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# **CFI Projects Monthly Reports for International Representatives September 2026**



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***Dear CFI International Representative Family,***

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

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

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

*Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV)*



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# Project Bridal Salon

Supporting Israeli Brides and their Families

Shalom from sunny and hot Jerusalem!

The first client of this month was a Jewish lady who had just started her own business as a hair dresser. She needed two dresses for two models. She had a photo session planned for the first advertisement for her new business featuring wedding hairdos. It was a pleasure to bless this young woman at her new beginnings. She was really appreciative and thankful for our help and encouragement.

One bride-to-be came to our Salon with her future parents and sister in law. It was interesting that the future father in law was the best helper during this appointment. His words and opinion were very important for Sara (the name is changed), who tried on dozens of dresses and looked great in most of them. This man really had an eye. I think they made the best choice together. Sara will be a gorgeous bride.

Michal came with her friend. They spent a couple of hours in our Salon and chose a beautiful, classical gown for the future celebration. Michal's fiancé is in the army. She doesn't know yet when their wedding will take place but it is great that she has the dress already. She is ready! It makes me think, am I ready for the Big Day to come, when our heavenly Bridegroom will take His bride to the Wedding Feast? I want to be ready!

One bride-to-be came to our place for the third time. She already had one wedding abroad. Miriam (the name is changed) and her husband want to celebrate their marriage one more time with their family and friends here in the Land. We found a lovely dress for her with a long train for the coming 'chuppa' ceremony. With the help of her friend she also chose a veil, shoes, hair pieces and other accessories to make the outfit complete. They had a good time. For us, it is always a great joy when our clients are happy.



Some clients brought back their gowns. It is great to see them again after their wedding.

We already got some photos from them, but it usually takes a month or two to get the official and professional photos from a local photographer.

Those are the best pictures of course. I hope we will get some of them, too, in the future.



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Next month we will celebrate the Jewish high holidays, the Feasts of the Lord. During those days you usually don't have many weddings in Israel. Please pray that the Lord will touch many hearts and lives during these special appointed days. May we all hear the sound of the trumpet in our hearts. The Bridegroom is coming! Let us make ourselves ready! Let His love be real in our lives and shine through us more and more.

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."*

**John 15: 9-13**

**Be blessed in the name of the Lord!**

**Tiina - Project Supervisor - Bridal Salon**



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# Communities Under Attack

## Responding with Relief Funds to Targeted Areas

August has been a month of preparation! There are a number of projects that have been in the development stages this month and we are excited to soon get started bringing them into fruition, with God's help! It is such a great honour to serve and assist the people of Israel in practical and very meaningful ways.

There is a Messianic Ethiopian Congregation in Tel Aviv which needs some modifications to their congregation space. Several walls with doors need to be constructed to create space for babies and infants, a youth space for grade schoolers, and a storage area. We are in the development stage of determining construction costs, assessing the logistics, creating the proper paperwork and construction schedule.

Additionally, a new request for assistance has come from one of our dear friends, Orly in Shlomi. When the war began, the Lord made a special connection between CFI and the community of Shlomi who live on the border with Lebanon. Our team members have visited many times and spent a lot of time serving the community and building friendships. We feel very close to them and they feel that in CFI they have true and steadfast friends. One of our friends there is a wonderful lady named Orly. Gert and I have visited Shlomi a number of times since the beginning of the year. Orly always wants to be sure that we visit her when we are in town! Orly's home was nearly totally destroyed by Hezbollah rocket fire but after a lot of time, the restoration work on her

home is almost complete. Orly loves to feed us when we come into town. Her food is amazing and as it turns out, she is a Caterer by trade. I can only imagine how many people have been blessed by her food. Recently, Orly asked CFI to help her get her catering business started up again. Much of her kitchen equipment was destroyed in the attacks. Orly has become like family to us at CFI and we are overjoyed at the opportunity to help her in this way – more to follow! We really are honored and excited to be part of Orly's story.



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While we have been planning for the upcoming months to come, we have also been busy helping different people with work around their homes including:

1. Repairing furniture
2. Repairing drywall
3. Painting
4. Repairing appliances
5. Installing lights, repairing plumbing

We remain deeply grateful to God for giving us so many opportunities to come alongside the people of Israel. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

### **The Communities Under Attack Team**



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# Project David's Shield

Encouraging Soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces

Dear Friends and Supporters,

During August, our team had the privilege of visiting a Border Guard unit stationed approximately 20 kilometers from the city of Jenin in Judea and Samaria. The unit consists of 82 reserve soldiers (Miluim) who were called up to help protect communities and maintain security during this challenging time. As part of our support, we provided the soldiers with much-needed equipment, including protective helmets and hydration systems that allow them to carry water comfortably while serving in the field.

