship God in Jerusalem, in the context of the broader pilgrimage of the tribes of the whole world to worship the Lord in Jerusalem, in the time to come spoken of by the prophet Zechariah:

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, on them there will be no rain" (14:16-17).



Look upon Jerusalem through eyes of faith as Joshua and Caleb

This scripture speaks of truly earth-changing events and a glorious time to come for Jerusalem when, not only the tribes of Israel, but all humanity will come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts. Yet for the many modern pilgrims to this city, it is sometimes hard for them to reconcile Jerusalem's future destiny with the city they experience today. They witness a modern, pulsating city, throbbing with all the same issues encountered in cities the world over. They see the traffic jams; they hear the noise; they feel the tremors of the road diggers. The streets are not yet golden and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, including the new immigrants, face escalating challenges such as scarce housing and the rising cost of living, in an already very expensive country. Therefore, it is sometimes difficult for the new immigrant, for the visitor and the pilgrim to connect tomorrow's Jerusalem – the Jerusalem of biblical prophecy – with the Jerusalem of today.

Joshua and Caleb had Faith

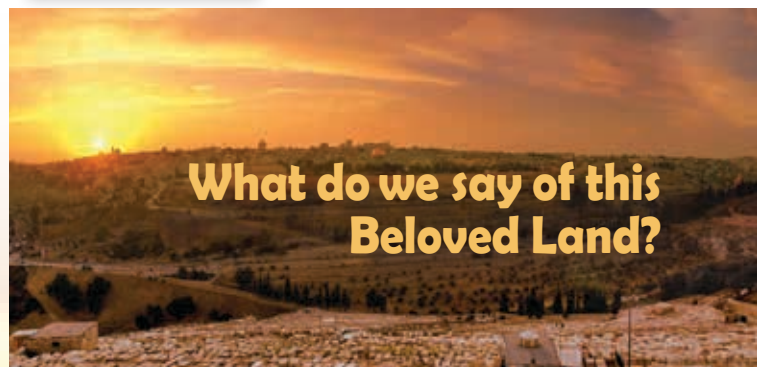
Despite these challenges, I am reminded of the testimony of Caleb son of Jephunneh, and Joshua son of Nun, when they entered Canaan to spy it out on behalf of the children of Israel, before they had come into possession of their Promised Land. Of the twelve spies dispatched by Moses, only two gave a good report. The other ten *"gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out..."* (Numbers 13:32a). This begs the question, 'Why did Caleb and Joshua give a different report to the other ten?' Surely, they saw and heard the very same things as the others, both the good and also the daunting?

Like the ten spies who gave a bad report, it is so easy to focus on the challenges, to report simply what we see and experience in the here and now. But Joshua and Caleb pleased God

because they looked at the Land through the eyes of faith, fitted and altogether framed by the promises of God. The Lord said of Caleb: *"But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land"* (Numbers 14:24). When we gaze upon Jerusalem, we too need to look through the eyes of faith, faith in the promises and prophecies of God, to see and discern the gold, not only in what Jerusalem is in our days now, but to see beyond to what she will be in the future. We need to perceive Jerusalem's glorious destiny to come, when all the nations will come up to worship the King, the LORD of Hosts, in this very place. As contemplated in so much Midrashic literature since antiquity, and as also described in beautiful detail in chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation, we need to speak of that golden time ahead when *Yerushalaim shel lamata*, earthly Jerusalem, will be touched, even eclipsed by and 'closely compacted together,' with the awe-inspiring and supernatural *Yerushalayim shel lamala*, the heavenly Jerusalem. **Can you see it coming?**

