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"O Lord, my Strength and my Stronghold, And my Refuge in the day of distress and need, the nations will come to You From the ends of the earth and say, 'Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies and illusion, [Worthless] things in which there is no benefit!' (Jeremiah 16:19, AMP)

The Hands that **Robbed** the Cradle



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Shalom from Jerusalem

Dear Christian Friends of Israel,

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Ps.147:3

Yesterday, I attended a prayer event at the Knesset attended by several Knesset Members. Many of them shared their hearts of gratitude towards the Christians assembled in the room and around the world whom they knew were standing alongside them, fighting and advocating for Israel's right to exist, standing up for the Jewish communities in their nations, speaking out for the sake of truth amidst a tsunami of lies. Yet there was one Knesset Member who told how he couldn't smile for six months after October 2023, but his frozen life was finally melted by love and a hug, in particular the love of knowing that the Jewish people are not alone – there are true friends in the nations who care. I thank you, Christian Friends, that you care enough to express your love in deeds as well as speech and sentiment. Your love is helping to melt numb and sometimes lacerated hearts, binding them up to heal and hope again. It is the ministry of our Lord.

In His Service,
Tristan Hall

International Executive Director



CHRISTIANS AND JEWS PICKING OLIVES SIDE BY SIDE NEAR GAZA BORDER

A team from CFI joined the Root and Branch Project which brought Jews and Christians together to harvest olives in the southern communities near Gaza border who suffered so greatly from the horrific Hamas attacks on Oct 7th 2023.

The Project is an initiative of **Marziyeh Amirizadeh** from the New Persia organization and **Jonathan Feldstein** from the Genesis 123 Foundation (bottom right). It was a hands-on, meaningful, and tangible way for Christians to make a personal connection to Israel, the Israeli people, and to be a blessing to the people and nation. All proceeds from the olive oil and other olive products will directly benefit these devastated communities in the south. CFI is delighted to be a part of this wonderful Project.

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The Hands that **Robbed** the Cradle



“No one can be a great thinker who does not recognize that as a thinker it is his first duty to follow his intellect to whatever conclusions it may lead.” – John Stuart Mill –

A recent newscast reported a man spending twenty years in prison for a crime he did not commit. His honor was severely harmed and his reputation, completely ruined. During the interview, a reporter asked him how the lengthy prison sentence affected him. His response was clearly, “It stole the perception of who I am – my name is my identity.”

Should a thief snatch a baby from its crib, the baby be taken away and raised under someone other than its parents, then the baby loses its parental qualities, received while cradled under its parents’ environment. In due time it will not resemble its birth family or culture into which he or she was born. I share this real-life illustration in order to explore history and clarify what transpired between time and era to the Jewish faith movement of Jesus which was removed from its Jewish cradle (the cradle of Christianity). The spiritual consequences of that removal from its surroundings in which it emerged, is incalculable. While Jesus and His disciples were present on earth, the faith movement retained its Jewish character, and His followers felt comfortable worshiping with the Jewish people in the synagogues. Later as it grew, the movement developed a personality other than its Jewish one. After Jesus and the Jewish apostles died, the hands of the gentiles lifted the Jewish faith out of its Jewish crib and placed it in a foreign atmosphere where it developed into an independent religion and rejected its Jewish origins. Today we have two separate religions which began as one. It is unrecognizable to the world as a Jewish sect, no longer desiring to relate to its real parents. In Judaism “...the cruelest thing a child can do is not to acknowledge his or her parents.” (Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Koren Publishing)

Jesus, whose Hebrew birth name was “Yeshua” would have been listed as a Hebrew child written in the rolled scroll documented as Census in Judea. Born as prophesied in the scroll of **Isaiah (9:6)** which was the only “Bible” Jesus taught from, were sacred scriptures which eventually came to be labeled “outdated and old” by non-Jews. We need to grasp how a kidnapping occurred, in order to be able to understand the hands that robbed the cradle.

I Never thought to ask Questions

Since called by God to live in Israel, Ray and I have been confronted by questions which we never had to think about before. Raised in traditional church denominations, we grew up in a Christian world. There were no Jewish people around us. There was no knowledge of the origins of our faith – as everyone our age, was confirmed under the auspices of the local Reverend sent by the local diocese and assigned to our community. I would never have thought to ask where my faith originated – how many of us ever would? I have no doubt that most of you reading this prophetic study had similar upbringings. It was only later in life when we were born again, spirit-filled and in Israel, that we were challenged face-to-face with questions that inspired us to “think” and was the real reason we could not immediately respond in a well-informed way. We had never been taught to ask questions in church. We, like everyone else, accepted what we had been told in church and never checked whether it met the criteria of Scripture.

I recall Dr. Billy Graham stating, **“the Bible says!”** He could always prove that what he was preaching could be found in the Bible. The sad evidence of history requires that I share what I have learned and what can be proven to be true – as hard as it may be to believe. If I do not speak



Sharing what you have Learnt from the Scriptures

Searching the scriptures

the truth, I could be asked one day, “*Why did you not share with the sheep of my pasture (your brothers and sisters) the truth which you uncovered on your life’s journey with the Jewish people?*” This thought propels me to tell our story of the questions we faced. We were now living in a Jewish world (not a Christian one) that had come head-to-head with “Christian” neighbors through the centuries and had been confronted by blatant Christian anti-Semites with no interest in helping them, spewing hatred from vicious lips and turning away, which the Jewish people will never forget. The Jewish communities had expected more from those who preached love. We need to realize that there is a substantial difference between Christendom (the institution driving Christianity) and (the life-preserving faith) in which we believe, in order to understand the horrible truth.

God Never Ordered two Bibles

Contradictions and discrepancies began to show up in the writings of Christendom’s “new” separate Bible. Had God ordered two Bibles? No! Secondly, in some texts, translators who did not understand Hebrew or the Jewish context

at the time of their translating, sometimes inserted words they knew best to translate the sentence structure. This is a hard message to convey to those who may be opposed to questioning; however, I know in my heart, that this scholarly evidence needs to be distributed worldwide. It will be, “up to us” what we do with it!

I take very seriously the words Jesus spoke in the Writings of the (Jewish) Apostles known as the New Testament. **“*Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity*” (Matthew 7:21-23).** The part about “*I never knew you*” troubles me and I know I have to make the effort to explain that, in reality, **the hands that robbed the cradle of Christianity of its identity made serious mistakes when they stole the faith in its infancy.**

Church was drilled into us from childhood in Sunday school and through confirmation day until it became our status and identification, such as, “Which church do you belong to?” Having been born after WWI, no one was talking about religious origins. You just needed to be in church on Sunday in your local village. Church bells rang and we settled into our regular pews. Since we were *all* Christians, we just never thought to ask. I had never met a Jew. There were none in our community. Today my view from my balcony overlooks the City of the Great King. Every morning, I can gaze at the Jerusalem of old; the home of my faith. It took an understanding of a Chosen People to comprehend the missing pieces of the puzzle. The, “*other sheep*” of which Jesus spoke in **John 10:16** and the, “*sheep of the House of Israel*” in **Matthew 15:24** had been separated and did not recognize each other when we arrived in 1985. It has not been easy for us and certainly very embarrassing and humbling. Well-grounded truths forced us to find answers. It has been said that wisdom and faith cannot be fully embraced without searching for truth!

A Christian living among the Jewish people becomes a minority. For anyone who thinks they have all the answers – just spend a month among the Jewish people and you will get a quick and stark awakening. Every Jewish person alive knows the long list of murderous atrocities that have been committed against the Chosen People through Christendom for two THOUSAND years. Their perception of Jesus has been challenging to say the least because of the actions of Christians which spoke louder than words. Betrayal and spiritual pride shocked them, as they had expected more from their Christian neighbors. I was approached one morning with the question, “Why didn’t the Christians follow the Judaism of Jesus?” A question that made me “think” once again. Life has been a classroom of learning, and I had to find out the hard core evidence to respond.

I ask why Christianity has totally separated from the Savior's manhood? The mother of the baby in the cradle remains the mother no matter how much time has passed or how far away from home she has journeyed. Savior's birthplace can never be changed, just like our birth certificates. Our parents are still our parents. As we pull the cover back and see what has been covered over for centuries – we discover the “hands” that robbed the cradle.

Accepting the historical facts of history, our Hebrew heritage was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Sadly, our history is a bit like the wayward son who squandered his inheritance and had to return to his father (**Luke 15:11-32**). I was shocked when I re-read the Prodigal parable and my conclusion was, “we” are the prodigal son that needs to return home and the God of Israel is the Father waiting to welcome us. If we do nothing but continue to take Israel lightly when Jesus is the embodiment of the Torah of Israel, the “church” will continue to fade away in this last dispensation before the return of Jesus.

If we learn now, we can correct our, “thinking.” Israel is the heart of our faith in Jesus. We must love His nation, His Country and people as naturally as waking up in the morning. Our inheritance through Jesus brings us into the Commonwealth of Israel spoken about in **Ephesians 2:12**. We, “join” Israel in the days of redemption; we do not replace them. It only requires that we realize Jesus was a Jew. Miriam's womb was chosen by God to bear Israel a virgin birth. (**Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23; Luke 1:27**) Our spiritual DNA is Jewish. The only way to fix things is through repentance towards the people we should be loving; being in the same family.

“What? I Never Knew Jesus was a Jew!”



Jesus said, “Feed My Sheep”

I do not judge the, “crib snatchers,” however, I do have a responsibility to warn about the consequences of not coming to grips with asking forgiveness. It is my prayer that every pastor and teacher, along with serious students of the Bible, will receive this truth and feed our sheep “*meat in due season.*” (**Matthew 24:45**) Most institutions and educational halls of learning will remain deprived of curriculums which include our Hebrew heritage because of the deceptive teaching called Replacement Theology. Those who prepare themselves in the Spirit as “bride” or “remnant” will hear the call to “come” (**Revelation 22:17**) receive forgiveness and prepare for the Lord's second coming.

