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Greetings *from* Jerusalem

FROM
THE DESK
OF THE
DIRECTOR



SHALOM, OUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS AND CO-LABOURERS IN THIS AMAZING WORK,

“NOW THEREFORE, ARISE, *go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage ...”*
Joshua 1: 2b–6a

It is truly the privilege of our lives to touch upon this precious calling. Many are looking with dread to the burgeoning works of darkness that are gathering like dark clouds across the world in this hour, but we will look to the ever-brightening Light that is drawing ever closer to dawn!

Let's continue to look up, brace ourselves for what lies ahead and take the leaps of faith we all must surely make to enter into the fullness of all the Lord would have in store for us, both personally and together as a ministry team, whether we are in Israel or in the nations – wherever the Lord has planted us. In December 2025, this ministry will turn 40 years of age and there remain metaphorical River Jordans that we must cross over to enter into what lies before us in the new season ahead. We give thanks to the Lord and rejoice for all that He has achieved through the ministry over the past 40 years, for the faithfulness and vision of our founders, Ray & Sharon Sanders, Derek White, François Cellier, and Rev Barry Perez. We also give thanks to the Lord for all the fruitfulness that He has brought over the years, so much fruit that we can't even see it all; fruit that we trust will be uncorrupted; fruit that will remain.

We also praise the Lord for all that He still wants to do through the vehicle of CFI, in the coming months and years ahead, at this time of such rapid, galloping global change. CFI is not done yet and there is still much work to do.

This is our moment and our great privilege to in some way, however small, have our hands touch upon this supernal work of the Lord in Israel and the nations at this juncture in history. In His grace, let's buckle up and cross over into all that He still has for us ahead. The hour is very late, but new ground, new exploits, still await.

Tristan Hall, CFI International Executive Director



SPECIAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ISAAC HERZOG

RECENTLY I was honored to attend a private meeting with Isaac Herzog, the President of Israel. This special meeting, attended by CFI and three other local ministries, was held at the President's Residence in Jerusalem. It was a fantastic time of cementing and developing the strong friendship that exists between our ministries and the nation of Israel.

**"IF YOU REALLY
LOVE ME,
YOU WILL OBSERVE
MY COMMANDMENTS."
JOHN 14:15**

**"FOREVER, O LORD,
YOUR WORD
IS FIRMLY FIXED
IN THE HEAVENS."
PSALMS 119:89**

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"IT IS WRITTEN" appears quite often in our Bibles and while the meaning is clear, it became more understandable once I checked the Hebrew version of the scripture. My eyes suddenly opened wider with the comprehension of *"It stands written!"* The weight and authority of the Hebrew expresses the finality of the matter of the authority of God's Voice. God never changes and His Mind never replaces nor alters after His Voice has spoken. The words from His Mouth carries with it the depth of *"Ana Nafshi K'ta'vit Y'ha'vit.* The sages tell us that this Hebrew phrase means *"I gave you My soul and heart, my Essence."* (**Deuteronomy 15:5**) He feeds us through His Torah (His Eternal Words) present in Yeshua (Jesus), the *living* Torah in flesh and blood). God's Words are forever settled in Heaven. (**Psalms 119:89**) He clothes our souls with Divine Light from His soul when we study scripture. The Hebrew word for love is *"ahava"* and we are commanded to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind and also our neighbor as ourselves. (**Deuteronomy 6:5-15:21; Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27**) These commandments originated in God's Heart. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**) Someone once said that "when we study, we (so-to-speak) merge with God's Soul." God's Words are His Divine Wisdom as we receive them into our souls. Just for the mentioning, the soul has 613 organs from head to foot (248 limbs and 365 tendons) the exact number of precepts in the faith of Jesus (Biblical Judaism) all derived from the Torah. Even though the numbers are symbolic, they represent to our Jewish brethren the complete set of Divine instructions which many choose to follow because they love the Lord their God. Let us always respect the commitment many make to obey God..... I meditate from time to time on the faith and commitment of many here in Israel to be obedient to the God of their Fathers and wondering where to go to find this "type" of deep commitment in the church, i.e. this kind of sincere engagement and sincere dedication to the Father. He knows all hearts.

The historical Bereans studied to make certain that what the Apostles were teaching from Torah was, indeed, true. (**Acts 17:11**) The Book of the Covenant is the plans of His Heart, and it *stands* fast. His Eternal Purposes also stand and remain forever. (**2 Corinthians 1:9**) The Hebrew Scriptures are a lifeline for all of us and serve as guiding lights on how to live in righteous ways. The Bereans came from Berea (Greece) and digging a bit deeper into history reveals they were Orthodox Jews very strict and precise in resolutely investigating what folks were teaching. Obviously Shaul (a/k/a Paul) had a strong premonition that after his departure *"... savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock."* (**Acts 20:29; 2 John 10-11; Romans 16:17**) Outside ideas were not often welcome. Someone once said, "If the average believer with no knowledge of their Jewish Messiah believes that Jesus and Paul were Christians then they are believing in two converted Jews to another religion which was forbidden in the Torah." Also, another wise person stated, "Instead of more Christian Education, we need more Bible Education."

Yeshua (a/k/a Jesus, His Greek name) taught that *"there hath not failed ONE WORD of His good promises"* (**1 Kings 8:56**) and that every jot and tittle (every smallest detail or tiniest amount) would be fulfilled in the Torah. (**Matthew 5:18**) The full revelation of Israel will become clearer to us all as we draw deeper from the Wells of Jacob. The historical church unfortunately allowed a destroyer into its vineyard with "different" seed than the Apostles sowed. Various doctrines, creeds and traditions were accepted from "other wells" than Jacob's. The yield of the bad seed sown from different and strange doctrines (**Hebrews 13:9**) plus strange fire on some altars (**Leviticus 10:1**) caused the fruit of the church's vineyard to be defiled with Replacement Theology lies and all we have to do is investigate the damage done by this wrong teaching and the bad education which we inher-

ited through the centuries and now rooted in our modern-day churches.