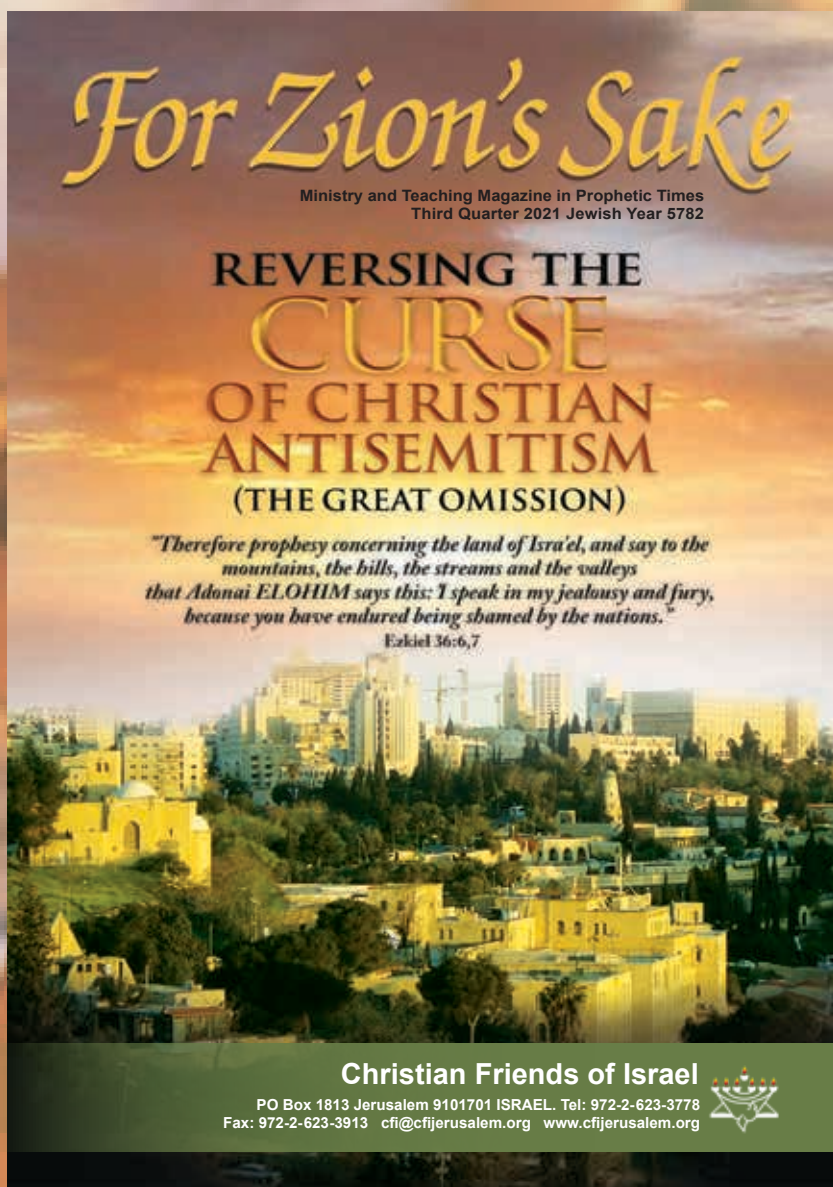


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HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS RETURN THEIR LOVE

“A man who has
friends
must himself be
friendly,
but there is a
friend
who sticks closer
than a brother.”
(Proverbs 18 : 24)

GODLY FRIENDSHIP is a very special gift from the Lord. As a team here, in Jerusalem, we are very blessed with deep connections the Lord has entrusted to us. Every visit we make, or event we attend, is filled with heartfelt warmth and love, which we believe brings healing into the hearts of our precious friends.

Leah, who was born in Slovakia in December 1924, was so happy to see us on her birthday. We celebrated with delicious cakes, and joy and gladness in our hearts! Leah came to Israel in 1945, just after World War II and has lived in the same kibbutz near the Jordanian border since then. It was a gift to see Leah again on such a special day!

Claudia had just been released from the hospital after a terrible fall and long rehabilitation. All the pain medication affected her mental health, and she is still weak and cannot walk. At first, she was a little confused as to who we were, but soon recognized us and did not stop smiling while holding my hands. We praise the Lord for always being with us and bringing His peace and comfort to His precious children.

We wish we could take all of you, our dear supporters and friends, with us on these visits, to see and experience what the Lord is doing. As it is nearly impossible to do so, we are grateful for the privilege of being able to share with you precious moments from our visits. **THANK YOU** for standing with us for all these years. **THANK YOU** for being our friends.

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Comforting Claudia Celebrating Leah's birthday



Shalom



Mimi

Coming Out as Gold...