If it feels as though the earth is shaking beneath your feet, I encourage everyone to read what Christian antisemitism did to the Jewish people. It is the longest hatred in history on record toward the Jewish people. We cannot continue to pretend it never happened: judgment day may not be too far away. While gentile teachers (called forefathers of the faith) settled in to spread anti-Semitic, deceptive teachings which do not line up with what, “the Bible says,” the face of the child in the crib, changed.

As Balaam, we must once and for all time, open our eyes to see that a very Jewish movement, begun by God's only Son, (a Jewish Rabbi) taught a Torah (instruction) based faith. Forsaking family ties, this movement was totally raised and trained not to recognize its true forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Instead, it became a, “new” faith, other than the one Jesus taught and wound up being an alternative religion, separate from Biblical Judaism, for the foreigner (not born of the House of Israel). God's voice spoke clearly in **Isaiah 56:3** that any foreigner not born of Israel who embraced the God of Israel was forbidden to separate from Israel. “*Our hidden identity cannot be seen today because it has grown up, but its birth certificate – has never changed. It was meant to be Jewish and shall return home.*” (Dr. Tom Bradford, Torah Classroom, Florida, USA)

The modern-day church is seeping with humanistic and theological errors, which crept in when the crib snatchers took the Jewish baby away. Since we began as an offshoot (a *netzer* in Hebrew) from the original olive tree which was carved into two individual identities, we need a change in heart to see the destiny of Israel of which we are a part. I find it interesting that “the word *church* is actually an acronym, something that was inserted into the sacred scriptures, which was never there in the original writings” (Dr. Tom Bradford, Torah Class). The snatchers were false prophets of the doctrines of man which were introduced when Replacement Theology infiltrated the faith, and *they* became our church fathers. They may have called themselves Christ lovers but they followed “*another Jesus*” than The One the Jews brought to us (**2 Corin-**

CONNECT TO THE REAL FAMILY TREE!

The Branches
12 TRIBES
(JEWISH AND
GRAFTED IN CHRISTIANS)

The Trunk
FOREFATHERS OF OUR FAITH
(ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB)

The Root
YESHUA
(OFFSPRING OF DAVID)
ISAIAH 49:3, REVELATION 22:15, ISAIAH 53

ans 11:4). These non-Jews, namely anti-Semites, such as Constantine, Marcion, Justin, Origen, and others are *not* our original forebears! Our forefathers are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from the twelve tribes of Israel. It appears the church is now reaping what it has sown...intolerance of the Jews...and now it has come home to roost. The hands that robbed the cradle committed a serious crime. Whether the propagators of Replacement Theology knew they were in error or they did not know, they poked God in the eye.

After many centuries of having our faith's identity stolen, I believe it is the time to return home spiritually and have a right relationship with Israel in all of our churches. We must connect to our true family tree. It will require learning about the Son of man (*Ben Adam* in Hebrew) which means, "fully human" as well as "Divine." Yes, the church strayed, and it is obvious today. An unauthorized removal of the identity of our faith took place. Let us all be a part of the Lord's, "*restoration of all things*" (Acts 3:21). It is up to our generation to help repair the damage of two thousand years.

As the man who was wrongfully put in prison lost his identity and the perception of him was changed, so Jesus underwent an identity change, and the understanding of His Manhood was taken away from Him.

The underlying reasons for why our identity was stolen are legion when it comes to what motivated the hands that robbed the cradle, which theft, stole the identity of who we truly are.

—Sharon Sanders—

The first duty of man is the seeking after and the investigation of truth." —Cicero

SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT ZION

A growth and increase in reading our prophetic teaching magazine is developing around the world as desire for deeper teaching about the church's relationship to Israel is acknowledged worldwide.

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Our lovers for Israel from Greece

Rudy Encountered An Amazing Experience

While driving to the office this morning I stopped at a traffic light. An orthodox middle aged man (dressed in black and white) tapped on the passenger window asking for a ride. I motioned him into the car. He didn't speak English, I don't speak Hebrew. He did ask if I was a tourist. I said No, I live here. After several blocks he motioned for me to pull over and he would get out. I felt I should give him a CFI ministry card I keep in my wallet (in English and Hebrew). Before he got out of the vehicle I gave it to him. He read the back of card and his eyes opened wide. **When he saw "Christian Friends of Israel" he took my hand in his, kissed his hand and then kissed my hand. He said Thank you and got out.**

The Orthodox Jewish community has not always been friendly to Christians. However, when he saw the name of our organization "**Christian Friends of Israel**" it touched him I believe he realized that there are genuine Christians in the world who want to be with and support Israel, especially at this time. It was a touching moment in Jerusalem between Jew and Christian. It would have been a rare incident for two thousand years. **THANK YOU for making our work continue on unabated as we work to repair damage done to the Jewish people for centuries."**

**Blessings to all of you from Jerusalem,
Rudy Friesen**



An Inspiring Story from Beryl and Sharon

A wonderful Jewish friend, a soldier and a Rabbi, heard the stories of Beryl and Sharon going into the Former Soviet Union to locate and help Holocaust survivors from WWII. On the trip, they encountered the 'KGB' on several occasions. When they told this to the IDF soldier and rabbi, he said **"I am a soldier in the IDF and do not fear the enemy but I'm not sure I would have the courage to face the 'KGB!'** Even though we smiled, he had seen the courage of Christians who love His People.

–Sharon Sanders–

PS: Watch for more inspiring stories in the next issue of FZS, regarding experiences we have encountered in Israel and also when CFI and the team travel abroad.

Beryl is holding Derek Prince Proclamation Cards





MEDIA ◆

CFI Interviews and Articles

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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.

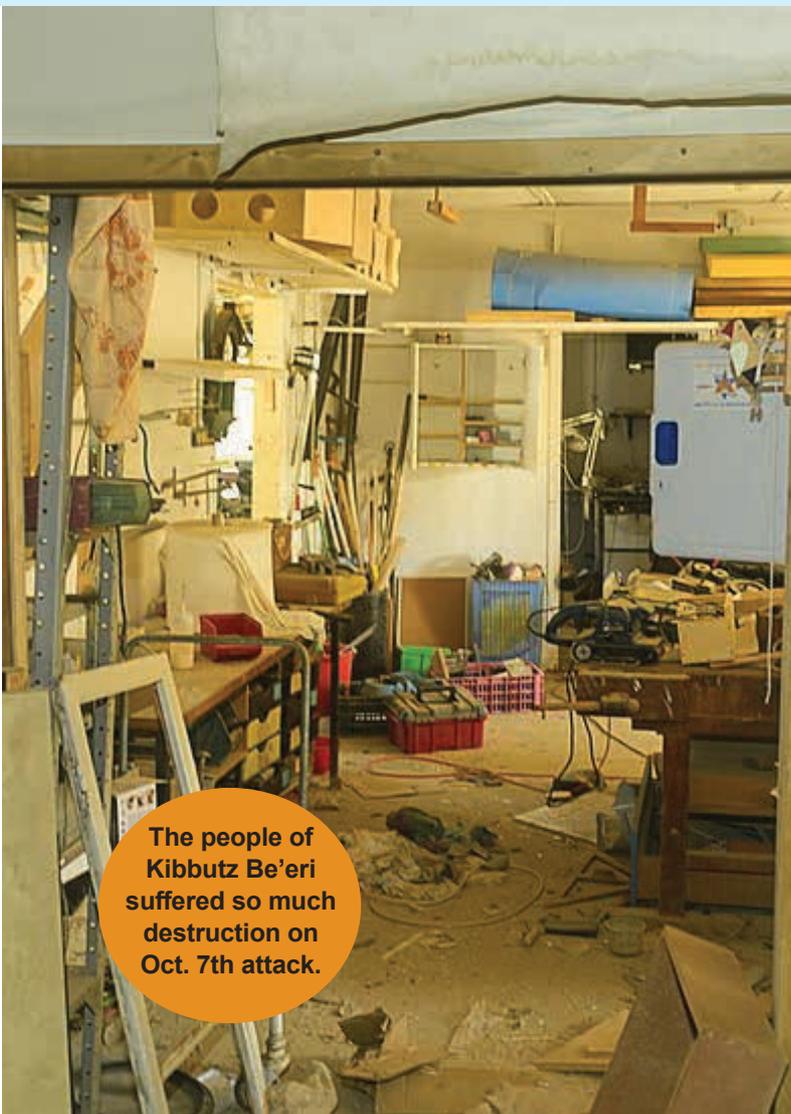
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All Israel News website published an article about our work recently of our support of Israel's soldiers. The article highlighted CFI's connection with the Israel Defense forces since the late 1990's. Over the years countless cups filled with blessings – for the soldiers of Israel who guard the nation of Israel and keep her citizens safe – have been poured out through the outreach efforts of Christian Friends of Israel.

You can read the article here:

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The people of Kibbutz Be'eri suffered so much destruction on Oct. 7th attack.

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 special ceremony took place recently at Kibbutz Be'eri when the foundation stone of a new neighborhood was laid. Read more below about Galya's personal connection and the incredible work CFI is doing all over Israel.

Rebuilding Paradise – Lay of The Land
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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 so terribly on Oct. 7th. International Executive Director Tristan Hall speaks about the laying of a foundation stone at Kibbutz Be'eri.

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Kibbutz members rebuilding with hope



WOUNDED HEARTS

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

Autumn is considered the time when colorful leaves fall from the trees. People often start a new season of study/work after summer breaks. In Israel, autumn is the season of many holidays. Rosh Hashanah, Jewish new year starts, then it is Yom Kippur, day of repentance followed by the joyful feast of Tabernacles and the holidays end on Simchat Torah - literally Joy of Torah (Bible).

Last year 2023, on Simchat Torah (Oct. 7th) in the morning, thousands of Hamas terrorists invaded Israel early in the morning, attacking several kibbutzim, located near the Gaza border. They murdered people and burned people alive in their houses. Also, at the Gaza border by the Kibbutz Reim, a youth music festival was underway. Hamas terrorists also invaded there, killing, raping, and murdering Israeli youth and young adults. At the same time, thousands of rockets were fired from Gaza to Israel, hitting many areas.