Let us look at the words “do you love me?” and let them sink in. Some of us need to pray this way “Lord, let Your Thoughts and Understanding become my thoughts and understanding”. This way the revelation of His intended understanding of the relationship He has with His Beloved Chosen People (Israel) can be yours and mine. Yes, the Word of God **stands** written and when we also as beloved by the Lord truly find all of our fulfillment in Him and His Love filling our hearts, it brings a special warm and secure feeling to us all. ***“Let the beloved of the Lord rest securely in Him, for He shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between His Shoulders.” (Deuteronomy 33:12)***

Feeding Your Spirit

The days in which we live are trying times for the entire world. I don't know about you, but I live one day at a time and try to align my spirit with the Spirit of the Lord. I find I cannot make it even one day without daily undisturbed time with God who gave me a spirit, soul and body. Our bodies which need taking care of, are our tents in which we live on earth, our souls are our feelings and emotions which we feed spiritually and receive from God's Word. They give us more power in the inner most part of our being by *listening* to His Voice from within. When we take the Word of the Living God into the chambers of our hearts, they change us and it draw us away from the worries and fretting situations in which we sometimes find ourselves.

Pray for His Peace

I well remember during the recent Twelve Day War with Iran, that Iran launched over 300 ballistic missiles into Israel's air space (to kill and destroy thousands of Israelis) I had something very strange and yet encouraging and special happen to me. We are trained to know that there is little time to enter into bomb shelters or safe places once missiles are released. In June of 2025, news re-

Spending time with God to hear His Voice



God's Word is His Love Letter to us

ports informed the public that it would take around 45 minutes after being launched before the weapons of war entered our air space. I am a widow now. I do not have my beloved by my side during times like these that can be frequent in the Middle East where we live. God alone is my total protector, my shelter, my only Comforter in my chambers of safety at home. He alone keeps me when I feel alone. And so, as I stood at the end of my bed after the alarms sounded thinking I needed to walk to my sealed room, I did something unexpectedly—I never thought I could do—and I stopped in my tracks, thought for a moment about the situation and turned back to bed and fell fast asleep through the whole missile launches that night. The greatest peace I had ever experienced engulfed my spirit, and I cannot remember any night prior to that one when the Sar Shalom (the Prince of Peace) totally removed any type of fear or apprehension about what was going to happen shortly. Even more with me, and I was not afraid. Even more uplifting and inspiring testimonies were in our news of Israeli hostages trapped deep underground in the darkest of hell holes found God right there with them! The faith of Israelis are often so amazing! One captive who was being starved said “I prayed to God and asked Him if there was anything He needed, and if I could do anything for Him.” Some of the Biblical men and women of God which we read about in the Jewish scriptures also often found great peace when they found that their connection with God was more nourishing than a meal. It is an experience I will never forget as long as I live.

For these reasons above, when we feed our spirit within us on the Bread of Life from the Sacred Words of the Bible, we need to always remember it STANDS written through the Sovereign Authority of our Creator and Maker, to align ourselves with His amazing peace which passes all understanding (**Philippians 4:7**) wherever we live in the world. If you are reading this in Sri Lanka, the jungles of the Amazon, in China or in Europe or any other of God's Continents, remember HE can calm any troubled waters in your hearts as we all face different situations in today's world. One day we will be ONE BODY, both Jew and Gentile who believe in the Lord (**Ephesians 4:4-6**) when we all believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Let us all remember to hold on to that which can never be moved. **It STANDS written! (Deuteronomy 33:12)**

— Sharon Sanders —

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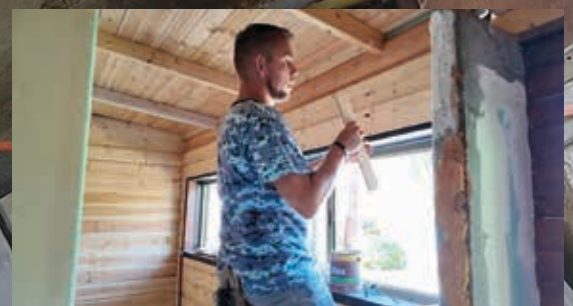
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Sojourns in Sophistry and Delusion Pro-Palestinian or Plain Old Antisemite

“Blessed are those who do His commandments ... that they may enter through the gates into the city ... outside ... are those whoever loves and practices a lie.” (Revelation 22:14-15)

TIME AND AGAIN, we bear witness to vile, naked antisemitism stalking through our public streets, plastered over the internet or poking through the soundwaves on televisions and radio. There are the seemingly endless ‘marches’ and ‘protests’ (often more accurately, riots) of ‘Pro-Palestinian’ supporters, mustering together like a cackle of hyenas, often proudly brandishing their Palestinian flags (whilst sometimes burning Israeli flags), frequently chanting the sad, call-to-arms mantra, *From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!* Sometimes, not all comrades know which river and which sea it is they are referring to, but that doesn’t stop them from vociferously chanting away with the rest of the rabble. These can never be construed as words of peace. Some world leaders (e.g. Kier Starmer) are finally starting to acknowledge that these words are indeed antisemitic, however, calling this out now after the unrestrained public usage of these chants have caused so much damage over the past two years is surely mere lip service.¹

These continuing public demands for the genocide of the only Jewish state in the world by mass, boorish mobs has been perceived as inflammatory hate speech by many within the Jewish diaspora communities around the world, with some fearing for their lives to the point of not wishing to leave their homes. Sadly, it seems this is not without reason – all the more following the murder this year of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim in Washington DC in May, and the murder at a Manchester synagogue of Melvin Cravitz and Adrian Daulby in October. Jeremiah 16:16 speaks of “hunters.” The name of the “hunter” in this case was Jihad Al-Shamie. Aptly named.

