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Director's Note from Jerusalem



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Dear Christian Friends of Israel

There is a lot of focus at the moment on the notion of 'kairos' time, largely owing to the release (less than a year ago) of the so-called Kairos II document, which has reappeared despite the harm brought about by the first iteration in 2009. Yet the concept of *kairos* time itself is both Biblical and profound; often bearing the sense of a place in time that is both opportune and timeous; a fullness of time for a given event or course of action, even a God-ordained time, a time of prophetic fulfillment.

The Bible does not state, in Psalm 102:13, that God will arise and have mercy upon Palestine, or that it's the time to show favour to Palestine. Neither does it say these things about the USA, India or Antarctica. It actually states:

You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favour her, yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favour to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. Psalm 102:13-16 [NKJV]

Brothers and sisters, the time to show favour to Zion is at hand! Using the example of Balaam, we must be very careful to bless Zion and the Jewish people whom God chose to be custodians of His land (see Genesis 15, 17, 28 and elsewhere). Despite himself, Balaam declared:

"How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel! Like valleys that stretch out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters. He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters." Numbers 24:5-7 [NKJV]

Now is the time to show favour to Zion; showing mercy to those who dwell in the land.

Now is the time to speak blessings, and be a blessing to Israel – not a curse.

Now is the time to arise and become a Christian friend of Israel in thought, word and deed.

Yours faithfully in His service

Tristan Hall,

CFI International Executive Director



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BY ADDRESSING the question above, I hope to tackle the issue of the lack of understanding in today’s churches of the seriousness of taking the Jewish people lightly and dismissing the responsibility we have as believers in Jesus/Yeshua to bring a blessing to His People: Israel. The Jewish people have a two-thousand-year-old memory of how their Christian neighbors treated them when faced with unbelievable actions which led to the killing of countless Jews during WWII. Can it be that there is no guilt or embarrassment from centuries of hatred, prejudice and betrayal our Jewish brothers and sisters in the name of the Lord? I wish we could say “that all happened way back then, and I’m tired of hearing about it” but something gives me the sense of unease as I read about an apostate part of Christianity that is engulfing so much of the church today that Israel just doesn’t matter anymore ... I just heard on the internet “The church is the New Israel.” This is a centuries old lie that has never been renounced by Christianity.

It is deeply distressing that our churches around the world are expressing the same lack of understanding of what they are really doing by following the path of the ancestors who believed in a replacement theology that Jesus and His Disciples never taught. The Master warned us not to be deceived in the latter times. (**Matthew 24:4**) In fact there are 64 warnings at least in their Writings warning us of false teachers and doctrines. (The Ramsey Church of Christ, UK). We are warned not to tolerate any teachings that did not line up with the Apostle’s teachings. (**2 Timothy 2:14-21**) Has the church totally forgotten their words?

I find it interesting that a study of the Hebrew words “Am I my brother’s keeper?” translates into “*HaShomer Akhi Anokhi*.” It is the phrase used by Cain to pose a supposedly rhetorical question by which he meant to



Cain tried to hide his sin but God sees everything we do!

say, that he is not his brother’s keeper, in Genesis 4:9. Interestingly, if the first letter (*heh*) is chopped, it changes it from a question into an affirmative: “*Shomer Akhi Anoki*” - in other words, “I Am my brother’s keeper!” A keeper is a guardian and a watcher which is what we are to be over our brother Israel. It is a lesson in free will God gave Cain (like Adam) to come clean and for their sin, this responsibility is to be their keeper.

Could it be that God is saying “Family, where are you?” Where is your brother Jacob? and we say, “I don’t know?” “Am I responsible to and for these people?” “Do I need to care?” As Christian Friends of Israel, we have come to realize that we have inherited some real and distorted teachings which have been handed down over the cen-



Christians are blinded hearing God's Promises to Israel

tures. Now and in future generations, the gentiles will come up to Jerusalem and say, *"O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit."* (**Jeremiah 16:19**). Clearly in a majority of meetings believers are still fed a steady diet of replacement theology when it was the Jewish Apostles who taught that we joined them. (**Ephesians 2:12**)

That poison remains among those tolerating this heresy and yet seek God for salvation. The woman at the well (John Chapter 4) was told clearly where her people were spiritually. Jesus emphatically tells her, "salvation is of the Jews." (**John 4:22**) Israel gave us the Prophets, the Patriarchs, the Forefathers of our faith in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Psalmists, and the Writings of the Jewish Apostles who wrote down every moment they were with Him. Take away the Jewish Scriptures (in the Torah and Tanach) and we cannot verify His Genealogy.

We Owe Our Brother a Great Debt

Derek Prince used to say, "We owe a great debt to the Jewish people." If we have no responsibility to them, then who do we have to thank for all we have? Apostasy has engulfed many a heart and soul today. In light of the Master's Words in **Matthew 27:21-23** it behooves us to take seriously "Am I fulfilling my full responsibility to My Brother, Israel?"

I have asked the question for years, "What Bride gets married to a Groom and does not get to know the Groom's Family?" What If the church continues to ignore His family? Should the church wash its hands of two thousand years of persecution? By refusing to think the Jewish people are not important enough to respect and show merciful kindness to it chooses which way it is going and that would be away from Jesus when the roll call of the nations takes place. (**Matthew 25:31-46**)

There is a Jewish commentary that examines a story that goes like this: "The thief and the guard at the factory were talking when the guard finally stopped the thief and asked what was going on. The bottom line given to the guard was, "I am only doing my job of stealing, but the real question is, why are you not doing your job of watching for the thieves!" The Jewish Disciples warned that after their departure, grievous wolves would come into the flock and not spare it. (**Acts 20:29**). As men slept spiritually the Writings and teachings of the Jewish Apostles were improperly translated in places and centuries of people went to their graves despising and hating the Jewish people.