Many Hostages still Captive in Gaza PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM

That was the start of the new year in 2023. The consequences of this attack were very grave indeed in Israel. In Gaza there are still 101 hostages being held, many of them, likely already deceased. Relatives of the hostages and all the nation of Israel have been waiting for them for over a year. Survivors of kibbutzim are still evacuees in several towns of Israel. Survivors of the Nova Music Festival are impacted, many of them physically and most of them have developed PTSD, making normal life extremely challenging. They use a variety of psychological programmes provided by the government. Many of these victims cannot go back to work or study, as they did before. They are suffering terribly.

As coordinator of UHW project this year I have met survivors or families of victims of hostilities. CFI has provided various kinds of help to them. During autumn 2024 CFI helped Gaza border kibbutzim residents who are still evacuated in the north, resettle temporarily there and we have also helped with the rebuilding process in the south. The majority of the Gaza border kibbutzim were devastated during the last year and houses need to be completely rebuilt. People are still evacuated in the north but visiting their homes weekly. We have been in contact with Sderot residents who are recently able to return to their homes after being evacuated for 10 months in hotels.

I have also been continuing to be in contact with families and victims of former hostilities, almost weekly. These folk are also in ongoing need of our support. Scars of the 7th Oct. Hamas terror attack are deep. The war is still going on and we are not back to normal. **The people of Israel need more prayer than ever and your financial and physical help in this challenging time. Thank you so much.**

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A TRUE WITNESS OF THE *Love of God*



Project UHW
VENERA OROZALIEVA

It is such a privilege to represent the Lord we love and to serve the God of Compassion. It is our privilege to demonstrate His love here in the land of Israel. God HAS infinite love for the Syrian Druze community, in the north of Israel and He sent us back three times to visit five families who lost their children in the soccer field attack by a Hezbollah rocket in Majdal Shams.

The family's hearts were open to us. They shared the memory of their children. We listened. We felt their pain, wept with them, and comforted them. They were touched and said their doors are open for us to return anytime. ***"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."*** (Romans 12:15) God hears the prayers of the brokenhearted. He is near to them. This story is special to us. CFI staff, Venera, asked God to make a way to visit the parents of a 10-year-old boy who was hit directly by the Hezbollah rocket. He was missing for two days until DNA testing confirmed

who he was. God granted this and we were able to meet and share the love of God with them. Like with the other families, we held hands with these young parents and prayed for healing and peace. ***"...Heal me Oh Lord and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved for you are my praise."*** (Jeremiah 17:14)

We also visited two children in hospital in Tel Aviv. Both were severely injured from a rocket attack. We spent good time with them and blessed them with toys. We told them, "we are Christians and we love you." To God be the Glory and Honor! **Thank you very much for standing with us and supporting us with our project "Under His Wings."**

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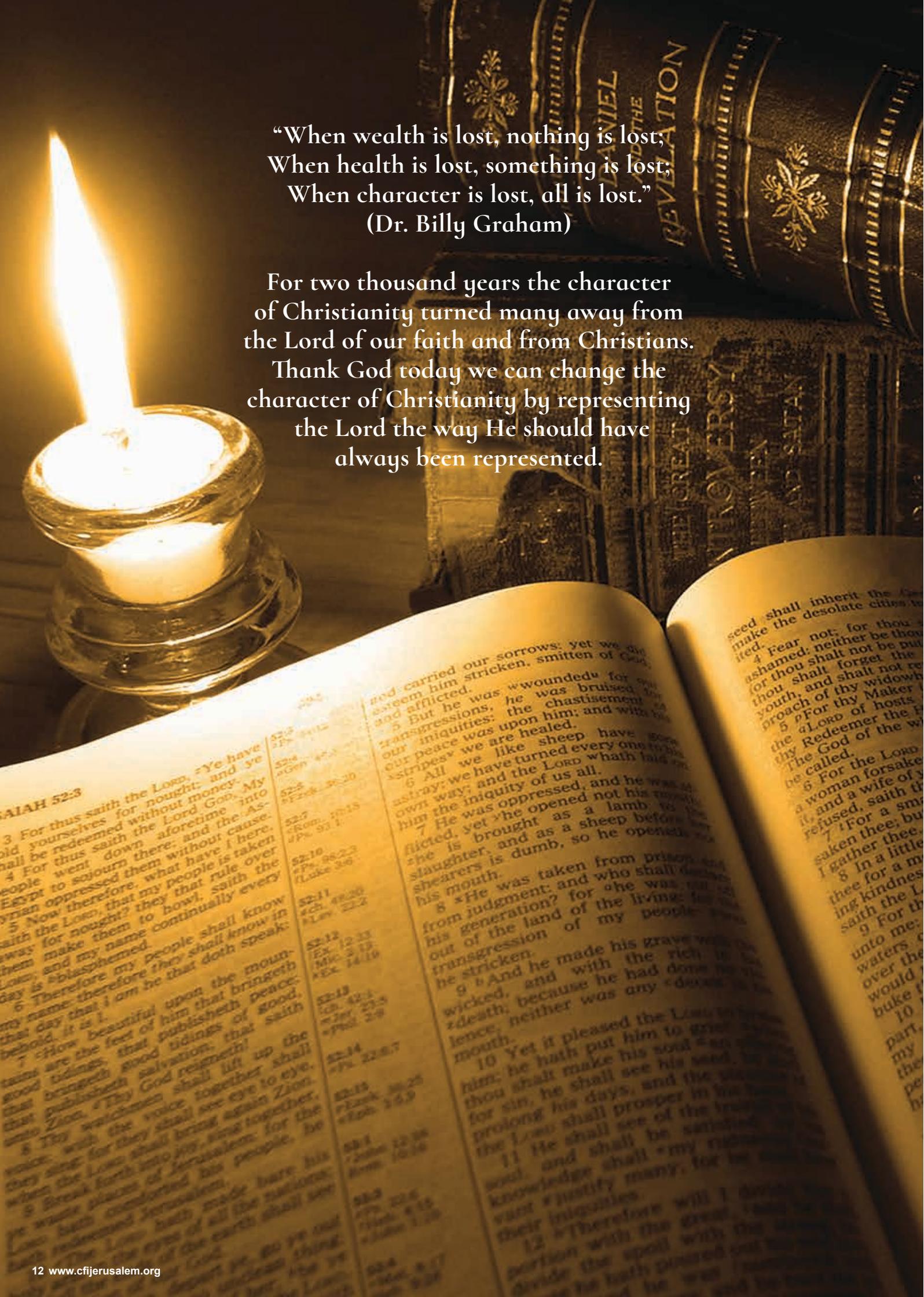


Sharing Memories
of the Children

"Ah Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU." Jeremiah 32:17

“When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, all is lost.”
(Dr. Billy Graham)

For two thousand years the character
of Christianity turned many away from
the Lord of our faith and from Christians.
Thank God today we can change the
character of Christianity by representing
the Lord the way He should have
always been represented.



ISAIAH 52:3

3 For thus saith the Lord, "Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money."
4 For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the Lord, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the Lord; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know their name: there they shall know I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.
7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, "Thy God reigneth!"
8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice they shall sing: when the Lord shall bring again Zion, they shall break forth into joy, sing together, and shall praise the Lord, saying, "Break ye the bars of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem."
9 The Lord hath made bare his arm; and all the eyes shall see him: and the ears shall hear his voice: and the voice shall be as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of the sea-breeze: and he shall say, "Zion, I have redeemed thee, thy captivities have been opened: thy gates shall be open, and thy people shall prosper: thou shalt say, 'The Lord hath redeemed Jerusalem.'"
10 And the Lord shall be seen, and he shall bring forth his sign: and he shall say, "Zion, I have redeemed thee, thy captivities have been opened: thy gates shall be open, and thy people shall prosper: thou shalt say, 'The Lord hath redeemed Jerusalem.'"
11 And the Lord shall say, "I will be true to my covenant with the house of David, and I will be true to my covenant with the house of Israel: and I will build up the ruins of Jerusalem, and I will plant the trees, and I will set the watchtowers, and I will set the walls, and I will build up the towers: and the people shall dwell therein, and they shall say, 'The Lord hath redeemed Jerusalem.'"
12 And the Lord shall say, "I will be true to my covenant with the house of David, and I will be true to my covenant with the house of Israel: and I will build up the ruins of Jerusalem, and I will plant the trees, and I will set the watchtowers, and I will set the walls, and I will build up the towers: and the people shall dwell therein, and they shall say, 'The Lord hath redeemed Jerusalem.'"

and carried our sorrows: yet we did not esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.
8 He was taken from prison, and who shall declare his generation? for he was refused out of the land of the living: his transgression of my people he stricken.
9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich he was laid: because he had done violence, neither was any decaying in his mouth.
10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him: he hath put him to grief: thou shalt make his soul as an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the will of the Lord shall prosper in him. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: his knowledge shall multiply, and he shall justify many; he shall increase, and shall not decrease.

seed shall inherit the land, and shall make the desolate cities inhabited.
4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt not forget the law of thy mouth, and shalt not be reproached of thy widow, nor shall thou be reproached of thy Maker: for thou shalt say, "The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, hath redeemed me."
5 The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, hath redeemed me.
6 For the Lord of hosts hath forsaken thee, and a wife of anger hath despised thee, and she hath refused, saith the Lord: for a smiter she hath smitten thee; but she will not gather thee: for a little she will be kind to thee, and she will say, "I will be kind to thee, and I will be kind to thee."
7 For a little she will be kind to thee, and she will say, "I will be kind to thee, and I will be kind to thee."
8 In a little she will be kind to thee, and she will say, "I will be kind to thee, and I will be kind to thee."
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JOSEPH'S LEGACY

Messiah Prefigured in the Life of Joseph



The brothers tore off Joseph's coat, just as the Roman soldiers removed Yeshua's clothes and divided it to cast lots. This points to Him being the Son of God as scripture foretold.

