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Shalom *from* Jerusalem



Dear Christian Friends of Israel,

***Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
and the sweetness of a man's friend gives
delight by hearty counsel. Proverbs 27:9***

One of the principal goals of the ministry of CFI is to nurture meaningful friendships with the people of Israel. An old maxim that many of us are familiar with is that, 'a friend in need is a friend indeed,' and since the tribulations of 7th October, we have endeavoured to take every opportunity to be that friend in time of need. One of the many ways we have sought to demonstrate our friendship in action is to provide free haircuts, as well as manicures and pedicures, to various groups over the ensuing months. We are so blessed of the Lord to have within our Jerusalem team a former hairdresser and a former beautician, as well as some additional ladies who have an aptitude in this area. In the early months, our mobile personal care team visited hotels where many displaced people were temporarily residing who had either lost their homes in the atrocities, or had been forced to leave. A haircut or nail treatment, together with a smile, a warm embrace and some good conversation, brightened up a time of darkness for many.

Tristan and Galya Hall, "We Are Building Real Relationships"

More recently, our team of five ladies (all from different nations) visited a centre for lone soldiers in Ra'anana, where many haircuts and treatments were provided to male and female lone soldiers. Beyond the practical side, many wonderful conversations were entered into – as is so often the case during haircuts! Some wanted to know why the ladies had come to Israel from their nations and given everything up to be here, staying here, even during this time of warfare. There was so much to share in response, pointing to Ruth's devotion to Naomi of old. Our Lord sets before us open doors that no one can shut. With His abiding help, and with your prayers, practical support and advocacy, we can walk through these doors together.

Thank you for being part of this amazing work. We give thanks to the Lord for allowing us all to be a part of His work in this place, with these people, at this time.

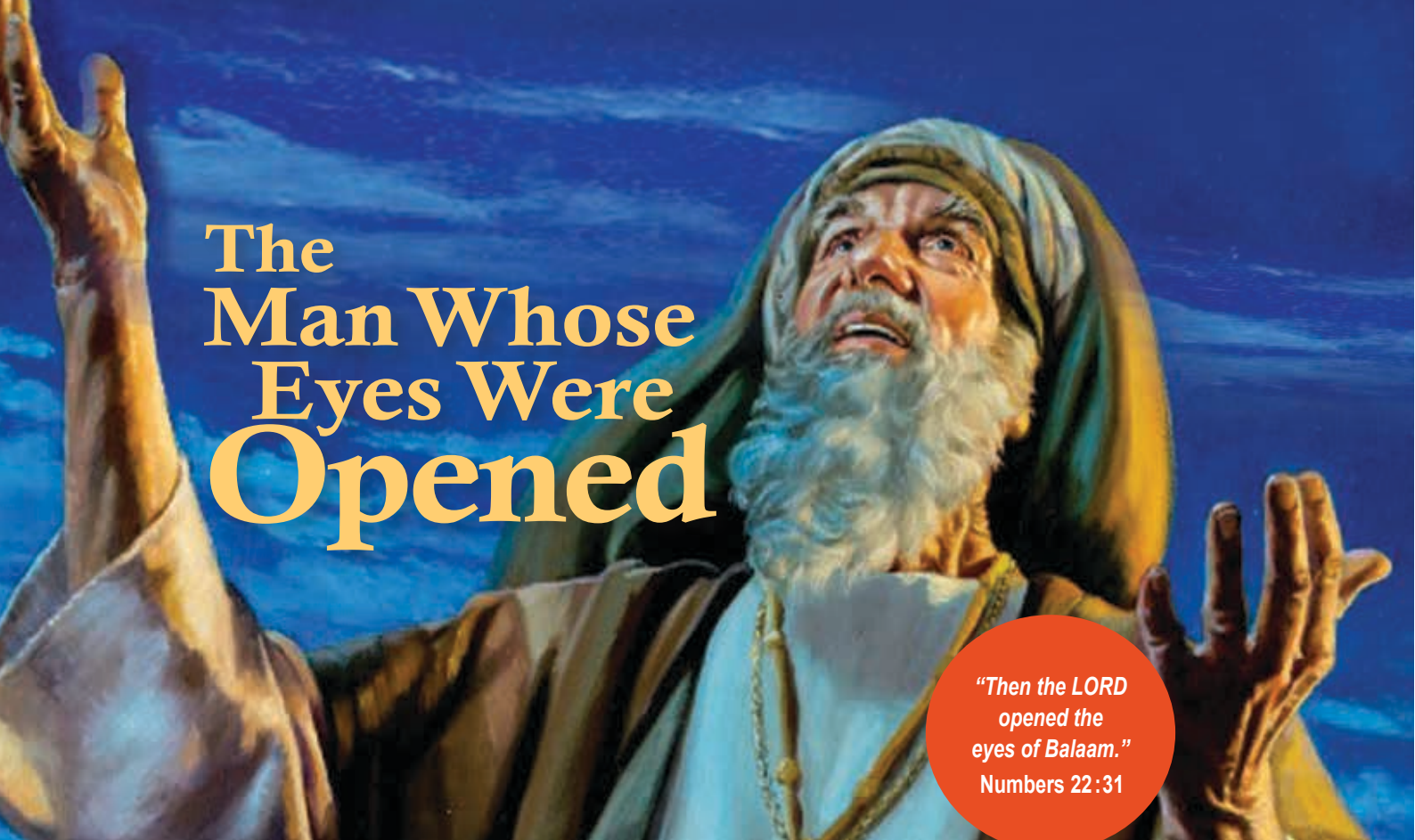
Gratefully and sincerely in His work,

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director



The Lord
**is my light and my
salvation; whom shall
I fear? The Lord is the
strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Psalm 27:1



The Man Whose Eyes Were Opened

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"Every decision you make—every decision—is not a decision about what to do. It's a decision about Who You Are. When you see this, when you understand it, everything changes..." —N.D. Walsch

The persuasive rhetoric in the broadcasting of anti-Israel bias in the world media can be described as a pandemic of lies. The spiritual health of multitudes is being affected by those who are denouncing God's chosen people, in widespread, epidemic proportions. International organizations and networks are hanging in the balance as they dangle on the edge of judgment (Deuteronomy 28:66). Also many questionable leaders have chosen to castigate and scold the Jewish nation for rightfully defending her people. These leaders and their supporters have placed themselves in an extremely dangerous position with Almighty God and as far as the truth is concerned – remain with eyes closed.

Israel is fighting a war which began on October 7th, 2023. She did not initiate it. Many Jewish families are heart-broken and have been knocked sideways off the beaten path while they wait for their beloved husbands and sons to return to them after leaving home to go to battle against their attackers. Israel must protect the Land of Israel for God's Name sake as He will one day rule the world from Zion.

Israel's reputation has been severely damaged by personalities and uninformed people who attack the Jewish nation. Through anti-Semitic slogans which stir up mob demonstrations, the noise of irrational voices broad-

casting words they do not even understand, and baseless hatred which is allowed to walk the streets of free countries—all are done in the name of "freedom of speech." Prejudice against and punishment of Israel walk side by side around the world damaging the name God gave His people: Israel. As Christian *friends* of Israel we need to guard our hearts and not degrade Israel in any form of speech or action.

As a Christian living in Israel for nearly forty years, I ask believers in numerous denominations why they divest from the only nation in the Middle East where they can live as a believer in Jesus Christ and not be harmed. They may say to me, "I read a story where some religious Jews spat on tourists." Yes, this is true; however, after two thousand years of Christian hatred spewing out of the mouth of Christianity—I think, what is a few occasions of people being spat on once or twice? There is real fear in religious Jews that they will be forced to convert when they meet a "Christian." They know that Christians have separated from their Jewish foundations and no longer want to be a part of them. Multitudes of Christians have their eyes closed to Israel. That is why many Jews have their eyes closed to Jesus. The Arabs, in the name of Islam's doctrine have been trying to win the game of "pay and slay" for centuries with eyes closed tightly to Israel. Even Balak in the story from which we are going to learn, was offered pay to slay the Jewish nation through his spiritual gifts.

The unbelievable massacre of Israeli youth, changed the lives of the entire nation on Oct. 7th, a quiet Shabbat morning. My daughter arrived in Israel that morning from America to come and help me to plan her dad's funeral. Upon arrival I told her "We are at war!" While driving to Ben Gurion airport, Jewish families and friends had just awakened to the dawning of a sacred day and were experiencing a nightmare from hell. What was to be a day of rejoicing, turned into a morning of terror within the grounds of the pastoral settings of quiet Israeli communities. As the door of the abyss, below the surface, opened fiercely, some of the most monstrous and barbaric beasts ever seen in history started butchering, slaughtering and, – carving up human bodies as if it was a game being played. Even the baking of tiny babies found charred in ovens was part of their grotesque and gruesome undertaking, from another world most of us know nothing about. It would turn out to be the most unforgettable morning the nation has ever experienced in the Land.

Innocent civilians suddenly realized they were the targets of annihilation. With 3,000 rockets launched, – and Hamas fighters everywhere, cold blooded murderers left many with indelible stains of blood everywhere. There were massacres in 21 communities where 1,139 Israelis fell and, many more were wounded from the Nova Music Festival. An estimated 3,000 Hamas militants invaded southern Israel. About 250 Israelis, including soldiers, were taken as hostages to the Gaza Strip...as Satan laughed all the way to the underground tunnels. And the world blames Israel?!? How could so many eyes be so blind? A satanic desire to erase the name of Israel from Planet Earth believing, "hatred is sacred" gets imbedded in Muslim children in the first days of birth. Small children are not given a chance to feel the love of a Jewish person before the brainwashing starts in the first few days.

On 13 April, 2024 we were told to expect over 300 ballistic missiles which would be launched towards us and to be prepared. I remember it was around 10:30 pm

Balak enticed Balaam with Monetary Gain in exchange for Spiritual Gifts



King Balak asked Balaam to curse Israel

as I was standing at the foot of my bed wondering if I should go to the safe room when I suddenly heard the sound of a rocket exploding not far from our home. I surprised myself when I turned around and said, "I'm going to sleep." I felt complete peace that night and just knew GOD was with us. In the morning, we learned that Israel's Faithful God had intervened with 99% accuracy as Israel news reported all missiles had been intercepted. One Israeli scientist summarized it. He said the sword of terror we experienced of hundreds of missiles all aimed at us could not have been 99% eliminated unless God Himself had been fighting in the war. It was as if one person had shot them all down everywhere all at once with one weapon. I believe when God finished, He thundered a big "Heaven Rules!" We need to see this with wide open eyes. The Almighty is Israel's Defender and He will protect His Holy Name and His oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is my sincere prayer that someone reading this lesson will see what Balaam finally saw.

The biblical account between Balak and Balaam (**Numbers 22-24**) represents how the hardness of human hearts can conjure up the spirit of anti-Semitism, like a witch from the depths of darkness. It curses God's chosen people. People today, around the world are denouncing the Jewish nation and poking God in the eye! The turncoat betrayals and condemnations are from hardened hearts and God says He will deal with it! Balaam was a religious person (a seer) in ancient times. He used his oracles (prophetic words) to make money. Given the challenge to berate and curse Israel, (like man does today) he "almost" gave in for the goods. However, God intervened and gave him a warning he would never forget. Let's gather the pieces of the story together – to give a warning to the churches today.