Indeed, there have been instances where Jewish people going about their daily lives in the vicinity of ‘Pro-Palestine’ protests, which are sometimes shockingly allowed to take place in Jewish neighbourhoods in cities such as New York and London, have been asked to leave by the police and told that their presence is antagonising in what have been called ‘no-go zones’ for Jews.² One is reminded of the words of Isaiah 59:13-14:

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

EVIL IS ESCALATING

It is an appropriate time to contemplate the debacle of truth falling down in the streets, because we are living in days where people are not only lying and deceiving but are even lying to themselves – often to the point that they are believing their own lies. This is a very deep and dangerous level of delusion. In 1st Timothy 4:1-2, Paul wrote: *“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron ...”*

The absence of self-awareness can so often lead to personal and societal downfall, opening people up to all manner of deceptions, conceits and self-delusions. In psychology literature, the well-known ‘Johari Window’ includes the infamous ‘blind spot’ in one’s perception,

that is not known to self but is known to others. So when we hear from those within the 'pro-Palestinian' brigade, the oft-recited platitude, that:

i) they don't hate the Jews – they just hate Israel; or
ii) they are not antisemitic but are simply standing against the actions of the State of Israel (which apparently has no right to defend itself); or even
iii) they love the Jews but they are just campaigning for the creation of a Palestinian state;
the words resound with a decidedly hollow clang. Glib. How can it be possible to claim to be a lover of the Jews, or not in any way antisemitic, yet simultaneously call for the destruction of the one and only, tiny weeny Jewish country in the world? Some of those who make use of this false argument would do well to acquaint themselves with the meaning of the word, 'oxymoron' (and while they are there, pay special attention to the second half of the word). For it is indeed moronic to claim to love something that one is trying to destroy. It doesn't make any sense. Yet self-deception sanitises the ultimate outcome for the Jews of such chants as *"From the river to the sea..."*; it is a mental trick through which people convince themselves that they are only seeking the re-establishment of a Palestinian state in the interests of social justice, whilst abrogating themselves of the moral responsibility to think this through to its final consequence, which would surely be the genocide of Israeli Jews. That reality then slips into the blind spot of self-perception. But the lie to self that one "loves the Jews" and isn't really a dirty old antisemite underneath the rhetoric, magically makes this reality disappear from many minds, as if whitewashing a wall covered with swastikas. Under the layers of squeaky clean paint, those swastikas are still there.

WHY TAKE UP THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE?

Many within the pro-Palestinian lobby would also do well to meditate upon the true reasons for their support of the Palestinian nationalist plight. If it is truly founded on the noble tenets of humanitarianism or altruism, many should ask themselves why they have chosen to take up the cudgels of Palestinianism and not one of the many other conflicts with ethnic groups around the world who have been suffering true genocides and persecutions in vastly greater numbers. For example, just over Israel's northern border, the Syrian civil war began in 2011 and is only said to have finally ended less than a year ago, and according to widely accepted figures, over half a million Syrians have died in that conflict (completely dwarfing the numbers who are said to have been killed in the Hamas-Israel conflict, whether Palestinian or Jewish). Yet where were the marches of hundreds of thousands of people in the vaunted capital cities of this world, where were the protests, the street stalls, the burning of Syrian flags, the chants, the hatred, the vitriol, the whipped up, confected, faux concerns for 'social justice'? Even more recently and since the alleged end to the Syrian Civil War at the end of 2024, there has been a most diabolical genocide taking place of the Syrian Druze community, as well as the ethnic cleansing of the Syriac Christian community. Where were the voices of criticism, of judge-

ment, of condemnation from the chattering classes, from the establishment media moguls, student unions, and armchair internet warriors? Why have they not generally spoken out for the Syrians in mass numbers, as they have for the Palestinians? Why the deafening silence?

JEWS USED AS SCAPEGOATS

Yet again, it seems there is truth in the quip, *'No Jews; no news'*, because the missing ingredient in each of these cases – whether the hundreds of thousands of ordinary Syrians who have perished, whether Druze or Christians or multifarious other major persecuted groups around the globe about which the world mostly stands silent, it seems that the reason for the absence of any significant outcry is really the absence of any Jews to be blamed and scapegoated. So when self-identifying pro-Palestinian activists have been confronted with this very quandary, several excuses are generally trotted out for their lack of activism, including lack of time; lack of awareness; can't take on every cause; doing their bit already so someone else can pick up these other causes. These weak justifications are not enough to convince anyone – sometimes not even the person giving the excuse. The sad truth is that in many cases, the real reason why many people are attracted to support the pro-Palestinian cause is due to a latent antisemitism, mistrust and even hatred of both Israel and the Jews which is deeply spiritually rooted within the psyche and sub-consciousness, falling squarely within the blind spot which is neither known to self nor to the echo chamber of likeminded souls that have been drawn like iron filings to the same, magnetic, deceptive cause. It is truly a spiritual problem that requires spiritual solutions, which is why so often, combatting the onslaught of lies with words, logic and facts alone is not nearly enough. In seeking to break through the lies, even for some of those enchained by the deceptions, it is prescient to remember the strength of our spiritual 'weapons' of prayer, intercession, travail, fasting, worship and so much more. Let us close with this truth, which the Apostle Paul puts across in **2 Corinthians 10:3-5a**:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God."