You may have heard it stated that two types of Messiahs are depicted in Scripture, representing the two advents of Messiah. The first is often termed Messiah *ben Yosef* or son of Joseph, and the second, Messiah *ben David*, the son of David, the conquering King. In this brief article, we will reprise some of the beautiful and moving images of Messiah Yeshua, Jesus, in the life of Joseph, the suffering servant.

LINEAGE: In the lineage of Yeshua, the husband of his mother just happens to be named Joseph, and Joseph's father's name was Jacob. A clear nod towards the one who prefigured our Lord at His birth.

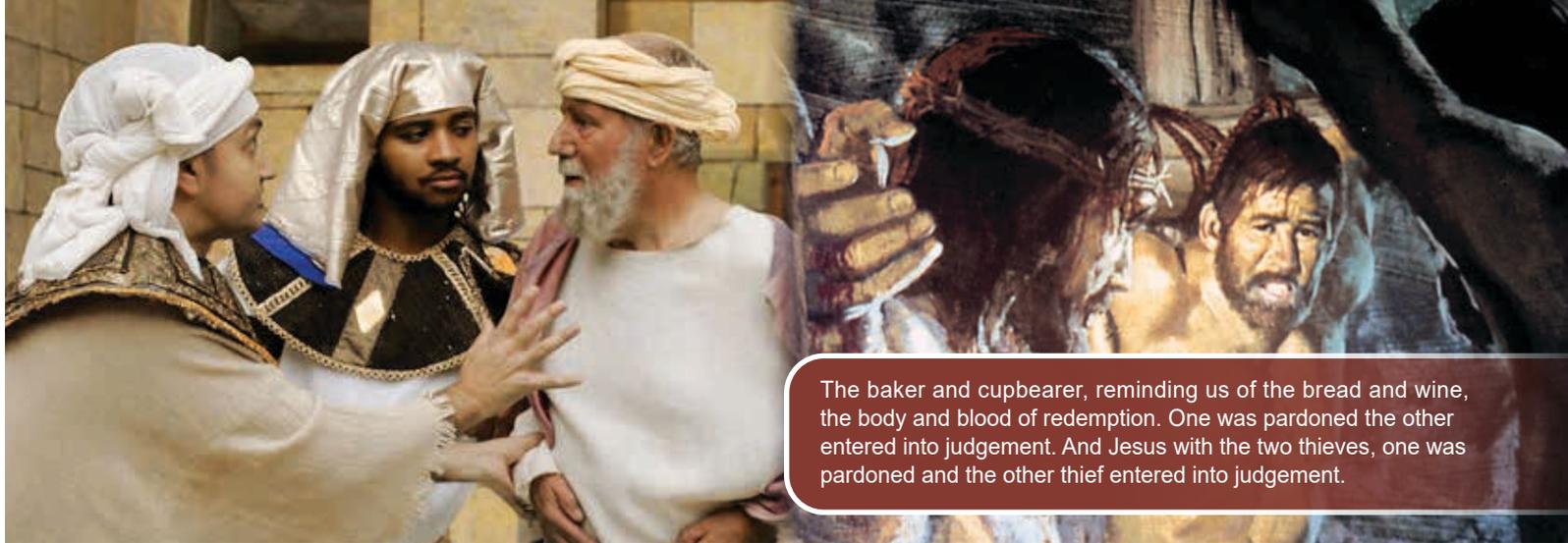
BARRENNESS: Until Joseph was born, Rachel had been barren for many years, like Sarah and Rebekah before her. In Joseph, life emerged from the deadness of Rachel's womb, in itself, a visceral picture of resurrection – life from the dead.

NOT FIRSTBORN: Joseph was not the first-born son, yet he was God's chosen conduit for blessing. This follows a strong pattern in Torah (Able not Cain; Isaac not Ishmael; Jacob not Esau, etc.). This represents Yeshua being the 'second Adam,' through whom alone come the spiritual blessings of eternal life (1 Cor.15:45-49).

RAIMENT: Joseph's coat was not some random foray into rainbow-style fashion, but a specific garment known as a *ketonet passim*, traditionally worn by the children of kings. The brothers tore off Joseph's coat, just as the soldiers removed Yeshua's clothes and divided them in John 19:23-24. This points to Yeshua's identity as the Son of God.

BLOOD: At Yeshua's second advent, when He returns as King, we read in Rev.19:13 that His garments will be demarked by a bloodstain. Likewise, Joseph's precious coat was dipped in blood.

CONSPIRACY: The Pharisees conspired against Yeshua – Matt.27:1. So also Joseph's brothers plotted together to kill him.



The baker and cupbearer, reminding us of the bread and wine, the body and blood of redemption. One was pardoned the other entered into judgement. And Jesus with the two thieves, one was pardoned and the other thief entered into judgement.

FALSE WITNESS: Both Yeshua and Joseph experienced false accusations – the latter by Potiphar’s wife, the former as seen in Matt.26:59-60.

PIT: Joseph was cast into a dry well where his brothers intended for him to die. Yeshua’s body was placed in a tomb for 3 days and 3 nights. When Reuben went back to rescue Joseph, he found only an empty pit – Joseph had allegorically been resurrected. So too did the three Miriams find Yeshua’s tomb empty upon their arrival.

SOLD: Joseph was sold into slavery for 20 pieces of silver. Yeshua was also betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver.

REJECTION: Joseph was rejected at the first, just as Yeshua was rejected and put to death at His first advent. After a long period of time, Joseph reappears to his brethren, but at first is unrecognized because of his Egyptian appearance, name and apparel. Isn’t it interesting how so often, a ‘gentile’ version of Yeshua is depicted, replete with a Greek name, sometimes with blond hair and blue eyes, sometimes even beardless ... no doubt unrecognizable to how He really looked. Apparently, facets of Christendom were not ready to embrace a ‘Jewish Jesus’ in time past – and many are still not today. What a surprise it will be for many in the church when they recognize Him for who He truly is – just as it was for Joseph’s brothers when he re-entered their lives for a second time. We see the same pattern in the Torah of rejection followed by later acceptance in the lives of Moses, David, and Jephthah.

PROPHECY: Consider the dreams Joseph received whilst incarcerated with two criminals, the baker and the cup-bearer (themselves hinting of bread and wine; the body and blood of redemption). One was destined to be pardoned in 3 days, the other destined to death in 3 days. What a parallel to Yeshua at His crucifixion, flanked either side by two thieves, one who sought and received pardon, the other who cursed and entered judgement.

GENTILES: Yeshua was crucified by Roman soldiers, not directly by the Pharisaical leadership. So also, Joseph was not killed by his brothers, but after initially being left for dead, was sold into the hands of gentile traders.

RIVEN VESTMENTS: At the moment of Yeshua’s death, the veil of the Most Holy Place in the Temple was

rent asunder from top to bottom. The Father heart of God was broken for His Son, just as Jacob’s heart was broken at the news of the death of Joseph, when he also rent his garments.

SALVATION: Through Joseph, the whole House of Israel was saved from death by famine, besides multitudes of Egyptians. So too Yeshua has opened the way of salvation through His atoning death on the tree, when He became a tree of life for the whole world.

GENTILE BRIDE: Joseph’s wife, Asenath, was Egyptian – as with Boaz and Ruth, this is a picture of the One New Man (Eph.2:15)

It is so vital to grasp these precious foreshadowings because they so clearly anchor the life of Yeshua in the Torah. Recall that Yeshua said that Moses “wrote of me” (Jn.5:46). Any church that teaches a divorcement between the writings of the first and second covenants / old and new testaments, either explicitly or through omission, is not teaching the ‘*whole counsel of God*’ (Acts 20:27). In Joseph’s life, we see how ardent his love is for his brothers at their reunion. As Christians, we must never be haughty towards Yeshua’s own brethren, the Jewish people, for as Paul asked in Rom.11:24b ‘*how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*’

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director





Serving Israel in the Promised Land

“Remove every obstacle out of the way of My People.” Isaiah 57:14

“Comfort, Comfort My People, says Your God.” Isaiah 40:1

This verse is very current. The war has been going on for over a year now. Many villages along the border, both in the north and south, have been attacked. Thousands of rockets have been fired towards Israel. In a conversation with someone from Metulah, which is a village on the border with Lebanon, he told me that eighty percent of the houses have some damage. Big and small damage from rockets. That means that most of the help is yet to come when people return to their homes. People have been evacuated and are missing their homes and belongings. Our ministry is more current than in previous years. Our main task right now is to comfort, and to be with, and to pray for the victims, and wherever we can to support in finances and practical help. I want to introduce myself shortly. I am Gert van Vliet from the Netherlands. I am the new coordinator of ‘Communities Under Attack.’ I came to Israel with my wife and four children to serve the Lord. I came to faith in the Lord Yeshua eleven years ago. At the same time God opened my eyes for His plan with His people, Israel. As my journey started, I ended up serving CFI in the Promised Land.

Since the beginning of the war, we see a big difference in the hearts of the people. There is pain, there is trauma, and people are looking for support from God. Almost always we are welcomed with open arms, and we are allowed to share in their pain. In the last months we have visited evacuated people from the villages along the northern border several times. It may sound nice to stay in a hotel, but to do so knowing that your house has been damaged by rockets is not so nice. People are often depressed and

have no perspective. But God gives perspective. We can know that even though we sometimes do not see it right away, He is faithful to His people. Many people had written personal cards for them, and we were allowed to give gifts for Rosh Hashanah. People had tears in their eyes and were very grateful that we as Christians thought of them. I think this is exactly what Isaiah 40:1 says. When they can be comforted, we need to be there to do it. We carry this calling in our hearts as followers of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua.