Balak, king of Moab, had heard of Israel's war victories and imagined in his heart that they were going to attack his people. He decided he would drive them away. To do that he would employ Balaam, the prophetic voice of



God opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel

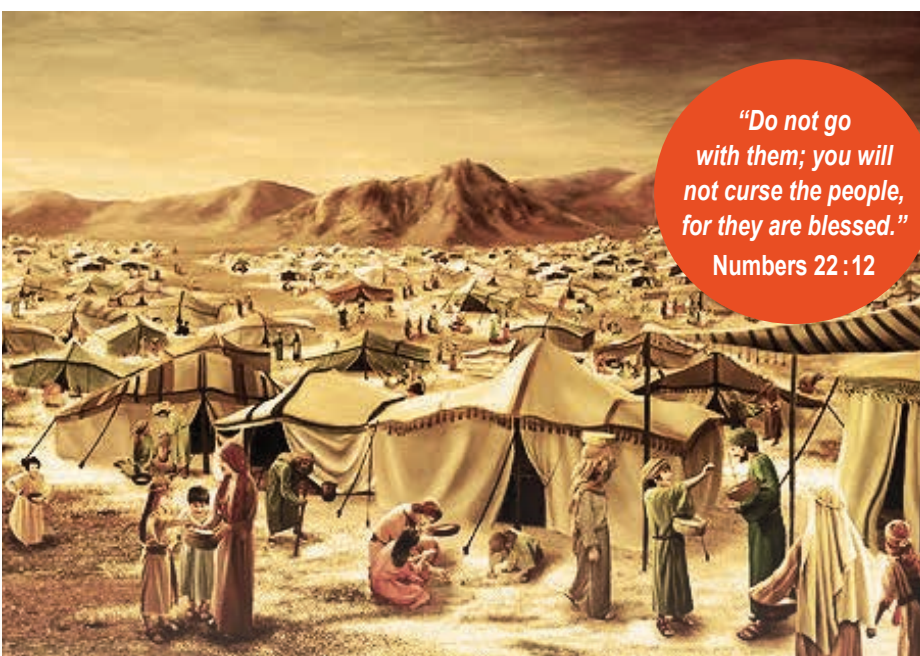
that time, to curse the Jewish people. He conspired with an evil heart to convince Balaam to cast a spell against Israel. Likewise, in today's world, international funding flows freely into governments of nations where someone benefits from conspiring against Israel. By agreeing to castigate Israel, – it is no different to Balaam who was considering taking the offer he was being made, to sully the future and reputation of the Hebrews.

When God saw the error in judgment Balaam was about to make, He spoke directly to him. His Voice must have thundered in his ears! ***“You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people for they are blessed”*** (Numbers 22:12). Upon hearing God's voice Balaam arose early the next morning and began his journey to inform Balak that the Almighty had refused to give him permission to curse Israel. Balak, a pagan king, immediately ordered his messengers to make an even more enticing offer to Balaam – if he would only use his prophetic gift to curse the people. By this time neither silver or gold was of interest to Balaam as he tells the messengers ***“I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God ...”*** (Numbers 22:18). Then God returned to Balaam during the night. ***“If the men come to call you, rise and go with them: but only the word which I speak to you – that you shall do”*** (Numbers 22:20). It was then that Balaam made the blunder of his life. He rose early – perhaps too quickly – and began his journey to Moab without seeking God for what God wanted to say to him! Likewise, Christian leaders today often speak too quickly from pulpits and in private conversations before they know the whole story of what is happening in Israel. Many of us are concerned for the church and our nations. We must warn those who ignore Israel – before it is too late!

On his way to Balak, an angel of the Lord stood in the road to block Balaam's way. His loyal donkey's eyes were opened as it spotted the angel. She turned aside. Balaam struck his donkey to get her back on the road – while the angel stood still between the vineyards. As Balaam's donkey pushed itself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot, he struck her again out of frustration. Then the donkey lay down under Balaam and his anger turned to fury as he struck her again. The animal had bowed before the Lord when it laid down. Amazingly, God caused it to open its mouth and speak to Balaam saying, ***“What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times ... am I not your donkey on which you have ridden ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?”*** (Numbers 22:28-30). In this moment of shock and reflection – it was when the Lord opened Balaam's eyes. He was immediately able to see the angel with a drawn sword and Balaam bowed his head, fell flat on his face and asked God for forgiveness. Here is where he made his decision not to curse Israel. The angel reminded him that the next time he spoke to Balak, to say only the words God would give him. Today, people who know very little about Israel are speaking words against God's chosen nation. Yes, many people are paid to say what they say. While screaming, castigating and belittling Israel with words of reproach and humiliation while being blinded by satanic hatred, they make the wrong choice, (as Balaam almost did). They lose the blessing they could have had – and instead, they invoke a curse on themselves by condemning His nation.

Balaam firmly told Balak he must speak only what God told him. The pagan king did not give up easily, and so he tried another time with an even more attractive

offer in his unrelenting determination to lead Balaam to a yet higher place of worship (of Baal). Balaam asks again for more time to hear from the Lord. The Lord again speaks. Balaam's heart becomes more convinced **"... how shall I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced?" (Numbers 23:3-10).** Greatly disappointed, the king of Moab ruthlessly attempts to push Balaam one last time. Now Balaam says to himself that it is time to take up his oracle (prophetic word). He firmly explains to Balak that there is **no reversal of God's blessing on Israel!** Balaam now is seeing the future promises for Israel and even hears the shout of a future King among them. In spite of all that had happened, the persistent monarch tempts Balaam AGAIN. Balaam immediately sees now since the Lord had opened up his eyes, – **that it pleases God to bless Israel.** He immediately puts an end to every spirit of intention to entice him to curse Israel through sorcery.



The camp of the Israelites where Balaam pronounced a blessing

While we do not know all that happened with Balaam, he set his face toward the wilderness turning to Balak and says for the final time: **"My eyes have been opened and I see the vision of the Almighty, and as I fall down, it is with my eyes wide open" (Numbers 24:4).** In modern vernacular **"I have asked God to forgive me. I finally got it, I was wrong, I didn't know... I was blind but now I see!"** And so, it is ... with strong delusion running amok among the entire world, how desperately the eyes of multitudes need to have their eyes opened! Too many have been influenced through monetary gain to demonize the Jewish people. God awaits those who will awaken, and will ask for forgiveness – and then stand and speak for the sons and daughters of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Balaam sees into the future that those who oppose Israel will lose and suffer defeat. We need to realize there will be no anti-Semites in God's Kingdom now or in the world to come: not one.

The original faith in the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) was a sect of Judaism which left Jerusalem after the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. It made its way through history "... from Jerusalem where it went to Greece and became a philosophy, then it moved onto Rome and became an institution, traveled on to Europe and became a culture and ended up in America becoming an enterprise." (Rev. Richard Halverson, former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate) It was there that the faith lost its identity. It is not too late. We can return with the **"restoration of all things" (Acts 3:20-21)** if we hold our course and stand strong on truth.

Balaam's final words (paraphrased) were, **"you can give me all the money in the world, but I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord ... I must speak only what the Lord tells me, and I see in the latter days a Scepter rising out of Israel – King Messiah."** The Spirit of the

Living God unlocked Balaam's door of lack of understanding. We read of a changed man. I praise God for the testimonies of changed men who have come out of Islam after their eyes were opened to Jesus. This is wonderful. In the end, Amalek will be destroyed along with the anti-Christ until all cursors of Israel perish. Victory for Israel is certain! **(Numbers 22-24).** We must pray that the true Bride will join the redeemed of Israel in the coming Kingdom of God and have her eyes opened. We also pray for Israel's eyes to be opened to God's Messiah.

God really wants to so much do for all people what He did for Balaam – to open every eye to see Israel's role in world redemption. He would not do something for Balaam that He would not do for others. God wants pastors to see His will for Israel from His Word. If a pastor is really a true

shepherd, he will not change or blatantly ignore God's promise in **Genesis 12:3.**

We need to join Israel in her spiritual battle and stand alongside her in the spirit of prayer. May we open wide our eyes to understand His plans and purposes for Israel. May not one of us be found cursing the Jewish people (as Christianity did for so many centuries.) For this to happen, we need a real awakening. The oil of the Holy Spirit needs to be applied to multitudes in the Christian world in order for many to see the promises God has made for His chosen people. It is a decision – a decision we need to make – to bless, love and be in right relationship with God's chosen people.

Dear God our prayer is: "... anoint our eyes with eye salve that we may see" (Revelation 3:18).

– Sharon Sanders –

Our Lives Take Many Turns

At the time of writing, Hersh Goldberg Polin was still alive. We mourn his death and pray for comfort for his family. The essence of the hope for his return as described in this article is obviously extended to all hostages. May they be rescued and return home.

“You never really know who you are talking to or who you are walking past when you go about your life here living in Israel”

I was reminded of this recently when I attended a night of communal singing in Jerusalem that was organized by Jon Polin and his wife Rachel Goldberg, the parents of American-Israeli hostage Hersh. Hersh was kidnapped on that dreaded day of Oct. 7th last year whilst he was at the Nova Music Festival. Hundreds and hundreds of people gathered to sing together, pray together, cry together and hope together ... for the return of Hersh, and all the other hostages still being held captive so brutally in Gaza. It was a poignant evening, and I feel privileged to have been a part of it. There was something so beautiful about strangers joining together and raising their voices in unison and hope, despite the intense sadness and desperation that seemed to define every face I looked into. The beauty and strength of the Israeli people permeated the atmosphere that night.

In actual fact it was not a gathering of strangers but a gathering of one big family who came together in the most moving manner. We all knew why we were there, we all understood the almost intrinsic need in each of us to be together and ‘do something’ ... of course, we understood that our singing would not bring Hersh home but then again, who knows? **Psalm 133** tells us that:

**“How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron’s beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon were
falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.”**

I experienced complete unity that night with everyone around me. Perhaps God will bestow His blessing and grant life forevermore to the hostages. This remains the prayer of my heart.



The Poster which went around the World



Haim Zach / Government Press Office of Israel

Rachael Goldberg advocated for her son's release. Now we Pray for the Remaining Hostages Lives to be Spared

As the evening came to a close, I was preparing to leave when I noticed an elderly lady walking past me. She had a look in her eyes and face that I can only describe as excruciating pain. Tears were falling down her cheeks. I could not let her pass by. I approached her and opened my arms. She accepted and I embraced her. We did not speak. She collapsed in my arms and buried her head into my shoulder, weeping and weeping. I just held her. We did not need to talk. We were united in a way that did not require words. Perhaps this is what the psalmist was talking about. After some time, she composed herself and looked up at me. She whispered the words 'thank you' and continued on her way. I do not know who she was. Maybe she has a relative that is held hostage, maybe she has a grandchild fighting in Gaza, maybe she lost a loved one on Oct. 7th or maybe she is simply a human being who has been deeply wounded by displays of such inhumanity.

Through my work with Christian Friends of Israel I am constantly meeting people who, since Oct. 7th, are traumatized and suffering for many different reasons but what I experienced at the night of communal singing reminded me that every person we come into contact with has a story and deserves empathy. Whether it's the man driving the bus or the lady on the till in the supermarket ... Whether it's the shopkeeper or the young girl making our coffee ... You never really know who you are talking to or who you are walking past when you go about your life here in Israel.

Let's all treat each other with an extra dose of love and gentleness and let's all choose to offer kindness and words of peace to people we come into contact with. We should not underestimate the power of these characteristics. With the war continuing in Gaza, tensions steadily increasing in the north, our hostages still in captivity and a regional war with Iran and her proxies looming, I hope we can all do our best to live as the psalmist described because round about now we could all sure do with a blessing from above.

Galya Hall
*Director of Media and Public Relations,
Christian Friends of Israel*

Whilst at the gathering I got chatting to a man who was there with his two sons. It turned out that they were very close family friends of Hersh's family and that Hersh was like a big brother to his two teenage boys who stood by looking quite overwhelmed, dressed in t-shirts donning his face alongside the words 'BRING HERSH HOME'. I swallowed deeply and listened as their father recounted stories to me of different ways Hersh had impacted his son's lives and how much they miss him, how much they grieve and how desperate they and his family feel. I stumbled over my words trying to find the right thing to say but all I could come up with was, "I'm so sorry."

An Amazing Encounter

Moments later a friend came up to me and told me she wanted to introduce me to someone, a lady that had been standing with us chatting to some other people. Turns out this lady was an Iranian Christian who was jailed in Iran and sentenced to death, before being miraculously released and able now, to live in safety in America. She is committed to developing relationships between the Iranian and Israeli people and speaking up boldly on behalf of the Jewish people. I could not believe my ears as she shared some of her story. I was deeply humbled to meet her and could not stop the tears as I watched her go up to Hersh's father and tell him who she was and what had happened to her.

She assured him that miracles do happen, that she was living proof and that he must not lose hope and not stop believing for a miracle for his son.



A RARE JEWEL IN ISRAEL

A snapshot of a genuine concerned, compassionate and caring person.

This is our Galya here at CFI! She loves the people. – Sharon Sanders –



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Our team traveled to Karmiel to reach out to some new contacts. It was very special to spend time with these dear people who survived the horrors of the Holocaust. We arrived with gifts and words of encouragement as we listened to their stories of hope and survival.