Maggie writes, “When I look back at my life, I am amazed to discover that God has been directing my paths, even before I came to know Him as my God, who sometimes also uses hardship and affliction to draw us to Himself. This is also the case with Shalom from Ethiopia.”

Shalom’s Predicament

Shalom made *Aliyah* from Ethiopia with his family when he was just a small boy. Their family lived a secular lifestyle in which they thought God had nothing to do with them. Shalom met his wife as a young man, married her, and they have one young daughter who is about 10 years-old now. Life appeared beautiful to Shalom, despite the great responsibility he carried to help his mother pay their monthly mortgage after his father passed away.

Using some excuse, one day his wife asked that their joint bank account be separated. Shalom did what she asked as he respected her decisions, only soon after to face a shocking demand, not only for a divorce, but his wife also wanting to relinquish her guardianship of their only child. Like Job who was hit by one tragedy after another in agony, Shalom was stricken by another shocking reality that she left behind a

tremendous debt in their joint bank account for him to pay. Hope and light seemed all gone for Shalom. However, it was at his lowest point that he found God. God also kept Shalom alive after a serious car accident in January, during which Shalom also helped save another man’s life, despite being internally injured himself.

Encouraging Mimi

Project Hope for the Future (HFF) also visited Mimi, an Ethiopian Jewish woman, who finds herself in sad and very difficult circumstances. Her ex-husband was abusive to her and their son and their marriage also ended in divorce. Praise the Lord and thank you for your financial support so that Project HFF is able to be an encouragement, as well as helping to lessen the heavy burdens of Shalom, Mimi, and other Ethiopian Israelis in their great hardship. With monetary help from our supporters, Project HFF was able to assist Mimi with her rent and a gift of food vouchers.

Blessings to you and for your support. **“But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold” (Job 23 : 10).**

Project Hope for the Future
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**“...the needy will lie down
in safety.” Isaiah 14:30**

Miriam and Shani were both working and studying, but what earnings they make are not enough to cover monthly expenses such as rent, utility bills, food and tuition, meaning that they were in great financial hardship. Thanks to our supporters, for your financial support, so that Project Streams of Blessing was able to help Miriam and Shani with rent that was overdue. **May God reward your kindness according to Proverbs 19:17.**

*Project Streams of Blessing
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Visiting Shani and Miriam



Maggie visiting Dee, bringing comfort

Taking Refuge in **God**

Dee and her husband Ken have recently been going through a very rough time caused by Covid restrictions. Ken is a gifted musician and composer, and he and Dee have two young children. They run a special music school for underprivileged children in Northern Israel. Affected by Covid lockdowns and restrictions, they lost 80% of their income which resulted in great financial debt due to bills such as housing tax and the tuition of their children. On top of this, the owner of the concert hall refused to show them mercy but demanded that they pay in full, despite their concert being cancelled due to one of the lockdowns. Ken and Dee were greatly encouraged by our support in the midst of their hardship. **“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done” (Proverbs 19:17).**

Special Relationships Formed

The home visit to Shani (the one in grey) and Miriam, two young women in their early 30s who are roommates, was lovely. Both of them come from religious family backgrounds. At first Shani appeared to be a little bit uneasy, so I started conversations with both of them evolving around Jewish cultural and religious practices in general. Praise God that before long the atmosphere completely changed and as time progressed a special relationship with them was formed. **“The poor of His People will take refuge in it (Zion)” (Isaiah 14:32).**



Praying Fervently for *Jerusalem's Peace*

“But thanks be to God, who in Messiah always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us reveals everywhere the aroma of the knowledge of Himself.” 2 Corinthians 2:14

Dear Friends and Family Members

The summer season is here! Since our last edition we have celebrated Passover and Easter, which point to Yeshua (Jesus), the Lamb of God, whose blood was shed for our redemption. No matter where we live, we can stop to remember the importance of His sacrifice for the entire world. Pray that many more people would access what God has made available to mankind—eternal life. Please always remember Israel in your prayers; there are heightened internal struggles in the nation.

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls...” (Psalms 122:6-7).