We have also visited several Kibbutzim on the Gaza border. We visited Zikim and Shlomit, both communities are largely back in their kibbutz. We were allowed to receive aid requests and are now working on several projects. We helped a farmer to milk the cows, and we also were able to support a family in Nahal Oz, to paint their safe room. They were hiding and passed

Gerrit with team giving out gifts



very scary moments when terrorists entered their home on Oct.7th 2023. They want to get pass this traumatic experience by painting everything different colors. We are honored and blessed to be able to contribute to their needs. God protected them in a divine way. Even though I am serving for just a couple of months, I already have insufficient space to tell you all of my experiences. We at CFI are grateful for your unconditional support, prayers and contribution to the land of Israel. Because of you, we are able to be here on behalf of you and to serve God. At almost all of my visits I mention that I come on behalf of Yeshua followers from all over the world, not just me. I am aware that I am honored to act on behalf of the body of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua. **With a grateful heart I would like to thank you on behalf of CUA for your contribution and support. May God richly bless you in all your endeavors for Him.**

Blessings from Mount Zion,

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**Listening
is an Art
of Love**



REPAIRING THE DAMAGE OF TWO THOUSAND YEARS BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

One Jewish friend said: "You are two thousand years late, but thank GOD you came!"



We are to separate ourselves from the world but never from Israel. Isaiah 56:3

◆ FIRST FRUITS



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HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH REVIVED

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2 Corinthians 9:10

As CFI First Fruits we diligently assist and build up the existing believing communities in the Land.

Recently we were able to assist a local believer who was in need of financial assistance to help with extensive dental work. His teeth were in need of dental care badly. The labor market is tight and the work that he has does not pay sufficient to cover his bills. This makes the support of his young children at home and paying dental expenses very difficult. Much joy was brought to his heart as we continue to supply seed to the sowers and bread for food supplies to personal households.

Helping Arab Believers in Bethlehem, Judea, and Samaria – with Quality Christian Printed Material in their Language

CFI has a partnership with Derek Prince Ministries to distribute their Christian teaching materials in the land of Israel. Many Arab speaking believers are very familiar with these materials. These are very gratefully received wherever we take them. We even had the opportunity to bring some to Bethlehem to be used within the Christian community there. As you can see (below left) to enter Bethlehem one passes through a border check point with a reminder that you are now coming under the Palestinian Authority, and Israeli Citizens are not allowed to enter.



Listening is a big part of feeling “their” pain and needs



And the Lord brings JOY when brethren help one another.



Delivering Derek Prince materials to Bethlehem



Distributing Derek Prince literature to Arabic citizens



Distributing Derek's materials

Supplying Local Christian Ministries – With Conference Materials

This local ministry ministers to Arab women. She asked if we could supply some printed material for the over 160 Arab women who were to attend her conference. These we were able to provide through the Derek Prince materials we have. The book titled “Receiving God’s Promises” was given out to all who came. This is another way that we at CFI–First Fruits are able to come alongside the believers in the Land.

Helping Local Gypsy Community – With A Sponsored Event

In Jerusalem there is a community of Domari Gypsies that have a long history in the land. Many of these people have been living in poverty at the lowest level of society. The Domari Society seeks to assist these Domari women with education and vocational skills.

An event was planned here in Jerusalem to increase public awareness of these people and practical ways to help. CFI–First Fruits was able to assist with this event by working with the Christians involved in organizing this event. This assistance took the form of a sponsorship to cover the cost of the food served. A media presentation was given at a local Church, and this was followed by live traditional music and delicious food prepared by the gypsies.



CHURCHES IN ISRAEL STILL LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF DEREK PRINCE



Being a blessing to the Gypsies at Christ Church, Old City

Thank you for your part helping us bless the body of Yeshua in the Land of Israel!

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The lady below in red is the Director of the Domari Society



An event was planned for the gypsy community

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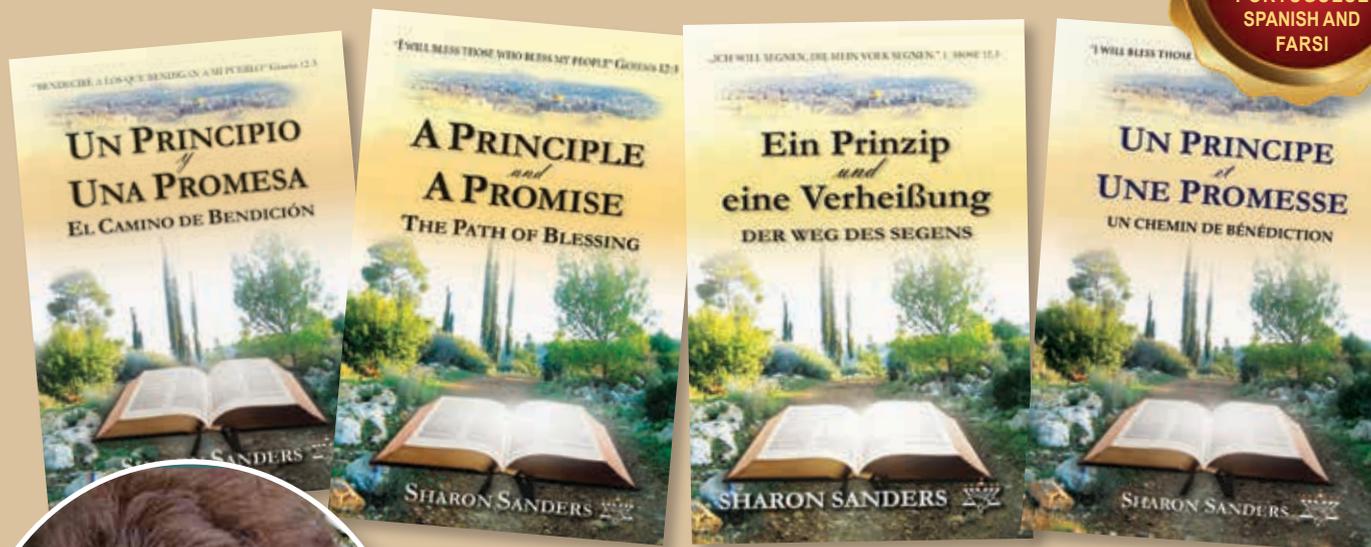
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Carrying Beta Israel On Our Shoulders

I have now been in the Land 6 months, attempting to rebuild former relationships within this ministry, as well as establish new ones. And though progress has been made, it has been slow.

We continue to distribute food vouchers to needy families during the holidays, this time serving over 40 Ethiopian families in B'nei Brak, with the help of dear Rachel.

Rachel continues to try to re-open her Youth Center/ After School Program, however that is currently encumbered in bureaucracy and red tape. In the meantime, though she maintains her contacts within the community, even having a tutor available to visit the homes of the children in need of assistance with their schooling. And we continue to try to help wade through all the obstacles and will prayerfully have a positive solution soon.

In the meantime, we have been able to make contact with a congregation in Talpiot, near Jerusalem, and they would like our assistance with establishing a new Youth Center of their own! We envision having tutors available 2-3 times per week to assist with Mathematics, English, and Computer Skills, and there has also been some interest expressed in the area of learning to sew, and we have several women on staff who could assist with that.

Assisting Needs of the Community

And of course we continue to assist various individuals as well, including a young man I'll call Solomon, and one woman I have previously mentioned, who I'll refer to as Yahalom. Solomon previously served in the IDF (military), and due to injuries and other issues, he returned from his service with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). As a result of everything he experienced, he is now disabled and cannot work, however Hope For The Future was able to provide him with some much-needed financial assistance. As for Yahalom, she has been helped by us in the past, however we continue to see what more we might be able to do for her, as she is an older woman who lives alone, and has to deal with many health challenges.

Monica with Almaz prepared a meal





HFF Coordinator
MONICA RUBY



Meetings are Important to Build Relationships



Monica giving out food vouchers in B'nei Brak

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:10-13

And as we come to the end of the Gregorian Calendar year, I do not know all that awaits me here in the Land, but I look forward to all that the Father has for me, in whatever ways He would like to use me. Thank you all so much for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support, we would not be able to do this work without you!

Ethiopians Living in Israel Today

There are no words to tell each of you just how desperately some of the Ethiopian communities need our help! As I visit their towns and cities where they are living, it is difficult for me to see the conditions some live in today. Having traveled all the way to Israel, some by very primitive means and putting their lives in much danger, did everything they could to “reach Israel.” Many expected to see the Temple as they did not know that it had not yet been built but their faith is strong, and I am so blessed to meet them and to reach out to make a difference in their lives. Will you help me to visit more homes and Community Centers where we need to bring blessings to more Ethiopians who love their Land but find it difficult, especially since the war, to make ends meet with the rising prices of food and grocery items? You can make a difference. Sharon Sanders always reminds us that her favorite saying is “To the world you may be one person, but to one person YOU may be the world!”

Write me today and I can tell you the greatest needs many of these precious ones have...things that you and I often take for granted. WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

Monica Ruby

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B'nei Brak skyline





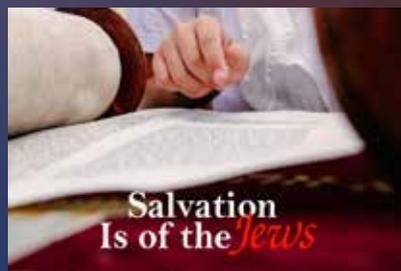
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It has been on our hearts for some time, and now has become a reality into which we are growing and working firmly with others of like-mind, spirit, and brotherly love. Christian Friends of Israel is blessed to have been given our headquarters status being in the center of Jerusalem by Israeli administration years ago. Therefore, our true “home” will always be centered in Jerusalem. For the past year we have been working in close relationship with and in cooperation with Derek Prince Ministries (DPM). Our affiliation with one another has turned out to be not only a joy but true brotherhood as we watch each other participate in true friendship, teamwork and our interest is not only for the goals and objectives of one another but in union of the Spirit of Yeshua. We are blessing one another and somehow, we feel **the Smile of Heaven** upon our individual work for Him. At this time, we are searching for other “**like minded**” ministries with whom we might be able to bless and in turn, bless one another.