Cain was actually saying to God "You are the keeper of Abel, not me!" Cain actually chooses to be his brother's murderer. It is a serious matter. Why? The Bible does not mince words. It tells us straight in **Revelation 22:15** that outside the Kingdom are dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood." (**Revelation 22:15**). To be put into the same category as murderers and idolaters, is a very sober matter and it is up to us to search out the matter. If we truly love one another, we will show each other the truth from God's Word. It is a "now time" to come back to our foundations and be restored and free from deceptive teachings. Aligning ourselves with God's Word will help us make sure we will never ask the question "Am I My Brother's Keeper" but will show by our actions that we are indeed.

– Sharon Sanders –



Reading truth from God's word about Israel

Where is the City of Peace?

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THE MEANING of the name *Jerusalem* is generally given as the City of Peace, although the city is also known by many other names in Scripture, such as the 'City of Truth' (Zechariah 8:3). The meaning stems from the word *salem* or *shalem* which forms the second part of the name. The city was first mentioned by this name all the way back in Genesis 14:18 when referring to the King of Salem, meaning the King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2) and occasionally even afterwards, it was known simply as Salem (for example, in Psalm 76:2).

Yet, more is revealed within the etymology of *shalem* than *peace* alone. There is a nuance between the meanings of *shalem*, the root word, and *shalom*, a word deriving from it and with the insertion of the letter *vav* in Hebrew to change the vowel from an 'e' to an 'o'. We see the difference brought out clearly in the interplay between Genesis 15:15 and 16. In verse 15, God says to Abram, '*you shall go to your fathers in peace*' [shalom] which is contrasted in the following verse where God says that '*the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete*.' [shalem]. The word root word of *shalem* variously carries a meaning in Scripture of *wholeness*, *completeness*, and even *perfection* (cross reference words 8003, 8004 and 7965 in Strong's Concordance). Such words provide a more complete picture as to the meaning of the true, Biblical peace, which is surely more than a mere emotion; a fleeting feeling or satisfaction or the absence of worry. In addition to the meaning of *peace*, there is the completion of something significant, a fullness of time.

Jerusalem, Geneva or The Hague?

It should come as no surprise to us that there are rivals in the world that have arisen to claim the epithet of the City of Peace. Geneva is one such pretender, and even the current President of Switzerland, Guy Parmelin, has touted it as the world's self-proclaimed City of Peace.^[1;2] This popular name given to Geneva seems to be rooted in the fact that the city has long been home to a menagerie of some 800+ global institutions roosting in its vistas, many of a certain type of ideological bent, each ostensibly appearing to further the cause of 'peace,' whatever that may be considered to mean.

Honing in on the UN, until a financial haircut last year caused by a reduction in US funding, approximately 30,000 employees were based in Geneva across more than 40 UN departments, agencies and funds. The main UN office continues to be based in the decadent Palais des Nations, originally built to house the UN's parent organisation, the League of Nations, which it did from 1929 until the Second World War brought about its demise in 1938, later to mutate into the current-day UN. Prior to that, the League of Nations was housed in Geneva's Palais Wilson, now home to the UN's Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights. Some of the other more prominent UN bodies to be either headquartered or have an office in Geneva include the: World Health Organization; World Trade Organization; World Meteorological Organization; International Trade Center; International Labor Organization; World Food Programme; UNEP; UNICEF; UNDP and of course the infamous UNWRA (the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Externally, there is the World Council of Churches, the World Economic Forum, the Bank for International Settlements, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, Gavi – The Vaccine Alliance ...

There is so much that could be written about some of the institutions that claim to champion human rights. One thinks of the Red Cross's failure to visit the many recent Israeli hostages in Gaza, other than to provide taxis as pawns in Hamas' grotesque hostage release stage shows. One remembers that more than 100 UNWRA so-called 'aid workers' were found to be Hamas militants, active in the October 7th Massacre.^[3] Very recently in June 2026, a further 70 UNWRA staff were fired, having been found to be linked to Hamas.^[4] Then there is the two-tier morality of Amnesty International's disproportionate, myopic calumny against Israel whilst paying comparatively minimal attention to certain devastating human crises in other countries.^[5;6] However, there just isn't time to chronicle every institution and situation. Who cares about the genocide of tens of thousands of Christians at the hands of Islamic extremists in large swathes of Africa and the Middle East, anyway? It seems that many prefer the time-honored pastime of demonizing the Jews.

Then there are the giddy array of 'peace' initiatives. There is the UN Office on Sport Development and Peace; the Department of Peace Operations; the UN Department on Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; the UN Peacebuilding Commission and its associated Fund. Looking beyond the UN itself, we have the World Organization for Peace, the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, the Geneva Peace Forum and its annual Geneva Peace Week, PeaceTalks, Inclusive Peace, InterPeace. Peace, peace, peace. Everybody wants a piece of the peace. At least Geneva has not yet officially styled itself as the 'City of Peace' – unlike The Hague, which declared itself as the world's self-appointed City of Peace & Justice in its Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907. The Hague is also notable for its self-styled International Court of Justice (located within the Peace Palace, of course). It is sad to witness the debasement of the city's once lofty ideals of peace, through the vagaries of its so-called court, condescending to serve as the theatre for the worst of the antisemitic lobby (i.e. South Africa pimping itself out for an alleged \$30m+ bribe from Iran and Qatar in exchange for its legal action against Israel beginning in December 2023).^[7] More sober legal heads have condemned the court's lawfare as essentially biased as well as *ultra vires*, but nevertheless, the ordeal has further damaged Israel's international standing.^[8]

What does the Bible have to say about the world's globalist ideas of 'peace'?