Looking back over the three years of rebuilding the Wall of Prayer, I rejoice and give God the glory for what He has done. He helps us to overcome. In the aftermath of the first 10-week Covid lockdown, our co-founder, Sharon Sanders felt it was time to re-institute the CFI Wall of Prayer. In May 2020, we initiated a staff intercessory team which meets every Friday at 7:00 a.m., to petition God on behalf of our Jerusalem office. This group has sacrificed and remained committed to the prayer session. When one member

completes their assignment in Jerusalem, God always sends another one or even two.

Prayer for Those of Faith

Gathering with believers for worship and prayer is always uplifting. Recently the people of the Land of Israel with those from the nations prayed together. CFI staff, Rudy and Sharon Friesen, were introduced to some of the Arab pastors who oversee several congregations. Pastors often need prayer for protection, and open doors for ministry. CFI comes alongside our pastors to encourage them.

The Wall of Prayer is more significant than ever in these last days for Israel. We must stand by this beloved nation and pray the promises for her in many languages around the world. Pray for her welfare, her wellbeing, safety and revival of love for God.

“Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith” (1 John 5:4, NIV).

Linda D. McMurray
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True Prayer Warriors

When the lion-hearted, true prayer warriors for Israel pray, they pray. Being as bold as a lion is to become strong in intercession. Strategically targeted, fervent prayer where needed, means that even in the midst of opposition, lion-hearted love gives the “confidence to be as bold as a lion and unstoppable in the Spirit. It is now time to live the lion-hearted life, because we are preparing for the coming of the Lion.”

(Johnathan Cahn)

God looks for those who will “stand in the gap” (**Ezekiel 22:30**) and plug the holes in the walls where the enemy can get in. Always remember to look at the thousands of promises of God for Israel and you will be very encouraged to look at the future with hope. Someone once said, “A day of shaking is yet coming on the whole world, and the Jewish people will not be exempted from it. A great promise remains that Jacob’s children will be saved out of that day of distress...” (**Jeremiah 30:6-9**).

The Wall of Prayer is Expanding Welcome to Turkey! Our Newest Prayer Managers



Worldwide Prayer Meeting on Zoom Online we welcome all! For dates email tristan@cfijerusalem.org

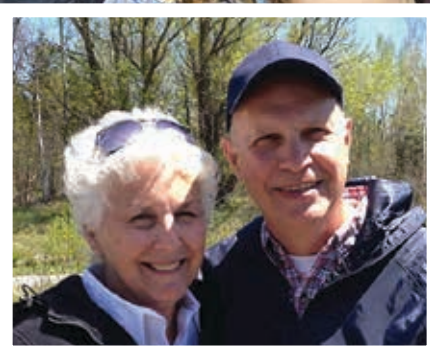




An Open Invite TO VISIT US!

A team of young people visited us recently

"We've often said that in the Land of Israel you meet more remarkable people in a week than in a decade at home...we mixed daily with 3,000 years of history, holy sites, and architecture."



Barb and I volunteered in full-time outreach at CFI Jerusalem, for three to four months each spring, from 2006 to 2008. We arrived in winter weather and departed with the hot, dusty summer winds. I worked primarily at "headquarters" near Ben Yehuda, on the annual conference and tour; Barb worked primarily at the various ministries located at the Distribution Center just near the central bus station. Volunteering in Jerusalem means being instantly ready for any opportunity and many unscripted ones regularly came our way: deliveries, postal and bank runs, visits to Holocaust survivors and IDF outposts, publications, cleaning, shopping and cooking!

A Memorable Experience

It was such a wonderful undertaking with many unusual challenges stirred into it, but it was always fulfilling and memorable. Above all else were the encounters and relationships with the People and the Land. We loved being with the CFI team, the survivors, the shopkeepers, the conference speakers and international pilgrims, the resident Christian and Jewish co-workers, and the "pioneer settlers" (conservatives who recently made *Aliyah* because they were called to establish outposts in Judea-Samaria). Eretz Yisrael is always unforgettable, and Jerusalem is especially so. We mixed daily with 3,000 years of history, holy sites, and architecture. Although using the bus system was certainly a consistently high and practical adventure, we were most fond of walking everywhere no matter how far, often, or when. Before joining Ray and Sharon

Sanders, we had made four independent trips to Israel, which gave us the opportunity to evaluate other ministries. After Ray and Sharon visited our church and stayed in our home, we were convinced that it was a good match. I believe that after completing our time, we left much behind while simultaneously taking much away with us.

