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THEY HAVE SAID, "COME, AND LET US CUT THEM OFF FROM BEING A NATION, THAT THE NAME OF ISRAEL MAY BE REMEMBERED NO MORE." PSALM 83: 4

Dear Christian Friends of Israel,

Shabbat day, October 7, 2023, will not be forgotten in the annals of Jewish history. Almost everyone the world over now knows that this was the day on which the Hamas army launched not only a blizzard of rockets upon Israel from their Gaza Strip strongholds, but also launched an unprecedented ground invasion into southern Israel. On that day and in the days of ongoing warfare since until now, more than 9,500 rockets have been fired into Israel from the Gaza Strip; 1,200 Jewish people have been murdered (mostly civilians); 7,771 Jewish people have been injured; 239 were taken into hostage by Hamas; and over 200,000 Israelis have been displaced from their homes.

Of course, there are now many Arab casualties within the Gaza Strip also, as Israel seeks to retrieve the Jewish hostages and destroy the Hamas bases in order to defend Israeli civilians. The devilish events of the 7th of October constitute the worst massacre of Jews in a single day since the Holocaust. Hamas is acting in the spirit of Israel's archenemy, Amalek, and the manner in which death has been inflicted upon so many, including children, the very elderly and even babies – is unspeakable. The spiritual principality that was over ancient Philistia remains over the Gaza Strip today, and Israel is fighting for its survival, even as the arsenal of Hezbollah proliferates along the northern border with Lebanon.

Christian Friends of Israel is fully engaged in the war relief effort, reaching out to meet needs in the spirit of Ruth, not turning back in Naomi's hour of need, but continuing to walk with her in the hard times when true friends are needed most. We are continuing to stand here in the land, a team of twenty-six people representing Christian love and solidarity from sixteen different nations, ready to be your hands and feet in one of Israel's darkest hours, but only ever by the grace of our Lord. We can't do it without your prayers, which are upholding us and covering us in miraculous ways every day, or without your continued financial support which is enabling us to make such a difference in many lives, as we seek to continue Yeshua's ministry, who was sent to bind up the brokenhearted (Isaiah 61:1). Grief abounds in this small country. **Where there is despair, we want to be conduits of God's hope, comfort, love and shalom. Thank you for being united with us as one in fulfilling this vital calling.**

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director



Even though many are highly traumatized from their traumatic Experiences, happiness shines out of the faces of family members holding their loved ones in their arms



Returning Home

“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the side of the north, the City of the great King.” Psalm 48:2

When people return to their home country or city after a long absence, they are often asked “Where are you from?” Jesus also asked that question at a time when many were trying to get in Heaven’s door. “...Lord, open for us, but He will answer to say to you, ‘I do not know you, or where you are from’” (Luke 13:25). Many may well be shocked.

Sometimes I wonder (since the Lord knows all things) if it might have something to do with Jesus being aware that they followed a different (or some other) form of person than who He really is. I speak about His manhood. Rather than accepting Him as the Jewish Messiah (remember it was Dr. Dwight Pryor who said “there is no Christian Messiah, He is either Jewish or He is not the Messiah) it could be that people who could not enter tolerated and accepted another Jesus and did not disapprove of changing His appearance by their teachers. We must remember that some in the church have said “My Jesus a Jew? Never.” **“For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached...you may well put up with it!” (2 Corinthians 11:4).** To “put up with it” means just that – someone was preaching and contradicting the truth and as alluded to above the listeners did not deny nor refute that they were being taught a wrong concept of Jesus—one that was different than the person recorded in their writings.

A place of rest will be found in *Jerusalem—a dwelling place for those who know that “salvation is of the Jews” (John 4:22).* According to the Complete Jewish Study Bible (Luke 13:25)

we read people will come from everywhere in the nations waiting for a seat at the table in the Coming Kingdom; however, take note there were many who thought they were important because they had been with Him—but He tells them they are “workers of iniquity.” That is pretty straight forward as I would assume it is people who desired to be in Heaven. It could well be that because Replacement Theology is a false teaching--they did not rebut this lie. **“But outside are dogs and... whoever loves and practices a lie” (Revelation 22:15).** Immediately following Jesus informs them there will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth” when they would see who? The Jews “...when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the (Jewish) prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.” Could it be He saw antisemitism in their hearts, or they took Israel lightly not thinking Israel was important to God? I wonder if there is a connection here. It is ONLY Jesus (Yeshua) who can save us. Therefore, why would we not want to know all about Him. Why, since He is our Bridegroom wouldn’t we want to get to know His Family? He cherished and embraced his Jewishness deeply—He spoke of Himself as “we Jews” (John 4:22). I truly believe it would be expected of followers of the Messiah to “come home” in the spirit of truth and re-read their Bibles to resolve the issue in their own hearts (if there is one) and to conclude that Israel is critical to their faith.

After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., two sects of Judaism survived: Orthodox Judaism and those who followed the Jewish Jesus—developing into what is today called Christianity. It is a miracle that it survived because it moved away from its

roots—turned a completely different direction and slid off of its foundation. The Jewish people gave us all that we possess, and Christianity today is hanging in abeyance with nothing to back it up if it does not claim the Jewish scriptures. The Jews say “Ana Naf’shi K’ta’vit y’havit.” It literally means that the Torah (called “Old” Testament by Christians) literally means that God has said “I wrote down my very soul and gave it to you.” The Torah is God’s soul expressed to us—and it became flesh—Jewish flesh. When a Christian says “throw the Old Testament into the dustbin” they are removing the legitimacy of the New Testament. It would become baseless in content and unfounded in its claims if it did not have the Jewish scriptures to support and validate it.

Follow a Jewish Jesus

A Jew changed my heart. I am not ashamed of that. One day He will rule the world and the Almighty will be **“all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28)**. It is simple. Follow the Jewish Jesus and you will learn why He taught what He did. Christianity disguised Him as a gentile. They ripped His Jewishness right away from Him and said “God is finished with the Jews.” The church became the “New Israel” and the doctrine of Replacement Theology was bought into for centuries. Only until the last part of the last century have many returned to the roots of the faith and our love for the Jewish people brought us back home in the spirit.

The great Jewish Rabbi Gamaliel cautioned the Sanhedrin about being hostile to the new Jewish movement that followed Yeshua (Jesus). He urged caution when dealing with His followers who believed He was the Jewish Messiah. Gamaliel, a doctor of the Law, had a great reputation among all the people who came to the Temple to worship, and he requested the Jewish apostles leave the room for a few moments. They did. Then he said to Israel “...Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves...as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nothing.” Then he said **“After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing,**



Pray for deep regret in your generations for Mistreating Israel

and drew away many people after him: he also perished”...but then came the clincher! He proceeded to say, **“And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this work be of men, it will come to nothing: but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest ye be found even to fight against God” (Acts 5:34-39)**. What wisdom He showed. The movement which stopped being Jewish in presentation did not die because it is true that Jesus died for our sins...but the once Jewish movement first went to Greece and became a philosophy, then to Rome to become an institution, on to Europe to become a culture and finally to America where it emerged into an enterprise—it had become the “church”—not a Jewish faith movement. Why? Because it lost its integrity. It disconnected from His nation. The truth has never changed as Christianity is Jewish to the core. What do you do with that?

At this time Israel is fighting a war against evil. The church must fight against deception. Anyone who believes you can take away the foundation of a movement and it survive deceives themselves. The Messiah Jesus proclaimed unashamedly **“salvation is of the Jews” (John 4:22)**. He repeatedly said, **“I am of the seed of David....” (2 Timothy 2:8-13)**. Have you ever felt like you were a gentile with a Jewish heart? Did you ever visit Israel and feel like you had “come home?” If you are hoping like so many of us for Jesus to return, it cannot happen without the faith being restored to its original character. God is now restoring Israel in many ways since the beginning of the war, and He wants to restore the church.

Return to Jerusalem in Your Hearts



“Look and see, for everyone is coming home! Your sons are coming from distant lands, your little daughters will be carried home” (Isaiah 60:4, ASV). “For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning...ye shall be saved...” (Isaiah 30:15). How can a house divided stand? It is documented that there are 45,000 Christian denominations in the world split because of petty doctrines. God is One. The coming Kingdom of God to earth will be One Body, One Faith, One baptism. Israel should join us together not divide us. Do not blindly follow celebrity preachers and platform names without searching the scriptures to see what the Bible teaches about a matter.

By allowing the injection of a false doctrine like Replacement Theology into the veins of the faith many were given a shot of antisemitism along with the poison in the injection. God had to speak to Balaam’s heart. In the end, he said **“How am I to curse those whom God has not cursed? (Numbers 23:8).** The blessing on Israel can never be reversed. Ruth wisely joined that which God made the **“apple of His Eye” (Zechariah 2:8).** (The phrase “apple of His Eye” literally translates from the Hebrew as “the little man of His eye”). It has been said that if we look deeply into someone’s eyes, we see a tiny reflection of ourselves in their pupils. **(Matthew 11:15; Ephesians 2:12)** reveals to us that when the Kingdom of God comes to earth, that we will be grafted in (we will join or attach ourselves) to the Commonwealth (Kingdom) of Israel which becomes redeemed when Messiah returns. Balak finally realized that no matter how much money or abundance of possessions we are given one cannot go beyond the Word of the Lord—and that Word is to “bless” the Jewish people. Someone once said it is the fear of blessing them that Lucifer hates **(Numbers 23:25).**

The serpent misled many believers with a doctrine of demons and the Body of Christ is just beginning to awaken to truth. We must now disconnect from that which separates us from the Jewish people. Rabbi Pessach Wolicki said in a recent article “I find it interesting that God foretold the historical church would accept an erroneous doctrine called Replacement Theology. Moses foretold a time when the nations would look at the exile of the Jews and the desolation of the Land of Israel and conclude that the covenant between Israel and God has ended...why would there be nations who profess belief in the Bible but believe that God has broken His Covenant with the Jewish people?...ironically, by espousing their erroneous doctrine theologians (in the church) were fulfilling this prophecy without even realizing it. So why did they make this mistake? “the secret things belong to the Lord” ...but the Covenant is forever” (Rabbi Pessach Wolicki).