"They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace." Jeremiah 6:14 [NASB]

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 1Thess. 5:3

"Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

It is clear from the Scriptures that true, godly peace is not one and the same as worldly peace, which actually is no peace at all, but a counterfeit. Notwithstanding, worldly institutions love to speak, write and even sing of peace; as a political device, a war tactic, and as a fashionable buzzword to be whipped out when required, as part of a glossary of globalist soundbites. Twenty years ago, the Sherover Promenade and a part of Abu Tor in Jerusalem were covered by 'peace tents' and a giant, 10,000m² awning bearing the word 'peace' in 50 different languages by French artist Clara Halter.^[9] A nice gesture perhaps, but consider that there appear to be an equally vast array of definitions of the word 'peace.' Even when we use the same words, do we understand the same meaning? In Jihadi thought, for instance, *hudna* is a stratagem that is used as a temporary ceasefire during warfare to allow time to reinforce tactical positions before the next sorties are mounted.^[10] Unsurprising then, that the recent peace talks with Iran often seem to have been taking

place in vacuums. Western nations (especially European ones) often assume that the desire of Islamic nations is to achieve world peace at all costs, and that somehow there is a set of common, universal values that are shared by all humanity. Israel is not so naive.

As the cacophony of regional wars intensify across many parts of the world, we hear the ever-louder choruses chanting for peace, but peace according to the world's dictionary, and like many other words over recent years, the definition has been changed. This is peace the world's way, tainted by the now familiar odour of dystopia. Let's consider some uses of the word 'peace' over recent years and the multiplicity of meanings these reveal.

1. Nobel peace prizes have been awarded to world leaders for peace they are prophesied to achieve in the future (read Barack Hussein Obama in 2009 when he was all of 7 months into his first term of office). Yet with the benefit of hindsight, it has come into stark relief that the Iranian nuclear deal famously championed by Obama in 2015, led to the proliferation of a vast arsenal of weapons in Iran (including near weapons grade uranium) eventually culminating in the recent regional wars in the Middle East. It seems that the Nobel predictions were something of a false prophecy. This type of peace might be regarded as peace in name only.

2. UN so-called peace-keeping troops have been dispatched into conflict hotspots such as southern Lebanon, where their bases have become the cover and the vanguards for Islamic terrorist militias. Recently, IDF units uncovered arsenals of RPGs, anti-tank missiles, rockets as well as tunnels very close to a UNIFIL base, near to the Lebanese-Israeli border.^[11] This does not facilitate peace.

3. According to their own literature, several Islamic paramilitaries, and quasi-political / terrorist movements (e.g. Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic State / ISIS / Daesh, Islamic Jihad, Al Qaeda, etc.) are actively seeking to establish a global Caliphate to rule the world, and for a so-called 'holy' war of Jihad to be mounted to destroy all other

The signing ceremony at the World Economic Forum



creeds, cultures and religions that dare not submit.^[12;13] All this, whilst simultaneously professing to adhere to the acclaimed 'Religion of Peace.' It's an interesting definition of the word 'peace,' to say the least. A sort of violent, malevolent, unpeaceful type of peace that many timorous western governments prefer to defend and facilitate rather than challenge.

4. Just a few months ago in April, Iran released a ten-point peace plan and approved a bill stating that Iran will charge up to \$2 million per ship for the right to safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz (despite these being international waters not belonging to Iran).^[14] It also commits to not committing to relinquish its right to enrich uranium, despite its current near weapons-grade uranium being far too potent for use in energy generation, meaning it can only possibly be used in the pursuit of creating weapons said to be lethal. This type of definition of peace is redolent of the sort of peace and safety provided by the Mafia in exchange for the receipt of protection money from its victims.

5. Over 30 years ago, the ill-fated Oslo peace process commenced, following the signing of two Accords in 1993 and 1995 between Israel and the PLO. By 2002, the process was being railroaded by the Quartet, notably under the auspices of Tony Blair between 2007 – 2015. Like a bad penny, Blair has suddenly reappeared and was one of the first appointments to the Executive Board of President Trump's 'Board of Peace' and its eerily familiar 20-point peace plan, alongside Jared Kushner, Marco Rubio, Steve Witkoff et alia, and with President Trump himself as its Life Chairman.^[15] The signing ceremony naturally took place at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January 2026, having been approved by the UN Security Council in November. The headquarters of the Board of Peace has been named as the United States Institute of Peace building in Washington D.C., renamed in December 2025 as the Donald J. Trump Institute of Peace. In early July, Hamas announced it had dissolved its Gaza government to make way for the Board's 2nd phase – the rollout of the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.^[16] Taking a

retrospective of Tony Blair's track record, supporting the US in bringing first war, and then peace to Afghanistan, it is more than a little foreboding that 20 years after his involvement began, the Taliban regained control of Afghanistan in 2021. There is no peace.