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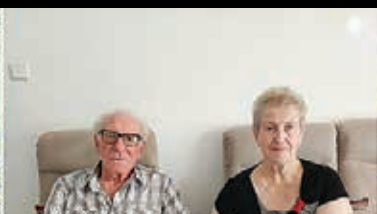
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We stood where Israelis were butchered. The pain we felt **WAS CHILLING.**

The Word of God commands us to “comfort” God’s People (Isaiah 40:10-5). When considering the work of Christian Friends of Israel (in Israel) we always try to understand the experiences and the deep feelings of sadness of Israelis who have experienced extreme trauma. Understanding is empathizing and being considerate of a victim’s suffering and sorrow.

A meeting not long ago with a Christian who visited Israel told me “We (Christians) will never suffer!” I would have liked to have agreed with him but when I see the suffering of these chosen ones, I think a statement like that is either simply ignorant or contains pride – for which I hope God will forgive. Our work is one of heart touching relationships which God is with us on every visit to be a “healing balm” and He is always there with us tearing down the walls and building a bridge. Thank you for understanding what we face every time we visit a home that has had a traumatic experience and lives that have been severely damaged. We need your ongoing prayers and support.

Have you ever hugged someone who has a crushed spirit? If so, you realize that only a hug from someone who really “feels” the pain will make a difference. I believe that when we hug a victim of trauma and pain, that the LORD is the One doing the hugging and healing many hearts. Only God knows, how Christians need to repair damage done to Jewish people for two thousand years ... there can never be enough hugs for those we wish to bless and love.

Our CFI team has visited Majdal Shams a few times to pray and to spend time with some of the grieving families whose children died when a Hezbollah rocket landed on the soccer field where they were playing. There are no words to describe their anguish and pain. As CFI we are here to put our arms around them, offer them comfort and any practical support they need during their grief.

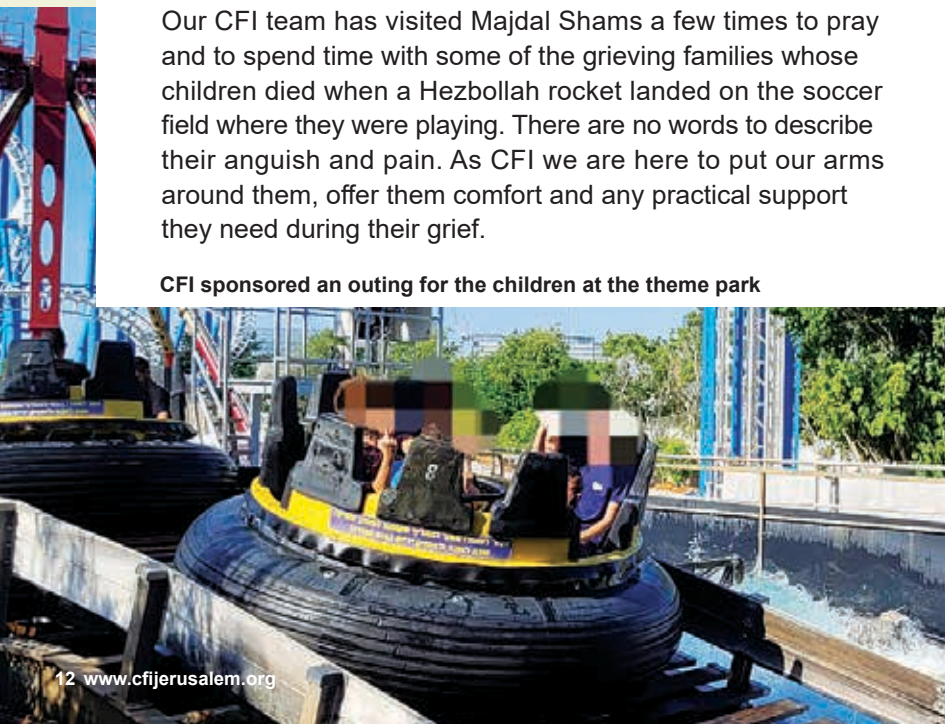
CFI sponsored an outing for the children at the theme park



Reaching out to this couple who lost their child



Even little children are made happy





Doing Our Part To Help Heal Broken Hearts



Comforting a couple from Majdal Shams who lost their little girl in the rocket attack

This is the Heart of Our Work:

"God never lets us down. When we are in trouble – God hears our prayers. The Lord is always with us and takes care of us every day, every moment ... it is our joy that the Lord is also reaching people through Christian Friends of Israel as we help them."

"... wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment." Isaiah 1:6

CFI Staff traveled down south to Kibbutz Mefalsim, a Kibbutz along the Gaza border, to help the community harvest clementines. This simple act of practical assistance went a long way to show the Kibbutz community just how much we, and Christian friends around the world, care about them.



Spending time with youngsters who lost a family member

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- Secretarial
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- Administration Manager
- Forsake Them Not Assistant (Holocaust Survivors)

CFI Interviews and Articles



An interview with CFI's Media Director, Galya Hall, about the many and various ways CFI has been supporting and assisting the nation of Israel since the war began last October was shared by the very popular All Israel News on their website. Galya spoke in detail about CFI's war relief efforts – both for the soldiers of the IDF and also the endless number of internally displaced Israeli civilians.

You can listen to the interview here:

<https://allisrael.com/listen-interview-with-galya-hall-of-christian-friends-of-israel-about-war-relief-efforts>

We also had an article about our work with and support of Israel's soldiers published on the All Israel News web-site. The article highlighted CFI's connection with the Israel Defense Forces since the late 1990's. Over the years countless cups filled with blessings – for the soldiers of Israel who guard the nation of Israel and keep her citizens safe – have been given through the efforts of CFI.

You can read the article here: ...[Click here](#)

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“Revisiting Kibbutz Be’eri”

I saw a deep resolve and determination to overcome and to once again create a sanctuary for future generations.”

This is how Galya Hall, Director of Media and Public Relations for Christian Friends of Israel described her latest visit to Kibbutz Be’eri. A very special ceremony took place recently at Kibbutz Be’eri when the foundation stone of a new neighbourhood was laid. Read more below about Galya’s personal connection and the incredible work CFI is doing all over Israel.

<https://cfiradio.com/galya-hall-speaks-about-christian-friends-of-israel-and-how-they-have-responded-to-the-war/>

Tune in to hear CFI’s International Executive Director talk about our war relief efforts and work to assist and support the people of Kibbutz Be’eri who suffered

<https://youtu.be/szemD7ujrB0?feature=shared>

For more information email Galya:
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Galya with
Natasha, survivor
of the massacre in
Kibbutz Be’eri
near Gaza.

Tristan laying
the foundation
stone in Kibbutz
Be’eri’s new
neighborhood

YESHUA THE NAZIRITE:

Prophet, High Priest and King



The vow of the Nazirite described in Numbers 6:1-21 is endowed with beautiful Messianic significance that weaves like a thread throughout scripture. The root word, *nazir*, means ‘to separate’; consecrate, i.e. in this context, to separate unto the Lord. According to the scripture, the vow (which can be taken for varying lengths of time by both men and women) consists of a refraining from:

- i) consuming the fruit of the vine (i.e. grapes, raisins, wine or juice);
- ii) shaving of the hair of the head;
- iii) any contact with dead corpses, which would otherwise make a person *tamei* (unclean).

The vow was therefore desirable for those desiring to draw near to the Lord in a state of ritual cleanness (*tahor*), especially to give an offering (*corban*) to the Lord.

Interestingly, the Nazirite vow is redolent of the role of the priest, even the High Priest. It is noteworthy that the scripture describing the vow is juxtaposed immediately before the High Priestly Aaronic Blessing (vv. 22-27). Here are some of the similitudes between the priests, especially the High Priests, and the Nazirites.

1. Death: Neither High Priests (unlike regular priests) nor Nazirites were to have any contact with corpses whatsoever – even for deceased parents (Numbers 6:6-8, cf. Leviticus 21:10-12).

2. Hair: Neither priests nor Nazirites were to shave the hair of their heads (Numbers 6:5, cf. Leviticus 21:5-7). Moreover, the head of the Nazirite, crowned with its

long hair, is referred to as consecrated, and likewise the High Priests received an anointing upon their crowned heads (Leviticus 8:12).

3. Holiness: Exodus 39:30 states that upon Aaron’s High Priestly crown were inscribed the words, ‘*Holiness to the LORD.*’ In an echo of this, the Nazirite is said in Numbers 6:8 to be holy unto the LORD.

4. Liquor: According to Leviticus 10:9, the priests were not to drink intoxicating wine before entering the mishkan (tabernacle). In concord, in Numbers 6:3-4, Nazirites were forbidden to consume the fruit of the vine in any form.

5. Sacrifices: It is striking that the list in Exodus 29:1-37 of the order, types and numbers of sacrifices required to be made during the priestly inauguration are almost identical to those required of Nazirites. Whilst those for the High Priests were more costly (e.g. a bull for a sin offering instead of a ewe), nevertheless the types of sacrifices and the order thereof remain more or less the same.

Foreshadows of Yeshua

The Bible often speaks to us through patterns, types and echoes that reverberate throughout time and scripture until prophetic fulfilment is reached – and sometimes with multiple fulfillments. It is very interesting to set this in the context of Yeshua’s words when He said that Moses ‘*wrote of Me*’ in John 5:46. The Bible presents several Nazirites to us, each revealing a different aspect either of the ministry of Messiah or about His coming. Consider the following characters.

Samuel

Dedicated for life to the customs of a Nazirite by his previously barren mother, Hannah (1 Samuel 1:11-15), Samuel was set apart for the purpose of revealing the Lord's choice of king over Israel. He anointed David with oil and the Holy Spirit came upon David in the presence of his brothers (1 Samuel 16:13). The intervention of the Lord in causing life to spring forth from an otherwise dead place (i.e. Hannah's barren womb) is a repeating symbol of Messiah's resurrection power in the Torah.

John the Baptist

As with Samuel, John the Baptist was also dedicated and set apart from birth by his previously barren mother, Elisheva / Elizabeth (Luke 1:11-17). Again, although the term Nazirite is not mentioned, the angel Gabriel's instruction to his priestly father, Zechariah, are strongly suggestive of Nazirite custom. John's purpose was to reveal the Messiah, future King of Israel and King of Kings. He symbolically anointed Yeshua through the waters of baptism, when the Holy Spirit alighted upon Yeshua in the presence of His brethren, the Jewish people.

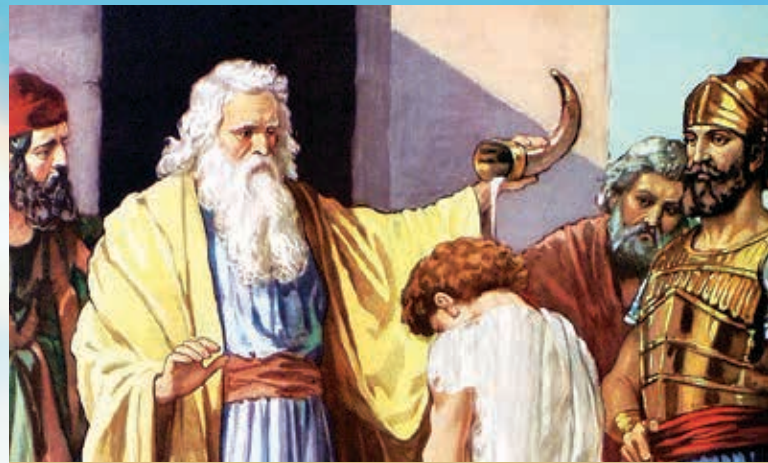
Samson

Judges 16:23-31

In Judges 13:2-13, Samson's mother was told by an angel to abstain from the fruit of the vine because her son would be a Nazirite. Heretofore, she had also been barren. Samson exemplified God's wrath and judgement against the enemies of Israel – physically and spiritually. It was said of Samson in Judges 16:30b: *"Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived."* Likewise it was later said of Yeshua, in Colossians 2:15: "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." Yeshua's great victory was similarly achieved through His very death, by which death itself was conquered (1 Corinthians 15:54-57). Yeshua also sacrificed Himself willingly, knowing that through His own death, His enemies would be vanquished to the glory of God Almighty.