Accusations against the Jewish people flew like flies during the Holocaust. They castigated, branded, rebuked, scolded, black listed and dressed down Jewish people often bringing harsh punishments implicating collusion of “Christian” communities. Can you imagine many who sat in church pews and attended church services during the Holocaust going to their graves with antisemitic hearts? **“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD; Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn...” (Isaiah 51:1-5).**

Countless Christian pilgrims visit Israel—many feeling they have “come home” but much of the apostate church still teach Replacement Theology. God beckons all **“You shall not go with them; you shall not curse...” (Genesis 12:3).** As much of the world is following a dark angel, Lucifer (the

deceitful serpent), he is attempting to reset the world—his way. This will advance everyone rapidly to the time of the Antichrist and the future One-World government. All of us must be “weaned from the world...and anything that comes before God!” (Jonathan Cahn) It is a process for each of us as we continue to live “in” the world but not be “of” it.

We are born to be shields in the spirit for Israel. We must wrap our love unconditionally around her and cushion her from harmful enemies. Spiritual leaders must face the issue of Israel and how much she means to God. Let’s close the exit doors and not let anyone leave without learning the truth about this chosen nation. Israel has returned back on the world stage. She is here to stay no matter who tries to eliminate her. She will rise to become a **“light to the nations” (Isaiah 42:6)**. We must come full circle—back to the Genesis of our faith.

It is common to find articles on church decline on the internet. One such instance is related to the severing of Jewish roots. “...the Scottish Society is regressing back to a pre-Christian Greco/Roman paganism...there is a departure from her Biblical foundations and evangelical weakness is from severing from her Hebraic roots...this is a serious heresy for which many of us...our relationship with Israel is a matter of life or death...or we cut ourselves off...” (Charles Gardener, Israel Today).

Let’s look at some of the people who are returning in various ways here in the Land. A spiritual consciousness, a return to discernment of Israel’s enemies, a return to knowing why the young lions of Judah should fight for the nations, a return to seeking God, a return of miracles. Even those who qualify to be Kohanim are travelling to IDF bases to pray for the soldiers before they enter into battle. There is a return to wanting to fight for the nation, a return of brothers shoulder-to-shoulder in relationship and a return to unity as a family. Likewise, the church must return to standing with Israel and be repairers of the breach (**Isaiah 58:12**). We are here to help Israel rebuild and bring healing to the Jewish heart.

It’s been said “Have you ever felt Jerusalem? ... every time, I also feel like it’s the first time...seeing Jerusalem bathed in the sun’s golden hue at sunset or at sunrise feels supernatural... it’s like the Holy City jumps off of earth into one’s heart. When it does, it demands something from you...the truth is that even I’d forgotten how mysteriously power-



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God wants us to study His Word and know the Truth

ful it is...I didn’t realize how much I had missed just being here...the land of the patriarchs and prophets has a magnetism to it...I missed stepping on soil trod by Jesus and his apostles...I’ve already fallen in love with it—again...it’s the same place yet it feels totally new...Israel has always been a “second home” for Christians like me...our second home --it really feels that way...call your pastor and pull together your church. It’s time to feel the Bible.”

We thank God for all those who see God’s plan for Israel and accept the responsibility the church has to God’s chosen nation. Let’s remember the words with which we began.

Everything comes full circle, no matter where you travel (even from beginnings), you will always end up where you started—HOME!

—Sharon Sanders—

Cobweb of Lies

Antisemitic Vitriol Re-Spun for a New Generation

The streets of the great cities of the world have become roaring tumults of anger and hatred towards Israel, towards the Jewish people – and ultimately towards God. Whether in New York, London, Paris, Rome – or even Dublin – we have witnessed the same antisemitic spirit descending upon the masses as they remonstrate against tiny Israel – burning Israeli flags, chanting *‘from the river to the sea’*, demanding the genocide of the Jews and the destruction of the only Jewish state in the world. Many don’t even understand what they are saying or doing, they are so caught up in the web of lies. They are diametrically opposed to God, to God’s plans and to His Messiah, who came in the flesh as a Jewish man. *‘And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.’* 1John 4:3b.

Have you ever stopped to wonder how did we get to this point – that literally millions of people from all over the world are rioting in the streets, in some of the largest displays of hatred towards Israel and the Jewish people the world has ever seen? How did this happen? Why is it that these people – many of whom live in countries on the other side of the world – loathe a vanishingly small country with a tiny population that makes up just 0.1% of the world’s population? Deception is a part of the answer.

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” John 8:44

Even a glancing look to the past will yield a litany of false claims about Jewish people – from blood libels to claims God has rejected Israel and replaced it with the Church. But the lying did not stop in the Middle Ages. Rather, in this age of information overload, the lies are proliferating, lie upon lie, becoming ever more outlandish, more vindictive. The kingdom of darkness has not given up trying to destroy Israel and thereby prevent the latter day plans of God for the return of Yeshua, to bring both redemption and judgement. Sadly, many within the household of faith are being swept along with the deceptions and are in danger of being *‘found to fight against God’* (Acts 5:39b). Let’s explore some of the most prominent modern deceptions that, with the help of the internet and social media, are now circulating very widely and poisoning a new generation.

1. FAKE: ‘THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF ZION’

‘As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.’ Proverbs 26:11

Like a bad penny, this demonic piece of literature has made a significant resurgence in popular consciousness, thanks to its proliferation and promotion on the world wide web. Originally surfacing in Russia at the turn of the 20th century around the time the Russian Pogroms against the Jews began, the ‘protocol’ masqueraded as a quasi-official plot, putatively written by Jewish thought leaders, revealing their heinous plans for world domination. It was a hoax – a forgery – regrettably a rather successful one which has inflicted tremendous damage to the Jewish diaspora. By this means, those that disdained the Jewish community and sought to demonise them in the eyes of society at large, were able to depict the Jews as a seditious cabal with a secret plot to systematically take over the world. Ironic, as this was altogether the goal of the Nazis, who later heavily promoted it. It is so often a tactic of the perpetrators of abuse to accuse their victims of the very crimes they themselves have inflicted.



Victims of the Khorkov pogrom in 1919

Nevertheless, like so many who seem to be at war with reality and cold hard facts, the champions of these ‘protocols’ have reinvented themselves. No longer Tsarists, Nazis or Aryans, these modern-day cheerleaders of the hoax are often armchair warriors, student activists, even Christians – taking up the cudgels of ‘social justice’, claiming to be seekers of ‘peace’. Too many have naively taken this document at face value and have swallowed the lies, without understanding the provenance and context in which it was written – a fatal error. Yes, the current renaissance of this devilish piece of propaganda is carrying it along on the high tide of antisemitic invective washing through the world wide web and through city streets, bewitching this generation. It is just one of the tools of brainwashing which has caused a zeitgeist of Israel hatred to alight upon the fertile ground of too many beguiled hearts and minds.

2. FICTION: ‘THE HOLOCAUST NEVER HAPPENED AND WAS INVENTED BY THE JEWS’

Another outright lie, this one again has its roots in the Nazi’s final desperate bid to cover up their attempted genocide. It’s an ideological counterpart to the last acts in several of the death camps, as instructed by Heinrich Himmler, to destroy the crematoria, the records and the evidence of mass murder. Regrettably, it has been put forward by several notable academic and pseudo-academic proponents since, such as David Irving and a long

line of other deluded writers of fiction. Unsurprisingly, this historical revisionism has been celebrated by certain Moslem regimes in the Middle East, including Iran. In the charge to align with such regimes and their ideologies, some self-professed 'freedom fighters' in the 'Pro-Palestinian' movement are now encountering these revisionist fables – and succumbing to the flawed polemic. It only serves as yet more ammunition in the errant arsenal of the hate speakers, street rioters and flag burners.

3. LIE: 'THE JEWS ARE NAZIS'

This is nothing more than a sick, repugnant inversion of the truth, which is not worthy of being dignified with a riposte, but only to make this grim observation: It was Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propagandist, that observed that if a lie is repeated often enough, people will eventually come to believe it. This particular lie is a case in point, and is also a reflection on the overall dumbing down of education systems in many countries, such that many people no longer know who the real Nazis were, what they stood for and what they did. This is dangerous – because it leaves the door open for alternative, false narratives to arise. We are witnessing the redaction and wholesale rewriting of history.



Nations may roar but Israel will remain

4. DEFAMATION: 'ISRAEL IS AN APARTHEID STATE'

Another emotive soundbite, this railing accusation gained much traction during and subsequent to the launch of the BDS movement against Israel (*Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions*) at the UN Conference Against Racism in Durban in 2001. A whole article could be written about this slur, but in summary, this allegation cannot be true because Arab Israelis are accorded with the full rights of citizens alike with every other ethnicity within the State of Israel. That was definitely not the case under Apartheid in South Africa until 1994 and it denudes the suffering of the black and mixed-race communities there in those times to suggest that they enjoyed anything like the equal status of Arab and other non-Jewish Israeli citizens of today.