Yet the future of Israel, the Gaza Strip and indeed, the whole world, will ultimately be defined by the Word of God. In these times of incessant change, we can know that despite whatever titles may be claimed by cities, nations, monarchs, or presidents, at least one thing remains certain. Yeshua remains the same, 'yesterday, today and forever' (Hebrews 13:8). God is a promise-keeper (Psalm 80:34). God said that His Word "shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please" (Isaiah 55:11b). Yeshua said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). God's many promises to Jerusalem, named as the City of the Great King, have not changed. The temple built with human hands may have been destroyed, and its furnishings pillaged by Rome, and the title of the City of Peace purloined by The Hague, Geneva, and no doubt still other counterfeits. The promises of God can never be stolen. For 'the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable' (Romans 11:29). They abide, even though they may not be fully manifested in this present time; even though they may pertain not to the present, but to what is going to come in the future. 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes' (Genesis 49:10a). New Jerusalem – Heavenly Jerusalem – will be seen 'coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband' (Revelation 21:2b). A tangible picture of our glorious union with our Messiah Yeshua to come. This is what we

are waiting for, with every fiber of our being. This will be the true and eternal City of Peace.



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“THEN SAY TO THEM, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.” **Ezekiel 37:21-23**

Finally We Are Home!

During May we welcomed 60 new immigrants (including 15 families) from Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine. Among them were ten couples, some with small children. Many had arrived in Israel only recently, and again we heard the words: **“Finally, we are home.”** We spent personal time with almost every family and individual, listening to their stories and hearing about the challenges of beginning a new life in Israel. Some families are still separated, waiting for their loved ones to arrive. Most of the new immigrants were deeply touched to receive gifts, encouragement, and a warm welcome simply because they had returned to their homeland. Many were especially moved to receive a Tanach in both Hebrew and Russian, most of them had never owned or even held one before.

Tiina showing the items she purchased for the CFI Store



Thank you CFI for providing for our new home

One elderly couple from Russia who arrived in Israel in January, shared how grateful they are to finally be home, saying they now feel peace and security. Their daughter lives here, and they recently welcomed a newborn grandson. We were able to bless their grandson with diapers and clothing. They were deeply touched and expressed sincere gratitude, saying that our support means a great deal to them.

Several visitors stayed with us for quite a few hours, sharing meals, coffee, sweets, and conversation. They were touched not only by the hospitality but also by the atmosphere of peace, joy, and acceptance they experienced with us. Many asked how we are able to continue this work in such an expensive country. I explained that if the God of Abraham called us here, He faithfully provides for both the ministry and each one of us personally.

Thank you for praying for this project and for the huge topic of Aliyah. It is God's plan. He is bringing His people back to this Land. Your prayers are releasing and moving the Kingdom of God forward on the Earth. Let His Kingdom come! Let His will be done!

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A Season of Delight With Many Appointments!

"TO HIM WHO IS
ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY
AND ABUNDANTLY ABOVE
ALL THAT WE ASK OR
THINK." EPHESIANS 3:20

DINA ARRIVED at our doors with her mother. We already knew this family from previous weddings of older sisters. Dina needed a veil. Besides the two beautiful veils that we found for her she received a formal jacket, jewels, nice hair pieces and even some decorations for the wedding car. Both Dina and her mother were so happy and thankful.

Shirel needed a veil for her big day, which will take place soon. She received a wedding dress from us more than half a year ago. Now she chose a special veil that highlights the wedding gown. She also found perfect shoes for the big day. Shirel's mother found an evening dress from our beautiful collection. This mother herself was our Bridal client about 25 years ago. She remembers what a big blessing it was to get a wedding gown from CFI. Now it is the daughter who will get married and has been blessed by us. Thank God for already two generations who we have served in the Land. One of the clients was the daughter of a previous volunteer of CFI. This young lady serves in the IDF at this present time. She found a lovely dress. Both the bride-to-be and her mother were in tears. They thanked the Lord and us from their hearts.

Thanking CFI for being a Blessing

One mother of a groom came from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to find us. The ceasefire had just started, and she was able to travel. War affects our lives and ministry in so many ways. We found a good dress for this lady and gave it to her as a gift. She also gave thanks to God and to CFI for this blessing. Sara came with her mother and sister. She found a gorgeous wedding gown with a long train. Eva came a second time for an evening dress to wear at a wedding she had been invited to attend. She chose an elegant dress. Friends of Sara's will follow to visit us soon.

All who come to us really appreciate CFI's help. Few can buy an elegant gown only for one special occasion. The CFI Bridal and Wedding Salon gives us an opportunity to be a place of blessing for these Jewish people who somehow find their way to us. It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this way as we are representatives of Him.

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! (Psalm 134:1-3)

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Finding just the right gown





Love Changes Circumstances

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

DURING THE PAST MONTHS, Israel has thankfully remained in a period of ceasefire. Although this has brought a measure of relief, the atmosphere throughout the country continues to be marked by anxiety, trauma and emotional exhaustion. Many people are carrying deep emotional wounds as a result of the war, whether through bereavement, injury, displacement, or the ongoing strain of uncertainty. The effect of the war opened the door for us to support families from Beit Shemesh who lost family members and homes in the Iranian ballistic missile attack in March.

One of those we particularly remembered was Ronit Elimelech, who was killed alongside her mother. Ronit was a mother of three and a dedicated volunteer with Hatzalah ambulance services. She lived a life of giving – always showing up to help others. Just shortly before she was killed, she helped organize and provide Purim gifts for hundreds of children in hospital. We are continuing to support various members of her family, including her 16-year-old daughter, Orian, who was also injured in the rocket attack.

During another visit in Beit Shemesh, we spent time with a widow and her five children who had not only lost loved ones, but whose home was damaged badly. We were able to provide practical assistance, including a new bed for one of her sons, and were so grateful for the opportunity to spend time around the Shabbat table with all the family. Despite the immense difficulties they are facing, their warmth and hospitality were very moving.