Tristan Hall
CFI International Executive Director

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Sharing a Day of Friendship with War Veterans



Spreading Joy Along the Way

Touching Lives With His Invisible Arms

“Loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke ... is it not to share food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter.” **(Isaiah 58:6-8, NIV)**

ACTIVELY pursuing compassion is similar to a spiritual fast or gift to Jesus. **Galatians 6:9** leads the way at our work at CFI Jerusalem. By doing good to all those in need, I feel truly honored that my daily work at CFI is to truly bless those in need with financial gifts and food vouchers and lots of Godly love. One dear lady, a new immigrant from Russia arrived at our Distribution Center after the husband had abused and financially exploited her. As a result she had fallen into a deep depression, unable to find work or even pay her bills. CFI paid her rent and presented her with food vouchers. She cried as she thankfully accepted her gifts. She said no one else offered to help her. She also told us that the help she received from CFI has strengthened her faith in God.

● Helping Needy Widows

We were thrilled to bless another lady with a gift to pay her electric bill. **She is a widow** and has been depressed since the loss of her husband. Finding work has been difficult because of language barriers—placing her in the poverty bracket. Another elderly widow that received the blessings of

the Lord was gifted with food vouchers. As an extremely lonely person, she was so excited when we visited her in her home. As we build relationships here at CFI, she insisted that I have lunch with her. Even though in need, she fed me! No one had been visiting her and because of her disability, she is mostly home bound, and she voiced to me that we had brightened her day when I visited right before Rosh Hashanah.

● Serving Large Families

CFI also reached out and helped large families and gifted them with food vouchers. In one Chasidic family, the mother was a high-risk pregnancy and had been hospitalized multiple times. The Israeli families we helped were so grateful to receive food vouchers to purchase healthy food for the High Holy Days. We serve the community with all of our hearts.

● Young Students

A young girl recently had been diagnosed with sleep apnea and had just lost her job because of the severity of her symptoms. Now living in poverty she would not have been

able to feed herself if **your contributions and gifts to CFI** had not been available to bring her blessings untold. She told us that **she felt the presence of God with her** when we visited and prayed together.

● Our Prayer Focus

As we visit each person, one-by-one across Israel, every person, young and the elderly are truly very grateful. Working at CFI means that I get to visit individuals, groups and many organizations personally. My heart is filled with deep joy, and I have been enriched by each one of them as we tear down walls and share our hearts. Thank you for your generous donations and prayers that make this possible. May God richly bless you for your kindness to help us in Israel.

Julia Sapp

Outreach Coordinator

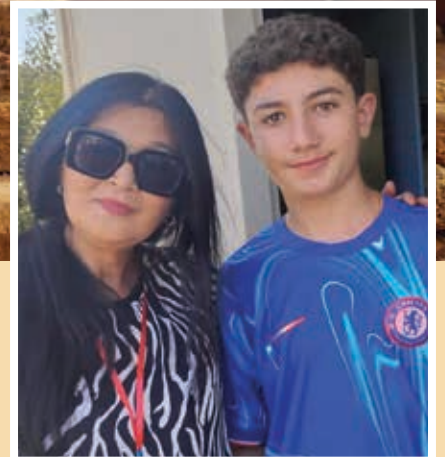
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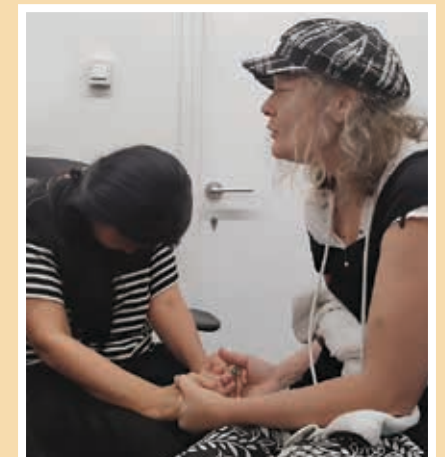
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*Intercession for Israel at
CFI Wall of Prayer*

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STANDING IN THE GAP happens on two levels, as well as temporal. First, prayer is vertical, so we firmly stand in the gap by praying for people, agreeing with and standing on God's plan and purposes for their lives. Second, loving our neighbor is horizontal, so we back up our prayer by standing by loving people God's Way. **"We love because He first loved us."** 1John 4:19

Our Wall of Prayer team visited Hostage Square in Tel Aviv to pray for the safe return of those still held captive in Gaza. The atmosphere was heavy, almost tangible, as so many families, friends, and visitors gathered together with one heart and one voice. **Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me." Exodus 9:1.**

Breaking Down Walls

Still, in the middle of this great heaviness, there was unity and despite the grief, the Israelis came together with hope. Each prayer lifted was not only for the hostages but also for strength, for healing, and the day when we will see them come home. We knew why we were there: to stand in the gap for Israel right alongside of them and for the hostages. It is our duty, our calling to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them and lift them up before God. We break down high walls and open pris-

on doors through our earnest and sincere intercessory prayer as we bring light into the darkest of many places. Every whispered word, every shed tear, is an earnest plea that heaven hears. The CFI Prayer Team travels to many places throughout the Land to lift our voices and "stand in the breach" holding our Israeli friends and families to the Lord God of Israel. It is our privilege to do so. **Won't you join us?**

Freed Hostages Comes by Fervent Prayer

Not only victims of terror in the tunnels are praising the God of Israel, but we rejoice that the hostages are back home and we thank God for His grace and mercy. We thank Him for this miracle. We will continue to pray for their healing and for the remaining deceased hostages still in Gaza.