Douglas and Barb Feavel

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Exciting **NEW** PROJECT



Neomi visiting the Service Dog Training Center

CFI Team Under His Wings, is so excited to announce a new opportunity here in the Land of Israel, as we actively look and pray for God-given ways to help soldiers and civilians suffering from war with terror-related PTSD.

After much thought, prayer and coordination, we would like to announce that we are partnering with **The Service Dog Training Center**, in Kfar Tikvah, "Town of Hope," and run by Barak Cohen and Ilan Frumkin. The main goal of the Israeli non-profit is to "significantly improve the standard of living of people dealing with PTSD through service dogs" (Ilan Frumkin). Not only has it been well proven that interaction with dogs and also other animals can have a significant restorative value on one's health, but I have personally experienced the great potential for healing that God gives us through his wonderful furry

creatures. We at UHW look forward to connecting with The Service Dog Training Center in this very unique way as there are now currently over 5000 Veterans in Israel who suffer from battle-related trauma.

What will this look like practically?

We will begin by sponsoring three IDF Veterans suffering from combat-related PTSD, who will attend a yearlong program, 'Dogs for Warriors,' at the center, where they will learn to train service dogs (some have their own already and others are seeking one) in weekly meetings. They will work with trained staff under the guidance of professional dog trainers. **We will be given the opportunity to join them in some of these sessions.**

Neomi Giron

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UNDER HIS WINGS ◆
Comforting Victims of Terror

THE GOAL...

...is to raise \$3,000 dollars per candidate to pay for the cost of the training which will begin very soon –funds dependent.

What is your part?

We ask you please to pray as the candidates are decided upon and we begin to interact with this service. Email me at neomi@cfijerusalem.org if you would like to adopt one of the three veteran soldiers. **OR** if you simply would like to make a donation towards this project **Donate to Project Under His Wings** and in the **YOUR COMMENTS** section add "Dog" so that your money goes to this special project!

What you get in return?

God's blessing as you bless his people! We will also send you updates on the project if you will send me an email after you make the donation! We want you to be a part of what God is doing in the healing and restoration of His Land and his precious People.

Watch our Video!

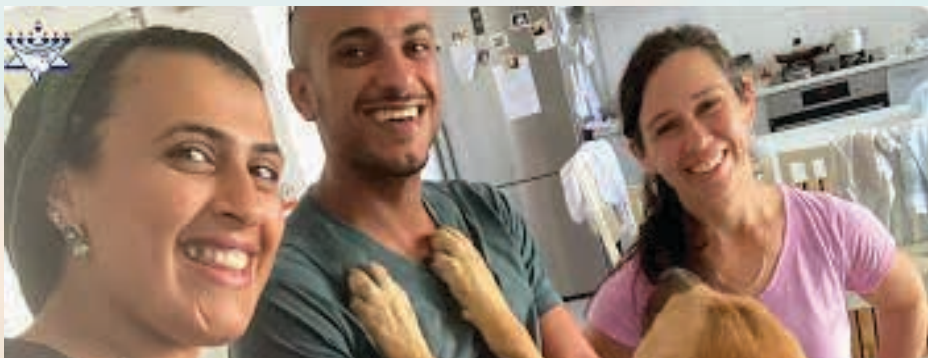
Below is the link to our **Under His Wings Project Video**. It is a wonderful CFI outreach bringing comfort and healing to terror victims and also people suffering from PTSD using well trained service dogs, coming to you from the **Israel Service Dog Training Center**. Please share it with your family and friends.

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NAVIGATING NORTH TO TIBERIAS



Giving God's Word to a Christian

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed...” 2 Corinthians 9:10

After arriving at CFI at the end of January, my wife Sharon and I have been settling in and meeting the people associated with CFI Jerusalem. My role is that of First Fruits Coordinator, replacing Kim Brunson who has just recently returned to the USA. Sharon assists me in this, especially on outreach visits.