For more information about how you might want to partnership with CFI Jerusalem including your society or organization, we welcome you to write to: cfi@cfijerusalem. The Lord just might want you and your vision to be in concert with our Jerusalem based ministry headquarters and we accomplish twice as much. Thank You!



Brothers With Front-Line Warriors



DS Coordinator
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A Testimony to Breaking Down Walls

CFI's Staff Coordinator (Gert, middle photo from the Netherlands) with an IDF Battalion and the Director of Heritage Center Christ Church from the Old City of Jerusalem. Idan belongs to this Battalion which keeps the nation safe and protects Judea and Samaria as they base near the Check Point to the area. This was a special day in which Jews, a Christian and a Messiah believing Jew can work together and engage on conversations about the war and the love of God for Israel. Many soldiers are not religious warriors but praying together to the One True God is not a problem for them. CFI purchased approximately 350 new towels for the soldiers, supplies of bottled water and special treats for the entire Battalion.

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The 'Spirit' is Back!

A friend of mine, a reservist in the IDF, and also a man of God's Word (a Rabbi) works to bring all soldiers to the realization that the Torah is God's Word and that now Israel is back in her Land, the Spirit of God wants them to study Torah whole heartedly ... and he told me "many soldiers sit on the edge of their seat listening and seeking God's Voice." – **Sharon Sanders** –

Through David's Shield we have had countless contacts in the IDF for over 26 years and today we enjoy being a blessing to many soldiers who need our support and love to continue to fight the wars against evil surrounding them on many fronts. Your prayers, support and love means so much to them!

“FOR IT IS HASHEM YOUR GOD WHO MARCHES WITH YOU TO DO BATTLE FOR YOU AGAINST YOUR ENEMY, TO BRING YOU VICTORY.” DEUTERONOMY 20 : 4

Much of our CFI outreach work is done among Israel's soldiers who serve in the IDF on the front lines. They are heroes while fighting the enemy but after they finish their service and return back to society, it is often very challenging and traumatic to enter back into 'normal' life ... putting the ugly memories and what they faced behind them is not an easy task. We need to be there to encourage them! They are fighting for every freedom loving country in the world.

God's Words are Powerful on the Battlefield

“During the early days of the war...soldiers carefully packed the Torah scrolls (the Hebrew bible) into a storage room, preparing to bring them with them into battle. All know that the Torah is Israel's Greatest Weapon ... it is the soldier's moral compass ... all this past year, the IDF soldiers and military branches have been fighting for the values that the Torah instill in each Israeli – the call to protect life, seek justice, uphold kindness and face evil.” (Sara Lamm, TheIsraelBible.com)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 16-17)

The Voice of Almighty God is heard throughout the complete Torah and throughout the Writings of the (Jewish) Apostles which Christians call the “New” Testament. It is wonderful to see the faith and trust which Israeli soldiers have today because the Spirit of the Lord God is back – back to help them fight the battles of the Lord.

**Right: IDF soldier with Rescued Hostage from Gaza
Below: Attending to a Palestinian woman who was wounded**

IDF on the Frontlines



Never Alone!



I am managing "Never Alone"

A young lone soldier visited the CFI ministry offices some time back, needed assistance and we helped him. About two years later Sharon Sanders contacted the soldier and found that he had been given a vision to help other lone soldiers, as he was helped. Being a soldier (presently serving in reserves) at this time, has built his vision to open a soldier base in the heart of Jerusalem. At first he had assistance from the government but at this present time, he is "chief, cook and bottle washer" (as we used to say)...in other words, he is short staffed but works long hours meeting the needs of the lone soldiers who come to him, helping to guide them and supply them with the basic needed items until they are called into the army. During times of holidays and at family events or weekends, sometimes they get invited to a BBQ or very special evening will be planned by 'Never Alone.' Some soldiers are from religious homes and from abroad in a number of countries.

Lone Soldiers Come to Serve

All the lone soldiers decided to leave their comfort zones and come to Israel to join in the IDF to serve their nation. After arriving in Israel there is adjustment to a new way of life and society in Israel. They need help getting their paperwork for the army done, a place to lay their heads (housing) until they are called into the army which time could be as much as several months. During this waiting period, most do not have any jobs, work is scarce and money is tight or almost nonexistent. A few help pay for their lodging while with the "Never Alone" base but many cannot. The burden then lies on

this one lone soldier to raise the funds to help them be taken care of during this waiting period before army service. Once they are in the army, then their support and provisions are met, connections are made and provisions for social and mental health agencies provided. When army service is finished they can continue with their studies and there are many options with employment and building communities for them and their families to grow and build a successful life in Israel such as working with those suffering from trauma, mentoring new soldiers, clubs, Big Brother programs, and more. **CFI aims to be a blessing to this army base and the founder, whose name is "Tzvi."** For those who will take "Never Alone" into your hearts, we will make sure that you get a special photograph of Tzvi and the soldiers in his base, for each donation you send to us will be given to them one-hundred percent for the needs of those who are pre-army (waiting to go into service) and those who come out of the army (after they have served, often with trauma and problems they did not have before they went in).

Thank you for your donations to this worthy cause and for praying for Israel and for 'Never Alone' to continue to bring blessings to lone soldiers entering the country to serve their nation.

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Fellow
brothers
in arms



Partners In Ministry

“For what thanks can we render to God again for you ... we joy for your sakes before our God.” 1 Thessalonians 3:9



To Our Likeminded Leaders

CFI enjoys partnering with other like minded ministries for the Glory of the Lord. Thank you to leaders in ministry **who listen to the Father’s heart**, and for being the kind of leaders who point everyone to the Lord. You are appreciated beyond words. Thank you for your faithful service time and time again, for the way you go the second mile and for the love you have shown to Christian Friends of Israel. We would like to share with you how you can become a shoulder-to-shoulder associate with **Christian Friends of Israel** and have a personal work for your ministry “in Jerusalem” aligned with us.

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CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL NEW INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



Mrs. Amber Sutter
CFI Germany

Mrs. Ewald (Amber) Sutter, from Germany, assuming her duties of assisting our International Director, Tristan Hall, in search and enlisting new Representatives among the nations of the world to stand with CFI for Israel. Amber is also the Co-Representative of the CFI Germany offices. An outstanding work has been developing under the Sutter leadership and always in Christian love and family atmosphere. **Won't you write and welcome Amber for us?**

She is working alongside as an Advisor and Developer in the following countries: France, Germany, Belgium, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Poland, India, United States, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, France, United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, and Hong Kong.

For further information on how you can become a Representative in your nation, write to Amber at:

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Streams Supervisor
VIKTORIA MULLER



“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you, His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.” (Psalm 34, 8-10)

EASING THEIR BURDENS

The LORD is good, He is wonderful! Blessed are His children who trust in Him, because He hears our prayers and will help us in His perfect timing. There is no want to those who fear Him. Even young lions can lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord shall not lack anything. What wonderful words! God will provide us with everything we need when we fear and seek Him.

With Grateful Hearts we provide for their Immediate Needs

On one of our visits this month, we visited a single mother with two children in a very difficult financial situation. Because of the war, she could not work at her job for two months. Her financial situation became much worse due to the large debts she had incurred and had to resort to filing for bankruptcy. Her landlord increased the rent; however, she cannot move to another cheaper apartment as she simply has no checks and available finances. She could not even pay her electricity bill for several months even though the electrical company sent several warnings that she needed to pay her debts. One day she came to us for help. We visited her in her home and Streams funding paid her debt for the electricity. She was grateful for this help, and we enjoyed a good and fulfilling fellowship with each other.

We have also been blessed to reach out and help more single mothers and their children in Ashkelon. There is a group of women who are helping needy families in different ways in that city, and we are in touch with one another in this work. Then a request to us came to assist the children who were about to go back to school. We delivered school bags full of school and stationery supplies to the children and their parents in the municipality building of Ashkelon. We are so glad that we can

give glory to God when we tell them Christian friends in the nations love and want to support Israel. May our words together with the gifts we are able to give be an encouragement for the families in these challenging and difficult times.

God provides for His children. The Bible says, “**those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing**” (Psalm 34:10). Many Israelis from all walks of life turn to us with various needs and we are grateful to God to have funding in which to help them. So many others are also turning to CFI for additional help to ease their burdens here in Israel. They await our help. Thank you for your financial support and prayers for our Project Streams of Blessing! May the Lord bless you abundantly so that you will never lack any good thing.

Viktoria Muller
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Pray with the End Result in Mind

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Genesis 28:15

I can think of many prayers that I have prayed in the past that I’m glad our Sovereign God did not answer with a yes, learning in hindsight that His acquiescence to my request may have been harmful or tragic for me or maybe even others. Thinking back over your own life, can you relate? There are those things, relationships, or circumstances that we either wanted to pray into existence or out of existence and it was not until later that those very things revealed themselves to be the central instruments that would form us, shape us, and transform us, building character and Christlikeness or revealing lack thereof. There are circumstances God allows in our lives that are tied to His higher ways and thoughts that are connected to His redemptive purposes for us, and it is the same for Israel.

Israel is in a defining season – an existential crisis for sure – as a result of the last year of war with Hamas, and by provocation a de facto war with Hezbollah in Lebanon that has broadened to include Iran and its proxies in the Arab states from Yemen to Iraq. The Middle East is on the brink of an all-out war, but Israel must defend itself against all these threats. We have had the last year to pray, fast, intercede, and travail for this current crisis, but somewhere along the way as the war continued

to persist, leaders from the religious and spiritual echelon in Israel and abroad began to wonder out loud about all the stalled and failed diplomatic negotiations. Many have wondered why the hostages are still in captivity in Gaza, why rockets are still infiltrating Israeli airspace, and why there are still terror attacks happening as malevolent jihadi-spirited perpetrators lurk at every turn waiting to spill Jewish blood.