On another occasion, our CFI team traveled down to a hotel at the Dead Sea to visit families from Arad who have lost their homes after a direct hit from an Iranian missile made them uninhabitable. We brought toys, games, and clothing to help meet some immediate needs.

They were grateful for the practical support – but even more touched that we came to spend time with them. One small moment captured it all. A little toddler's face lit up as she saw a green bouncy ball. Her hands reached out eagerly for it, and within moments she was happily bouncing – completely delighted with her new gift.

Remembering those they Lost

Across the country, the past few months has also been a time of remembrance in every neighborhood, people gathered for local ceremonies to remember those from their own communities who have been lost. There is something incredibly moving about this day: *Yom HaZikaron* - each name represents a life, a family, and a story.

Since 1860, 25,648 Israeli soldiers and police officers have been killed, and 5,313 civilians have been murdered in terrorist attacks. Each one is remembered. Each one matters. This special day of remembrance is not only national – it is deeply personal for the families we are walking alongside.

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Back to Be'er Sheva: Aviv Ministries Rehab

IN BE'ER SHEVA there are Rehabilitation Centers for both men and women. We were hosted by a wonderful young man who has been set free from a lifestyle of addiction and now spends his time helping and overseeing these rehabs in Be'er Sheva. Having run a center like this in the past, I know from personal experience that this is no easy task. However, they are up for this task and are helping these men and women to break free from addiction through the Gospel of Yeshua in the power of the Holy Spirit. The people we met were keen on the Derek Prince materials we took with us as a gift for them.

Nazareth: Home of Jesus the King Church

We went with our friend and brother Michael to visit with Pastor Saleem and his wife Nisreem in Nazareth. They gave us a tour of their facilities and shared with us, about the humanitarian work they are doing in the region. They are Arabs who work with Jews and Arabs and anyone that the Lord Yeshua brings across their paths. They love the Lord and His people Israel and seek to serve the nation of Israel out of love for His people. We took Derek Prince books with us and they were so delighted as they had been trying to find a number of the titles that we took with us in Arabic and Hebrew.

They took them all and have asked for over 1 000 more ... so we will be making another journey there soon!!

Kiryat Shmona

Carla and I traveled up to the far north of Israel to meet with the leaders of a congregation. We arrived and after introductions the sirens started to blare so we found ourselves in a bomb shelter just outside the entrance to the congregation. As it happened, this was only the first of four visits to the shelter in the two hours we spent with the leaders.

We were able to let them know more about CFI and Derek Prince Ministries and they were happy to receive 50 Derek Prince books and have also referred a young woman who is a part of their congregation to us who is in need of financial assistance due to the war bringing her income as a musician to an abrupt halt.

The needs here in Israel are many, especially as it has been very difficult for people to work and many have seen their income dry up over the last several months. The body of Christ is not exempt from financial hardship here and in fact is often hard hit when there is a crisis in the land. Please pray for the Body of Yeshua here in the Land, that all needs will be met and that all believers will grow closer and closer to the Lord.

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“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” John 3:17-18



Derek Prince books are in great demand in Israel



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SAVING TWO
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YOU CAME TO HELP!

"If you will still abide in the land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you." (Jeremiah 42:10a)

THIS IS A SERIOUS WORD for the people who remain in the Land. Suddenly, God said: "Do not leave, even if you are afraid. If you stay here, I will keep you and plant you." This is a text I sent to a contact after she expressed interest in moving to the USA. Why does she want to move? Because she is afraid of the rockets and bombs from Lebanon.

But this is a reality in Israel. In June, news reached us that two soldiers close to Lebanon had been badly injured by an explosive drone. Not just any soldiers, no, men protecting their village stationed on the border. They were on their way to extinguish a fire and were hit by a drone. Yet, we are also allowed to bear witness to God's sovereignty. Two months earlier, CFI donated the very helmets that they were wearing, and it was precisely these helmets that saved the lives of both men. In this way, CFI actually played a part in saving their lives and this has been a very humbling experience for us as a team. Of course, we give all the praise and glory to God for this wonderful outcome for the soldiers.

We can also testify that through prayer, these men were miraculously healed. They were seriously injured but the healing process is happening much faster than expected. We went to visit both soldiers during their recovery period, and they thanked us from the bottom of their hearts. They said: "Without your gift, we would not be alive now." Thanks to your ongoing support we were able to purchase new helmets for both soldiers, and they were so appreciative of our efforts with provision.

In May, we were also able to complete a three-day project in Shlomi. During the previous war a year ago with Hezbollah, their house was extremely damaged by a rocket exploding nearby; walls were torn and the roof beams were damaged. Orly, a cook, misses out on income because she does not have a normal kitchen. Due to the war, the situation at home was untenable. Together with four volunteers we worked so hard for three days to help clean and restore order to their badly damaged home. It was beautiful to see how her smile intensified as the chaos around her was subdued. As an extra gift we were thrilled to donate new furniture to this precious family.