Our Reports

In February we traveled north of Tiberias to deliver a rent check to a needy believer. Although highly educated, he has not been able to find work. His living conditions are quite difficult, and he needs both moral support and practical help. Along with providing him with assistance with his rent, we were able to encourage him and pray for him.

Another visit was to Haifa where we were able to provide a rent check and food vouchers to an Arabic speaking single mother of 5 girls. We were greatly blessed as she shared how the Lord had answered many of her prayers for provision and much needed help. Before we left, we prayed with her and left some materials printed in Arabic.

Another visit we made in Haifa, was to a Ukrainian Christian. CFI has been able to assist him with family needs and also education since he arrived in Israel 8 years ago. He is presently helping a congregation with his musical and sound board skills. He was also greatly blessed when Sharon, my wife, told him that she had visited his home town of Koresten, Ukraine. On this trip, Sharon had been teaching English to teenagers at a Christian camp located just outside of town. It's a small world! After a time of prayer, we were able to leave some newly printed Derek Prince literature and materials.

It is a privilege to work with highly gifted and professional people at CFI. Their love for Israel is apparent and very contagious. Thank you for your part in helping us to bless believers from many backgrounds and nations, and with a multitude of needs here in the Land.

Rudy and Sharon Friesen
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Supplying Arabic Christians with spiritual food



Passing on Derek's Books



Maggie, Yuri, Rudy and Sharon

A PRINCIPLE *and* A PROMISE

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Sharon Sanders brings not only the scriptures to life but also shares intimate details of how she has walked out the 'principle,' and teaches you how you too can learn this same truth for life.

What They are Saying!

"We want to thank you for sharing the Word of Truth in your FZS magazine. The new book **"A Principle and A Promise,"** we have just read. your insights are so encouraging. "Thank you for everything you are doing in the Land. Special thanks to Sharon for her amazing new book!"
(Jenny and David, UK)

"...you have no idea how this feels in my heart. So many teachings a month for years...Sharon teaches from the heart, with such clarity! So very good! Derek Prince and Lance Lambert were her and Ray's mentors." (Intercessor, Capitol Hill, Washington, USA)

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I Just Love to be Here!



Natalia with her son and mother

New immigrants from Russia

When the war began in Ukraine in February 2022, Natalia thought that it would not touch them physically. Their city was located far from the battle line. She and her elderly parents knew that they could make Aliyah, but it was not in their plans for the future. The parents, Yuri and Valentina, had some good friends, who had been inviting them for years to Israel. They heard good reports about the Land, but they did not take it very seriously.

In October 2022 they all understood that their lives were already in danger. By the help of different organizations, both Jewish and Christian, they moved to a safer region and from there to Poland. For Yuri it was the second time to evacuate. As a little boy he fled with his mother from the Nazis and left Ukraine for many years. In those days they found a safe place in Russia.

This time, the Jewish Agency provided rooms in a hotel in Warsaw. Natalia, with her son and parents, stayed there for 3-5 months. In March 2023 they received their permissions from the Embassy of Israel and moved to Israel. They were surprised at how good it was to be here. Their first experi-

Ageless Aliyah



ences in Israel were very positive. "I just love to be here," Natalia says. "We could have moved here a long time ago!" "We just did not understand what our friends were talking about," her mother added. The only person who could not make Aliyah was Natalia's husband. Men who are fit and able to fight, who do not have more than two children, are not allowed to leave Ukraine.

Blessing New Immigrants

There is always the opportune time to make Aliyah... when the Jewish people return to their land. Let us pray that they realize the time is now. We were very privileged to bless Natalia and her family with different household items. They came to visit CFI, all the way from a northern town, Nahariya, with a friend who also made Aliyah in March. It is a great blessing to help new immigrants coming to Israel. They are all brought by God into their Promised Land. There are still thousands and thousands of Jewish people yet to come from all over the world. ***"Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered"*** (Isaiah 56:8). Thank you for being with us in this very special project and may God bless you!