The journey itself became an unforgettable experience. On our way to the base, we accidentally lost our route and entered an area considered dangerous. When we called the unit and explained our situation, the soldiers were deeply concerned for our safety. Their response was touching: "We will pray for you." Their care and kindness reminded us of the strong bond between those who serve and those who support them. When we finally arrived, we received a welcome that none of us will ever forget. The soldiers greeted us standing and applauding.

They invited me to share about our organization, our faith, and our commitment to stand with and encourage the people of Israel. It was a special opportunity to speak words of hope, appreciation, and blessing to these brave men who dedicate themselves to protecting others.

In addition to supporting military units, we were honored to serve two lone soldiers this month. The first soldier comes from a Haredi family. Because he chose to serve in the Israel Defense Forces, his family rejected him, leaving him completely alone. Over time, our organization became his family. We provided him with clothing, a helmet, a tactical vest, and a high-quality military backpack that enables him to carry everything he needs while on active duty.

He stays in regular contact with us, calling or writing almost every week. He has also built friendships with members of our organization, creating a support network that he can rely on. It has been a privilege to walk alongside him and remind him that he is not alone.



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The second lone soldier came to Israel from the United States to serve. We were able to provide him with the equipment and personal items he needed for his military service and daily life.

These encounters remind us that our mission goes far beyond supplying equipment. Many soldiers carry emotional burdens from what they have seen and experienced during the ongoing conflicts. They need encouragement, practical help, recovery support, and the assurance that people around the world care about them.

To our generous donors: thank you. Your support is changing lives. Because of your generosity, soldiers receive not only practical assistance but also hope, friendship, and the knowledge that they are valued and remembered. We ask for your continued partnership. The challenges facing Israel have not ended, and the needs remain great. Together, we can continue standing with those who sacrifice so much for the safety of others.

May God richly bless you for your generosity, compassion, and faithful support.

With gratitude,

**Lyailya- - Project Supervisor - David's Shield**



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# Project First Fruits

## Strengthening Israel's Believing Communities

Our First Fruits Project at CFI is a project that focuses on strengthening the household of faith here in Israel and coming alongside believers all across the Land.

It is about building relationships and offering various forms of practical support and assistance to individuals, families and congregations.

One local believer that CFI has a strong friendship with is a special lady named Eva. Eva is a Christian Arab who has lived in the Old City for decades and leads a women's Bible study group. She spends most of her time encouraging other Christian Arab and Armenian women in their faith through study, prayer and worship.

In her personal life, Eva's adopted daughter was moved to a special home for people with mental health problems as it was becoming too much for Eva to care for her at home. It was hard for Eva to part with her as Eva is devoted to her daughter but she understood and accepted that it was what was best for her in the long run. Her daughter has been settling in well and for that we all give thanks.

Eva cannot get to visit her as much as she would like to as it is far from Jerusalem, close to Nazareth and without a car it is expensive and difficult to get there. Friends have taken Eva when they can but this past month Eva had no way to get there so CFI stepped in! We covered all transport costs and one of our team members accompanied Eva on the trip.

It was a beautiful reunion between mother and daughter and a sweet time of lots of hugs and singing favourite worship songs together. Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch and Eva was so grateful for CFI's help and for the precious time she had with her dear daughter.

Please keep them both in your prayers, as well as all the community of Christian Arab and Armenian women that Eva leads and cares for.



Thank you for your continued support for Project First Fruits.

**CFI Team**



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# Project Forsake Them Not

## Nurturing Relationships with Holocaust Survivors

This month, by God's grace and thanks to your prayers and support, we visited 29 Holocaust survivors — including a special trip north to the border with Lebanon. There we saw 8 survivors in Ma'alot again, and once more came away amazed by their courage. Not one of them even considered leaving during the recent escalation.

Sima spoke for many when she told us, "I am not afraid of being killed by a rocket. The moment the siren sounds, I pray for my children, that God will protect them, and I pray for peace — for our country and for the whole world."

We also visited survivors in Kiryat Ata, Netanya, Ashdod, Lod, Ramla, and Rishon LeZion, and kept discovering wonderful new details about our friends' lives. We learned that Roman's wife once taught French and still speaks it fluently, and that his son grew up to direct their town's zoo.

It was moving to hear how, from a young age, he loved animals and built his whole life around learning about nature and caring for its creatures.