Demonstrating our Love

God has brought his people back to keep them here and to plant them. That is why our work is also so important, to support the people at the borders of Israel. Sometimes they are overwhelmed by fear and disbelief; we are allowed to come alongside them to lift their arms, just like Aaron and Hur did for Moses. We are here to be by their side during the good times and the bad times. We are not going anywhere, and they know that in CFI they have steadfast and loyal friends. We were encouraged by this message from one of our Jewish friends, **"You came voluntarily, and you came to help us in our most difficult moments; there we were able to experience true love! Thank you!"**

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Proclaiming God's Word Over Israel

"I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." (Isaiah 45:3)

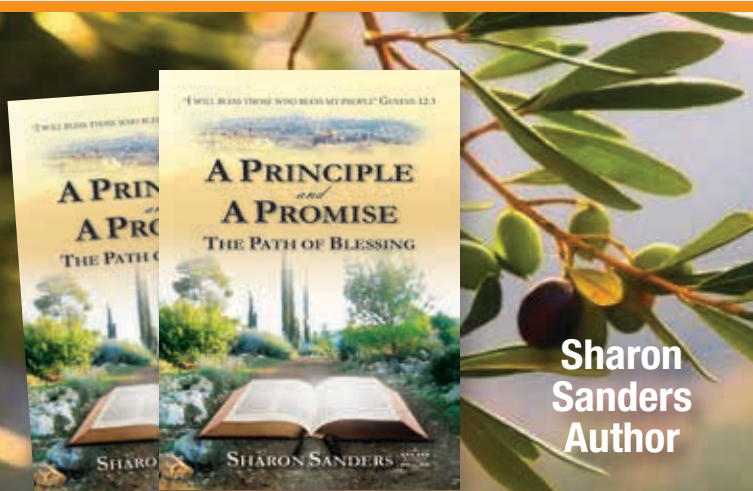
AT CFI, PRAYER is central to everything we do. It is how we begin each day together as a team, and we consider it a privilege to invite believers from around the world to stand with us in prayer for Israel.

Alongside our online prayer gatherings, we are especially grateful to live in the biblical heartland. This gives us the opportunity to travel to significant locations throughout the Land, where we read and proclaim God's Word, declare His promises, and lift heartfelt prayers for the people of Israel. In this spirit, our team visited the Valley of Elah, the place where David defeated the giant Goliath with a single stone. David's victory did not come through his own strength, but because he placed his trust in God. Standing in the very valley where David once used his sling, we prayed that the people of Israel would share the same heart of faith – placing their confidence not in human strength, but in the God of Israel, who goes before them and fights on their behalf.

At a time when Israel faces threats on many fronts, we are deeply grateful for the remarkable defense systems with which the nation has been blessed – including the "David's Sling" missile defense system, whose name recalls this biblical account. Yet our prayer is that Israel's ultimate confidence would not rest in military power or technological achievement, but in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is in Him that true victory is found.

On another prayer journey, after visiting an army base in the region, our team stopped at Beit El. It was here that Jacob received the vision of a ladder reaching to heaven and heard God reaffirm His covenant promises. Standing in this significant place, we prayed and proclaimed God's covenant promises concerning the land of Israel. We thanked Him for His faithfulness in fulfilling His Word to the descendants of Jacob – Israel – and rejoiced that He remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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Visiting IDF Soldiers

CFI COUNTS it such a great honor to serve the men and women of Israel who serve tirelessly to keep us all safe and we continue to actively support those serving on the front lines and within Israel's security forces.

A real highlight in May was when we were invited to a barbecue gathering with a Border Police unit before the beginning of their upcoming operations. The unit is preparing to deploy to the Nablus area, a very dangerous region in Judea and Samaria. We traveled there in the evening to spend time with them on their remote training base. Civilian access to the base is normally highly restricted, but special permission was granted for our visit. The evening was truly special. We spent time laughing, encouraging the soldiers, and building relationships with them. There were 85 reservist volunteers in the unit, including five officers and both men and women serving together. They had only recently returned from operations in Judea and Samaria and were preparing to redeploy again into another dangerous areas.

Demonstrating our Love

We prepared and distributed 85 gift packages for the soldiers. Each package included knee pads, special hydration backpacks that allow soldiers to carry water more efficiently during missions, Tanachs (Old Testaments) and many sweets and snacks for encouragement.

In July we visited a Border Police (Magav) base to deliver protective helmets. The visit was especially meaningful because it was the same unit with whom we had shared a barbecue just a few weeks earlier. During our time together we heard testimonies about how helmets previously donated through our efforts had helped save the lives of soldiers serving in northern Israel. Knowing that these donations were making a tangible difference reinforced the importance of our ongoing support.

CFI prepares many packages for the soldiers



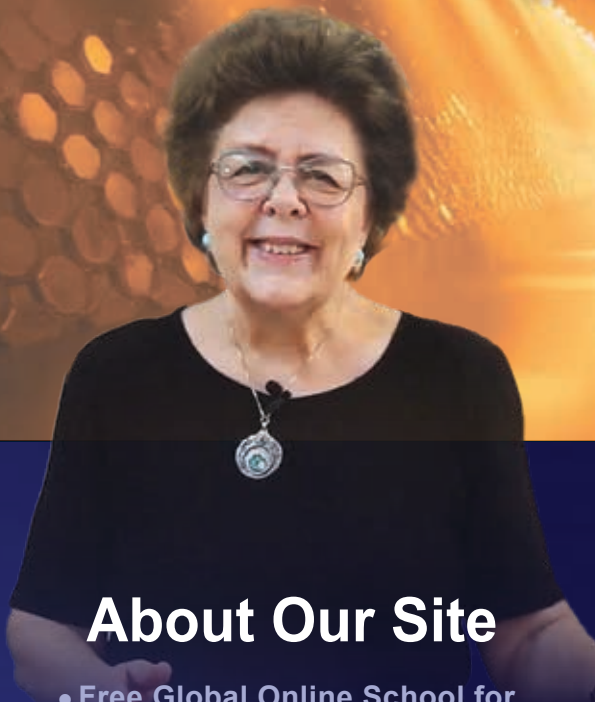
Brave soldier inspires others

While getting to know the soldiers over a cup of coffee, you hear their experiences and the challenges they face in their daily service. Their stories offered a powerful reminder of the difficult responsibilities they carry and the sacrifices they make to help protect the people of Israel. One soldier shared how difficult it can be to serve in a role that often draws criticism from multiple sides, highlighting the complex realities faced by those responsible for maintaining security and public safety.

