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Dear CFI International Representative Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the Outreach efforts of Christian Friends of Israel. We continue to strive to encourage those in need and to offer practical assistance during times of struggle. It's during these times when relationships can be formed which please God and allow us to show Compassion to those who need it the most and have possibly never experienced it before.

Please receive the CFI Outreach electronic updates as a reminder of the impact each of you have in the lives of so many. We are grateful to represent those of you in the Nations - to those in the Land of Israel.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV)



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Project Bridal Salon

Supporting Israeli Brides and their Families

Shalom, dear friends from the nations!

The month of May has passed quickly. Our CFI Bridal Salon has been open and we have served many special people.

Julia and her daughter Noah were the first clients of the month. Noah daughter needed an evening gown for her upcoming graduation. It is good that we can serve school girls and boys with our collection every year! Noah took two dresses: a beautiful, gentle one and one more outstanding option. Later she will make the decision, which of them will be the best for the occasion.

Shoshana (the name is changed) came to our Salon from Haifa. She is getting married on June 1st. This will be a second marriage for her. That's why she doesn't want to wear a snow white dress. We picked every champagne and beige dresses that we have of her size. In the end she chose an ivory gown that fitted her so well, and a lovely veil. She also chose beautiful jewellery, hair pieces, a pillow for the rings and items to decorate the wedding venue. Shoshana was happy and thankful.

One bride-to-be, who already got a dress from us, brought two of her best friends to our Salon in the hope to find evening gowns for them. The problem was the color.

She had chosen a very specific color scale for her bride maids to wear. Unfortunately, we didn't have the right sizes for them in these colors. We wished them all the best and especially blessed the bride who is only 19 years old. Two weeks later we received photos from the wedding. She looked so sweet! May God bless this new family with His grace and love!

One interesting client came to our Salon for the 4th time. She used to take evening gowns for weddings of her friends. Now she herself got engaged and needed a wedding dress. Our appointment was blessed. We started it with a prayer. One friend with her teenage daughters was helping Rose (the name is changed) to find and choose the best gown. In the end she chose two different dresses because they will have two separate occasions with their congregation, family and friends. Rose looked gorgeous and stunning even here in the Salon. We can't wait to see pictures from the actual wedding day! Beautiful veils made the outfit perfect. We will do a little alteration for one of the dresses and then she will be all set and ready for her special day!



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As I write, I am preparing for more appointments that have been set for the end of May. Life is moving on in Israel and we thank God for His faithfulness and goodness! We are privileged to serve Him in the places He put us.

The Feast of the Pentecost was a good reminder that we are not orphans here on earth. God is with us! His Spirit gives us power and wisdom every day and in every situation.

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth”

(John 14:14-17)

Be blessed in the name and in the grace of our Lord!

Tiina - Project Supervisor - Bridal Salon



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Communities Under Attack

Responding with Relief Funds to Targeted Areas

'The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of his strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored.'" Isaiah 62:8

During May we had the opportunity to work on two major projects in the border town of Shlomi, right on Israel's border with Lebanon. We are so thankful that over time and many visits to the area, we have built many meaningful connections and friendships with the people in Shlomi.

Our first project was a building job for the local security team. Our team got to work and tiled a bathroom for a security unit. These soldiers sometimes have to spend nights in this secure shelter and now we have given them the opportunity to cook, make coffee, wash and shower there. Gratitude filled their hearts.



We were also able to complete a three-day project with the Bukris family 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, is missing 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 hard for three days to help clean and restore order to their badly damaged home. As an extra gift we were thrilled to donate new furniture to this precious family.



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We spoke to several people who want to leave Shlomi because they are fearful and it is currently a very dangerous place to live. Drones and rocket fire from Lebanon occur on a regular basis. The children can go to school but they are constantly having to run to shelters or lie on the ground and take cover as incoming drones and rockets are relentless. We try to encourage them and help them during this very challenging time. We do practical work and complete projects in the community but we also spend a lot of time

talking together, sharing words from the Tanach (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible), praying for them and being an emotional support as well. After all, they are our friends and 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.

I started with the text from Isaiah. 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.

I want to thank you wholeheartedly for your prayers, your donations, and your heart for standing by us during these times. Both in the south, where people are still living with trauma, and the war that continues in the north.



Once again, thank you very much and God's rich blessing from Jerusalem.

Gerrit - Project Supervisor - Communities Under Attack



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Project David's Shield

Encouraging Soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces

This month we had the opportunity to host a lone soldier volunteer named Nathaniel. He originally contacted us requesting support for his unit located in Mount Hebron. At that time, however, there were extremely intense military operations taking place in the area and the situation was considered too dangerous for us to travel there. Instead, Nathaniel came to visit us personally at CFI.