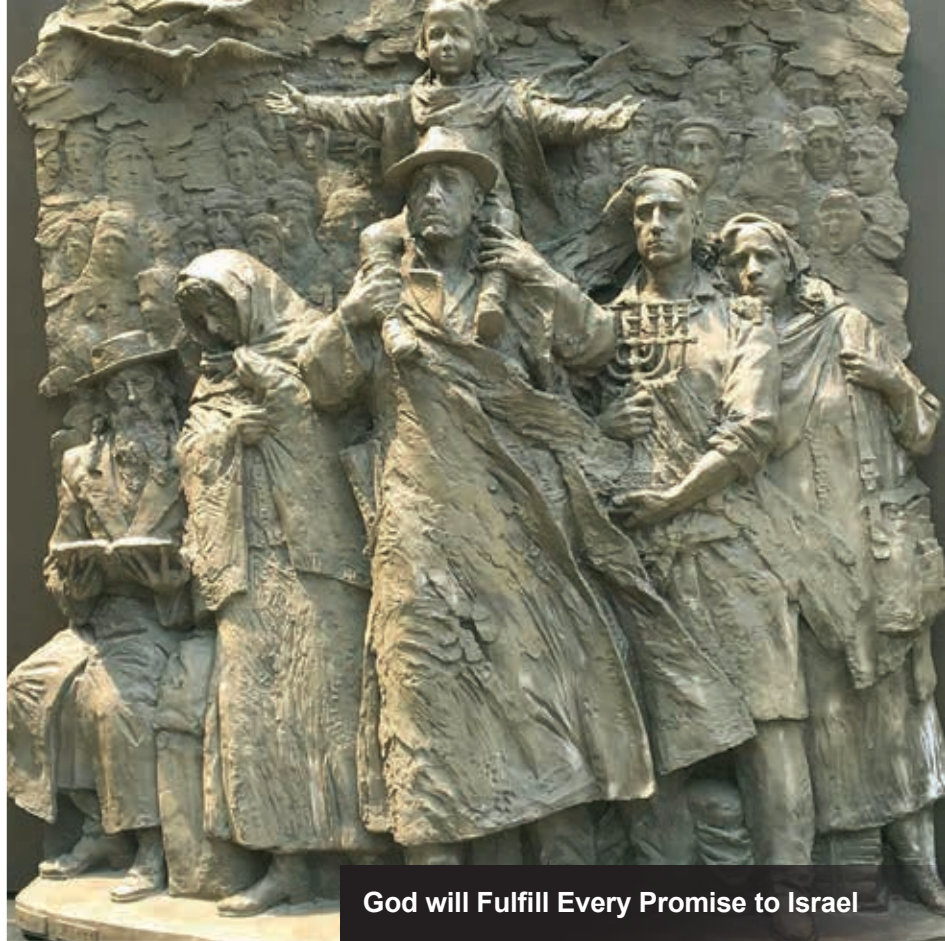
5. DELUSION: 'THE JEWS ARE PLOTTING TO RULE THE WORLD THROUGH 13 SATANIC JEWISH FAMILIES'

One of the more recent and outlandish canards that is increasingly 'doing the rounds' is a claim that there are thirteen very wealthy and powerful Jewish families that exist in the world today who are ultimately responsible for pulling the strings behind the scenes, gradually driving humanity towards a one world global government. Proponents of this calumny or variations of it, often speak of a 'Zionist regime', apparently without any cognizance of what Zionism truly is. It has become a word that has been kidnapped and its meaning adulterated; morphed into something altogether different and sinister.

It is not my aim here to rehearse either the drivers towards global government nor the complete list of the alleged families involved. In this age of misinformation, we need God's Word to shine light in dark



places. What do the scriptures say? In His message to the church at Smyrna, Yeshua said, *'I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan'* (Revelation 2:9b). Again, in His message to the church in Philadelphia, He said, *'Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie – indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.'* (Revelation 3:9). We must not lose our peace. Even though there will surely be those with malign intent in the world today, just as in every generation, of whatever actual or reputed ethnic descent – we know that such are not representative of the Jewish people before God. He knows those who belong to Him. He will always have His remnant in every age, and what He has said will come to pass (see 1 Kings 19:18; Revelation 7).



God will Fulfill Every Promise to Israel

6. DISTORTED: 'THE JEWS NEED TO BE PERFECT IN GOD BEFORE THEY CAN RE-ENTER ISRAEL'

This is a falsehood which is sometimes trotted out in Christian writings and sermons by those who don't understand the type of covenant that God made with Abraham, nor God's faithfulness to fulfill all of His Word. Such people often cite scriptures from Deuteronomy chapters 27–30, pointing out that the Jewish people must remain under the curses of Mount Ebal because they have not returned to Him in repentance and obedience. However, is it really true that none of the Jewish people have returned to God in repentance? Are there not many that enjoy a close relationship with the Lord? What about the growing number of Messianic Jewish believers – is the Lord supposed to just ignore them?

Surely not.

Secondly, it is important to remember that the covenant that God made with Abram in Genesis 15 was an unconditional covenant – in other words, it was not dependent upon Abram. This is why Abram was put into a deep sleep when God passed through the halves of the sacrificial animals. Customarily, both parties would have done so – but in this instance, God alone walked the path. The obligation to fulfill the covenant would be achieved by God alone

and was not dependent on the faithfulness of either Abram, his descendants or anyone else. Hence King David referred to the Abrahamic covenant as still in existence in Psalm 105:8-11, mentioning that it was confirmed to Isaac and Jacob (Israel) as an 'everlasting covenant' – despite all the sins that had been committed from Abraham's time until that point. See also Hebrews 6:13-18. This is why we also read in Ezekiel 37 of the vision of the valley of dry bones. Speaking to the house of Israel, God clearly said in verses 12-13, that He would *"bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD..."* (emphasis added). It is clear that God will act sovereignly to fulfill His word, and that He will *hasten His word to perform it* (Jeremiah 1:12b).

The seas of the nations may roar, and the voices of those who speak with the poison of vipers on their lips may be raised up, as Psalm 140 describes. Yet Israel remains the apple of God's eye (Zechariah 2:8). And God remains the same – yesterday, today and forever. His Words are faithful and true. We can be assured of His faithfulness to fulfill His promises to Israel, and in like manner, we can rest assured that in His time, He will also fulfill His promises to us all.



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If you are hearing the call of service to God in Jerusalem, God has made you responsible for what you have. If you have talents, giftings, knowledge, education, experience, time in the administrative and Christian ministry or business world and the "call of God" apply today. We have many wonderful sisters-in-the-Lord, now we offer the men to balance us. As David, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Elhanan, Josiah, and many others were used by God—you can be also!

Operations Manager

Financial Director

Executive International Director Assistant

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**A LEADER IS ONE
WHO KNOWS THE WAY,
GOES THE WAY,
AND SHOWS THE WAY.**



RECRUITING CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Fiery passion for God is an element needed in our young people's experiences and an awareness that God wants their skills to be used for His work. The Hebrew word for youth is naar. There is a Shabbat hymn "Lecha Dodi" which literally means to "hitnaari Mei' afar kumi" a shaking off of the dust of the world's wages and giving one's self to God. It is reported the word hitnaari (shake off) is formed from the same root-letters as naar, reflecting an energy of youth that allows them to shake off the dust of contentment of the world in order to see life anew" (Chabad.org). Have you been wanting to see where the Kingdom of God is coming to, on earth? If so, apply now for a media position with CFI.

CFI would love to give the youth of our congregations from around the world an opportunity to experience Israel and life among the "Chosen" through short-term service at CFI Headquarters in Jerusalem. "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands" Psalm 90:17.

—Sharon Sanders—



Positions Available

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Golden Years for God Serving Him

God's Servants in Service to Him

Many organizations have noticed something intriguing: their most dedicated supporters are primarily from the “wisdom-rich” retired population. According to a study conducted by the National Philanthropic Trust, older adults (aged sixty-five and above) donate the highest percentage of their income to charitable causes compared to any other age group.

You will find an enthusiastic, wisdom-rich group in Georgetown, South Carolina, a small ocean port town that significantly impacts their community and has a growing impact on Israel. This group of seniors calls themselves “The Yellow House,” uniquely named after the old yellow house on an adjacent property the church bought many years ago. They decided to use the old house as a donation center to assist families. The community have access to items, they needed, free of charge or for any donation amount. God blessed and it has not slowed down.

These Volunteers Love God's Chosen People

Their pastors, Kenny, and Rhonda Johnson invited me to speak to their congregation about Israel in 2018. The choir, dressed in Israeli blue, sang Israeli songs, waving the flag of Israel, and blew the shofar, this is something they had never done before. From the first time I went as an invited speaker for Israel, the church has grown in its knowledge and love for God's chosen people. They have become passionate and look forward to my yearly visit so I can take their offerings to help the Jewish people in Israel. What is unique about The Yellow House is that it comprises energetic seniors who are sixty-five and above,

“Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness.” Proverbs 16:31

with the oldest being ninety-five. Most of them have an ailment or two, some with canes and one in a wheelchair. However, they are the most active group in the church I have seen.

They took action when they learned about the biblical mandate to bless Israel. The last yard sale I attended brought in \$5000 for Christian Friends of Israel. That was the most organized and fun “yard sale” (in their current massive gymnasium) I have ever attended.

What others can learn from them is that when you do not have available finances to bless others, it is to use what you have and get resourceful. They contacted a major retail store that gladly donated non-food items and items they could not restock, such as returns. With new and slightly used items, their monthly yard sales successfully brought in funds they could use to bless Israel and their “neighbor.”

The second thing we can learn from this youthful senior group is that it makes you feel better (and younger) to be active. Third, giving your time to bless Israel and help meet the needs of the community brings inner joy. Fourth, working alongside core friendships of care brings unity that is contagious. Fifth, when you have worked hard, you sleep better, and rest becomes restorative. Sixth, this is an opportunity for short term service that you will find nowhere else in the world but the future City of God. Join our forthcoming “On the Ground Work Teams.” Contact: personnel@cfijerusalem.org





VOICES THAT STAND FOR TRUTH

Ethel and Suzie praying for a young man

“He calls his own sheep...and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice... stranger’s voices are unfamiliar to them...My sheep listen to my voice...I recognize them, they follow me, and I give them eternal life.” John 10:3-5, 27, CJB

It’s one thing to fight a war on the battlefield, but it’s another thing to take up a war front in the court of public opinion. After a surprise attack on Israel by terror organization Hamas killed over 1,400 people, more than two hundred taken hostage into Gaza, and thousands wounded on Israeli soil on October 7, 2023, Israel pledged to end the terror hold of Hamas in Gaza. The sympathy of the world poured in over images that revealed the barbaric atrocities committed by Hamas, but it was mostly short-lived. Media outlets, college campuses, and streets around the world became the outlet for accusation and antisemitic rhetoric against Israel. Once again, in a generation not so far removed from the Holocaust, antisemitic themes are filling the atmosphere with a lethal mixture of hatred and ignorance—a combination that has never produced good fruit.