Tiina Danilevski – Outreach Supervisor
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"In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage." Jeremiah 3:18

God Sends Many Young People who Need Help

These past weeks saw over a hundred new immigrants visiting our Distribution Center on Moriah Street, Jerusalem. All received their gifts from Christian Friends of Israel with deep gratitude. These are times when we are able to hear their stories and to listen to their hearts, being a sounding board, bringing comfort. Thirty-five were young adults from Russia. They are all students from a language school, located in East-Jerusalem. The school provides them with a place to live for 5-6 months. After finishing the courses of basic Hebrew, they have to find their own accommodation. This puts them totally on their own. Many of them begin to work and study at the same time. It has been such a joy to meet these lovely young people. This is a new beginning in their lives, a new challenge, and they are excited; however, it is not easy to build a life in Israel. One needs to push through many hindrances and disappointments before results are seen in this -*Promised*- Land!

Coming out of the CFI Olim Store with needy items



Young Russians receive help

Finding their Heritage

These youth have come to find their heritage in Israel (even if many of them do not understand it all yet). Our prayer is that the Lord God will show them the way and also bless them with His Loving Care. Please, pray for all the new immigrants of Israel. They need God! They need His provision and protection in every step.

Among the many new immigrants, we served a young family from France. The first thing Natali did in Israel was to give birth to their firstborn daughter, in January 2023. Natali and her husband received a brand new toaster oven and a cooking pan. We also gave items for their beautiful baby. These gifts from Christians made them so joyful and glad. Thank God for this wonderful opportunity to bless Israel as one of the many ways **you help us to serve in His Love.**

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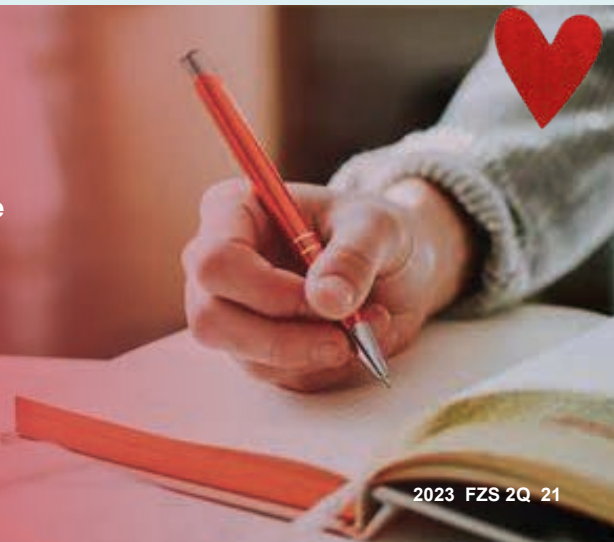
Heartfelt Thank You Notes from our Guest Book

"We thank Christian Friends of Israel for the help that they give us with love." Vadim and Olesia

"We are very grateful to this organization for the help to our family. Thank you for receiving us!" Katerina and Iliya

"A great thankfulness for the invaluable help in our new beginnings. What a blessing!" Olga

Thank God for this opportunity to bless these precious people.





Nicolene Swartz
CFI International
Representative
Assistant



Welcome!

“...they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My People...” Zechariah 13:9



CFI MEXICO

New! Mexico CFI Representatives

Manolo and Maggie Sanchez began translating CFI prayer letters into Spanish, and ever since, the CFI Mexican supporters list has grown. Their first visit to Israel was in 2000, and the next in 2016, when they recalled the “privilege to accompany CFI staff members to visit Holocaust and terrorism survivors in their homes.” They say: “It was a very touching experience which they will never forget.”

The Sanchez husband and wife team also lead a team of brothers and sisters who love and support Israel. This-God appointed team has created and maintains an inspiring CFI Hispano (Hispanic) website. CFI publications are translated into Spanish for all Spanish speaking Christians around the world—not only Mexico. Manolo and Maggie are parents to three adult children, and they have four grandchildren. One of their daughters is part of the CFI Spanish Translators Team. It is such a BLESSING FROM THE LORD that the work of CFI has grown in Mexico and that our brother and sister Sanchez are leading the way for the Spanish world to have a channel to bless and pray for Israel.

Manolo and Maggie Sanchez



CFI PHILIPPINES

First, we welcome **Dr Ruthie Marasigan** to lead in the Philippines. Dr Ruthie has been bringing many groups to Israel several times each year, and is a longtime friend of Ray and Sharon. She is very capable and will help us connect with many of the other nations of the Pacific Islands.