Joseph

Joseph is not recorded as having taken a Nazirite vow, nevertheless, in his prophetic blessings to Joseph in Genesis 49:26 and Deuteronomy 33:16, Jacob does speak of Joseph as having been *'nazir'* or separated from his brethren. As with so many facets of Joseph's prophetic life, this reminds us of Yeshua who was also rejected by His brethren, the people of Israel (at His first advent), then separated from His brethren (as He is now, having ascended to heaven) and in time shortly to come, will be reunited with His brethren on earth at His second coming.



Samuel anointing David with oil



John the Baptist in the wilderness



Samson triumphant over his enemies



Joseph with his brothers



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Yeshua / Jesus

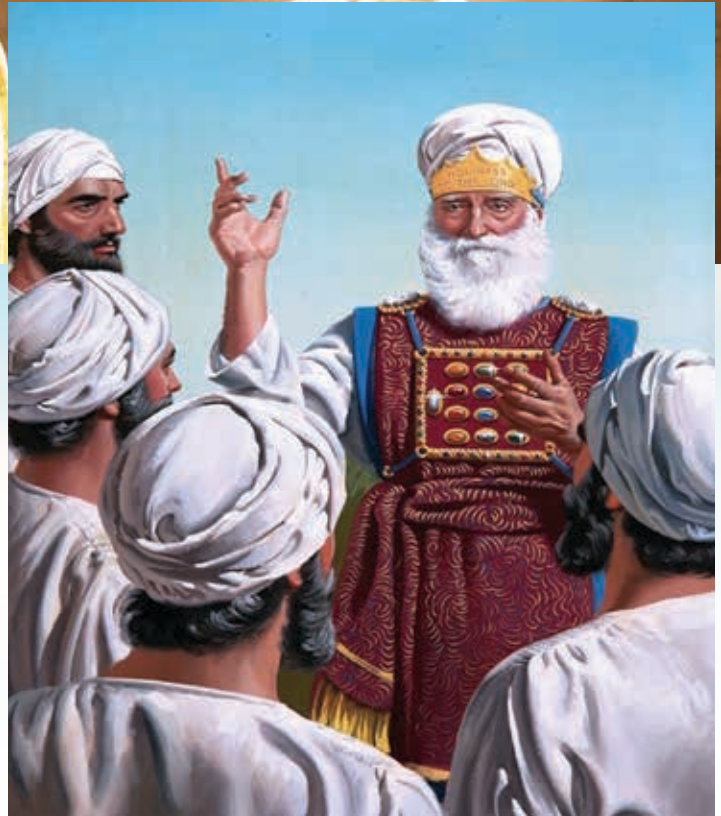
Matthew 26:26-30 records the moment when, almost at the end of His earthly ministry, Yeshua takes a form of Nazirite vow when He said, *"I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."* The very next day, when He was suffering on the cross, He was offered vinegar (a form of sour wine) but refused to drink it (Matthew 27:34). Some hours later however, He was given to drink from a sponge of vinegar a second time (v48), at the point of His acceptance of death. The vinegar, the onset of death and ritual defilement had the effect of nullifying the Nazirite vow, which was the inevitable consequence of death. However, after 3 days, Yeshua was purified from death through His resurrection, also signifying a revivification of the form of Nazirite vow that He had taken.

This also speaks to the distinct roles Messiah fulfils at three different stages of His coming.

PROPHET: At His first advent, Yeshua fulfilled the role of a prophet, which He Himself acknowledged (Matthew 13:57) and His many prophetic utterances form the basis of so much of the gospels – not to mention the many Biblical texts that He fulfilled in His life.

PRIEST: Just as His first advent was about to end, Yeshua took a form of the Nazirite vow in preparation for His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, where He is *"even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us"* (Romans 8:34). According to

Jesus fulfilled many Biblical writings throughout His ministry and it was diligently recorded by Jewish scribes.



Melchizedek represents a foreshadowing of Christ's endless life

Hebrews 5 & 7, He serves as High Priest in the order of Melchizedek, *"having neither beginning of days nor end of life"* (Hebrews 7:3). The basis of Yeshua's High Priesthood in His resurrected body is His *'endless life'* (v16) and separation from death.

KING: Finally, upon His return to earth at His second advent, Yeshua will take up the role on earth of King of Kings and Lord of Lords. According to Revelation 19:16, these names will be written on His robe and upon His thigh. We eagerly await the coming Marriage Supper of the Lamb, when He will *"drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."* (Matthew 26:29b) Maranatha!

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director

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The Coming Marriage Supper of the Lamb

"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it with you, new, in My Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:29



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Meat in Due Season Distribution

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his Household, to give them their food at the proper time.” Matthew 24:45

First Fruits has been a ministry of Christian Friends of Israel since the beginning of the ministry in 1985. To be able to support our believing brothers and sisters in their congregations, our project coordinators travel nearly every week to a congregation somewhere in the Land: a church, conference or even meeting new believers from all walks of life.

Project coordinator Rudy and his wife, Sharon, recently attended a meeting of pastors and leaders at Mount Carmel Shabbat service and enjoyed meeting other believers in the Land. One of the leaders requested copies in all languages of Derek Prince’s teachings in English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Hebrew. The voice of Derek Prince continues to be heard in many languages throughout Israel today through his literature. Pastors across

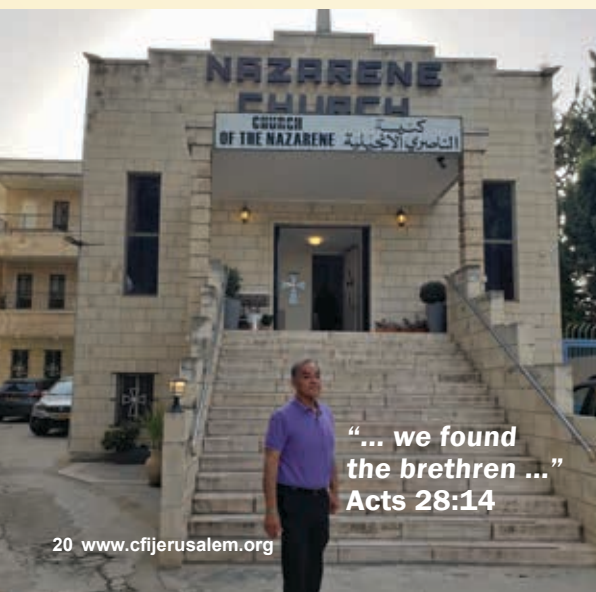
the Land are eager to receive the Word of the Lord from one of our greatest teachers of all time. If you want SOLID food instead of milk ... be sure to read Derek’s books.

First Fruits continues to “bear fruit” that remains in the hearts and minds of those who struggle with much warfare and growth during these difficult times. It is a blessing to know that many of our brothers and sisters in the nations are helping us to care for the Body of Christ in the land of Israel. Pray for the Household of Faith that they will be able to continue to receive solid “meat in due season” through our First Fruits department. Pray also that their needs will be met, and that we will keep praising God for His faithfulness through this project. **Thank you for your ongoing support.**



Mt. Carmel church service

CFI Mexico Representative standing in front of Nazareth church



**“... we found the brethren ...”
Acts 28:14**

The Friesens visited Mt. Carmel church offering Derek’s books





His Love Knows No Limits

Love Provides

“... when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us ... when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.” Acts 28:15

Conferences are often held in Israel and this one was a women’s conference in Netanya. Over 500 sisters in the Lord attended the event. Derek Prince books, being popular, were an instant success as over 700 books were given to the spiritually hungry, many in Russian who requested them – all eagerly received with joy as they are given free-of-charge by Derek Prince ministries at derekprince.com/connect, giving freely over 4,400 books. It is not only a blessing to give but to receive a blessing, in the form of a smile, a prayer or blessing by many people. CFI’s warehouse recently added 6000 new copies of Derek’s books in Arabic which have just been printed. We are getting ready to distribute these books soon.

CFI has many volunteers, both long term and short term, who come to work with us for a few days and weeks and long term for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Manolo (Maggie) Sanchez who represent CFI in Mexico spent several months with us. They were able to accompany the Friesens on First Fruits visits and trips to various congregations including the Jerusalem Nazarene church.

One young Arab pastor ministering in Haifa, gratefully received DPM materials. He ministers to many young people. First Fruits also is able to encourage and assist other Arab believers in the Old City of Jerusalem. As opportunities arise, many relationships are built and speak into the lives of others which is encouraging as they know that we care.

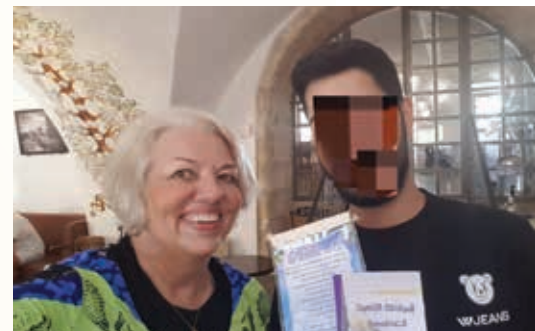
Thank you for supporting First Fruits ministry, serving existing congregations scattered throughout Israel today.

Rudy and Sharon Friesen
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In 2023, 2,418 Derek Prince Books were distributed in 2024, 2,529 Derek Prince books given out (In English, Russian, Arabic and Spanish)



Reaching out to Jerusalem’s Gypsies



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I assign the land
You sojourn in
to you and your offspring to come,
All the land of Canaan as
an everlasting holding
I will be their God

Genesis 17:28

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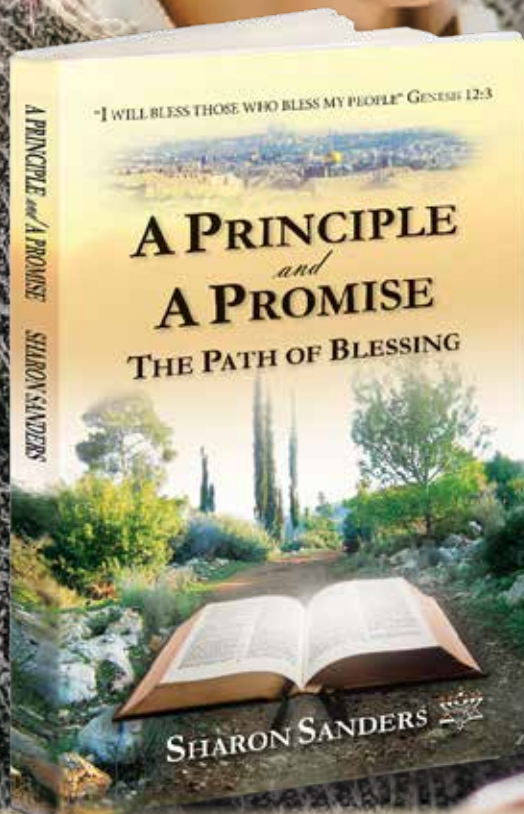
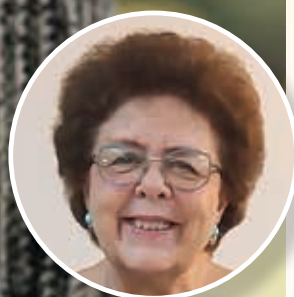
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Giving Assurance TO A POOR COMMUNITY



HFF coordinator Monica (right) in B'nei Brak distributing Food Vouchers

My name is Monica Ruby, and I am the new project coordinator for **Hope for the Future**, CFI's project dedicated to serving and empowering the community of Ethiopian Jews who have returned to Israel. My husband and I are excited to be back in the Land of Israel!

I am attempting to establish former relationships and to understand the needs of each community by reaching out to leaders, seeking their input and guidance. I pray that CFI can offer assistance to the Ethiopians in ways that are meaningful and beneficial to members of their communities. I will need your help!

We have been delivering food vouchers to families recently and have restarted our past relationship with a youth center in the B'nei Brak neighborhood (near Tel Aviv). The center operates as a before and after school program where students can come and have a quiet place to do their homework, have assistance and tutoring if needed, have access to computers and the internet, and even receive English lessons. Rachel, the woman who runs this center has been very instrumental in helping CFI to connect with various members of the Ethiopian communities, and over the years a partnership has been able to form. Recently

a team of CFI volunteers made several trips to the center, including a workday with a team from Colorado, USA who spent the entire day painting to get the center ready for the upcoming school year. Another visit was also made to move towards helping Rachel keep her vital program open.