A Prayer Declaration

We stand in the gap today for Israel
We lift up Israel; we lift up the hostages.
Where there is captivity, we pray for freedom until every hostage is home,
Where there is pain, we pray for healing,
Where there is fear, we pray for peace .
Until every family is restored and made whole, we will stand in the gap. **Amen.**

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Repairing Homes and Rebuilding Lives

"I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah an heir of My mountains; My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there." (Isaiah 65:9)

AT THE MOMENT OF THIS WRITING, I took shelter due to a missile fired from Yemen. Whether the United Nations recognizes it or not, God's people – especially the descendants of Judah – are returning to their land. Every day, new immigrants arrive in Israel. While the world may call it colonialism, **God is fulfilling His promises. Even those who oppose Israel see and resent the unfolding of God's plan.** Dodging missiles is the reality of living here which we all face – daily reminders of both spiritual and physical warfare. I'm privileged to be involved in the **Communities Under Attack** project, which confronts these challenges. When God moves, the enemy reacts. But God's response is always clear and unwavering: **"I will."** His Word carries authority, and **we place our trust in Him alone.**

A special moment that deeply touched us was on our trip to Rachel in Shlomi. She had been evacuated from her home for a year and a half. **Alone in a hotel, her situation had only worsened.** Her health declined to the point where she could barely walk – though not "enough" to qualify for government assistance. When we visited, she confided that she had not gone outside in a long time. Our hearts broke for her. We decided to bless her with a new wheelchair. When I delivered it, she wept with gratitude. **"You've given me my life back," she said. "Now I can see the sun again."** God provided this wheelchair through your giving! **"The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls..." (Isaiah 60:10)**

Wheelchair gifted to Rachael

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As the school year began we turned our immediate attention to the needs of children in badly affected areas. Some time ago, we met Shlomo – a teacher with a shepherd's heart. He founded an organization supporting impoverished families and children. A man of great compassion, Shlomo lost thirty five people he personally knew during the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks. When he came to CFI asking for help with school supplies, we **responded immediately**. During the delivery, a young man came in and shared how Shlomo had saved his life. He began speaking of the war and its impact in sobering detail. The devastating trauma weighs heavily on Shlomo's heart, he then told us, "You brought light into the darkness of my life." We are still tearing down walls.

When we mention about **Communities Under Attack**, we must also speak of the hostages. For two years now, forty-eight Israelis have been held captive. Even with the release of the hostages which were still alive, some of the bodies have yet to be returned by Hamas. **Rom Braslavski**, who CFI has been praying for during his captivity, was a security guard at the Nova Festival. When the Hamas attack began, Rom chose not to flee – he stayed to help others escape. In the process, he was also captured and taken to Gaza. Though he stayed strong for as long as he could, he eventually broke down – emotionally and physically. **Behind every hostage is a family, struggling to live through the most unimaginable horror.** CFI team members will visit with Rom and his family to offer our presence, support and encouragement. THANK GOD that since reporting this article, Rom has finally been released and returned home to his family safe. Our hearts grieve with these communities, but through every act of service, we strive to be **a living testimony of God's presence**. Whether it's a wheelchair, school supplies, or just simply sitting with a grieving family member – **His love moves through each of us. On behalf of Communities Under Attack team, thank you for your prayers, support, and your donations. Let us not grow weary in doing good – for God's Word is truth, and He is faithful.**

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“When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.” **(Deuteronomy 20:1)**

RECENTLY IDF MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR (Joshua 1:14) visited us in the CFI Distribution Center – many are on their own serving Israel. One lone soldier we have been in touch with for almost a year, visited us once again. He completed his regular army service and now serves in the reserves. He is studying English and Hebrew in order to apply to university. This time he came to visit as a new immigrant! He brought along his friend who is also a lone soldier. Daniel has relatives in Israel, but not his parents. He lives in Jerusalem, has completed his regular army service, and currently works as a security guard. He lives on a kibbutz and will return to duty soon. Both lone soldiers received the items they came to us for and as we spent time building relationships, we shared a meal and spoke about the God of Israel. One asked us “How can God do such miracles?” We talked about how



Continuing to Build Relationships

throughout the Scriptures, God worked miracles, through Moses and others. In the end, he agreed, “Yes, actually, God does perform miracles!”

We also assist a unit of 700 soldiers in Gaza. The items requested were ordered and they are on their way to us to give it to this unit. In the meantime, their refrigerator broke, so we provided a brand new one for them. Two soldiers came by our Distribution Center and transported the refrigerator to Gaza.

In addition to refrigerators, we sent seventy gift packages to soldiers in Gaza. In each package contained practical items the soldiers needed, as well as verses from the Jewish Scriptures to encourage them. One officer currently serving in Gaza, has been a friend of CFI for twenty years. After the last war ended, he helped us by delivering supplies. Today, he serves as an officer's assistant driver, transporting soldiers to Gaza and bringing back the wounded. He recently requested a special non-flammable uniform – CFI purchased it, and he came by the center to thank us. We assured him that we would continue to stay in touch. **Building relationships takes time but God is with us showing the way.**

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IDF Soldier Receiving New Items Needed



Comforting Believers

Comforting a friend / Freepik.com



“We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain” **(2 Corinthians 6:1)**

DIFFICULT TIMES IN ISRAEL. Many believers have been called by God to live here in Israel. Their hardship is two-fold. They have the same stress of the war and financial hardship as many other Israelis. Also, many of them do not have the support of their family due to their belief in Messiah. Some of them fear turning to Christian organizations as they may lose governmental support as well. Through the First Fruits project, I got a chance to hear many such stories.