From October 7th remembrance ceremonies and events, to prayer assignments from Haifa to the Negev, in addition to visiting Christian Friends of Israel from the nations that put God in remembrance of His Word, we do not take for granted the privilege of being in the Land for such a time as this, serving and loving Israel unconditionally. Our presence in the nations through our international representatives stationed in over 20 countries globally spurs us onto unceasing prayer, being your hands, feet, and heart tangibly touching the people and Land for God’s glory. We are blessed to pray with the reps monthly via Zoom.

Reminding God of His Promises

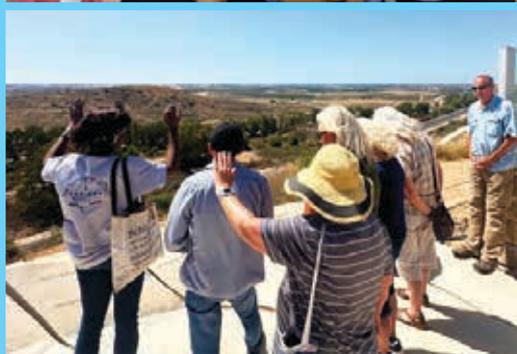
We visited Beit El where the patriarch Jacob had his dream chronicled in Genesis 28. The presence of God was palpable there as we declared to the powers of the air and lifted our voices to God reminding Him of His promise to Jacob thousands of years ago. God is sovereign and is watching over His Word to perform it.



**WOP Coordinator
SUZIE GEORGES**



Suzie meeting and praying with people in various places, touching hearts that are hurting and giving love wherever is needed. Right: Zoom meetings with Suzie



Visits to our friends like Amoun at the Domari Center of Gypsies in Jerusalem encourage us that God is working everywhere. Here we celebrated the educational accomplishments of two sisters, Sara and Amar, both bright young ladies from the Gypsy community on their way to greater things as they walk by faith. It was such a blessing to hear their testimonies over a nice lunch and pray over their dreams for the future.

We want the wars to cease as much as you do, but God is at work in the hearts of His people purifying and refining and drawing them close. From the beginning, God's greatest desire is to have the heart of His beloved people, ***“Remember that these forty years the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness, so that He might humble you and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commandments”*** (Deuteronomy 8:2).

It is written throughout the prophets that more difficult days are ahead for the world in the “acharit haya-mim” before the Day of the Lord. God said through the prophet Hosea, ***“Therefore, behold, I am going to persuade her, Bring her into the wilderness, And speak kindly to her”*** (Hosea 2:14). Yet, when His work is finished, the beloved people of God will exalt their Messiah, ***“And in that day it will be said, “Surely this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He has saved us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited. Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”*** (Isaiah 25:9).

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Watch For Our Wall of Prayer Meetings to Include “live” Teachings with Sharon Sanders





FTN Coordinator
OLGA KOPILOVA



On A Battlefield

“We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror.” Jeremiah 14:19

She said, “I am not forgotten!”

This past year, more than at any other time in modern Israeli history, our nation is engulfed in war. This conflict permeates every segment of our society, reaching every household and seizing the hearts of individuals across the land. The events of this year have deeply impacted Israeli society on physical, emotional, and also spiritual levels. No one can remain indefinitely unaffected by the reality we face; each of us is drawn, in one way or another, to the battlefield.

As CFI – through our organization, projects, we stand alongside Israel. We offer God’s comfort, prayer, emotional and practical support **as never before**, finding ourselves now on the frontline, especially when it comes to the spiritual dimension of the ongoing war.

It is no surprise that this year, in particular, we have faced intensified pressure from various directions, including within our own FTN project. Team members have encountered personal struggles with health and

family issues, while our project budget has felt the strain of rising expenses, and we have faced challenges in recruiting new volunteers. These factors have affected the number of visits we could make this year, but not the quality. Ninety-eight-year-old Sima, Holocaust survivor from Minsk ghetto, began to cry with joy upon seeing Olga enter her room at the nursing home, saying to the nurses, “These are tears of joy; I am not forgotten. My friends have come to visit me!” She expressed gratitude for the visit, which took place on October 7, a day of remembrance, and shared how much this visit cause her to feel God’s love for her and for her nation, in spite memories of past sorrows and ongoing present trials.

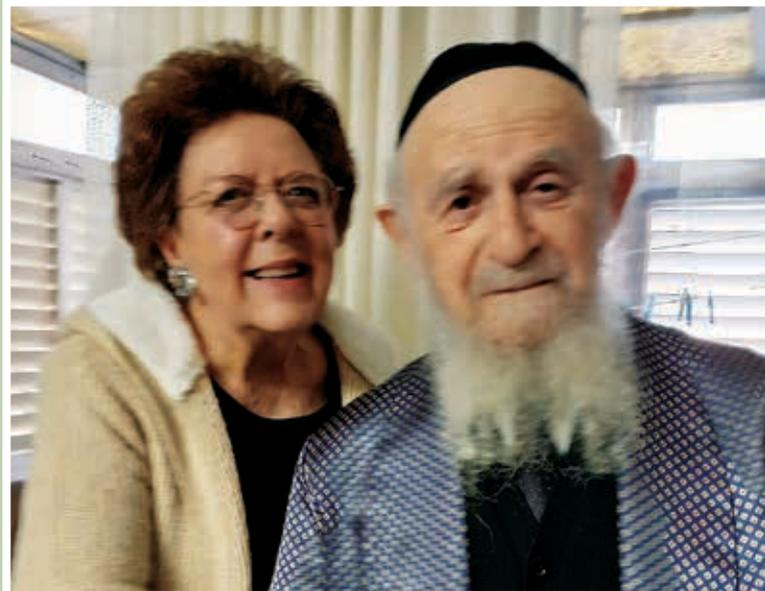
Even in most difficult cases like Elena, who lost her only grandson – a young soldier – in the early days of the war and now declines visits and comfort, we believe we are fulfilling our purpose by continuing to be God’s Healing Balm to the survivors, praying for them and sending them birthday cards with Bible verses. We represent



***“And be...tenderhearted...”
Ephesians 4:32***

Nothing is worse than leaving the elderly totally alone. Can we imagine what it is like not to have any visitors during a day or night? What if we lived with the memories these Jewish people remember from years before, frozen often still in “time.” CFI Holocaust team members visit many hundreds of homes during the year remembering the forgotten. You just cannot imagine unless you look into the eyes of how loneliness can be frightening to the elderly. What a joy it brings us to carry with us the unconditional love of the Lord. Such a privilege. **We represent YOU! Thank you for your continual help to us.**

Sharon with Rabbi from Mea Shearim



Remembering the Lonely is Imperative!

the LORD as Christians in the way He should always have been presented to them.

We face resistance and challenges in many forms. Spiritual warfare has increased. Yet, we remain unwavering in our mission to bring comfort, support, and encouragement. It is our privilege to be in this Land, especially during such a time of war, standing with God's chosen people in this ongoing struggle.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our friends and partners, who choose to stand with us in this challenging place where the battle rages. Despite the circumstances, you continue to support us in prayer, with financial assistance, and through your attention and care. Whether your support is long-term or short-term, it is notable and greatly valued. **We need you, appreciate you, and are deeply grateful to you, especially as we stand together in this critical time on a battlefield.**

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Let's **Help** Young Israeli Sons of the Pioneers (**Farmers of Today**)



SHARON SANDERS



“Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; The planters will plant and will enjoy them.” Jeremiah 31:5

The Israeli farmers are there to rebuild, replant and restore hope. They are pioneers of our time. Not only do they plow and plant but, they clear away stones and prepare the Land for sowing and harvesting. This is lots of hard work, but they do it with gladness of heart and a deep love for their Land which God gave them. Let's stand alongside of the Farmers.

Young Israelis Cultivating the Land

They see the way forward ... and many young Israelis are standing in line to break ground, plow and sow seed on small pieces of ground where they can watch their children grow up, teach them the Word of the Lord (from Torah) and work with them in farming the Land in agricultural ventures. Some raise fruit in orchards, some plant olive groves, others build bee hives for honey, still others have dairy farms for cattle producing milk along with the honey. From our visits to the young farmers we find that all are so sincere, friendly, and hard-working young people raising young children.

Special Farming Needs

- Pioneers needing farming equipment
- Small communities needing lighting for security
- Special batteries for emergencies
- Two-way radio for communication
- Household essentials for a new life in Israel
- Heating elements for farm animals
- Green Houses needing special lighting

There is no doubt in the minds of Christian Friends of Israel that God is planting His People with His whole heart and if He is doing this now, should we not be partnering with the Lord God whom we also love? We are honored to bring a blessing and not a curse to the People of Israel to repair damage of the past and to honor the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Project Stepping Stones

(a subproject of David's Shield)

Sharon Sanders / *Project Coordinator*



Israeli farmers taking Tristan on a tour of their small farms



“The Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop is useful to those for whom it is farmed and receives the blessing of God.”