CFI NIGERIA

Pastor Ifeoma Chukwuogo from Nigeria is no stranger to Israeli ministry. She has served various organizations that are respected by CFI. I first met Pastor Ifeoma 10 years ago when she brought her tour group to visit our Jerusalem offices. She also brings several tours to Israel each year. Pastor Ifeoma is an educator in one of the highest accredited schools in Nigeria. Involving the African continent in Israeli efforts has had its challenges.



CFI TOGO

Pastor Yawo Tsevi is our youngest representative and comes from Togo. This connection was made through our Swiss representatives. Walter and Erika Mathys and Karen and Michel Solomon have provided and trained Pastor Yawo with the Keshet study course. He has now joined CFI and sent an offering to the Jerusalem office. We thank the Swiss team and Andre and Helene from France for coming alongside Pastor Yawo and mentoring him regarding Israel and the Jewish people.

"The nations will escort Israel and bring it to its homeland." Isaiah 14:2



CFI PHILIPPINES



Robbie Coleman with Dr. Marasigan

CFI Opens New South Asia Office: *Welcome* to the Philippines!

We are so excited to welcome the Philippine Christian Friends of Israel. It is unusual to open a new CFI office already supplied with staff and a physical location, but this is the case in the Philippines due to the dedication of the Marasigans. They designated office space for CFI and also space for a dynamic 24-hour prayer ministry. It is currently under renovation but will soon be in full operation. Dr. Ruth is a strong prayer leader. The CFI Jerusalem Wall of Prayer was started by Sharon Sanders many years ago and is expanding. It is wonderful to know that CFI Philippines is part of the arm that reaches around the world with prayer, the love of God, and love for Israel. What a wonderful tour Pastor Robbie experienced from the most wonderful of people, the Filipino Christians who love Israel. **Please read the full story on our online edition of For Zion's Sake. Israel has a true friend in the Philippines! Our CFI Family of Nations will be greatly enriched.**

Contact: Dr. Ruthie Marasigan Email: joeyrutheal@gmail.com

Renovated new offices





Announcing the Launch of a New Weekly Podcast, **HEARTBEAT FOR ISRAEL**



Laura remarks, "The show is hosted by Sharon Sanders, co-founder of **Christian Friends of Israel**. Sharon brings a wealth of wisdom and hands-on experience to the table, as she has lived in Jerusalem amongst the Jewish people for the past 35 years. Listen in as she shares her passion for the Jewish people and for the nation of Israel." (Laura Densmore, Bridgeconnectors ministry)

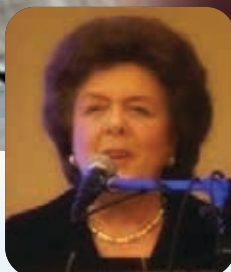
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Now you can listen to her teachings on: **Spotify iTunes**. Just click on the Apple podcast ICON and then do a search for "Heartbeat for Israel." You will find it there! **SoundCloud AnchorFM**

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These podcasts are fundamental building blocks to help Christians to understand God's heart for Israel and the Jewish people. As the end of days approaches, Jerusalem will become the epicenter of



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Tristan Hall
International Executive
Director and Writer/Speaker



Robbie Coleman
Pastor / Conference Speaker
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David Soakell
CFI UK International Liaison

prophecy being fulfilled. Jesus is returning...not to London, Paris, Rome, or New York. He is returning to Jerusalem to set up His kingdom. We pray that when listening to these podcasts will stir up the spirit of Ruth in people's hearts, so they can come alongside the Jewish people and the nation of Israel in prayer, love and support.

SPECIAL NOTE TO MINISTRY LEADERS: Can you please help us to get the word out and build our listening audience? Can you forward this email on to your email list groups? Please help us to communicate this vision and

message. We want to touch many hearts so that a deep love for Israel and the Jewish people is nurtured.

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Our Special Friend and Guest, Jonathan Feldstein, visited us recently to say hello. Galya and Tristan Hall welcomed Jonathan for fellowship.

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