We helped a young believer that made *Aliyah* two years ago. She is a nursing student that has acquired significant bill debt. She feels a strong calling on her life to be in Israel but states that she has struggled financially since she arrived. Despite everything, she still remains strong in her faith and her calling. It encouraged her when we were able to bless her with food vouchers. This generous donation has strengthened her faith and resolve in faith in Yeshua. Another lovely young lady had made **Aliyah** only a few months ago. She and her family are homeless. They feel a calling from God to be here in the

land of Israel. They are strong believers and have faith in the calling on their life. However, they are very poor and have had difficulty finding work because of their belief. Now currently living in a monastery which has encouraged them in their faith. We have been able to help them multiple times with food vouchers. They are very thankful for the gifts and support that we as fellow believers have offered them.

It is a privilege and an honor to support our fellow believers. We must continue to stand with them and show our support as one new man in Messiah. May we continue to reflect the light of Jesus in the land of Israel by being in unity and encouraging each other spiritual and financially when necessary.

Rudy and Sharon Friesen are now on sabbatical for a season. Welcome Andy and Carla Ure. They are a God sent couple at this time as we expand the work of First Fruits. Andy and Carla are from Scotland.
Julia Sapp

Working as Partners

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS have been blessed with thousands of Derek Prince's books, DVDs, and all forms of media. As of now finally we can get pro-Israel Bible teaching into the hands of those who are believers in the Land. Our goals are big, to work hard and consistently to supply and provide Biblical tools that are solid and firmly rooted in the Bible as for what God has said **STANDS WRITTEN**.

Thank you to our supporters as needs continue. First Fruits Coordinators are able to help encourage the Body of **believers across the Land with WHAT IS WRITTEN to bring** blessings to Israel. We act as messengers to the congregations **(2 Corinthians 8:23)** established for a long time. We make known to them the grace of God which He has bestowed. “Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia.” **(2 Corinthians 8:1)**



The Dangers of Silence Sharing their Cries

"It is an honor before God and man to live in service to all especially our fellow believers." (Hebrews 13:16)



Olga spending "TIME" with Survivors

IN A WORLD increasingly shaken by violence, hatred, and division, the testimonies of Holocaust survivors hold a crucial place – not only as historical records but as a moral and human compass. In Israel, the memory of the Holocaust has always been part of the national story. But after the horrific events of October 7th, 2023 – when Hamas terrorists brutally murdered over a thousand Israeli civilians – these memories have taken on a painful new meaning. For many Holocaust survivors, the trauma they endured over 80 years ago suddenly came rushing back. Once again, Jewish families were hiding in fear. Once again, people were attacked simply for being Jewish. In this atmosphere of renewed trauma, the voices of survivors are more essential than ever.

Overcoming Trials

The testimonies of Holocaust survivors offer more than just a recounting of past horrors – they reveal a deeper mystery that society continues to grapple with. The personality of Holocaust survivors and the life they live after unimaginable trauma show us what it means to continue loving, to remain human, and to fight for life as a spiritual act. They teach younger Israelis – through living examples – what it means to overcome pain, to hold onto faith, and to choose life and hope in the face of despair. Their testimonies highlight the dangers of silence and the moral imperative to stand against hatred in all its forms. In Israel, where society is shaped by both historical and present-day trauma, these testimonies serve as a vital bridge between generations, preserving memory, inspiring life and guiding moral purpose.

At Christian Friends of Israel, we are privileged to be the dearest of friends of these precious people and to have stood alongside them since the foundation of our organization. We feel a deep responsibility – not only to encourage and comfort them with love and support, but also to assure them that their voices are heard. The importance of these testimonies extends far beyond Israel's borders. Around the world, antisemitism is rapidly rising at an alarming rate. In the wake of the October 7th attack and the ongoing conflict, Jewish communities globally have experienced a dramatic increase in hate crimes, vandalism, and verbal attacks. Survivors testimonies are a vital tool in the fight against ignorance and denial. Hearing directly from those who lived through the darkest chapter of human history forces listeners to confront the consequences of unchecked hatred and dehumanization.

We are Family – and Dearest of Friends

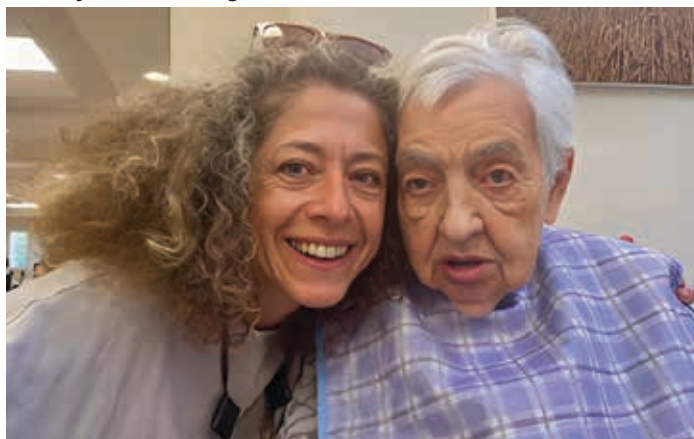
We want to thank you for the part you are playing outside of Israel. Thank you for faithfully carrying these survivors testimonies into classrooms, public forums, and online platforms – especially to younger generations who may not fully understand the relevance of the Holocaust in today's world. More than ever, we must never forget.

Dear Tanya and Olga: ❤️

"You can't imagine how surprised and delighted I was to receive your unexpected letter! I suddenly found myself in a completely different world – one without baseless malice, mutual suspicion of indecent acts, deceit, or manipulation of people ... but instead filled with respect and, as a reward, love."