Making Progress in a Very Needy Community

A meeting with several Ethiopian pastors was also held, with the goals of making introductions, understanding community needs, and discussing how HFTF might be able to come alongside them and provide assistance. During this first meeting it was learned that the stresses of immigrating to Israel, along with facing such a drastically different lifestyle, has been very difficult on so many of the Ethiopian families, resulting in high rates of divorce, as well as instances of substance abuse, suicide, domestic violence, unruly children, and a host of other issues (including increased health problems). These issues have exacerbated since October 7th. A visit was also made to a sweet woman who is seeking assistance with some household items, and that is currently in process. She is a single woman (with one adult daughter), and she struggles with health challenges, and therefore her income is limited.

We continue to need your help, joining in prayer as well as financial support for these people and projects, so that we can make life better for those who have made it to the Promised Land, but have yet to experience many of the things they believe awaited them. **Thank you for your prayers and your partnership.**

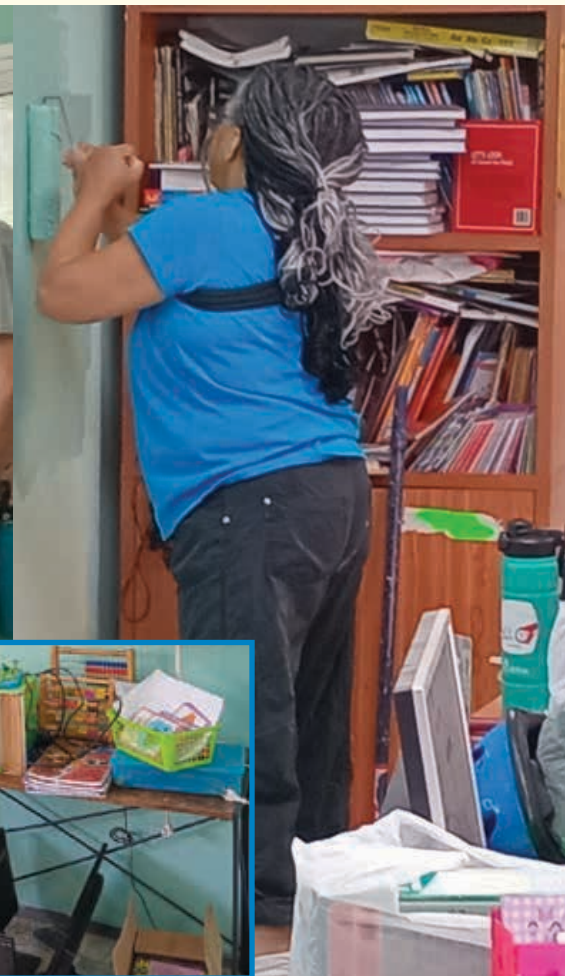
Week of Passover in B'nei Brak





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"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself." Exodus 19:4



CFI team after painting the B'nei Brak youth center

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We need your help and support for one of the poorest communities in Israel today. These very special immigrants came looking for the rebuilt Temple (which they thought had been built). They are still praying for it as we get closer to the coming of the Lord.

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Monica Ruby
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Meeting with Ethiopian pastors and others



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A scenic view of Jerusalem from a hillside. In the foreground, there are green grassy slopes with several tall stalks of purple lupine flowers. In the background, the city of Jerusalem is spread across a valley and up the hillsides, with the Dome of the Rock visible on a distant hill under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

*"He brought us to this
Place and gave us this
land, a land flowing
with milk and honey."*

Deuteronomy 26:9

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Providing for Israel's Guardians



A Barbecue for IDF soldiers in the Be'eri forest



Laila and Neomi serving at the picnic



Serving the IDF Troops

A CFI team; visit was made to the BE'ERI FOREST right next to Kibbutz Be'eri where the first Hamas attack was made on October 7. We were around thirty people. Tables were placed and we unpacked dinner boxes for four hundred soldiers. Many were supposed to come and have a dinner with us in the field, but were called to Gaza to fight Hamas. Approximately one hundred soldiers came later to eat dinner, which was beautifully served. **As soldiers were driving by to Gaza in tanks and trucks, we were praying and blessing them in loud voices, waving to them.**

IDF officers are in charge of feeding the soldiers and equipping them. CFI provided new back packs with all kinds of needed items for soldiers. Officers were very much appreciative of CFI gifts and our service. When we finished packing food, we had the opportunity to talk to soldiers and officers. They were very grateful and asked about us as an organization. We were pleased to tell them about Christian Friends of Israel based in Jerusalem. It was a fantastic opportunity to tell soldiers and others that Christians love because we love the God of Israel. **These opportunities are made possible because of YOUR DONATIONS.**

A Fruitful Visit Making New Contacts

One particular visit was so fruitful in making new contacts. We met with workers of a factory supplying equipment for service in the war." IDF soldiers who were also at the factory were amazed that we believers in Jesus were helping the IDF and that we also help lone soldiers. One young man there, the commander of a rescue unit, was very pleased and grateful. He said he did not study the Torah, but he agreed for us to pray for him as his work in the IDF is extremely dangerous. He told us that he and his unit would like to say a special thank you to Christians who support our work.

We are so blessed to represent the Lord Yeshua in the way He should always be represented. Our CFI work and service is to be shining lights in dark places. There perhaps is no better place to serve at this time than to help those who are our guardians on the front lines of service in Israel today.

***"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident."* Psalm 27:1-3**



Prayer is Vital In today's modern army, this is exactly what takes place. Please remember to pray for Israel's victory over her enemies. We need to pray for Israel now more than ever ... it is crucial. *"When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. He shall say: "Hear, Israel: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." Deuteronomy 20:1-4*



Bonding with the soldiers



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YOU ARE MY WITNESSES



“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He.” Isaiah 43:10

We are alive, and even as we stand on the edge of the precipice, we continue witnessing to God’s existence; that is, to the living nation of Israel!”

Whether we like it or not, we were all born in a particular home, in some region of the world. We are all citizens of a country and members of a definite society. Besides our personal existence and the people that surround us, we are all engulfed in the flow of collective events. We are all made into more or less willing participants in the ongoing history of humankind. Yet there are times such as this one – trivially labelled as “unprecedented” – in this place of all places, a place that is unique in so many respects. It is not a coincidence if people call Israel “the Land.” All the ties that, in this country, unite people to their families, friends, communities, and the very fabric of society are fundamentally affected and modified – “metamorphosed” is a better word – by the present circumstances and their challenges. Some of these ties come strengthened, unexpectedly vivified out of the present situation. Meanwhile, others have become weaker or are dangerously imperiled.

What motivated these Holocaust Survivors to attend our Event?

On the global scale of what is currently unfolding, the event that took place a week ago is little more than a speck of dust. It had the appearance of a regular meeting of Holocaust survivors, gathering leaders and representatives of local organizations. One small detail gave out the event’s out-of-the-ordinary character: contrary to the established custom, no reason was invoked for the invitation. Hence the question: What motivated these people – people who, for the greatest number, are past their 80th birthday, not particularly healthy, many of whom physically struggle with having to move around – to get up at dawn and take the train in the August heat, especially at a moment when the whole country finds itself on the edge of a full-scale war with its traditional enemies? It is not even sure that all of them clearly saw the reason why they came to the meeting.

Yet if something can describe how the general situation here impacts the ties between people, it is this



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Holocaust Team bringing comfort





Holocaust survivors enjoying the CFI program

tiny, microscopic event. Holocaust survivors know what must prevail when the temptation is to fall back on one's private needs and worries about personal safety. We are nothing if we do not make the ties that unite us a priority. The will to maintain these ties, come hell or high water, is what gives survivors to be living men and women. At the meeting, all could sense being part of one loving family, and the joy of fellowship felt like an act of defiance against the anxiety that dwelled in each and everyone's heart. People were eager to hear how Gita, the leader of the Association of Holocaust Survivors, would open the meeting. After all, she had to explain why she had called this meeting in the first place. Gita's greeting was different than usual, though simple, and straightforward. Gita talked about how she had missed seeing her friends during these times. She saw everyone frantically going around, trying to keep up with the necessities of existence. Like everybody, she felt overwhelmed by the constant flow of tragic news, either in the region or in the wider world. She realized that there could be no greater comfort than getting together with friends who happened to be a living testimony of G-d's faithfulness to the Jewish nation: "We are alive, and even as we stand on the edge of the precipice, we continue witnessing to God's existence; that is, to the living nation of Israel!"

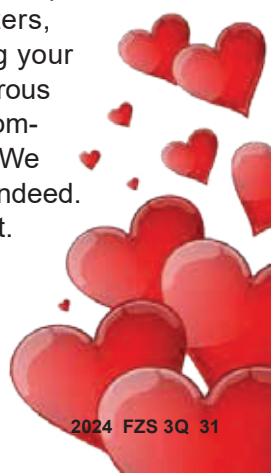
This opening was followed by a lecture that a historian gave. He recapitulated all the moments of history

when Jews stood on the very verge of extermination, only to find themselves miraculously preserved. How many times did God manifest His Salvation throughout this history? This lecture lifted the spirits and souls of the participants. Then came live music. People clapped their hands, sang along, and some of them even went on dancing. For us, representatives of Christians worldwide, being part of this meeting was a rare privilege. We received our share of this unique friendship and marveled at God's faithfulness and love for His People.

I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed, and saved and proclaimed – I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God." Isaiah 43: 11-12

May these precious moments of life and hope also strengthen you, dear friends, supporters, prayer partners. Thank you for sharing your love with us by continuing in your generous giving so that these survivors can be comforted with the comfort we have to give. We were born for such a time as this one, indeed. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS BE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

Because God has made an everlasting covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.' Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying; 'As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations... I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also, I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God'" (Genesis 17:1-8).

Because God has demonstrated His faithfulness to this covenant by preserving the Jews as an identifiable people before Him. It is written.

"Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (the Lord of Hosts is His name): 'If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the Lord, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me for-ever.' Thus says the Lord: 'If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord'" (Jeremiah 31:35-37).

"You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22).

The Bible, which tells of our salvation, was written by Jews. The Messiah Yeshua, who brought us salvation, came into the world as a Jew. The disciples, who first brought God's message of salvation to the Gentiles, were Jews.

Because Jewish people have been shamefully treated during the time of their dispersion, mainly by people who call themselves Christians.

"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3).

"You should not have entered the gate of My people in the day of their calamity ... nor laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity" (Obadiah 1:13).

Because the Jewish people are now being restored to their land in fulfilment of Bible prophecy.

"But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come" (Ezekiel 36:8).

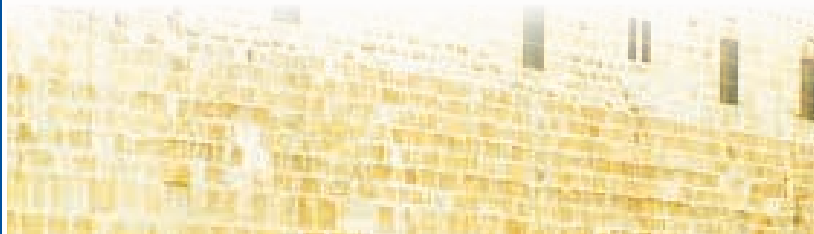
"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land" (Ezekiel 36:24).

Because the restored Jewish State, with Jerusalem as its capital, will be the seat of government of the Messiah at His return.

"Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:3-4).

Because God plans to make Israel a blessing to the Arabs for whom we also pray.

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria; a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the Lord of Hosts shall bless, saying, 'Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance'" (Isaiah 19:23-25).





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Why should Christians be

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Standing with Israel

Christian friendship and support for the Jewish people and the Nation of Israel have a clear biblical mandate for this hour of history. Bible-believing Christians are called upon to uphold Israel and her right to exist. Now, more than ever, the Jewish people need Christians who will not only PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem but will openly STAND alongside them.

"He remembers His covenant forever ... the covenant which He made with Abraham ... and confirmed it to Jacob ... to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan'" (Psalm 105:8-11).

"I say then: Did God reject His people? By no means! ... God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew ... For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable" (Romans 11:1, 2, 29).

Foundation Principles

The Early Church was Jewish. Christianity sprang from Jewish roots and has never ceased to be indebted to the Jewish people (Romans 15:27).

We believe that the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is in accordance with promises contained in the Word of God and that God's time to "favor Zion" has begun. We believe that Israel (people, land and nation) has a divinely ordained and glorious future, and that God has neither rejected nor replaced His Jewish people.