We are now inundated with technology and media that allow people to have access to the entire world at their fingertips, all while filtering it

according to their own biases and world views. What can’t be filtered according to public opinion, biases, or world view is the Word of God. It alone stands as the Truth and everything in this world hinges on and is secured by it. “The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8, NKJV).” What also can’t be filtered in the courtroom of public opinion are God’s promises concerning Israel. As the entire country mourns the most heinous and deadly attack since the Holocaust, salt should not be added to the wounds of the hurting from accusations based on a world system that is not subject to the Kingdom of God.

Discerning the Times

As Israel prepares for a ground incursion in Gaza, and ripples are streaming into the nations in various forms, it’s natural to want to connect to sources that will keep us informed. It is wise to be discerning of which voices we connect to. Jesus, our Messiah, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He promised to also send the Holy

Prayer partners gathered together



Chinese visitors with Suzie



Spirit, who is God, to lead us and guide us into all Truth. Because of proximity or timing, some voices will be elevated and heralded in the public square that may not align with God's kingdom purposes for Israel. They may be more in sync with an agenda that opposes God's kingdom, and will lead the un-discerning into a wide path that ends in destruction.

Many Displaced Israelis

If our desire is to embrace who God loves, what God loves, in the same manner with which He loves, we must remain connected to His voice of instruction by staying in His Word. God says to comfort those who mourn, yet the world is scorning those who mourn. Heeding the voice of God from His Word, the Wall of Prayer team set out to visit those who had been displaced by the devastating attack. Our desire was to comfort and encourage while allowing these survivors to share their testimonies with us—a means of overcoming (Revelation 12:11). People along the Gaza border in the south have mostly been evacuated if they had not already fled the area in the first few days of the invasion by Hamas. It is said that hundreds of thousands of families are internally displaced within Israel, essentially refugees within their borders.

In the days ahead, Israel's war will likely be on many fronts, and not just in the natural, but also in the spiritual realm. To navigate the narrow path leading to God's glory being revealed, we must train our spiritual ears and eyes, and submit our hearts to God's Word. Our generation is poised to be taken over by artificial intelligence that can simulate voices and images, and seemingly falsify reality. It is imperative that we discipline ourselves even more to recognize, discern, and harken to our Shepherd's voice. As this war against Hamas and other terrorist factions unfolds, and the geopolitical atmosphere changes in the Middle East (possibly all around the world), our voice recognition mechanisms in the spirit must be crystal clear. May the Bride of Messiah be firmly rooted in truth and shalom, avoiding all forms of distractions and deceptions. May all God's sheep hear His voice, especially Israel—His ways lead to peace everlasting.

Suzie Georges
Wall of Prayer Coordinator
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Suzie and Sharon



Feeding the Hungry

CFI Jerusalem joined a community effort today to purchase both dry and fresh produce for feeding hungry people. Two thousand meals were delivered to both civilians and soldiers, in the south of Israel.

“You must support the weak.” Acts 20:35

Project Streams of Blessing
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Pastor Robbie organizing produce to feed hungry communities in Israel



Our visit in May of 2023 Insert: Shilo wearing a brace for neck and back pain

***“Please pray for lasting relationship and that God would renew and restore what was lost.”
This is what I asked you, the reader and for prayer, when I wrote this article in May of 2023!***

Do you Remember the Story of Shilo* and Suzie in the old city gun battle?

***Suzie was 12** when she and her father *Shilo got caught up in the middle of a gun battle in the Old City of Jerusalem. Little did they know that a terrorist had seen an opportunity and taken a guard’s gun from him, shooting the guard in the process. Suzie’s father was shot as he struggled to protect his 12- year- old daughter. Even though this attack happened many years ago, its affects continue to haunt the lives of this precious family.

God Protected this Family

We reported last visit that Shilo* in particular, has struggled both physically to recover from the bullet wounds as well as mentally from the horror of the attack. For many years he would not leave his home and even now it is hard for him to do so. His outlet is cooking (believe me when I say he is a superb chef!) but as his back pains him greatly from the injury, even this is hard to do at times.

In May of 2023 Team UHW had the privilege of meeting this brave father and daughter as they had just heard of Christian Friends of Israel and what we do for those suffering from terror and trauma. Praise God that Suzie* is mostly recovered from the ordeal and has since gotten married and has a beautiful family of three!

In fact, Team UHW was invited to her home for Rosh Hashanah, and we were able to experience a beautiful Jewish celebration of the New Year. What was so amazing about this visit was that Suzie* had just given birth to her beautiful daughter and they still insisted that we come! Her baby girl was three days old.

Truly we were touched by both Shilo, his wife, who made *Aliyah* from Georgia in the 90’s and his daughter Suzie* and their precious children. There is truly something special about this family in spite of the trauma they suffered and in, many ways, continue to suffer from. I believe that God has them under his protection for a special purpose. Please pray for spiritual release from fear so that they would be free to open their hearts to knowledge of God and his great love for them.

During our last visit, we were able to speak honestly about being released from fear and how many times, God does this supernaturally as we trust in Him and read his Word. I was able to share how reading the Tehillim, or Psalms, during a very traumatic period of my life, brought me much peace and restoration. Please pray that this family would know and trust in the God who brings restoration through his Word and through his Son.

Old City, Jerusalem where the gun battle took place

“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.... You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God.” Joel 2:25

On Rosh Hashanah, your contributions allowed us to provide them with much needed finances for food as well as a medical grade massage device that will enable Shilo* much needed relief for his neck and back. Shilo* himself asked us to convey his heartfelt thanks to you and all the support you give to terror victims like himself.

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Psalm 56:3-4

Did you know that the word victim in Hebrew is “Korban,” it is the same word that is also used to describe the One who gave Himself as the ultimate “Korban” or sacrifice. He made Himself a victim for our sakes...that is a sobering thought. The Torah tells us *“In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; In his love he bare them, and carried them all in the days of old” (Isaiah 63:9).*

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

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Our visit in September just before Rosh HaShanah!



Year-End Giving

Our Staff and Volunteers mobilized and responded immediately after the massacre of innocent Israelis. They all traveled different directions To “make a difference,” to change history by being there for Israel! It was important to tell Israel **“You are not alone!”**

Giving to the Lord

“We do not give to people, we are lending to the Lord...giving when you have no thought of getting back...is a investment in the Lord’s heavenly fund. Your treasures will be eternal.”
(Sapphires, Hope for the World)

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and our work in Israel today.**

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The Nightmare RETURNS

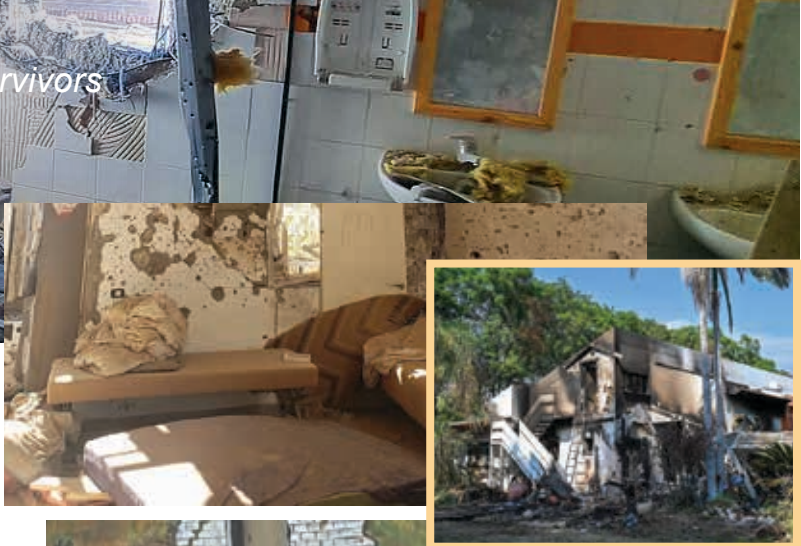
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National holiday of Simchat Torah, celebrating the giving of the Law of Moses, was interrupted by the brutal attack of Hamas terrorists on Israeli civilians in GAZA'S neighboring communities on a peaceful Shabbat morning. Horrors that we saw on our screens were chilling. It was much worse for our precious Holocaust Survivors, who were assured so many times – NEVER AGAIN! None of them could comprehend or believe – It has once happened again. More than 1400 civilians were brutally murdered.

Gita Koifman's Story

I know I cannot sleep, even though it is already late at night. I watch TV and cry...cry...cry. I also pray; I ask the Creator to wake me up from this terrible dream that I see. I was two years old when the whole family was driven into the ghetto by Germans. As an adult, I managed to find out a little about what happened to our large family. After the ghetto, only a few returned home, and I was among them. They never talked to me about the ghetto or told me such terrible stories. When I asked questions to my dad, he told me that I didn't need to know that!!! One day, he told me: When you grow up, you'll understand! I am over 80 years old and work with Holocaust survivors; I hear their stories of memories, and I think I would not have survived if I had seen and remembered all this.

My dear God, this is how my family ran, and they were shot in the back!? I see it from the screen. This is how children were abused when their mothers stood nearby. My country protects me (like my family did in the past) and does not show us these terrible images. But instead of thriving kibbutzim, I see burnt houses, wrecked cars, scattered children's toys, and a lot... a lot of ashes. How not to cry when a young press correspondent, who probably served in our army and saw a lot, stands on these ashes, barely holding back tears, and says that the ashes here are not only from burnt objects... Yes, I want to ask for forgiveness from all six million Jews exterminated in the Holocaust; I apologize to all those killed and tortured in this terrible war that the country is waging today. We could not come to help you, but



Gita with Olga and Tanya

maybe in this place, upon your ashes, we will build blooming houses with gardens where children will bear your names with pride. Amen!!!

How Our Family Members Suffered

This war brought me back 82 years ago, and now I see the roads where we were persecuted, where my grandmother Khaya was trampled in the mud. I see how my dear and beloved aunts hide me and gently close my mouth so I don't cry. I didn't give them away... that's how they saved my life. I think I remember everything now. Hamas showed me clearly. All my hidden horrible memories came to the surface with crystal clear clarity. But he also gave me a more decisive impetus to be proud that my family and I belong to the people who gave the world the TORAH – we are Jews. Humanism, support, solidarity, building, healing, and protection are what we are strong in. I believe we will celebrate the Victory in Israel. **Gita Koifman, Holocaust survivor, Chairwoman of the Association of the Concentration Camps and Ghetto Survivors.**

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But they said,
'Never Again!'