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Tanya Reassuring a Holocaust Survivor of Our Love





CFI Staff visits Zaka in Bet Shemesh

CFI Blesses Zaka Research & Rescue

GOING TO BET SHEMESH, nineteen miles west of Jerusalem, the Christian Friends of Israel Jerusalem staff, numbering close to 25, visited the ZAKA Search and Rescue organization on Oct. 22, 2025. CFI-Jerusalem had earlier provided funds for a highly sophisticated item, which we were told had already saved a life from being taken by yet another terrorist. Then we were told through testimony and film of the heroic, but very exhausting and superhuman efforts performed by ZAKA after the murderous, mutilating, hellish evil acts on Oct. 7, 2025 by terrorists, killing over 1400 Israeli Jews and other nationals. In addition, over 251 IDF soldiers and civilians were taken hostage back to Gaza.

Life is so precious to the Jewish nation of Israel. Not only did the ZAKA volunteers remove every Jewish body - those of slain babies, young children and adults of all ages who had been shot or sliced apart mercilessly - but they also treated the dead terrorists' bodies with respect. They meticulously cleaned up every drop of blood they could find - in the homes, bomb shelters, motor vehicles - because they know and understand that precious life is found in the blood. What other nation would do that? I know not one. **But the Living God of Israel, HaShem, sent His Only Begotten Son Yeshua** ("salvation" in Hebrew) over 2000 years ago to save His people, and all those who too would choose salvation found only in His Name, Jew or Gentile.

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I Heard A Voice Cry Out

WHILE AT OUR CFI DISTRIBUTION CENTER a voice cried “Someone is here to see Sharon Sanders” – an Ethiopian lady! She simply told the Welcome Room Manager, “I am waiting until she comes!” She had been searching for me for years when she finally arrived when I was there, my eyes beheld an Ethiopian immigrant who we helped many times right after they made Aliyah from Ethiopia. She and her husband lived at the Absorption Center across the street from where our home was. I had not seen her for 35 years! In the early years of CFI, this couple arrived needing help as they had just arrived from Ethiopia. Without parents nor grandparents they arrived on Operation Magic Carpet. After an emotional hug and greeting she said You/CFI were the ones who helped us when we had nothing, no money at all, we were barely surviving and when we came to you, you helped us immediately. We have never forgotten you and have been searching for you for years.” The God of Israel reunited us once again and we sat to review the years and how faithful God has been to us all. Tears were in all of our eyes as we realized we were “together again.” Praise be to the Living God. Through Hope for the Future, we are continuing to reach out to Ethiopian communities who are still struggling to survive. Won’t you pray about helping us to help them in their time of need? Each face has a story of struggle ... you can help us represent the LORD the way He should have always been represented as we continue to be the face they have never seen before. – **Sharon Sanders** –

“... the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.” (2 Corinthians 8:2)



Sharon
Reunited With
Barhanu
And Teshainish



All Ages Working Together

Comfort ye My People (Isaiah 40:1)

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves all those who are crushed in spirit.” **(Psalm 34:1)**

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, we have seen God’s hand at work through many divine appointments and deeply moving encounters across Israel, even in the midst of the ongoing war in Gaza.

We visited Bat Yam, where we met Viktor and Natasha, new immigrants from Ukraine who lost their home in the rocket attacks during the 12-day war. They shared their harrowing story. During the strike their cupboard collapsed, glass shattered, the ceiling fell, but miraculously, they and their cats survived with only minor injuries. We brought them a new mattress, a table and chairs, kitchen items, and other essentials. They were overwhelmed and said we had ‘golden hearts.’ Natasha is now undergoing dialysis three times a week, and we had the opportunity to pray for her healing. We shared that we are Christians who love Israel and serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Once atheists in the USSR, Natasha is now beginning to wonder if God might be real after surviving the attack unharmed.

They listened intently as we shared a few testimonies of what God has done for us personally. Viktor was deeply moved and said he had never met people like us before. We gave them Tanach’s and encouraged them to read and ask their God, the God of Israel, to reveal Himself to them as they read the scriptures.

Testimonies of Suffering

In Beersheva, where there were recent rocket attacks during the war with Iran, we visited Alena, an Israeli originally from Ukraine, and her family. We brought second-hand clothes and games to bless needy families affected by the war. Over lunch, she told us about her elderly Ukrainian believing friend who had recently moved to Jerusalem



and is struggling to survive. Not yet having made Aliyah and with a small pension, she has been forced to search through rubbish bins for food. Alena and her mother were heartbroken and wept as they prayed for her.

In God’s perfect timing, we discovered that this woman lives just five minutes from us. Because of an injury to my foot, I asked a Russian-speaking volunteer to drive us, and he just ‘happens’ to attend a Russian-speaking congregation, a perfect connection for someone who does not speak Hebrew and has no one nearby. When we arrived at her home, she was overwhelmed with gratitude.

Visiting Many Grieving Families

We also traveled to Majdal Shams for the one-year anniversary of a Hezbollah rocket attack that claimed the lives of 12 Druze children. We visited grieving parents, some clearly coping better than others. We comforted, encouraged, prayed with them and had a powerful conversation with a couple of them about heaven, blessing, and curses.

Finally, we visited Michal, a survivor of the Nova music festival massacre. Although she is still undergoing rehabilitation and suffers from panic attacks, especially on public transport, she remains hopeful. She can no longer work as a veterinary nurse because of her PTSD so she is beginning a sailing course, which CFI will fund for her, which includes technical and leadership training at sea. She is so grateful for the support and is finally feeling positive about her future.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we bring hope, healing, and practical help to all those deeply traumatized by war. We appreciate every one of you.

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An Exciting Month for Aliyah

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Serving New Immigrants from the Ingathering

Russia, Uzbekistan, England, Chile, Ukraine, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Belarus and the United States. Many of our recent newcomers were from Europe. We also welcomed families with small children and the youth. With new toys ready for little ones, smiles, laughter and great joy was heard among the children.