But this month also brought a harder truth: we had to remove 12 names from our database.....12 names that represented 12 precious Holocaust survivors, precious friends, who had passed away.

This remains one of the most painful parts of this ministry.

We know life follows its own course, and that reaching its end is part of being human — but knowing this never makes goodbye easier. Losing a friend is never easy, no matter how many years they have lived — and every farewell reminds us how precious each visit truly is. Lev, from Netanya, turned 101 this year.

For the last 15 years, he lived without his legs, cared for tenderly by his younger wife.



Twenty-four years of friendship connected us to them.



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Nurturing Relationships with Holocaust Survivors



They welcomed us warmly from our very first visit, shared their stories, and let us help Lev into a proper wheelchair after he lost his legs to surgery; we visited him in the hospital more than once. They became part of our own lives. So when we called recently to arrange our next visit, it was a shock to learn that both of them had passed away within the same month.

Every visit matters. Every phone call matters. Every card, prayer, and gesture of care matters. We cannot stop time, but we can fill the years our friends have left with dignity, friendship, and warmth — and the certainty that someone remembers them.

We want them to know their stories are not forgotten, and that a younger generation cares enough to work so that history does not repeat itself.

Thank you for standing with us in this vital work. Your prayers and support make it all possible, and together we bring light and companionship to those who endured so much suffering, rejection, and persecution.

A special thank-you to everyone who sent us cards, posters, and letters of encouragement — our friends treasure them, and send you their love and greetings in return.

**Tanya - Project Supervisor - Forsake Them Not**



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# Project Open Gates

Providing Practical Aid for New Immigrants

Dear Friends and Supporters,

August was a quieter month for Open Gates, as we welcomed approximately 40 new immigrants from many nations, including France, Argentina, Ukraine, Russia, Colombia and Chile. Most were young adults, along with a few families. Although the number of arrivals was smaller than in previous months, their stories reminded us that even during difficult times, God continues to bring His people home.

Most of the immigrants had arrived in Israel during July and August. Despite the ongoing war and uncertainty, Jewish people are still making aliyah and returning to their homeland. Again and again we heard expressions of gratitude and joy from those who had finally reached Israel. Many shared how believers in Yeshua had helped make their journey possible by providing financial assistance, purchasing airline tickets, and supporting them throughout the process. They were deeply touched to learn that Christians cared enough to help them return home.

One particularly memorable moment came from a young man from Colombia. For the first time in his life, he held a Tanakh in his own language. The edition was printed in both Spanish and Hebrew. He was overwhelmed with joy and said, "I thought a Tanakh in Spanish did not even exist." It was a simple but powerful reminder of how meaningful these gifts can be and how much people value connecting with their heritage and the Word of God.



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# Project Open Gates

Providing Practical Aid for New Immigrants

Some of the newcomers had already read portions of the Torah and had a basic understanding of their Jewish roots, but for most, this was a new experience. Many were eager to learn more about the Scriptures, their identity, and their new life in Israel.

We also met several families from Russia and Ukraine. For some of them, simply arriving in Israel felt like a miracle. One young family from Ukraine shared how grateful they were that they had been able to leave and begin a new life here. They repeatedly expressed their thanks to God for opening the way and bringing them safely home.

As we look ahead, we expect to welcome even more new immigrants in the coming month. We are grateful for every opportunity to serve them during this important transition and to share God's love in practical ways.

Thank you, dear donors and partners, for your faithful support. Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue welcoming, encouraging and assisting Jewish immigrants as they begin their new lives in Israel.

May the Lord richly bless you.

With gratitude,

**Lyailya - Project Supervisor - Open Gates**



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# Project Streams of Blessings

Assisting the Underprivileged in Israel

**Psalm 34:18: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

## Helping a Child Heal

CFI has helped provide several therapy sessions for a young child who endured painful experiences within his community. Because the trauma continued, the family was forced to leave their home and relocate to a safer place.

## Providing Fun in the Sun for Many Children

CFI supports summer activities for children across communities in Israel, offering a recreational day for both children and volunteers. For many of these children, it had been a long time since they could enjoy a carefree day together without the fear of seeking shelter from missiles or drone activity.

Earlier this year, many children were isolated and unable to experience the freedom and peace of spending time with friends. Praise God, this season has brought them a much-needed opportunity to laugh, play, and enjoy time in the sun.

## Back to School and Fully Equipped

We met with a rabbi from the local community, and the meeting was a blessing to everyone involved. As we shared ideas and personal stories, we gained meaningful insight into the needs of the community he serves.