The start of a new week after the horrible weekend of October 7th was challenging for the FTN project. The horrors of violence and war became a reality again in the faces of the peaceful citizens of Israel. The statement “never again” seems to be fading away, and security in the Jewish homeland becoming a myth. What can you say? How can you answer the questions which are being raised again?

Our first visit this week was to a survivor named Elena, a woman we had never visited before. Entering a new home makes you tremble a bit to face the unknown. As a very young child, Elena survived the occupation in the Bershad Ghetto in Ukraine. She heard her family’s survival story from her mother because she was too young to remember. Together with the miraculous story of the family’s survival, she learned about G-d. Elena’s mother told her she knew if they did survive, then she would know there is a great G-d. This helped Elena believe in God from her childhood and until this day she believes in Him and prays to Him every day! “I know it is only G-d who can save.”

When the war began, Elena’s parents wanted to escape to a safer place, but were stopped by the Germans. However, Germans did not harm them and instead just told them to return home. Her parents knew it was not safe to return through the forest, as many Ukrainian nationalistic men who did not want to serve in the army were attacking and killing people there. Miraculously they made their way back.

When Elena’s parents returned home, they were put in the ghetto where they lived with other family members in extremely difficult conditions. Each day people died from hunger and disease. In fact, Elena’s brother died during this hard time. However, Elena, her mom and dad survived. The

family was liberated in 1944 but her father was immediately sent into the Russian army. Many other members of their family were also sent to the army. Only one uncle came back, the others were killed. Elena and her mom almost lost hope that they would see her father again. However, sometime later her father did return which was another miracle for them. Two younger brothers were born into the family. “Who could believe that we might survive and then even move to our home land, Israel!”

Nothing is Impossible with God

Elena’s grandson is now in the army and her grand-daughter’s husband was called up immediately after the war was announced. Elena tells us she is praying for them and also for peace on the entire earth. She believes that impossible things are possible with God.

We are grateful for your faithful prayer support, especially during times such as these. Thank you for standing together with God and His people. “And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory” (Psalm 72:19).

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War Relief Aid

A Time of Cruel Crises Responding to the Alarm

CFI Jerusalem was able to deliver much needed items to the community of Kibbutz Alumim near Gaza who are now displaced and living in two hotels in Netanya. They really needed children's clothing, toys and nappies which we took to them today. Debbie, from the Kibbutz, told us how they hid in their safe rooms whilst hearing gunshots. They have all endured much trauma. Debbie said that Israel has been confronted with a great evil and darkness but all the acts of love and kindness they have received proves to her that light will always overcome the darkness. We at CFI feel blessed to be here and to share true light and love

**"I will
restore
health unto
thee."
Jeremiah 30:17**



Clothing



Galya with Debbie from Kibbutz Alumim



Supplies

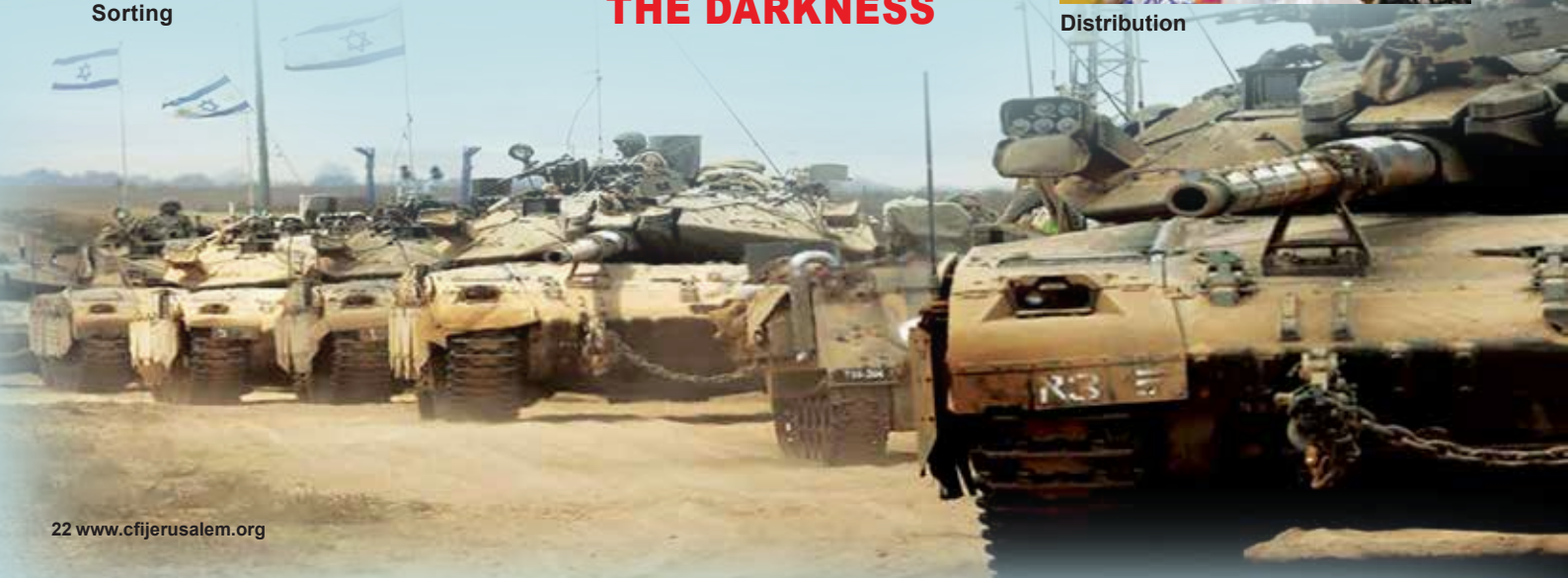


Sorting



Distribution

**GOD'S LOVE
WILL OVERCOME
THE DARKNESS**





To date, CFI has been assisting with vital items for the Israeli people. We commit to do so for as long as it takes!

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL FROM THE NATIONS SEEKS THE WELFARE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Hospitals at this time are in need of supplies. All vehicles were loaded and travelling to various locations within Israel to help in this hour of need. Thank you for all who are supporting our witness of the outpouring of God's Love from all of you. Donations can be made at: www.cfijerusalem.org

REACHING OUT IN JERUSALEM SHOWING OUR SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

CFI Jerusalem handed out sandwiches to soldiers at the Central Bus Station... a simple act of kindness to show them how much we appreciate them. Many soldiers came by to our table laden with delicious sandwiches and very appreciative for us blessing them.

Israeli children receiving free ice-Cream



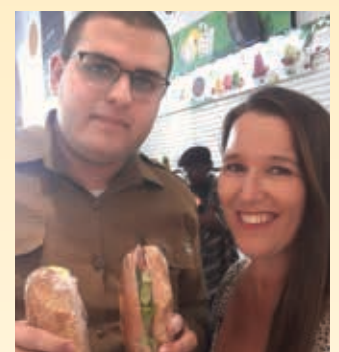
Robbie working with Israelis



Just in time to help!!



CFI table with sandwiches



A soldier taking sandwiches

A TASTE OF GOODNESS IN THE FACE OF EVIL

CFI Jerusalem was delighted to be able to send an ice-cream van to the children and families of Moshav Yevul who are now displaced. **Most are living in a hostel near Masada. It is all because YOU made it possible!** You, our faithful friends, donors and supporters across the world. Thank you for standing with us and standing with Israel. Together we are bringing some joy and comfort into the hearts of the people of Israel.

“Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring, a reward from him.” Psalms 127:3-5

DISPLACED ISRAELIS WITHOUT HOMES

God is our
Strength
and our
Fortress

NILLY HAD TO FLEE FOR HER LIFE

This is Nilly. She is from Sderot and has been living as a displaced person in a hotel. She has no idea when she can go home. We met her when we spent time with the people at the hotel. Yesterday it was Nilly's birthday so our CFI Team headed to the Dead Sea to surprise her with a cake, flowers and presents. She was overcome! This is the heart of CFI - building relationships, one person at a time. We are committed to changing lives one heart at a time - pouring the oil and the wine of love, comfort and hope into the hearts of the people of Israel.

God helps us to be a healing balm to broken hearts



Thanking God for Timely Gifts

(from CFI Papua New Guinea, CFI USA and CFI Germany)

Transport Van

A gift of love was sent all the way from the Papua New Guinea, home of the world's second largest island. Just recently the Papua New Guinea government opened its Embassy in Jerusalem. Thank God for this miracle.'

'Pastor Tony Dalaka is a leader of leaders in the South Pacific islands. His love for Israel and his commitment to Christian Friends of Israel is to be praised and commended. Pastor carries the torch in Papua New Guinea for God's beloved city, Jerusalem, and the nation of Israel. He is very deeply appreciated for all the work he is doing to establish CFI in many places. Please pray for him and his Assistant overseer of CFI in Papua New Guinea, Pastor Kepas Rakop. These men have done an outstanding job in helping to raise funds to provide CFI with a new transport van for carrying items to meet various needs, such as supplies, furniture, books and much more. This transport van replaces a very old Hyundai van which was at the end of its economic lifespan and had to be disposed of. Thank God He knows just when to send help.'

Outreach Vehicle

God's Timing is always perfect. At the moment when we needed two new vehicles for CFI outreaches, God sent a new vehicle with funds from CFI USA and CFI Germany. Hannele Pardain and Amber Sutter, with supporters across the USA and Germany, supplied the funds to purchase a passenger vehicle for use of ministry work and travel across the nation to survivor's homes, hospitals, congregations, immigrant home visits and also a host of other ministry activities.

With the addition of this vehicle, we now have sufficient vehicles for four outreaches. It is with a huge gratitude we thank CFI USA and CFI Germany, and their respective Boards and supporters for their generosity and thoughtful hearts to make this happen for us. God bless you all and thank you sincerely for this much needed gift.

Without the assistance of key supporters such as CFI Papua New Guinea, CFI USA and CFI Germany, our load would be much heavier. Thank you for helping us by supplying these practical needs!