We shared lunch together and spent a meaningful time talking and getting to know each other. We gave him a tour of CFI and he was deeply touched and impressed by everything we are doing for Israel and for the soldiers.

During his visit we gifted him with a helmet as well as a body armor vest that provides much better protection than the simple protective vest that he had. In addition, he asked if we could repair several pieces of his equipment. One of our staff members repaired some of his gear and he also left his tactical backpack with us because it was torn and needed repair work as well.

During May we also purchased three body armor vests for lone soldiers serving as snipers. Although the army had provided them with protective gear, the vests were uncomfortable, not properly fitted to their sizes, and the protective plates did not provide sufficient confidence for their safety in combat situations. These young soldiers approached us for help, and we were able to provide them with improved equipment. They were extremely grateful for the support.



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 dangerous areas.

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.



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I also had the privilege of speaking to the entire unit. I thanked them for their service, sacrifice and dedication to protecting the people and land of Israel. I was able to share about our ministry, our mission, and our heart to support and encourage those who serve.

We are deeply grateful to all of our donors and supporters who continue standing with us and with the soldiers of Israel during this difficult season. Your generosity allows us to provide practical help, protection, encouragement and hope to those risking their lives every day.

The war is not over. Fighting continues both in Lebanon and in Gaza, and many soldiers are still being sent into dangerous areas and extended reserve duty. Your continued prayers, support, and giving make a real difference and are a tremendous blessing to the soldiers and their families.

Thank you for continuing to stand with Israel and helping us bless those who protect this nation.

Lyailya - Project Supervisor - David's Shield



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Project First Fruits

Strengthening Israel's Believing Communities

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

Since our last report we have been getting back to "normal", although we have discovered in the nine months that we have been here, that in Israel there is no such thing as normal. That is what makes this land and its people so special. No two days are ever the same. This last month has seen us travel From the North to the very South of the land and what an incredible land it is. The people are wonderful and have made us welcome.

HAIFA

Once again Carla and I traveled up to the north of Israel to meet with the leaders of a prayer house in Haifa. We met them at the Bat Zion conference in April. We were invited to go and see the work that they are doing and were given a tour of their facilities. We also attended the afternoon prayer meeting at Kehilat HaCarmel congregation and met with other believers to build relationships between them and CFI. On the way back we met with a Russian lady in Haifa who was really excited to receive Derek Prince books for her and her family. She took a selection of all the books we had in Russian.



KIRYAT GAT

At the end of the month of April we received a request for help from an Ethiopian congregation. Carla and I made the journey to Kiryat Gat a couple of weeks later and joined the Pastor and congregation for their evening Shabbat service. It did not take long to realise that although as a congregation they are materially poor, they are spiritually rich. They spent hours and hours praying and praising the Lord then the preacher shared from the word for almost an hour. Carla and I spent some time with the pastor and found out their needs are and how we may be of assistance to them. As we were leaving at around 10:30pm, they were getting ready for another time of prayer and praise! We took 50 Derek Prince books in Hebrew with us and they were received with gratitude.



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THE DEAD SEA: WELCOME THE KING OF GLORY PRAYER

During May, this amazing prayer gathering was held at the Dead Sea and was attended by believers from all across Israel. It was a day of prayer and fasting for the nation of Israel and specifically to seek the Lord regarding a planned secular event that is shameful to say the least. It was a time of intercession and standing our ground in the Lord.

EILAT

Carla and I made the journey to the very south of Israel, to the City of Eilat and were blessed to visit three different groups including The Shelter (a Messianic hostel) and two different congregations - Mayaan Kehilat and Kehilat Eilat.

It was a very busy and fruitful time. We attended the three services and we were able to introduce ourselves and CFI to these three groups of believers.

A comment was made that they don't seem to get much help down there as most things seem to go as far as Beersheva and stop there. So we were blessed to be able to meet them and encourage them and explain to them what CFI as an organisation does. We also took a selection of Derek Prince books in Hebrew, Russian and English which were very well received and between the three groups we gave away 100 books.



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. They really need help in so many ways and we are so thankful to be a part of CFI and to be a part of coming alongside the family of Messiah here in Israel. 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.

We are privileged to be able to help and support the body of Christ thanks to your generous financial support and prayers.

Andy and Carla - Project Supervisors - First Fruits



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Project Forsake Them Not

Nurturing Relationships with Holocaust Survivors

One of the main highlights of this month was the celebration of the Day of Great Victory, commemorated on May 9th. This day marks the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany and its complete capitulation. For our dear Holocaust survivors, this is one of the most significant and meaningful days of the year. Many of them consider it their “second birthday.” Each one carries the memories of that day in their heart throughout their life — tears of overwhelming joy mixed with grief over loss, and the miracle of survival and victory over evil.