Another memorable moment came through a connection that seemed far from coincidental. During the recent conflict with Iran, members of our team participated in a clean-up project in Esta'ol, assisting residents affected by the situation. While speaking with one of the soldiers during our visit, he mentioned that he was from Esta'ol. To our surprise, we discovered that the very first home our team had helped clean belonged to his grandmother. This unexpected connection served as a meaningful reminder that even small acts of service can have a profound and personal impact.

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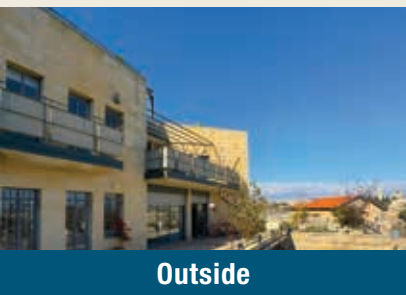
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Building Friendships With Trust

“O Lord, I have heard the report of You, and I was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make it known.” (Habakkuk 3:2)



Tanya with a precious Holocaust survivor

FOR MYSELF, this month marks the twenty-fourth year of a rare and humbling privilege: to walk alongside the precious community of Holocaust survivors here in Israel. They are men and women who came out of the ghettos and the concentration camps of Nazi-occupied territory – and who then did the almost unimaginable. They rebuilt their lives from nothing, became respected specialists in their professions, raised families, and then left everything once more to begin again as newcomers in the Land of Israel. To accompany them is to witness an extraordinary journey, and to be entrusted with the slow, sacred work of building friendship and trust.

Our calling is at once simple and weighty: to be the hands and feet of Christians from around the world, carrying their love and their support to people who have endured so much. In return we receive far more than we give. From their stories we learn history as no book can teach it; we learn perseverance, the fierce will to live, and a quiet, unassuming heroism. Again and again, we glimpse God’s faithfulness to His people across the generations. Every visit follows the same pattern, yet each one is wholly unique. This month our team was blessed to sit with seventeen survivors across five different towns.

Among them was Josef, whom we have had the joy of visiting so many times over the years. He has welcomed countless volunteers from our organization – in no small part because he speaks so many of their languages: German, French, Dutch, Italian, and Hebrew. Born in Frankfurt, the eighth of eleven children, he survived Bergen-Belsen together with two of his siblings. For a long time, it was very hard for him to speak about those years; but as

he grows older, he feels a deepening obligation to pass the truth to a new generation, so that history may never repeat itself. This time he honored us once again with the story of his survival, and with the struggles and quiet joys of his life today.

We also spent time with Sonya, who holds fast to the conviction that beauty will save the world – and so she surrounds herself with beautiful things, a small and defiant testimony to hope. Our team was also invited to an event organized by the Association of Camp and Ghetto Survivors, held in Tel Aviv. Representatives from 22 local Holocaust survivor organizations from towns across the country attended the gathering.

It was deeply inspiring to see these remarkable people – many over 85 years old – enjoying music, celebrating life, and cherishing one another’s company. They made the long journey by taking several buses and trains, demonstrating incredible determination and serving as a living testimony to the enduring spirit expressed in the words, “Am Yisrael Chai.”

It is an incredible privilege to be part of this inspiring story. As an organization, CFI is deeply grateful to all our supporters and prayer partners for your faithful friendship, loyalty, and continued support. Twenty-four years on, the work He revives “in the midst of the years” continues – one visit, one story, one friendship at the time.

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Holocaust
survivor lost
some family
members



Visiting a Women's Center in Tel Aviv



CFI volunteer singing to hurting hearts

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

THE TEAM FROM STREAMS OF BLESSINGS

had the honor and blessing of visiting *The Red Carpet*, a women's center in Tel Aviv. The center provides a safe haven for women seeking comfort in a loving environment, even if it is only for a few hours a day. These women face multiple challenges every minute of every day when they remain on the streets in Tel Aviv. Their circumstances result in unwanted pregnancies, risk of disease, human trafficking, substance abuse and emotional and physical abuse. When you enter the center, you can feel the love embracing all those that enter. The volunteers are family to those who are forgotten and alone. Women have the opportunity to refresh themselves with a shower

and obtain clean clothing. Many of the women also receive tender loving care as volunteers will serve them with manicures, cut their hair and even provide massages to help ease their anxiety.

You can see the pain and despair in their eyes and on their faces. How often do we pass these women on the street and never truly understand their pain? We spoke with several women and although at times there was a language barrier; their appreciation was clearly expressed as they embraced us with gratitude. We must never forget the scripture from Matthew 25:40, *"The King will say to them, 'Yes! I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me!'"*

Our Team also visited an elderly disabled man, who is a veteran of the Lebanon War. He had recently injured his back and was unable to shop for food or collect his medication on his own. We were able to deliver food vouchers and medication to him. Having recently moved into a new apartment, he shared some of his practical needs with us, and we plan to visit again to bring sheets, blankets, and possibly a table and chairs. We also let him know that if repairs are needed in his home, we may be able to assist if support from the landlord is unavailable. Before leaving, we spent time talking and praying with him, and he expressed deep gratitude not only for the practical help, but also for the friendship and fellowship.