Newcomers Seek the God of Israel

During a visit with Mikhail, we learned that he had never read the Jewish Scriptures and knew very little about his faith. He asked me why I had come to Israel and how I knew I needed to be here. I shared my story of how God called me to serve the Jewish people through Christian Friends of Israel. We spoke for a long time, and he was deeply moved. He said he was amazed that Christians from around the world would leave their homes, families and good lives to come and serve new immigrants in Israel. He accepted the Jewish Scriptures and said, "I will read it and seek God." It is wonderful to see Jewish newcomers begin to identify with their faith in God.

Encouraged Her Heart

Another very touching visit was with a lady who arrived four months ago with her Jewish husband. She came to us brokenhearted when her husband left her with no support. She came saying "I no longer believe in God – why did He give me such a cruel husband?" After four hours

together, sharing her story, receiving refreshment and God's love, her heart became soft again. She said "I now see it was not God's fault at all. I had asked for a husband, any husband, and I received what I asked God for. I understand now." She asked God to forgive her and recognized that God was not to blame. We also learned she had suffered a minor stroke and was afraid to return to her previous job as a caregiver. We encouraged her to consider other work to rebuild her confidence in other fields and arranged to assist her with her rent while she can recover and prepare to return to work. When she arrived at CFI she looked as if she was near death – heavy with the grief she was carrying. When she departed from us, her face was shining and she was smiling – we embraced her with the love of God and sent her home with gifts sponsored through your help.

Thank You Dear Supporters

This month was truly wonderful – despite the challenges the people brought to us; all we do is made possible because of you. Your love and generosity make it possible to bless, comfort and guide those who arrive in Israel. The Bible says whoever blesses Israel, will be blessed. Genesis 12:3

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One Family Wedding for Two Beautiful Brides

IN THE CFI BRIDAL SALON often I am able to share with you unusual real-life stories and this one happened to be one precious family. A happy mother contacted us, and both of her daughters (the brides-to-be) came to see the beautiful bridal dresses provided by our supporters in the nations who sent us their beautiful gowns from many nations. It was a special and sweet appointment, when the two young women were trying on dresses together. As God gave us the vision for this unique Bridal Salon the most important thing is that we help Brides find the perfect dress of their dreams - all provided by Christians from the nations. In this instance both young brides-to-be found their own gowns. When you see these precious young people, you can hardly imagine that they are the guardians and protectors of this beloved Land. They risk their lives for their nation and for all of us. God Is the Founder of CFI and the Provider for many Israelis through our work.

Lia served in the IDF ten months after the war began. She finished her army service before she got engaged. Her fiancé, **Damir**, while doing his army service, was sent to one of the kibbutzim right after the massacre happened on 7th October. **God did a miracle for this young man who believes and trusts in Him.** Damir forgot what he saw. Many of his fellow soldiers were totally traumatized after that horrible day. Lia also experienced God's protection. She was serving at the Gaza border two weeks before the terrorists came in and killed many soldiers. Her brigade was moved to Lebanon border, when the tragedy happened.

Lola, Lia's sister-in-law, is a new immigrant. She began her army service a year ago and served with the airborne troops. Her main responsibility was to take care of the parachutes. She got to know her fiancé, **David**, and all his family in a congregation. You could see that she already was a part of the family before she got married.

May Their Dreams Come True

After the wedding celebration, all four of them went to Austria for ten days to have their honeymoons. They flew together, but both couples had their own program and private time together. Lola was released from her army service a couple of months after the wedding. David is serving as a reservist on the Lebanon border. His army service may last many months. It is difficult for them to be separated for so long. May the Lord bless and protect these young families. They want to be educated and work and serve the Lord in Israel. May their dreams come true for God's glory.

Thank you for your prayers for all families of Israel, many new bride and grooms across the Land and thank you to all who continue to send their lovely wedding gowns and accessories to CFI in Jerusalem to our mailing address on our magazine and website: www.cfijerusalem.org.

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Sharon with CFI Representative Dr. Ruthie Marasigan from the Philippines, with her husband and co-workers



CFI Jerusalem Visits N. England

Mrs. Beryl Hunter, of Lion's Gate House Hosted CFI Jerusalem leaders Tristan & Galya Hall and Sharon Sanders.

Bottom: Mrs. Galya Hall speaking about the ongoing work of CFI in Israel today.



"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. (Psalm 133:1-2)

CFI JERUSALEM GROWING AND BEARING FRUIT WORLDWIDE



CFI INDIA

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CFI NEW ZEALAND

CFI New Zealand Gathers in Remembrance of October 7th

CFI NEW ZEALAND HELD an additional gathering in support for Israel and in remembrance of the 7th of October recently. Mr. Dennis McLeod, Director of CFI New Zealand organized believers from lovely New Zealand to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in their plight to see Israeli hostages returned home immediately. Thank God for New Zealand and the faithful supporters not giving in to antisemitism and obeying God in what is written in the Scriptures about God's Chosen people. **Thank you Dennis, and our faithful CFI supporters!**

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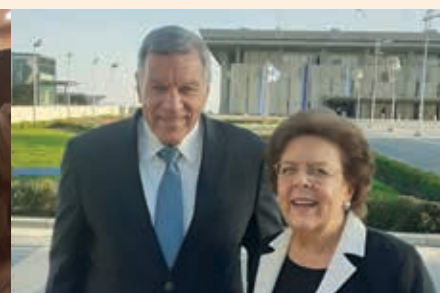
Dennis McLeod with organizers



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Galya Hall with
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