We acknowledge that the barriers that exist today between Jews and Christians are largely due to Christian anti-Semitism and Christian persecution of the Jewish people throughout the centuries.

We believe in the Jewishness of Jesus and believe in the Jewishness of the New Testament.

Ministry Statement:

As Christians we have received from God a love for Israel and the Jewish people. We want to bless them in the name of the Lord. We believe the Lord Jesus is both the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world; however, our stand alongside Israel is not conditional upon her acceptance of our belief. We exist to comfort and to support the people of Israel, and to inform Christians around the world of God's plans for Israel. CFI teaches the Church's responsibility toward the Jewish people and brings awareness to the Jewish people of our solidarity with them. We take His love back to the people who first brought it to us.

"A friend loves at all times ..." (Proverbs 17:17).

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CFI's Watchmen Wait for the Morning ...

"I wait for the LORD; my soul does wait, and in His word, I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning – more than watchmen wait for the morning." Psalm 130:5-6, BSB

As the world looks on like never before, Israel again is surrounded by attacking enemies, and her people are need of our prayers and deep intercession. The CFI Wall of Prayer Team is continually on the roads of the land of Israel to pray and proclaim the Holy Scriptures as we project into the atmosphere God's Promises over Israel because we "see" her calling and future from God's Word.

Praying at the Knesset in Jerusalem

A dedicated team of CFI staffers recently participated in a global mandate to read the Bible (throughout the ends of the earth) together with 28 nations. God gave us the Divine vantage point of praying from the gates of Israel's Knesset parliament building. We read from the prophet Isaiah and 1 and 2 Thessalonians and proclaimed 2 Chronicles 7:14. We concluded our time with prayer, communion, and an exciting tour of the Knesset building.

Visiting the Knesset building



Sounding the Shofar of Peace over the land

Interceding at the Northern Border with Syria

The area, known as the Valley of Tears, has become a valley of blessing, becoming the most peaceful border Israel has with a neighboring Arab country. Declaring Hosea 2:15 *"I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt."* Our prayers to the God of Israel turn messes into messages, mourning into joy, and ashes into beauty.

Staff Praying at Majdal Shams right on the Northern Border

Travelling to the Druze village of Majdal Shams near the Syrian border where Hezbollah sent a rocket onto a soccer pitch into the Druze village of Majdal Shams which killed 15 Israeli-Druze children and injured over 30 people, a CFI Wall of Prayer intercessor, Venera prayed for one of the grieving families who has been devastated by the attack on the children. God has us there just at the right time to comfort these people who need to know the Lord.

Beseeking the Prince of Peace on Mt. Carmel

Again, our CFI Wall of Prayer team visited the city of Haifa, praying over the Jezreel Valley from Mount Carmel beseeching the Lord to send peace to all the borders and towns in and around Israel. It was from this area that the Prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven and defeated the false prophets of Ba'al! We traveled down to the high point overlooking the Haifa Bay area, and called on the Lord of Hosts to protect Haifa's precious infrastructure and civilians.

Additional prayer assignments led us to pray in Ashdod, a pentapolis city of the Philistines. We prayed over the port to be protected as this port is being prepared as a strategic backup to Haifa should war in the north endanger the industries there. Ashdod, burial place of the prophet Jonah, reminded us of God's eternal covenant not only with the people, but also the land. A stop at the visitor's center allowed us to pray with one of the workers. She was curious as to why we traveled all the way to Ashdod. When we told her we came to pray, she lit up!

Many are being comforted in the waiting, especially as we pray for the return of the remaining hostages. God is strengthening His people with resilience and grace whether they understand it fully or not. Some proclaim and confess they are waiting for the Messiah or waiting for redemption of Israel from all her enemies. As we pray, we wait for Isaiah chapter 2 to come to pass: "... the nations will no longer learn war," yes, "more than watchmen wait for the morning ..."

As Christians who believe Jesus is the Messiah, we wait and put all our hope in His soon return. We are grateful for our strategic prayer partners and donors who both wait and pray with us, as well as enable these prayer assignments and visits to go from plan to execution. **Your support of our Wall of Prayer department is a blessing to see. Our work goes forward.**

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Praying at the Migdal Shams soccer field in the north



Shining like lights in the darkness of grief

Below: Praying over Haifa Bay



The Banner of Grace



Pastor Robbie Coleman
Contributing Writer

A steadfast commitment to authentically following God's word will help us avoid being influenced by political and social agendas. For over two millennia, the church has thrived under the banner of grace. With a global following of 2.5 billion people, Christianity is a diverse community with many different views of God and the world.

The Evangelicals emerge as staunch supporters of Israel, representing a substantial portion of the 680 million globally. It is noteworthy that only half of these firmly believe the Bible is divine truth, with a considerable portion of them aligning their support with Israel's interests. Since the Simchat Torah War, financial contributions from Evangelicals have substantially increased, fostering a more positive perception of Christianity within the Jewish community.

The historical relationship between Christians and Jews has not always been harmonious. Early church fathers, by misinterpreting Scripture, unfortunately, helped create divisions between the two communities, deviating from the intended message of God. Despite the errors propagated by many of them, there is an opportunity for reconciliation and understanding to bridge the gap that separated Christians from their Jewish family.

Here are two examples of errors:

- 1. Justin Martyr (c.100-165 AD) described the church as the "true spiritual Israel" and claimed that Christians were the "new Israel" chosen by God.**
- 2. Origen (c.184-253 AD) argued that Christians were the "true Israel" and the "spiritual Jews."**

It's wise to take caution against interpreting Scripture according to circumstantial evidence. There are hidden things in Scripture that require spiritual discernment and faith. When Israel was demolished and the Jews exiled, it seemed logical that the church must be the recipient of all the promises and inheritance. We understand from Daniel's writings that the book was sealed for "the time of the end" (**Daniel 12:4**). Today, more is revealed, and prophecies have been fulfilled, but we are yet to be surprised (and amazed) when all things are made known.



Justin Martyr

Origen



Jews reunited to their promised Land

Our Errors and Sins against Israel

Three significant events have led the way to understanding our errors and sins against Israel. One: National Israel was reborn on May 14, 1948, in one day, fulfilling a strategic prophecy (Isaiah 66:8). Two: the Jews were reunited to their Promised Land (**Jeremiah 29:14**). Three: Gentile involvement with the regathering from the nations of the Jewish people back to their homeland and tending their fields (**Isaiah 49:22; 61:5**). These fulfilled prophecies were not viewed as possible in the first century but are evident proofs for us today.

Gentile believers were like the Prodigal, who came to his senses after squandering his inheritance under the banner of grace, going as far away as possible from the Father's family. We're coming to our senses, returning and asking, "How can we serve?" The mercy we have been shown is the mercy we must return: *"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy"* (**Romans 11:30-31**).

Thousands of Evangelicals have come to Israel's aid since October 7, 2023. Some estimate that more contributions have been made during this time than at any other time. This time of trouble is ongoing and increasing, so we must continue to be compassionate for "the least of these," the Lord's brethren, His womb brothers (**Matthew 25:40**).

Christ will divide the nations according to their mercy toward Israel (25:31-40). Those who do will inherit the Kingdom along with Israel. The Father will not rest until we sit at one table. By aligning ourselves with our Jewish brethren, we embrace the rich heritage and spiritual interconnectedness that bind us under the banner of grace. "He Himself is our peace, who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of separation" (**Ephesians 2:4**).

We're coming
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Ben White on unsplash

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Come with Us into the Biblical Heartland of Judea/Samaria

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BUT JOSHUA SAID TO THE TRIBES OF JOSEPH – TO EPHRAIM AND MANASSEH – YOU ARE NUMEROUS AND VERY POWERFUL. YOU WILL HAVE NOT ONLY ONE ALLOTMENT BUT THE FORESTED HILL COUNTRY AS WELL ...” JOSHUA 17:17-18

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“A faith that can produce the kind of caring my neighbor showed me is something I want to find out more about. I want to love and be loved like that for the rest of my life.” Any farmer will tell you that before you sow your seed, you must prepare the ground. ‘Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them.’ **Romans 12:9**

How to Help Us?

All it takes is to cover us with prayer and help us with finances so we can make a difference in their lives! CFI is here to make a difference in Jewish lives and there is one way to do it by taking the unconditional love of God back to the people who brought it to us! As we search out the needs of young pioneers and farmers in the heartland, we will report the most important needs at that moment. Please be sure to tell others they need our help!

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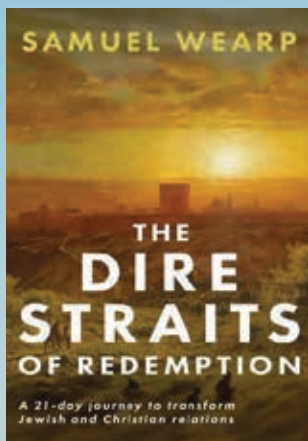


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ALIYAH UPDATE

From America and France



Anti-Semitic incidents in France

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The Situation is Steadily Deteriorating

“The number of antisemitic incidents across France has recently quadrupled and the situation has been steadily deteriorating for the last two decades ... The atmosphere towards the Jewish people is now becoming “unbearable.”

Aliyah Report

Some good may come from this. The surge in antisemitism and the strengthening of the far-Left are causing thousands of Jews in France to decide to immigrate to Israel. In the nine months since the outbreak of the Gaza war, 3,714 French Jews just recently applied to make *aliyah*.

Additionally, data presented to the *aliyah* committee has indicated that about 38% of French Jews, approximately 200,000 people, were considering immigrating from France.”

— Jerusalem Post —

We read similar writings in different Israeli newspapers these days. The State of Israel is waiting for the Jewish sons and daughters to come home from the four corners of the earth. They have also made short videos for the social media to send out the same message: “Come home now!”

You don’t have to be a prophet to understand that there will be an increase of hatred and persecution towards Jewish people in America and European countries

in the near future. “Seeing the situation in America for what it is, many Rabbis in Israel and political leaders, including the Prime Minister, have issued warnings to American Jewry, declaring that the future of the Jewish People is here in the Jewish Homeland and not in alien Gentile lands. Why do we in Israel see the danger so clearly while the Jews of America and their Jewish leadership seem not to feel it?”

Tzvi Fishman,
Israel National News

Antisemitism in USA is causing many Jews to make *Aliyah*

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A large group of young French immigrants visited our center and Tiina kindly showed them around the store. They were able to get much needed items for their new homes in Israel.

Welcoming French Aliyah!

We as Christians should do our part to help even one Jew to make *aliyah* (to move to his/her real homeland). You may ask: "How can I help them? I don't even know anybody with Jewish roots." God will show you the way. You can always pray according to His word that His will be done in the lives of Jewish people. There are dozens of prophecies telling us about God's plan for the land of Israel. There are also many practical ways to help Jews to obey God's calling. We here in Jerusalem are privileged to give the gifts of love and to encourage new immigrants who already made the decision and came. We are thankful for every partner that we have in the nations.

Since October 2023 the number of our visitors have been smaller, but the situation can change in one day. We are happy to bless anyone who has made *aliyah*. The new household items are a great support for those who do not have a lot of finances to start their new life in Israel. We are thinking how we could bless those immigrants who are economically prosperous. Surely, they also need encouragement or just some attention.

If there will be a great wave of *olim* coming from France, we should find a way to reach out to them and show that there are thousands of Christians who support their land and nation. They may not need our gifts, but they surely need our hugs and encouragement.

Aliyah is one of the miracles of today, fulfilling God's Promises to bring His people home to the land of Israel. As the ugly head of antisemitic rises once again around the world, the Lord is working all things to the good. Israel gets to receive her people back to the family in the Land. We are preparing for the future of *aliyah* here in Jerusalem. Thank you for supporting our Open Gates department for *aliyah* and helping us to keep our store stocked for the guests who continue to arrive, to receive Christian help.

Thank you for praying about what you can give to help.

"THUS, SAITH THE LORD GOD; When I shall have gathered the House of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God." Ezekiel 28:25-26

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CFI Bridal Salon is serving Israeli brides, grooms, and their families in every season. We are happy to share with you photos of our precious clients. They sent us thank you notes, which you can find on this page.

We were privileged to attend a wedding ceremony of one beautiful, young couple this year. It was very touching to see “the table for the hostages” among other tables. Do you find something like that in other countries? “**Am Israel Chai!**” May the nation of Israel live and prosper in their God.

