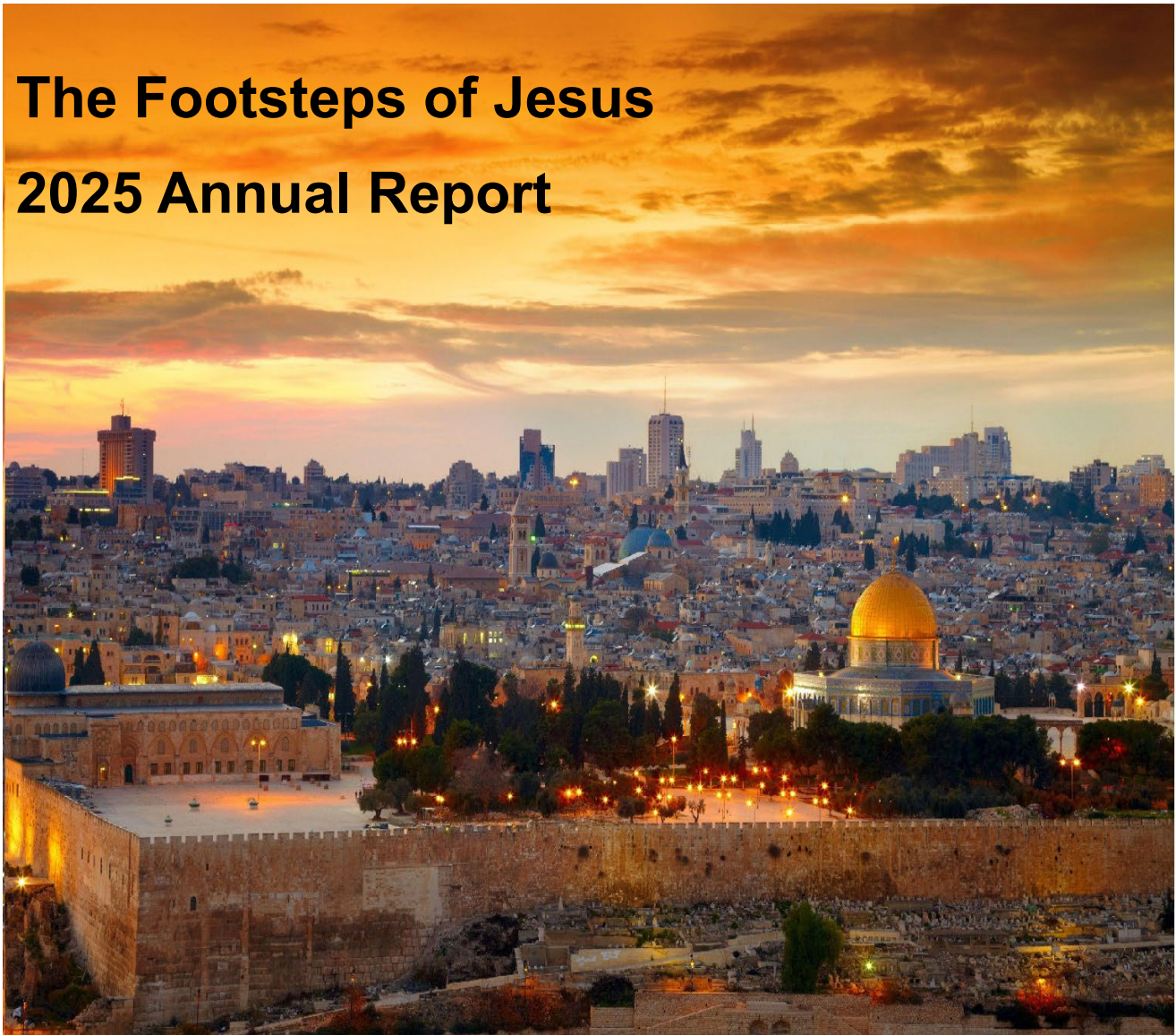


# **The Footsteps of Jesus**

## **2025 Annual Report**



# A MESSAGE FROM CEO

Mike Salaita

## MISSION

To reach, teach and inspire our young adults in their leadership to impact others by walking in the actual footsteps of Jesus.