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director



Standing left of the van, Pastor Tony Dalaka and on the right, Pastor Kepas Rakop, presenting it to CFI for outreach programs throughout the land



This vehicle is provided by CFI USA and CFI Germany and all their kind supporters

THE FLASHBACKS AND SHOCK OF LOSING THEIR HOMES

LISTENING TO THE TRAUMA OF DISPLACED ISRAELIS

It's the simple things that can go a long way. Yesterday CFI took some practical items to the community of Moshav Yevul (close to Gaza) who are now displaced and living in a hostel at the Dead Sea. It was heartbreaking to hear of their trauma and loss. We pray that our love and support will bring them all some comfort and hope.



Building Relationships with Moshav Yevul Residents



CFI Team ready to help

DELIVERING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Our CFI team traveled south to deliver much needed protective equipment to soldiers at 450 BGE 828. This gear was nowhere to be found despite much networking and after praying for a breakthrough the soldier himself found a seller! We were able to share this information with other ministries looking for the same items. This unit has brave, persevering and gifted soldiers and we are grateful to be a small part of their equipping. **Note: No military equipment is ever provided by CFI.**



Galya assisting with food parcels

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."
Psalm 121: 1

CFI ASSISTING WITH FOOD SUPPLIES AND MEALS FOR DISPLACED ISRAELIS

CFI Team members joined a community effort in Petach Tikvah preparing large amounts of food to take to people who have been displaced due to the war down south. We are blessed to be able to help and provide kosher food and support for these difficult days.

Pastor Robbie organizing food deliveries



REMEMBERING THE SOLDIERS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES



Clint with helpers

UNDERGIRDING ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS

One of Israel's military K-9 units was so thankful to welcome us yesterday and receive 22 hydration systems and 20 phone battery packs that we bought for them. CFI was also blessed to assist other ministries by delivering supplies on their behalf. We are one family working together to support Israel's soldiers.



Loading supplies for the IDF Bases



Clint loading boxes into van

"The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you..."
Psalm 121 : 5-7



"So Joshua arose, and all the people of war...and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them forth by night." Joshua 8:3

EMERGENCY WAR RELIEF FUND

“Because of violence (Hamas) done to the Judahites, because they shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah will be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem for all generations.” Joel 3-4

As CFI staff and volunteers continue walking and serving in the way of true friends of Israel.

We remember:

As Christian Friends of Israel we have risen to the challenges which Israeli's are facing. The situation is so sad—so many lies have been told about the Jewish people which are not true at all. Now is our shining hour to continue to ask for help from Christians in the nations as we stand with Israel shoulder-to-shoulder. Everything a Christian possesses came from this Land and People. We owe them a great debt and we taste their tears!

Every day sirens. Every day memories of the atrocities upon their loved ones. Many are without homes and are displaced. CFI is helping in every way we are able. Israel did not begin this war. They are acting in defense of their nation. Seek the blessing and not the curse: be a blessing to Israel today!

Listen to the War Briefing where you can listen to the latest frontline daily news supplied by retired Generals led by General Amir Avivi.

<https://bit.ly/IDSFBriefingWar>

Press the red button and enter our CFI website which will provide you in detail about what we are doing and how you can “be the world to one person” and much much more!

“...weep with them that weep.” Romans 12:15



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DELIVERIES TO THE NORTHERN FRONTLINES

Helping to Defend God's Chosen Nation



Assisting with army needs



MOBILE DELIVERY OF FRONTLINE NEEDS

CFI team members had a long and fruitful day yesterday in the north of Israel. We were able to deliver tactical shirts for the soldiers along with other much-needed supplies to an army base right along Israel's northern border. How incredible that we can be here at such a time as this to show true friendship to this beautiful nation.

CFI staff completed their task of deliveries for army bases

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As Defenders of Israel Our Soldiers Never Rest

"He only is my rock
and my salvation:
He is my defence;
I shall not be moved."
Psalm 62: 6



Neomi with Judy



All We Do is Because of YOU...

Saluting Our Soldiers

Before this Israeli soldier left to serve her country in southern Israel, CFI Jerusalem went shopping and purchased many food items for which we blessed her unit. We are so thankful for all our soldiers who are ready and willing to defend this beautiful nation. Judy, we salute you and all in your unit. Thank you for defending Israel.

Keeping Young Warriors Strong and Determined

We were able to provide them with essential supplies they needed (such as backpacks, medical supplies, cell phone battery chargers, clothing and boots). We also offered them our encouragement and gratitude for all they are doing and are prepared to do to protect Israel and her citizens.

Vital Supplies Fulfilling Needs



The God of Jacob (Israel) is Their Helper

CFI Jerusalem Team Members visited with these amazing young warriors in the south. These soldiers were preparing to enter Gaza, providing them with greatly needed supplies. Thank you to all of our supporters for your continued prayers and support



IDF soldiers with supplies from CFI

General Avivi reaches out to CFI for Help

“Throughout our history, our success has come from the strength of our resolve and the courage to stand for Jewish identity and Zionism.”
(Brigadier General (res.) Amir Avivi)

General Avivi called CFI and we were able to assist with educating young soldiers about the reason why they need to defend the Jewish nation based on God’s Word, the Torah. Israel’s security concerns are our concerns. We encourage through our caring and strengthening the bonds with the People of Israel through partnering where we deem appropriate for concerned Christians.

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Yonatan Infantry Battalion receives Supplies for Vehicles

CFI was given the opportunity to donate much needed supplies to the Yonatan Infantry Battalion in order to fix and maintain essential vehicles. They were so blessed by our gift and took these great pictures to show their appreciation. Once the war is over they have asked that we come and visit them and we will do so gladly!!! Thank you for donating to CFI so that we can continue serving and blessing Israel.

“...the share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.” 1 Samuel 30:24



*Where does my help
come from?*

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my
help come from?”

My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not
slumber; indeed, he who
watches over Israel will neither
slumber nor sleep.

*The LORD
watches over you.”*

Psalms 121:1-5a NIV

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What They are Saying!

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

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

Available in Foreign Languages

A Principle and A Promise is now available in French and German languages. This book has also been translated into Polish and into Romanian. If you are interested in translating Sharon’s new book into your language, apply for an ISBN from your country. For more information please email: sharon@cfijerusalem.org.

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



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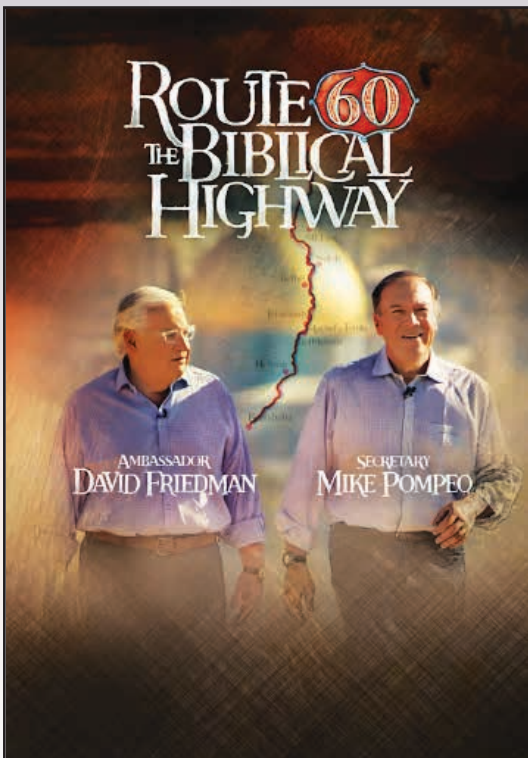
The “Principle and A Promise” has now arrived in France.

A Principle and A Promise
by Sharon Sanders
On Kindle edition and paperback



“The role of a teacher is not to teach their students what to think, but how to think.” **(Chabad.org)**

Bringing Light to Young Israeli Farmers in Israel's Bible Belt



A new film entitled "The Way of the Patriarchs" has been released. Entitled "Route 60, The Biblical Highway" former US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo trace this highway that bisects the Land of Israel. How wonderful to see the Bible come alive in deeper detail! God is planting the Jewish people with "all of His Heart" (Jeremiah 32:41).

We Need your Help to Install Electrical Lighting on Small Farms

CFI has been helping to install electrical lighting on small farms in the region for young farmers who are lined up to begin farming small patches of agricultural and sheep farms. We have visited and met these families and they are beautiful people wanting nothing but a tiny patch of ground to work to raise their families. It has been our joy to assist. Security equipment is also a need and we are helping in this area also. **If you would like to play a part in Bible Prophecy in the Israeli "Bible Belt" ...please earmark Your gift: Stepping Stones.**

Project Stepping Stones

(a subproject of David's Shield)

Sharon Sanders / Project Coordinator



Small farms scattered throughout Israel

CFI team members answered the call of a community in Israel to provide them with security equipment





Letters of *Love* from the Nations

Dear CFI

Many thanks for your detailed email of which I really appreciate. Looking forward to the magazines' and literature when it arrives. May God Bless you all as you work very hard to produce amazing content for us to be praying for God's people and His Nation. Regards to CFI writers for the reports are totally fantastic. Praying safety for you all and for the Peace of Jerusalem. **M.B.**

Dear CFI

This is an offering as a seed from Argentina for your "writing and teaching material and magazine." We are from Los Cocos. **D. R.**

Dear CFI

"So many people have the opportunity at hand to read all the treasures that you publish. I'm thrilled also that you are also partnering with Derek Prince Ministries—how powerful as the Scriptures and teaching is vital to spread throughout the earth in these "life saving" days before the Lord comes for His People—Jew and Gentile. Praise His Glorious Name." **MG – Australia**

Write us with your letter of love from the nations and we will post your letter to the world email us at: cfi@cfijerusalem.org.