That is why it is so important for them to commemorate this day, share the joy with others, and pass on the true history to future generations. FTN is always honored to receive invitations to celebrate these special moments together with our Holocaust survivor friends. This time, we were invited to Holon. Olga shared our heartfelt greetings and with them. We also prepared gift cards for each survivor and joined a small concert with songs that connected us to the history and atmosphere of that meaningful day. It was a great honor for us to receive a special medal commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Great Victory.



Our ongoing home visits, which are always deeply appreciated, continued this month as well. We were able to visit 18 people in six different towns. After such a long and difficult period, with so many challenging events taking place in the country, the quality time spent together became especially meaningful and encouraging. One especially meaningful visit was to Donya from Ofakim, who survived the events of October 7th. She suffers from PTSD and is receiving psychological treatment. The time we spent together helped fill her heart with positive emotions and encouragement that she could carry with her afterward.



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A special blessing this month was the repair team from CFI, who helped two families of Holocaust survivors in need of home repairs in Haifa.

Just before the war with Iran began, Gregory and Bella were able to move into a new apartment with a bomb-protected room. For them, making such a move at an advanced age was a very difficult decision. They had to leave behind their furniture and the brightly colored apartment that had been so cozy and familiar to them. Instead, they moved into a modern-designed apartment with plain white walls. However, for elderly people, having an elevator and a secure shelter became a vital necessity.

Bella admitted that she had begun to feel depressed in the new apartment because it did not feel like home to her. "These white walls feel like a hospital," she said. Our team was able to repaint the apartment in warm colors that matched the design and brought life back into the home. While working there, the team also discovered that Gregory was celebrating his birthday, and they took the opportunity to celebrate together with him. This completely changed the atmosphere, bringing joy and warmth back into their home.

Tanya - Project Supervisor - Forsake Them Not



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Project Open Gates

Providing Practical Aid for New Immigrants

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 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 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, since most of them had never owned or even held one before.



One young woman who arrived alone became emotional when hearing about our organization and the God of Israel. Tears filled her eyes as she listened, because she had never heard these things before.

Several visitors stayed with us for many 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.



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Project Open Gates

Providing Practical Aid for New Immigrants

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 also faithfully provides for both the ministry and each one of us personally.

Thank you, dear donors, for continuing to support new immigrants during this important season of their lives.

Your generosity provides not only practical help but also comfort, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement to people returning home to Israel.

Be blessed,

Layla - Project Supervisor - Streams of Blessings



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Project Streams of Blessings

Assisting the Underprivileged in Israel

This past month, we have had the privilege of supporting and encouraging precious people facing difficult circumstances in life. 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 prayer with them.

Donna and Michelle 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.



Joanna and Paula visited a single mother with five beautiful children who had recently escaped an abusive marriage. Coming from a religious family that has disowned her because of her decision to leave her husband, she now faces the challenge of raising her children alone in a very small apartment. The financial support she receives from the government is not enough to cover her family's needs. We were able to pay three months of her electricity bills, which brought her great relief. We spent time talking with her and the children, and praying together for them as a family. It was precious to be welcomed into their home and to encourage her during such a difficult season.

Donna, Charles, Joanna, and Paula were also blessed to meet a new immigrant from Ukraine. After recently injuring his foot in a fall, he has been unable to work. During the past month, he moved into a new apartment, but because of his injury he could not afford the first month's rent. He was extremely grateful for the assistance provided. We spent time visiting with him in his new home, hearing more about his journey, praying for healing and future employment opportunities, and connecting him with information about Russian-speaking employers who may be hiring. We also had the opportunity to meet his landlord, a young man from a difficult family background, who appreciated the chance to share part of his story with us over coffee. It was another reminder of how meaningful simple fellowship and listening can be.



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Marinelle, Adrie, and Gert met up with a young lady from Moscow who made Aliyah two years ago. CFI was able to donate a bicycle, helmet, and lock for her as she needs the bicycle in order to travel to work at a food distribution company. Having reliable transportation now enables her to sustain herself and continue building a new life here in Israel. It was a blessing to spend time with her and encourage her as she continues adjusting to life in a new country. It is truly an honor to help new immigrants establish themselves and settle into their new lives.



Joanna and Paula also visited a lovely young mother and her adorable baby to bring food vouchers. She was very thankful for the support she received, and it was a joy to spend time with her and encourage her.

It is truly a privilege to serve and bless these precious people. Please continue to pray for provision so that we can help meet the growing needs of those facing hardship here in Israel. Even in the best of times life can be difficult, and although the ceasefire is tentatively holding, uncertainty about the future and the loss of tourism-related jobs due to the war continue to place many families under financial strain.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support as you stand with the people of Israel during this challenging time.