Thoughts from Grateful Brides

“It was such a blessing to come today to CFI! Thank you so very much for all of your help, it was such a pleasure to meet you!” **Rachel**

“Here are some photos of me in the dress. Thank you so much for letting me borrow it! As you can see, it’s a beautiful dress, and I hope it blesses many after me.”

Hanna

“Thank you so much for blessing us and being part of the amazing wedding testimony our Lord Yeshua orchestrated for us. Much love and blessings!”

Annmarie and Ben

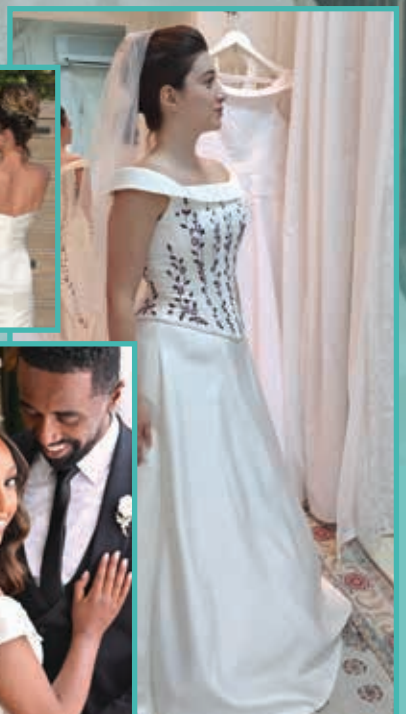
“We just got our pictures from our photographer. So, sending you a few. Thank you so much! The dress was perfect! Thank you for such a relaxed atmosphere to try on dresses with my mom, sister and best friend. We had a beautiful day – full of joy and peace, despite it being in the middle of a war and all the uncertainty of it even happening. The Lord was very present and poured out his blessings. We are very grateful. Abundant blessings in Him.” **Ayala**

“Can a Virgin
forget her
ornaments, or
a Bride her attire?”

Jeremiah 2:32

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Love in Any Language



Your Wedding Gowns are loved by Israelis
(see our PO Box for sending)



◆ Thank you for remembering me
◆ I am learning to trust Christians



◆ Taking God's Love back to those who gave it to Us



◆ It's so sad that only a few remember us

WWII Veterans Gather Together With Us!

“When God’s children are in need, you be the one to help them out.” Romans 12:12, 1 Year Bible

On the 10th of June we had a special Shavuot event for about forty elderly friends of CFI. Our precious guests came to our place at Moriah street. The garden of our building was full of people that afternoon. The group from the U.S.A. together with our volunteers made beautiful tables with different kind of refreshments. We welcomed our guests in the name of our Lord. We sang songs with them both in Hebrew and also in Russian.

Sharon Sanders spoke words of comfort and encouragement that touched everybody’s heart. It was a lovely gathering. We felt the presence of the Lord in the atmosphere of His faithful love. Our guests were reminded of the faithfulness of their God in many ways. They are so thankful for Christian friends who don’t forsake them in these difficult times. Every guest got a gift from CFI, but the most important thing was the love and attention that they received during that afternoon.

Tiina Danilevski

◆ My story is very intense, will you listen?
◆ Love is like receiving a bouquet of flowers



Behind Every Face is a Story

Some are more dramatic than others, but all have a story. Mary and her husband immigrated to Israel from the Ukraine in 2018. After a baby was born, they traveled to the Ukraine to present the new baby to their parents. However, while in the Ukraine, they both became ill with Covid and suddenly the war began. They wanted to escape, but Mary's husband was not allowed to leave the country. After experiencing hard times during the war in Ukraine when sirens, periodic shelling and missiles were flying near their house, they were shocked to receive a huge bill from their bank in Israel as they had not been able to make wire transfers which were prohibited during the war time. The debt included a huge amount of interest which they could not pay. They began to worry about the debt and due to stress, Mary's disease progressed as they returned to Israel to live on a kibbutz.

Help from Above

They asked everywhere for financial help, but almost every institution refused to help them. When she called CFI, she was very worried. She had prayed to the Lord from the bottom of her heart to help her and only a few days later we arrived and gave this precious couple a check for three month's rent. We also prayed for her, and she was very touched and grateful. She wrote to us and said:

"Thank you so much for coming! It was amazing to pray with you! Your support was really what we need now!"
We thank God He raised up this ministry to be able to find truly needy people like Mary and her husband. It is because of YOU; we could give so generously.

There are many hidden stories of hostage families in need here in Israel. Tammy, Rom's mother, a single parent, has been navigating this heart-wrenching road of waiting for her son's return with the help of her sister Sivan. Sivan, is a mother of 4, has been helping Tammy care for her youngest son, Rom's little brother Ziv, while Tammy has been busy advocating for Rom's release. While helping Tammy, Sivan's own home was, unbeknownst to her, falling into disrepair. Mold and water damage had managed to penetrate the gas main in their home and the entire kitchen needed repairing. While a good neighbor offered to help Sivan with the labor and repairs, CFI was happy to provide Sivan with a new refrigerator that will be installed as soon the mold issue is resolved. We took flowers and visited Sivan. She shared the stresses she has endured and continues to face, after 9 months of waiting for her nephew to come home. **Please continue to pray with us for the rescue of the hostages, and for their families.**

Viktoria Muller
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◆ Shining her inner light



◆ Appreciate our time together



◆ Your love is genuine



◆ The daughter of a veteran absorbing her thoughts



Announcing New Director of Development CFI Jerusalem

Mrs. Amber Sutter
CFI Germany



Welcome to CFI Jerusalem Worldwide Ministry

I first heard about CFI—Christian Friends of Israel in 2002. I had just graduated from Bible College at Christ for the Nations (CFNI) in Dallas, Texas, with a two-year Diploma in Theology and a Music-Minor, plus the third year Advanced Worship and the Arts Diploma, plus a Certificate of Ordination and membership with the FMC (Christ for the Nations Fellowship of Ministers and Churches – now renamed to CFN-Network) and had returned to Germany where my family lives.

My American parents both followed the call of God to Germany in the 70s and were involved in East Europe Missions until the Iron Curtain fell in 1989. They later pastored a church in a small town in south eastern Germany, and became the directors of Derek Prince Ministries.

In 2006 the leadership position of CFI Germany Representative was offered to my husband and I and we applied for the position. Ever since, we have loved this ministry and have been so incredibly blessed to be a part of this very hands-on, grass-roots, face-to-face ministry of love to the Jewish people in Israel. With the prospect of a new appointment as International Development Director for CFI I prayerfully considered the post, together with my husband. Again, we felt real peace and God's confirmation, and it is with great joy that we have accepted.

My goals are threefold:

1. To build and strengthen relationships within the CFI family around the world. Strong relationships and accountability are fertile ground for us to step into our calling and be efficient in our work as staff members of CFI – whether we are working at the main office in Jerusalem or in one of the representative offices around the world. We are experiencing the blessing of these relationships in our joint prayer times and encouragement we give to each other – also carrying one another's burdens, which gives so much comfort.

2. To connect with and recruit active Friends of Israel around the world. My prayer is to connect with Christians around the world who have a love for Israel and a healthy biblical understanding of God's heart for His chosen people and would like to join and partner with CFI. I would like to encourage them to become mouth-pieces and distributors for CFI in their own communities, thus building a strong network of active supporters, which can have a powerful impact on our society to the glory of God and as a blessing for Israel.

3. To protect the name of CFI. Anyone carrying the name of CFI has the responsibility to represent it with integrity and to uphold and protect the good name of CFI and the values and mission we stand for:

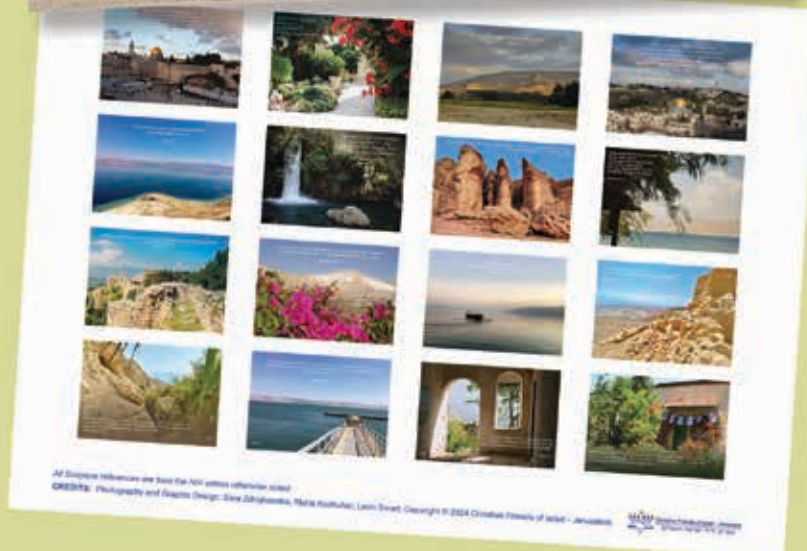
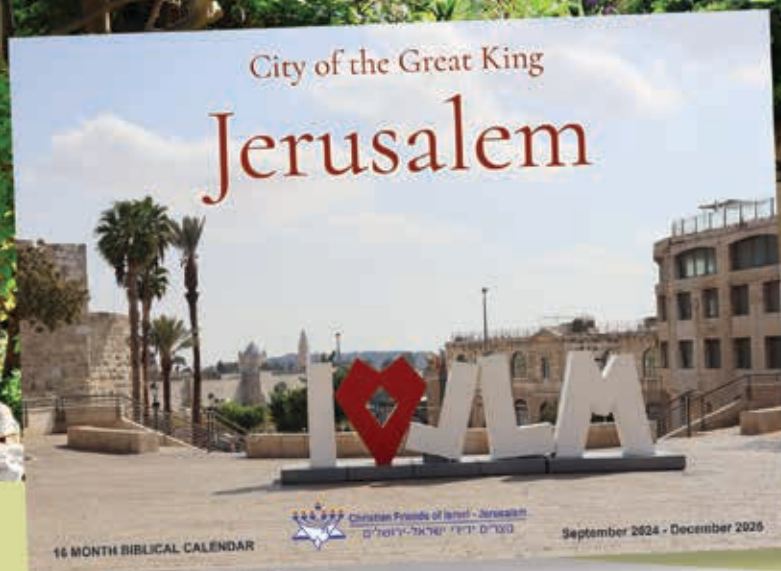
- We want to support Israel with prayer and financial gifts through the CFI-Jerusalem headquarters, where the face-to-face ministry towards the Jewish people happens.
- We want to teach the church about our responsibility towards the Jewish people, for example by sharing the CFI project updates, teaching letters, prayer letters, reports with our readers in the nations, leading prayer groups, speaking in congregations, teaching courses, creating publications, etc.
- We want to stand with solidarity with Israel by coming alongside Israel in the spirit of Ruth, to love them unconditionally, to bring comfort, to remove stumbling blocks and to show them the true face of their Messiah Yeshua – and to take a stand with Israel publicly, as the Lord leads. By loving the Jews unconditionally, we want to undo the damage that was done to them throughout the centuries sadly by the church's replacement theology, which led to persecution, forced conversions and baptisms, pogroms and ultimately the Holocaust.

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Presenting New CFI Calendar From Israel **2024-2025**

*Previously I said to Zion, 'Behold,
here they are.'
And to Jerusalem,
'I will give a messenger of good
news.'*

Isaiah 40:27 (NASB)



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INTERCESSORY PRAYER ASSIGNMENT

– ON LOCATION IN ISRAEL –

November 7–13, 2024

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN a dedicated and focused prayer team of CFI prayer warriors and our friends on a special assignment of intercession at many strategic locations across the land of Israel.

Survey the Land, visit the borders, view the beauty of the Land, visit the high places, and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE SPIRIT!**

We are living in challenging times. Let’s proclaim the promises over God’s people and land while seeing it with our own eyes. With our eyes on God and on Israel, we will contend spiritually through prayers and intercessions as we mobilize together and move throughout the land. We will hear the voices of those who have suffered great loss, are recovering from hardship during the war and align ourselves with the purposes of GOD for the end times in which we live.

**YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO JOIN UP!
JOIN US AS WE:**

- Participate in powerful group prayer times in strategic places
- Petition the Lord from Israel’s high places
- Visit places “off the beaten path”
- Pray for protection on the gateways of Israeli’s borders and close to army bases in the Land
- Participate in a powerful night of worship and intercession at a local House of Prayer
- Gather information for your prayer groups and churches back home
- Courier your own personal gifts for Israel (request a list of needed items)



Israel's West Coast



Mounts of Blessings





Nova Festival location

PRAYER-WALK WITH US IN ISRAEL'S SIGNIFICANT PLACES, PROCLAIMING HIS WORD AND DECLARING HIS TRUTH, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR:

- **PROTECTION:** On the borders of Israel and areas of strategic importance, north and south (Psalm 121)
- **REDEMPTION:** From the high places, including Mount Gerizim, the Mountain of Blessing in Samaria (Ezekiel 36; Deuteronomy 11:29)
- **HEALING:** Across the Southern Kibbutzim and site of Nova music festival (Isaiah 40:1; Jeremiah 17:14-15)
- **RESTORATION:** Of the Tabernacle of David from the City of David and the foundations of many generations back to Melchizedek (Amos 9:11)
- **ATONEMENT:** At the Western Wall Kotel and Rampart walls of the Old City, Jerusalem (Psalm 48:12-14; Isaiah 62:6)

PLEASE NOTE that this will not be a conventional tour but rather an assignment of prayer for those with a burden to pray for Israel, in Israel, at this crucial time. CFI will provide a full schedule for the six nights and seven days assignment, including the logistics, transportation, lead intercessors etc. CFI will also facilitate assistance with accommodations bookings at a conveniently located hotel in Jerusalem and also in the north of Israel, although each participant will need to complete the hotel reservation process individually on this occasion (full details will be provided). **Flights not included.**



Jerusalem neighborhood



TRISTAN
HALL

SHARON
SANDERS

SUZIE
GEORGES

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US!

The good news is that for these reasons, the land costs for the week will be kept to a minimum, making this a very affordable option for all who may be called to join us.

For further details and to confirm your desire to participate, please send us an email to cfi@cfijerusalem.org or you can call us on +972 2 6233778 during office hours.



Welcome to Our CFI Family Worldwide



CFI UK

SPECIAL ISRAEL CONFERENCE IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND

“Never have I known such revelation to come upon a session and subsequent prayer times and conversation after wards. I sensed the Holy Spirit had really spoken to individual hearts, of these wise and committed intercessors – the urgency of prayer for Israel and the war was amazing and those who responded afterwards to be more involved and also wanted to know how to receive strategic prayer fuel. What a time to have this role of Prayer Encouragement of the UK – I am blessed and privileged to be in this place for such a season.”

-Julia Soakell-

Remembering October 7th, 2023

In May 2024, Julia Soakell spoke at the **Lydia National Conference** at the Swanwick Christian Conference Centre, in Derbyshire. This year's theme was Psalm 24:1: “The Earth is the Lord's and Everything In It.” This coordinated with Julia's message “The Land of Israel is the Lord's and Everything In It.” There has never been a more important time to stand with Israel and her people since October 7th, 2023, and the atrocities committed by Hamas. The session began with an update on the hostages in captivity. The hall was filled with prayer warriors who stood and corporately prayed for the families and friends of those who had died at the hands of Hamas terrorists and for those who are repatriating them to their loved ones.

Concentrated prayer focused on the need for issues such as, supernatural healing for the grief and trauma experienced – as well as those who were displaced, those who have approached the CFI Jerusalem team and the many opportunities the Lord is giving to minister in this terrible season to the Jewish nation. Prayer for both Israeli and Arab children was made a

*“All the nations
will praise you, for
you will be a Land
of delight.”*

Malachi 3:12



Amber Sutter (Germany) with Julia Soakell (UK)



Lydia Conference: UK

matter of important prayer. It was such an insight for many to see the individual members of CFI Jerusalem team befriending displaced families, helping to comfort Holocaust survivors who had experienced hate and barbarity yet again and also for them to see the joy and appreciation on the faces of those experiencing love from Christians who are friends of Israel. The Jewish people really do sense the world's hate for Israel at the moment. Thank God the Lydia family is a great blessing to Israel and CFI, working in partnership with one another in the Lord's work.

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**Many are
Sacrificing
their
Livelihoods
in Israel.**





May our hearts unite together as we stand and support Israel



Pastor Nicky Chandra with Pastor Pawar



CFI INDIA

MANY CAME FROM FAR AWAY TO PRAY AND INTERCEDE FOR ISRAEL

For Seminar of Manmad (~325 kilometers from Pune) dated 12th July 2024: Pastor Nicky and Pastor Yoseph Pawar traveled to Manmad by road on 11th July with a break of a few hours in a village to inaugurate a well (water project) in this arid region, and pray for the small house-church that has been started.

The following day, i.e. 12th July '24, they did a full day seminar at the **Eben Ezer Church at Manmad** in which Pastor Nicky took the first two sessions covering (a) The church engraved in Israel, (b) Bible prophecies concerning Israel and the *aliyah*, (c) Replacement Theology. The third session was taken by Pastor Yoseph Pawar covering Gaza, the Holocaust, and the role of the church to support Israel. The seminar was attended by approximately 100 people which included 15 pastors and other Christian leaders. This was the first time that these subjects were spoken of in this region. The response was overwhelming, and they have requested the CFI team to do a similar follow up teaching, as soon as we can.



Right: Pastor Sonny Chandra



For Seminar at Rahuri (~180 kilometers from Pune) dated 13th July 2024: Our expanded team of my wife Sis. Edna Chandra, my son

Pastor Nicky, Pastor Yoseph Pawar, Pastor Vinod Jadhav of Daund and myself did a full day seminar at **India Bible League (Wilson Bible) Church**, in the small township of Rahuri. Pastors and church leaders from the surrounding areas were in attendance. There were around 100 people in attendance which includes over 25 pastors and additionally other Christian leaders.

The first session was taken by myself (the subject being The Church and Israel as the two twin brothers of GOD), the second session by Pastor Nicky (covering Israel a blessing to the world, highlighting how 0.1% of the world's population (Jewish people) have won 23% of the Noble Peace Prizes), and Replacement Theology. The third session was taken by Pastor Yoseph Pawar covering the present situation in Gaza, the Holocaust and the role of the Church to support Israel. He highlighted how Gaza was always a part of Jewish history and about the myth of the so-called Palestinian claims. Pastor Vinod Jadhav of Daund shared his amazing testimony of the miracles that GOD has been doing in his congregation in the township of Daund, from the time he got attached with CFI in 2015, onwards. Incidentally, Sister Edna introduced CFI (International/Jerusalem) to the congregation explaining our rigid stand towards Israel. All three sessions resulted in shock, surprise, and amazement. At the end of the day, the entire organizing team requested us to visit them whenever we can.

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CFI MEXICO



Mano and Maggie going on a trip up north with CFI team



CFI FRANCE

MARCHES OF LIFE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

The Geneva March of Life

Christian Friends of Israel-France were active partners along with 350 other French supporters of Israel as personalities spoke, including the Deputy Mayor and the founder of the "7 October" team. During the march, we accompanied four young Israelis who each represented a member of their family held hostage in Gaza. We marched with portraits of hostages. I was very moved to carry the portrait of Agam Berger, a young 19-year-old soldier whom I particularly sponsor in prayer. A terrible video of her kidnapping and that of four other young women was broadcast this week. The march was followed by a snack time where we were able to chat with each other, Jews and Christians.

The Colmar March of Life

In participation and partnering with two hundred other supporters of Israel, Christian Friends of Israel Director and his wife, marched behind the banner, "Am Israel Chai, the People of Israel live." Many Israeli flags were beautiful under a radiant sunshine. Political figures had been able to show their support for the fight against anti-Semitism as the march stopped in front of City Hall. A young German woman (and two other Germans) testified to what was a big secret in their families and spoke out what she had discovered about the life of her Nazi father during the war of 1939-1945. She asked for forgiveness from the Jewish people present, includ-



ing the Rabbi of the city of Colmar who closed the march with prayer! It was a time of gathering together, Christian and Jew—all those who fight against anti-Semitism!

The March of Compiègne

With approximately 60 participants and official representatives of civilian life, we marched in Compiègne denouncing the atrocities of Nazism during the Second World War. This march was organized by CFI's friend Monika. No apology had hitherto, been made to the victims. Eight young Germans came publicly to ask for forgiveness for their grandparents' participation in the atrocities committed against the Jews of France. Jewish people prayed Kadish. It was poignant, and I witnessed several faces clouded with tears. At the end of the event, the participants who did not know each other, spoke among themselves, Jews, and Christians with a lot of emotion. It was like a moment of grace, suspended between heaven and earth. It was glorious.

Sylvie and the C.A.I. French Team

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**COMING TO ISRAEL
WITH BLESSINGS**

Mexico is a key country, and we bless the Lord for our representatives Mano and Maggie for coming to Jerusalem to bring a blessing from Mexican lovers of Israel.

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Mexican reps with CFI Board Chairman Jennifer Kaplan (middle)

“ON THAT DAY, WHEN ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH GATHER AGAINST HER, I WILL MAKE JERUSALEM A HEAVY STONE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES; ALL WHO WOULD HEAVE IT AWAY WILL BE SEVERELY INJURED.”
ZECHARIAH 12:3



CFI AUSTRALIA

**THANK’S FOR BEING
HANDS AND FEET IN ISRAEL**

Thank you for the wonderful supporters in the beautiful country of Australia who love and support Israel through Christian Friends of Israel Jerusalem. We are pleased to have you as an integral part of our FAMILY OF NATIONS in Jerusalem.

“... what wonderful feedback I have had for the latest ‘For Zion Sake’ Magazine. People have been wanting extra copies to give out to friends ... I had to send for another 50 copies ... it is such a valuable tool in promoting CFI work ... thank you again for a wonderful edition.”

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Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Russell, Australia



CFI USA

Hannele's booth at the conference

**MKBA 2024 CONFERENCE CFI USA
REPRESENTED**

CFI USA was honored to have been personally invited to sponsor a booth at the Morningstar Kingdom Business Administration-Conference in Fort Mill, South Carolina, at The Heritage International Ministries Conference Center recently. Meeting new friends was a joy for our Director Representative Hannele Pardain CFI USA.

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Christian Friends of Israel – Repairing The Breach of Centuries Through Building Lasting Friendships Since 1985

For almost forty years, CFI has sought to be the hands, the feet, the smiles and the warm embraces of many Christian friends from all over the world, who seek to stand alongside the Jewish people in meaningful and practical ways. Through all this time and still today, CFI seeks to demonstrate the love of God, in the name of Christians from many nations, through an array of humanitarian projects to help individuals, families and communities in Israel.

Over the years, the following assistance projects have grown to meet the needs of specific groups of people in Israel:

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

Proverbs 17:17

Open Gates: Assisting new immigrants making *aliyah* to rebuild their lives in their new country.

Bridal Salon: Helping to make the Wedding day of brides and grooms from all over Israel to be a special day – receiving wedding gowns from all over the world.

Forsake Them Not: Making home visits to minister to the loneliness of growing older and “being there” for the survivors of WWII and the Holocaust. CFI was one of the first Christian ministries to reach out.

David's Shield: Being a blessing to the warriors of Israel defending the Land and reaching out building strong relationships.

Under His Wings: Ministry to terror attack victims, victims of trauma and men and physical damage. A tender loving outreach.

Streams of Blessing: This outreach reaches into Israelis from all walks of life such as the elderly War Veterans from WWII, poor and needy across the Land.

First Fruits/DPM Ministries: Distribution of solid foundational literature to churches/congregations throughout the Land (i.e. Arab/International/Locals)

Communities Under Attack: Comforting and helping those who have suffered so many attacks against peaceful communities by showing the love of God and helping others to heal. Healing the wounds of war.

Wall of Prayer: Linking praying Christians from around the world to pray and stand with Israel during trying times and believing the Promises of God for the nation.

Hope for the Future: Serving one of Israel's poorest communities as they continue to settle in the Land and adjust to a new culture.

Stepping Stones: An outreach to young farmers and families building their lives and starting families, helping with security issues, and encouraging the new pioneers.

Emergency Aid: Helping to rebuild homes, kibbutzim and lives through the love of God that was brought to us – we take it back to them.

Please remember the Lord's work through Christian Friends of Israel in your prayers, your giving and your advocacy in your own church, region and nation!

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