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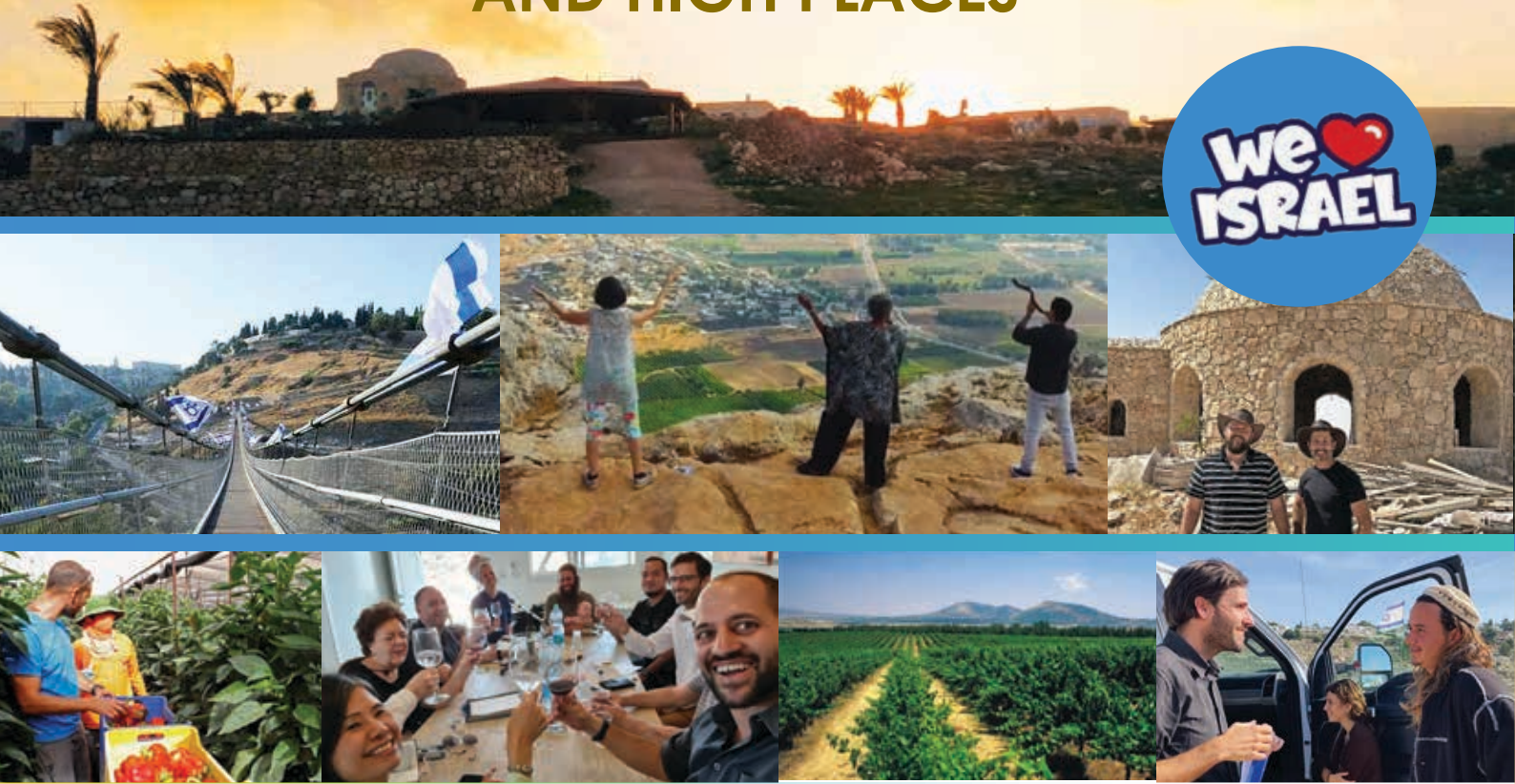


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A Tapestry of God's Love

We visited with a beautiful Arab believer, who was blind from childhood. Due to her blindness, her Moslem parents placed her in a Christian facility that could care for her. Here, her Christian faith was formed. Today she lives in her own place and is very independent. She says, "The Lord looks after me. I do not need to worry." **(Top left)**

In Nazareth First Fruits lends a helping hand to a young Arab mother, with rent. Her husband had recently developed cancer and was in treatment. Without a regular income she and her children were finding it difficult to live. She was so appreciative of the financial assistance CFI also provided. Helping an Arab believer with Food Vouchers. Nazareth has high unemployment and with rising food costs, any assistance we can provide is greatly appreciated. **(Top right)**

This believer just lost his wife to cancer. We are able to come alongside and offer spiritual support, comfort, as well as financial assistance. Hav-

The Written Word ministering to Hungry Hearts



Helping the Blind and the Needy

ing children still living at home puts a strain on the budget. This Russian speaking believer helps as an assistant in his congregation. **(Bottom left)**

First Fruits has been able to visit various ministries that CFI has assisted in the past. This Arab believer directs the House of Hope in Bethlehem. This ministry cares for a number of disabled in their community. **(Bottom middle)**

CFI First Fruits has been able to build relationships with various pastors in the land. This Messianic Russian speaking Pastor in Haifa greatly appreciates the Christian material in Russian, we are able to bring. This material is provided by Derek Prince Ministries. **(Bottom right)**

Rudy and Sharon Friesen
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Be a Courier of Blessings to Jerusalem



Bringing many much needed gifts for the CFI Distribution Center for Immigration



Sharon received Bridal Gown from Mexico

Pilgrims from Mexico Courier delivered many Items for CFI Distribution Center



Life is Not Easy

“Thus says the LORD: If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night so that there will not be day and night in their season, then My covenant may also be broken with David, My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me” (Jeremiah 33:20-22).

Stefan and Victoria (names are changed) visited our Start-Up Store in September 2023. They received a new microwave, bedding and other items for their new home. Their little boy practiced his driving skills with a bicycle at our place and chose a new toy. This lovely couple shared with us their personal story as God’s Hand directed their lives.

Stefan grew up in a Christian family. His father is a pastor. He received his education in the Russian army and became an officer. He served in the military until 2020. When Stefan was 20 years old, the family discovered they were Jewish.

Making *Aliyah*

Victoria grew up in Vologda. Her family did not practice any Jewish traditions. She met Stefan in his father’s congregation, not knowing that he also has Jewish roots. Stefan’s parents made *Aliyah* one month right after their wedding.

As they were overseeing little congregation near Moscow when the war against Ukraine was progressing, Stefan understood they must leave Russia. As an officer, he would have been definitely called to the frontlines.

They moved Belarus. Stefan and Victoria had all the needed documents for *Aliyah*. God miraculously opened the doors. Stefan explained that, in his case, it is not safe for them to be in Belarus. In October, this young family was in the Land and the processing of citizenship began.

New life in Israel is not easy. During the first months, they moved from place to place five times. The greatest challenge was the cost of living and high cost of living for everything. Currently, he is looking for a better job to take care of all the family’s financial needs. Also, Victoria is looking for work. Their son goes to a local nursery where he is now learning Hebrew.

Stefan and Victoria want to serve God in the Promised Land. After joining a local congregation, they are praying that the Lord will give them many opportunities to praise His name in Israel. Thank you for making our giving to all visitors who needs help to feel welcome and to receive a blessing from Christians in the nations.

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Life has been Hard: God is there to Help in time of Need!



Start-Up store offers a variety of items for the Olim

Our doors are open for Olim needing start up items for their new homes



Tiina with grateful visitors

We are privileged to welcome and bless new immigrants who come to our place every week. In 2023, the majority of our clients come from Russia. Because of the growing antisemitism, in different countries, a new wave of *Aliyah* can arise every moment. Despite the war that is going on many Jews feel more secure in Israel than in their previous homelands. The situation in our Start-Up store may change. We may have new opportunities in front of us. It is good. We will continue to do good for the new citizens of Israel!

“...do not withhold your tunic... give to everyone who asks of you...” Luke 6:29-30



Very happy with gift



Papua New Guinea visits the CFI Distribution Center



Joy for Mourning and Beauty for Ashes

Tatyana and Steve got married in July 2023. Both of them have experienced mourning and ashes in their lives. God revealed His mercy and love to these broken-hearted people. He set the captives free and gave them new hope and a bright future.

Tatyana came to the Land with her first husband in 2000. They fled huge financial problems, which seemed to have no solution in Ukraine. They received permission to work in Israel. Tatyana's mother took care of their little son. After a while, Tatyana's husband started to drink a lot, so they divorced. She married another man and gave birth to her second son. At that time, she did not know anything about God. Her husband got involved with drugs and ended up in rehab centers in Ashkelon and in Jerusalem. Through Ivan and the people who served in the rehab centers, Tatyana also got information about the God of Israel. There seemed to be hope for a better life for their family.

In 2013 Ivan died. He was still in the rehabilitation program then, but his health suddenly gave up. Through this loss, Tatyana turned to the Lord and gave her life to Him. She joined a congregation next to her hometown. She did not think that she would ever be married again. She raised her son, who was also against new "fathers." Years passed. Tatyana grew in faith and served the Lord in different ways, especially in the kitchen ministry.

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Tatyana and Steve

There was a rehab center in connection with Tatyana's congregation. She was not interested in the men who were in the program. One of them was Steve. He had gone through a lot of heavy things in his life.

God works Miracles

After three years of rehabilitation Steve started to pray for a wife. He kept his eyes open while visiting other congregations and different conferences. Finally, God put into his heart a thought: "Don't seek a wife in other places. She is here sitting on the same benches as you." Later, Steve understood that Tatyana was the right one. They already knew each other as members of the same family of faith.

Tatyana visited our CFI Bridal Salon in Jerusalem and found a wedding dress, a beautiful veil, necklace, earrings, shoes, and a hairpiece. She said "I am grateful to your ministry for helping families like us who can't afford to buy a wedding dress. May the Lord bless you abundantly,"

And how about their future plans?
"Our future plans are to serve God as we can." May it be so.



Tatyana and Steve's marriage made in heaven

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD. Isaiah 61:1-2



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Give your Sunday School or your grandchildren the opportunity to learn about Israel with a phonetic coloring book that will change their young lives. To receive our educational and beautifully illustrated coloring book "TELL THE CHILDREN" please email us at: cfi@cfijerusalem.org –Sharon Sanders–

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CFI Family of Nations



CFI PHILIPPINES

"All the earth shall worship You, and sing praises to Your name..." Psalm 48:10



Pastor Robbie ministering in the CFI Conference

CFI Philippines Hosts Successful Conference

Often, after reading articles and seeing the photographs of Israel, we may feel a slight disconnect until we sit at the seat of learning together. We need to break bread together as well as bond with the families of our committed representatives. That is what we did in the Philippines. Dr. Ruth and Pastor Joey brought me, a Western pastor, into the lives of their South-east Asian life. I shared the Hebraic foundation of Christianity with a group that represented several churches. They were so hungry for the teachings. We videoed several teachings for them to absorb after I was gone.