Mike Salaita, President & CEO

“The Footsteps of Jesus” ministry was inspired by taking my family to Israel in 2018. My wife and I along with our two teenage kids, served our church in numerous capacities: setting up and breaking down church services, teaching, audio visual, etc... As a family, we learned about serving the Lord. Our trip to Israel was life changing as the Bible came to life. The stories of Jesus became more real than ever before. When we returned from our trip, we noticed our kids changed from “got to go” to “get to go” to church. They were inspired as teenagers, which will impact the rest of their lives. The example they set for others will change the lives of others. We were so excited about what became of our trip that we visited Israel again in 2023. This is how I found my purpose for what God has for me, to “reach, teach and inspire” others about Jesus. We are in a battle for the future generation. Less than one out of every four born again Christians (23%) embraced Christ after their twenty-first birthday. This is our inspiration for “The Footsteps of Jesus” and we hope you will join us in this mission to grow God’s kingdom.

The ministry of “The Footsteps of Jesus” (FOJ) made one trip to Israel in 2025 and will be making two trips in 2026 with the first trip in March and a second in October. This is a valuable part of scaling the ministry for the future as we further develop relationships, itineraries, routines and tools for the trip. We are coordinating with some exceptional friends such as Capt. Daveed, our Jesus boat captain in Galilee, Father Kelly at The Magdala Hotel, Samantha at the Notre Dame Center and many others. “FOJ” has developed an impactful twenty-two-week program for group studies preceding the trip that explores each site that we visit immediately after landing in Tel Aviv. We will continue to focus primarily on the sites of Jesus however, there are several remarkable sites including Caesarea, Gideon Spring, Ein Gedi, the Hezekiah tunnels that we visit.

“FOJ” will continue to pursue young adult Christian leaders to further develop their leadership for a future in leading others to Christ with a goal of reaching, teaching and inspiring more than 1,000 leaders in the next ten years.



The total number of people trips taken by "FOJ" ending 2025.

14

The total number of people trips scheduled in 2026.

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The total number of people trips projected in 2027.

30

# Testimonials

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**Mark Breeding – Verizon Wireless Engineer:** I traveled with Mike Sailaita to Israel on the Footsteps of Jesus tour in March of 2025. Mike led us across the Holy Land visiting more than 50 sites in a once in a lifetime experience. Each location held a significant moment in the life of Christ and brought before me the reality of Jesus' life and miracles that I had only read in the Bible. They were no longer words; it was scripture brought to life! The Footsteps of Jesus tour is meticulously laid out so that one has the ability to truly absorb the word of God and the experiences of Christ in the very place of his footsteps. I felt as though I was looking through the lens of Jesus and his disciples. This is a once in a lifetime experience that every Christian should make a priority in their faith journey. The Footsteps of Jesus has strengthened my faith and increased my passion to grow closer to Christ. So much so, I am returning in March of 2027 with 12 of my closest friends so that they too may walk in the footsteps of Jesus.



**Bradd Potter, Vice Chairman of Elders, Grace Point Fellowship Church, Kingsport Tennessee:** Traveling to Israel and walking in the Footsteps of Jesus has always been a dream of mine but never seemed attainable. Thankfully through FOJ my dream became a reality. In March, 2025 I was actually walking in the footsteps of Jesus and other timeless characters written about in the Bible. In total we visited over 50 sites in the Holy Land. As a Christian there is not a more desirable pilgrimage but the intimacy of a smaller group made it more personal and meaningful. I am already planning a return trip with my wife and friends. Mike has been called by God to make this dream a reality for many people, young and old, and he's being obedient. I can't thank him enough for the memories he provided me.

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