Donna & Paula - Project Supervisors - Streams of Blessing



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Under His Wings

Bringing Comfort and Healing to Terror Victims

During the past month, 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 and trauma. Many people are carrying deep emotional wounds as a result of the war, whether through bereavement, injury, displacement, or the ongoing strain of uncertainty. Throughout the month there has been continual concern over whether fighting would resume, and many people continue to live in a heightened state of fear and emotional exhaustion. Nevertheless, we are grateful that the ceasefire has held throughout the month and that there has been a temporary period of calm.

This month was also overshadowed by the sudden loss of our dear colleague and friend, Julia Sapp, who died unexpectedly at the end of last month while hiking in Masada. Julia served as project co-ordinator for Streams of Blessing, and we frequently worked alongside one another in ministry. She was deeply committed to serving others with compassion, humility, and faithfulness, and her life touched countless people both in Israel and internationally. Julia was greatly loved by people from many different communities and backgrounds, and news of her passing has deeply affected a large number of people. So, in the past month we have spent time visiting those individuals affected by her death and helping them process the shock of her loss.



We also continued supporting families affected by the recent rocket attack in Beit Shemesh. During one visit we spent time with a widow and her five children who had not only lost loved ones but whose home was damaged. We were able to provide practical assistance, including a new bed for one of her sons, and were grateful for the opportunity to spend time with the family. Despite the immense difficulties they are facing, their warmth and hospitality were very moving.

In Haifa, we visited a woman who is experiencing severe trauma and ongoing personal difficulties. We shared a meal together, spent time listening and encouraging her, and prayed with her. She was very grateful for the time of fellowship and prayer during an extremely isolating period for her.



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We have also continued regular visits to a soldier who is struggling with significant trauma. Alongside offering emotional support and companionship, we have been helping him with practical matters such as clearing and organising his home and sorting through important paperwork. These ongoing visits continue to provide stability and encouragement during a very difficult season in his life.

In Bat Yam, we visited a family whose home was destroyed during the war last June and who have now moved into a new apartment. We were able to assist them with purchasing furniture and household items as they continue rebuilding their lives. During our visit they showed us their new home and expressed deep gratitude for all the support they have received over the past year, both from us and from others who have helped them during this time of recovery.



Throughout this month, much of our work has centered around supporting those living with grief, trauma, loss, and uncertainty. We remain grateful for the opportunity to continue serving individuals and families during such challenging circumstances and deeply appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and ongoing support, which make this ministry possible.



Please continue to pray for peace, emotional healing across the nation, and comfort for all those who are grieving and rebuilding their lives.

With love and blessings **Paula - Project Supervisor - Under His Wings**



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Project Wall of Prayer

Assignments of Prayer for Israel

During May our Wall of Prayer department hosted three zoom prayer meetings and we were delighted to welcome some new people who signed up to join us in prayer. Prayer is truly the essential component that undergirds all we do here at CFI and we are so thankful for all the prayer warriors around the world who so faithfully pray for Israel and for CFI.

A terrible LGBTQ+ festival was proposed to take place at the Dead Sea and CFI joined other believers at Succat Hallel to pray into this and ask God to have mercy upon this nation. In the face of such a wicked event, mercy and truth is what we pray for. Many believers from all over Israel also went down to the Dead Sea to fast and pray at the location where the festival was proposed to take place.



AT CFI we believe in strategic prayer and are thankful that we can travel to significant places across Israel, read and declare the Word of God from these places and declare God's truth across this Land whilst offering heartfelt

prayers for the people of Israel. In this spirit, our team went to the Valley of Elah; the location where David defeated the giant Goliath with just one, single stone. David was successful in defeating the enemy because he did not trust in his own might but put his trust in God. As we stood in the same valley where David used his sling, we prayed that the nation of Israel would have the same heart as David and would put all their trust in the God of Israel, who goes before them and fights for them.



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At a time when Israel faces enemies on many fronts we are immensely grateful for the incredible air defense systems that Israel has been blessed with but ultimately, let's keep praying that Israel does not put her trust in herself or in her technology but leans wholly upon the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – this is where the victory comes from!

Valery (age 85) is a dear and faithful friend of CFI and often comes to visit us, to pray for our teams and bring us encouragement. During May she came and shared with the staff at our weekly staff meeting, sharing her powerful testimony, imparting much wisdom and supporting us in prayer.

We thank God for loyal friends and supporters who are committed to upholding CFI and Israel in prayer. You are greatly appreciated!

Wall of Prayer Team



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