Many families in the area are struggling to provide nutritious food, and the start of a new school year adds the additional burden of school supplies and books. CFI was able to support the rabbi's back-to-school project, helping provide supplies and books for many underprivileged children and their families.



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## Immigration, Companionship and Forgiveness

Members of the CFI team met with a group of elderly immigrants who made Aliyah many years ago. We were honored to hear their childhood stories and learn about their journey to this land. One woman we spoke with had survived a terrorist attack approximately 10 years ago. Her strength, resilience, and posture of forgiveness were deeply moving. Even after recovering from such a traumatic event, she had nothing negative to say. Instead, she continues to carry a smile marked by gratitude and love for all people. She does not walk in fear. Instead, she walks with a light that reflects the true meaning of forgiveness. Her story is a story of forgiveness, courage, grace, and hope

## Donna - Project Supervisor - Streams of Blessing



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# Under His Wings

Bringing Comfort and Healing to Terror Victims

## Psalm 23:4-5

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

### A Walk Through the Valley with a Soldier

As I write this month's newsletter, I am reflecting on the words of Psalm 23. Each of us, at some point in life, faces a dark valley marked by despair, uncertainty, or loss. Yet the phrase "walk through" reminds us that the valley is not meant to be a permanent dwelling place and it speaks of life at the other side. It speaks of movement, perseverance, and the hope of ultimately passing from darkness into a renewed life with joy and peace.

For many soldiers, however, that passage is painfully difficult. The trauma and despair they carry—especially those experiencing PTSD—are not easily lifted. After spending time with one soldier over several visits, I feel compelled to share the urgency of supporting our soldiers in every way we can.

That support can take many meaningful forms:

- Spending time with soldiers and listening with compassion.
- Building relationships rooted in trust, honesty, and love.
- Supporting special events and gatherings that honor soldiers and their families.
- Celebrating those who have sacrificed so much to protect this Holy Land.

I have been blessed with the opportunity of developing a trusting friendship with a soldier that CFI connected with. Over the past 2 months I have had regular visits with him, learning more about his life and experiences. This soldier has seen and endured very difficult things and he represents thousands of soldiers all across Israel who suffer from severe trauma. As we have visited and chatted and as the trust and friendship has grown, it has been a blessing to see him smile after witnessing so much sadness.

At CFI, we have been blessed with the opportunity to provide a support system while also taking part in special events for soldiers and their families. We have contributed to multiple events focusing on supporting soldiers and their families and providing opportunity for them to gather as a group for times of celebration and joy. Their sacrifices are greater than many of us can fully imagine, and it is a privilege to stand beside them with care, gratitude, encouragement and love.

Thank you for supporting the work of Under His Wings.

**CFI Under His Wings Team**



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# Project Wall of Prayer

## Assignments of Prayer for Israel

### Overview

This month we held three Zoom prayer meetings during the first three weeks of the month with healthy attendance. Each session followed the same format: introduction, CFI thanksgiving and petitions, Israel thanksgiving and petitions and a closing blessing.

### Theme Scripture

Psalm 30:5 — "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." This theme tied directly to the month of Av, a period marked by mourning and comfort in close succession, and one we connected to James 1:2 and Romans 15:13.

### Israel Thanksgiving

- Ongoing rebuilding: light rail, new shops and restaurants
- Favorable shekel-to-dollar movement
- A team visit to a Samaria village where 13 families lost homes due to a terrible fire, with no loss of life
- Rising tourism expectations over the coming weeks

### Israel Petitions

- The Haredi draft debate
- October elections
- Volatile situations with ongoing ramming and stabbing incidents.
- Comfort for families of soldiers recently lost in combat
- Aliyah, per Isaiah 11:12

### Prayer Channel

For those who want to stay connected between monthly Wall of Prayer sessions, CFI's Prayer Channel on YouTube (@cfijerusalemprayer) posts a short prayer video every Friday, dedicated to prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and for Israel. Subscribers can join in agreement with CFI's ongoing intercession for the ministry and the land, even outside the scheduled Zoom meetings.

### Looking Ahead

We continue to invite everyone to join the Wall of Prayer each month. We have much to give praise and thanks for and many of these things are direct answers to the prayers that have been prayed during our various zoom sessions! Thank you for joining with us in prayer, for standing with us in prayer and for covering us in prayer. We are so thankful for you all as you pray for CFI and pray for Israel. We desire to cover you, our precious CFI supporters, in prayer too so please email us and tell us how we can pray for you. Prayer requests can be sent to [prayer@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:prayer@cfijerusalem.org)

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