Every time I go into a new area, I always learn much more about that nation and how it embraces or rejects Israel. I learned from the Philippines that they have a prudent history with the Jewish people. During the Holocaust, while other countries closed their heart to Israel, the Philippines offered refuge to 10,000 displaced by the war. In 1947, the Philippines was the only United Nations Asian Island that cast a favorable vote in favor of this new nation. We left having learned much more than we taught. The Filipino people are connected to Israel and CFI.

Pastor Robbie praying during the service



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“Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion.” Psalm 103:22



CFI INDIA

On 6th April 2023, CFI Maharashtra/ India conducted our annual traditional Passover Seder celebration Service, this year in the Church of Ecclesia One Pune. We had about 50 people. This included the occasion of the washing of feet, where I washed the feet of each participant. Pastor Nicky Chandra and I took teachings on the Passover from Exodus and the Gospels. The Seder meal included the Matza, Kosher non alcoholic Wine, Shank Bone, Boiled Egg, Greens, Bitter Herbs, Charoset and Salt Water.

The evening service included Shofar blowing by my grandson Jordan Chandra. In photo 1, the congregation learning about Jewish Feasts. In photo 2, showing feet washing event. Over the years our family conducts this event in different Churches highlighting the relevance of the Biblical Feasts to the Christian life.

Pastor Sonny Chandra, Maharashtra
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“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105

Pastor Sonny Chandra washing feet ceremony in his church



CFI MEXICO

Calacoaya Christian Center Pilgrims Visited CFI



Pilgrims bringing many items for CFI

Mrs. Sharon Sanders visited a group of pilgrims from Mexico (Calacoaya Christian Center) in their hotel in Jerusalem, to talk about the different CFI outreach projects. The brethren presented an offering for the Distribution Center (including wedding gowns, school supplies, personal hygiene products, diapers, etc.) and a monetary gift for the organization. They all prayed and blessed CFI Ministry. This year, after four years without being able to do their annual Israel tour, they also planted trees with the Keren Kayemet Lelsrael near the Gaza border.

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CFI PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea Embraces Israel



Robbie Coleman ministering in Pastor Dalaka's church



In 2019, CFI was invited to speak to the people of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, but as we were making plans, the airlines closed due to the pandemic. Pastor Tony Dalaka was hungry for this Israel/church bond in his country. Additionally, he had raised funds for Israel and was eager to present them to CFI. I know God had His hand on the timing.

We were detained for three years from going into PNG, but when the door finally opened, the gift had multiplied 100 percent. I saw a determination

in both Pastor Tony Dalaka and Pastor Kepas Rakop to ensure a proper Israeli connection. As a speaker, I always have concerns that my presentation will be accepted. Upon the first of four services, the people quickly embraced us. By the second night, a strong bond was forged. I want to thank our CFI Australian Representative, Pastor Patrick Russell, for making the introduction. Pastor Russel and two others crossed country borders to support this new relationship. I am so impressed by the PNG people's confidence in Pastor Tony. He served the Cornerstone Gateway Assembly of God Church for over 30 years. He also served faithfully as General Superintendent of PNG Assemblies of God for many years. Each night, the church was filled with as many as 500 people who were hungry to hear the Word of the Lord from Zion.

PNG has taught me several lessons about giving. The pastor wished that I would take the offering as soon as possible. He said, "We don't want to touch it, even to count it, because it belongs to the Lord." PNG has now contributed to purchase a new transport van and other large items. Our newest Partnership in outreach will be to help relocate displaced Israeli families because of the war with Hamas. Indeed, PNG has been added to the worldwide CFI family of nations for such a time as this. ***"The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant islands rejoice" (Psalm 97:1).***

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Welcoming Pastor Rakop from Papua New Guinea to Jerusalem, Rudy and Sharon Friesen directing our First Fruits program bring a Jerusalem welcome for Pastor.



"I will give You thanks in the great assembly, I will praise You among many people." Psalm 35 : 18



CFI GERMANY

National Prayer Conference in Nürnberg, Germany

As the director of CFI Germany, I am also on the board of the Christian Forum for Israel (CFFI), which is a network of several Israel-Ministries and leaders in the country of Germany. CFI Germany is in fact a member of the Forum. About a year ago we were deciding on a date for a national prayer conference, celebrating 75 years of Israel and set it for October 27-28, 2023. Only God knew the strategic and tragic time this would be set in. Obviously, the focus of the prayer meeting shifted towards a much more serious and fervent prayer event for Israel.

I myself had the privilege of leading the worship together with my husband and a group of younger musicians from a House of Prayer in Nürnberg and was the main coordinator throughout the conference. All in all, the leadership team consisted of about 40 different people – amazingly enough and by the grace of God there was a strong sense of harmony throughout the conference.

Worship service with leadership team



Amber lead the worship service

*"Shout to the LORD,
all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!"
Psalm 98 : 4*

We had the opportunity to have a CFI book table with the last few magazines and Sharon's book. My brother, Nathan Tracy, came as the representative of Derek Prince Ministries Germany with an assortment of Derek's books and he also was our beamer and video technician for the conference.

A vision that was given during the conference was of heavenly hosts, of angels fully armed for battle, moving into the land, as prayer and intercession and worship was being lifted up. Many more were ready to enter, but they had to wait because there was not enough room. This is the sense I got: In seeking God and hearing His voice and allowing Him to lead us into intercession and worship we release His heavenly armies to march into our physical world.

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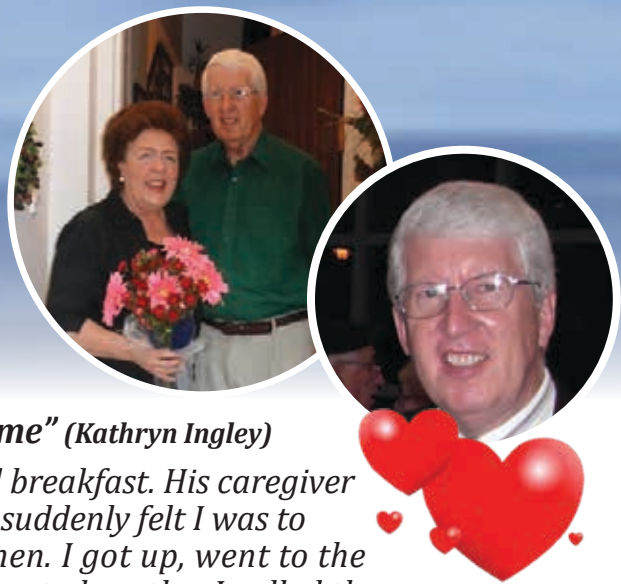
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The Day My Eagle Flew!



“Eagles don’t flock you have to find them one at a time” (Kathryn Ingley)

On the morning of February 17, 2023, Ray had finished breakfast. His caregiver went upstairs. I was in the Living Room studying and I suddenly felt I was to check on Ray who was in our little room off the kitchen. I got up, went to the room and he looked at me and I saw he was struggling to breathe. I called the ambulance. They were with us within minutes.

Standing in the Emergency room--about eight doctors and nurses were surrounding my husband. It was the beginning of a nightmare for Ray. Two CPR’s, an incision in his throat, insertion of a trachea and an intubator down his mouth near the lungs were performed on him. Thirteen machines recorded all of his vitals. The following was three operations on February 19th. Under heavy sedation and in a deep sleep, it took weeks before he woke up with trauma. In a Parkinson’s body for twenty-eight years, he survived by God’s Goodness. I was then told to take him to a rehabilitation hospital. For two months, I drove approximately ninety-five times to hospitals. He responded well to the love and attention we gave him every day.

Finally He Came Home

Because of our praying friends, we were told to take him home; however, before he returned, they required Ray to go through another surgery to put a stoma and a peg in the stomach (for liquid food). After more trauma the surgeon put the peg in the wrong place. He again was dismissed to come home. My heart broke at his suffering. He never complained even once. It was an honor to sing, pray and serve him day and night. Ray’s mind held

strong. He would let us know he understood us by blinking his eyes. One thing he could do was kiss me on my cheek every day. This is my treasure for life. It is because of all the prayer that we survived—the morning the roof caved in on us.

We arrived in Jerusalem June 1985, and Christian Friends of Israel was born in December 1985. I adapted the words Kathryn Ingley at Christ for the Nations Bible college (our Alma Mater) wrote about Ray. He was my eagle, full of wisdom and strength. “Every once in a while, God brings together a group of eagles for a special task—He did it in 1985 at Christ For the Nations (and again with Christian Friends of Israel). We were often referred to as two eagles flying together. We loved our work immensely. Eagles are triumphant—that’s their nature. They soar through the storms, when lesser souls take cover. They push themselves to one more effort, when lesser ones lie exhausted on the ground. They climb the heights, while others flounder among the rocks. They laugh at the furies of the winds, while others quiver with fear. They win. Always. Always...for that is

their nature. That’s why God sometimes puts eagles together. I am so proud to have flown with Ray!”

Somewhere around 6:00-6:15 am on the 4th of October 2023, my eagle flew. He left me for a better world with Father God and our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ). I miss him terribly. I wish to go on flying, even though not as high as we were used to, and to finish well--if I can. God is walking me through being a widow and I will come through—leaning on my beloved—my Lord. Before my eagle left me, we reminisced how often he came back each time it looked as if he was not going to make it—I had released him to God but still loved him so much, I had a hard time letting go of him. On the night before his flight home—I read a book called “Imagine Heaven” and it thrilled me so much I went to his bed and told him “It’s ok, I’ll be alright, you should go, it’s going to be beautiful there.” He closed his eyes. In the morning my eagle flew home to God. Someone said, “he was waiting for you to tell him he could go!” The next morning, when eagles fly, was the day my eagle flew.

Much love from Sharon Sanders and the family



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