In addition to this, it has been such a privilege to support and encourage precious people facing difficult circumstances, from different walks of life: Jewish Iranian immigrants, Ukrainian immigrants, a trauma survivor from October 7th, former IDF soldiers, and many more. More than simply meeting practical needs, it has been wonderful to spend time with each person we visit. At CFI, relationships are at the heart of what we do, and we count it a privilege to be welcomed into people's lives and to share fellowship, encouragement, and pray with them.

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All over Israel, there is a range of 20 murals, unveiled between 2023 and 2026, called “Esthers of the World Rise Up” (sometimes shortened to “Esthers Arise”).

THIS PROJECT IS A SERIES of public murals created by Iranian-American artist and filmmaker Hooman Khalili. The murals began in Israel in early 2023 in response to the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement that followed the death of Mahsa Amini, an Iranian Kurdish woman, by the hands of the regime in Iran. Their purpose is to express solidarity with Iranian women protesting the Iranian government while emphasizing the historic connection between the Jewish and Persian peoples. The first mural, located in Talpiyot, Jerusalem, “features Mahsa Amini and other martyrs, a campaign to draw attention to the struggle of Iranian women and globalize their call for freedom.” (hooman.tv) Other murals expand on the theme of oppression, continuing the focus on women targeted by the Iranian regime, garnering global attention. One of the murals is a memorial of Sahar Sauydan, a Persian Jew killed on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, bridging Iranian-Israeli narratives.

The “Esthers” murals create living memory, commemorating people and events that are still unfolding. They’re not simply decorative; they’re intended as visual declarations of solidarity and hope, using biblical imagery to connect an ancient Persian heroine with contemporary Iranian women seeking change. You can find these murals in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Rishon LeZion, Natanya, Haifa, Nazareth, Safed, Eilat and the newest in Majdal Shams. **Be sure to follow CFI’s Social Media pages for more Did You Know? Infographics!**

Did You Know?

All over Israel, you'll find a range of 20 murals, supporting the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement in Iran that followed the death of **Mahsa Amini**.

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“Esthers of the World Rise Up”

Public Murals of Esthers Arise

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CFI INDIA

Lovers of Zion

ON 21ST MARCH, having traveled 200 km from their home city of Pune, CFI India held a seminar in Mumbai in three parts to a packed – out event, with further services the following day. Pastor Sonny Chandra and his son, Pastor Nicky Chandra, taught a couple of sessions about the land of Israel, the prophecies for Israel contained in the Book of Zechariah, Aliyah and the significance of Ezekiel chapter 37.

The senior pastor is keen for CFI India to return to further teachings in the future!

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Pastors standing for Israel in India



CFI NETHERLANDS

Our Work is Expanding

ALTHOUGH we have already existed for less than a year, we have already achieved a great deal and made significant progress in the Netherlands – expanding the website; educating about and celebrating the Biblical Feasts and New Moon days; creating gifts featuring a Bible text to be proclaimed and catchy slogans so that people become familiar with CFI and its activities in Israel. We have already attended several conferences / speaking engagements with the CFI stand. Our first was in November 2025 when Tristan was in the Netherlands and spoke about the work in Israel.



Tristan with CFI Netherlands Board Member



CFI Netherlands reps with their display

The Jewish community has also started to find us. We assist them with the preparations for the Biblical Feasts wherever possible. We are also looking into the possibilities of helping the Jewish community in Amersfoort; the synagogue will be 300 years old next year, and it is their desire to restore it to how it was before the Second World War, before the Nazis looted the building.

We are very happy to be connected with the CFI family worldwide and to be able to do, on our small square meter, what the Eternal puts on our hearts, and we notice that He performs miracles and provides. After all, that is also His Name: Adonai Jireh, the God who provides! Although the climate in the Netherlands regarding Israel is rapidly deteriorating, and a first measure is now starting on September 22nd that risks us 6 years of imprisonment if we buy or sell products from the Biblical Heartland. We remain full of confidence: our Heavenly Father has the final word.

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International Development in the Nations



CFI BELGIUM

CFI BELGIUM sent a delegation on 13 and 14 of March, to attend the KNGDM Conference in Brussels, where they also ran a booth to introduce attendees, including many pastors, to the work of CFI in Belgium and in Israel. One of the central themes of the conference was around 'all things restored.' A very positive message and event!

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CFI Belgium display at KNGDM conference



CFI ROMANIA

Welcome Cornel to our CFI Family

WE ARE SO DELIGHTED to welcome a new Representative, Cornel Lezeu, into our CFI family - this time in the beautiful country of Romania. We pray that the Lord will smooth his path in Romania to reach many of his countrymen and fellow believers with the message of God's eternal covenant with Israel and Bible prophecies being fulfilled before our eyes.

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André et Hélène Van Nieuwenhuyse



CFI FRANCE

Thank you France, Belgium and Switzerland!

CFI FRANCE, BELGIUM AND SWITZERLAND gathering together each week for prayer, intercession and worship of the God of Israel. While so much of the world, even Christian antisemitism exists, God has His People who love the Chosen People as they claim what God has given to them according to His Will and Word. Throughout the entire Bible we read of how God loves His Land and His People – just as He loves those who love Him from around the world. We Thank God for French believers, those who love God's Words from Belgium and those who believe God's Promises for Israel and for believers everywhere. What a time of thanksgiving when we can live in different countries and speak different languages and praise God together for what He is doing in Israel today. We praise Him that He is able to show His Presence to everyone even on modern technology.

Thank you to all of you who stand with Israel and by for standing by our side in these difficult days we are passing through. Thank you France! Thank you Belgium! Thank you Switzerland. The lights have not gone out – keep shining from your nations for God is pleased with your work for Him and CFI. **Join the Zoom Meeting!**

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