Hebrews 6:7

CFI team members having lunch in the clubhouse with local farmers



Sharon discussing needs and delivering supplies to these farmers, north of Israel



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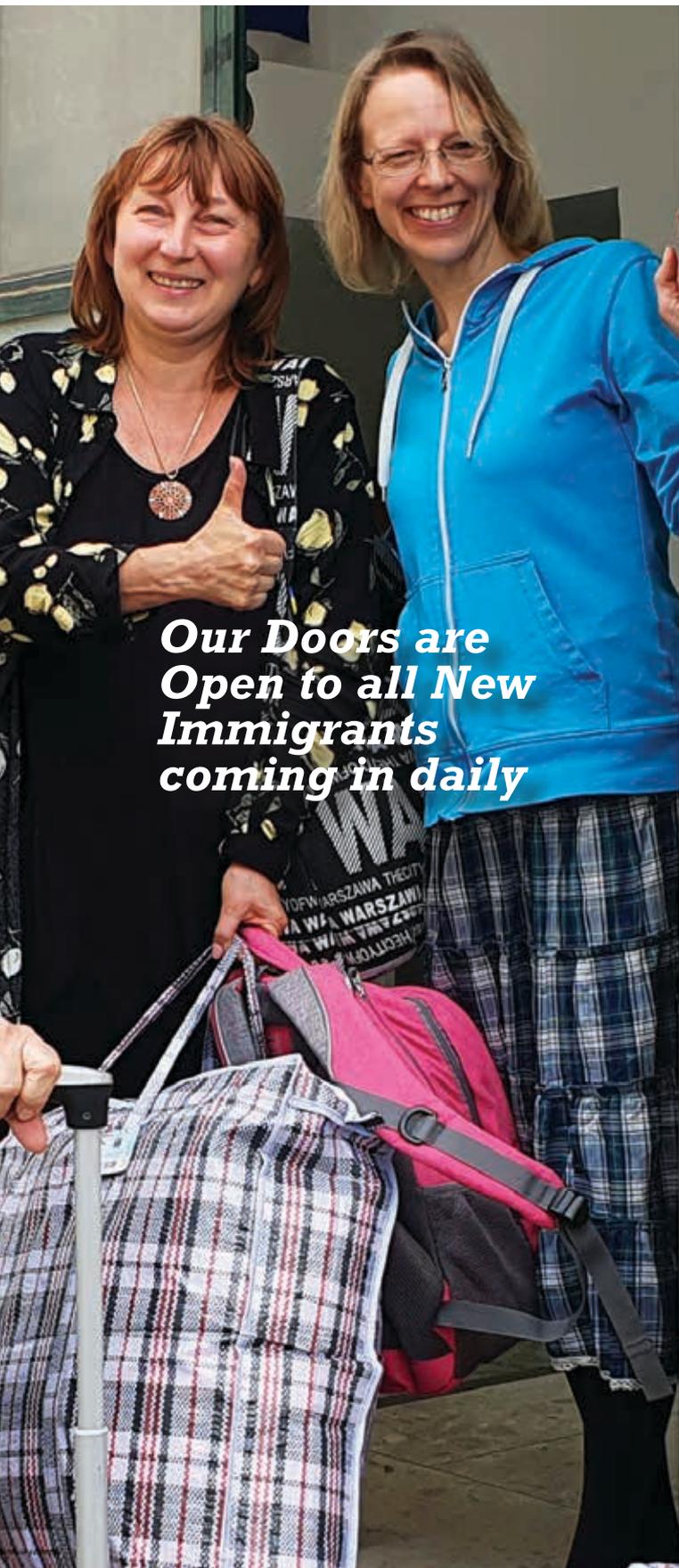


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◆ OPEN GATES



Our Doors are Open to all New Immigrants coming in daily

A Decision Tested by Fire

Lea (a pseudonym) was raised in a traditional Jewish family in the United States, surrounded by the customs and beliefs of her heritage. However, as she entered her teenage years, she decided to take a different path. Lea wanted to blend in and lead an ordinary life rather than stand out. She eventually chose to distance herself from her Jewish heritage and religion.

Years passed, filled with both joyful and challenging times. Lea built a family and pursued a career like many others, yet she still felt an emptiness within. Then, one day, God touched her heart unexpectedly. She began to realize that she belonged to Him and to His Chosen People.

Lea rekindled her passion for studying Torah, although she never imagined she would make *Aliyah*. In 2019, she joined a group for a three-week trip to Israel. From the moment she arrived, she felt an undeniable connection to the land. "I realized my roots were in Israel. This is my home and my people. I wanted to move to Israel immediately." However, due to the pandemic, her plans were delayed for two years. Finally, in 2022, Lea returned to Israel, this time for three months. She enrolled in a language school to learn Hebrew, and her fellow students encouraged and advised her, fueling her determination to pursue *Aliyah*.

By 2023, Lea had gathered all the necessary documents and was ready to make the move. But in October, war broke out, putting her decision to the test. During this challenging time, she had a vision in which the Lord encouraged her to take this step of faith. Lea chose to

Lea received a gift from CFI's Start-Up Store





Open Gates Coordinator
TIINA DANILEVSKI

“Then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where He scattered you.” Deuteronomy 30:3-4

follow that call. Her relatives were worried, and even her Jewish friends advised her against making *Aliyah*, but Lea remained resolute. In early summer 2024, she finally received her citizenship.

Facing many Trials

At first, Lea was unaware of many things around her. New immigrants are often targets for people and organizations that exploit their inexperience in various ways. Scammers reach out through the internet or through a simple phone call, and thousands of new Israelis fall into their traps. Lea’s experience was different, though. A man with his own agenda expressed interest in marrying her, presenting himself as a successful, well-educated, Jewish businessman. Everything seemed perfect until Lea discovered he had been blatantly lying. The engagement ended before the planned wedding. She thanked God for His protection over this daughter of Zion.

How does Lea feel after all these trials? Does she want to return to the States? Absolutely not! Her resolve has only strengthened, and her desire to stay in the Land has deepened and matured. “I love it here. I feel surrounded by my tribe. I am proud to be Israeli. There is no place on earth for Jews outside of Israel. I’m proud of our young men and women who are fighting. This is the safest place for us. God commanded us to live here.”

Lea received a gift from CFI’s Start-Up Store. She shared with us that many American Jews are too accustomed to an easy life, which becomes the biggest obstacle to making *Aliyah*. Leaving the comfort zone of the U.S.A. is challenging, but now is the time to move, so even if it means sacrificing cherished habits and belongings. God has a greater plan. ***“I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.”*** Jeremiah 32:37-39

Please pray for the *Aliyah* movement from the United States and all Western countries. Perhaps God can use you to support and encourage Jewish people to make the important decision to step into their heritage.

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Finding just the right items at the CFI Store



◆ BRIDAL SALON

Helping Jewish Brides Plan Their Weddings



**Bridal Salon Coordinator
TIINA DANILEVSKI**



*“Can a virgin
forget her
ornaments, or a
bride her attire?”*

Deuteronomy 2:32

I often thought if the church is the Bride of Christ, would she not want to get to know the Groom’s family?” –Sharon Sanders–

Created to Carry Gladness

Rada and Avi got married in Israel in September 2024. They both were served and dressed by CFI Bridal Salon. Rada came to our place first with her mother and friends. Some days later she brought her fiancé to our Salon. This sweet young couple shared with us their story. I see God's hand behind it all. Our Creator is the best Match Maker.

The name "Rada" means "joyful." She was born in Russia. Her parents decided to make *Aliyah* when she was two years old. This child has been a great blessing to the family. She carried joy wherever she went. When Rada was fourteen, her father died from cancer. Rada's heart was broken, and she lost her joy for many years. She finished school and then served in the IDF for three years. She became a successful commander in combat troops. After her army service Rada traveled for nine months by herself in different countries. After that she started her studies at Jerusalem University. During these years she did not have any serious relationship with men.

Rada loves her grandparents very much. Besides her studies she works as an official caregiver for them. She visits the nursing home 2-3 three times a week. During the time of pandemic, the rules were strict. Trained guards watched carefully that nobody got into the building without a good reason. Most of them were unfriendly and even rude. One guard, as an exception, was friendly and helpful. It was Avi. He worked there a while to cover the costs of his studies. Everyone used masks. You saw only the eyes of the person. However, these two young students started to pay attention to one another. One day Avi asked Rada's phone number. They became good friends.

Avi proposed to Rada

After three years of dating Avi proposed to Rada. It happened in a park. Avi had already asked for her mother's blessing for their marriage, and together they made a plan for the proposal. Rada thought that she and her mom were just taking the grandparents out for a walk. Suddenly Avi appeared with flowers and the ring. Rada was so surprised and happy that she almost forgot to say "Yes."

Later both the mother and the grandmother came and found gowns for the celebration in our Salon. At the wedding Rada gave a beautiful testimony: "After my father's death my heart was crushed into a thousand pieces, but Avi, you were able to gather all the pieces together and bring back my joy." Thank God for His goodness!

We were privileged to bless this beautiful couple who are starting to build their life and home in Jerusalem. May the Lord shine His face upon them and be their Guide in all they do. Avi and Rada are a good picture of the joy that is promised to the Chosen People of God. May the words of the prophet become true for all Israel.

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Avi and Rada



Rada with mom and parents

“And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you.” Matthew 24:4

Deception...

Navigating through deception is only possible with the proper roadmap. The Bible provides invaluable guidance on staying on the path of truth in a world where truths are often obscured. It is better to resist the lure of misinformation from the start, but many of us have found ourselves amid deception. Although the Bible warns against many types of deception, we will speak briefly about *planao* (Matthew 24:4), a Greek verb meaning “to lead or go astray.”

In Israel, the military initiates GPS jamming to confuse the enemy as a defensive tactic to disrupt the navigation systems of enemy missiles and drones. By deploying spoofing techniques, the aim is to hinder potential attackers’ ability to get accurate information about key strategic locations. It is necessary during wartime but also affects GPS signals on civilian apps.

A few times, my dramatic GPS insisted I was in Lebanon when I was not. Just recently, while delivering supplies for CFI, my co-worker and I found ourselves unwittingly taking a detour into enemy territory. Prayerfully, we found our way by following the old tried-and-true compass eastward. A bit of nervous driving later, we were back on friendly ground. While modern navigation tools are commonly used today, I will carry an old-fashioned map with me during future travels in Israel for added peace of mind.

Do not be Misled

The disciples asked Jesus how to navigate the end times. “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3). Jesus’ response, “Don’t be deceived,” at first glance, did not seem to answer their question. However, deception (*planao*) was highlighted as the first and most significant sign. He cautioned them against being misled and turning from the truth, noting that many false prophets could steer them in the wrong direction.

Even though the devil delights scrambling your biblical navigation system, well-meaning Christian misinformation can disrupt God’s direction for you as well. Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice, ...and they follow Me” (John 10:26-27).

The parable of *The Lost Sheep* uses the same Greek verb (*planao*) as in Matthew 24:4 to describe the one that wandered from the fold (Luke 15). The Good Shepherd pursued the sheep who lost his way. The Shepherd’s pursuit is an example to us: seek the one in deception until they are returned.



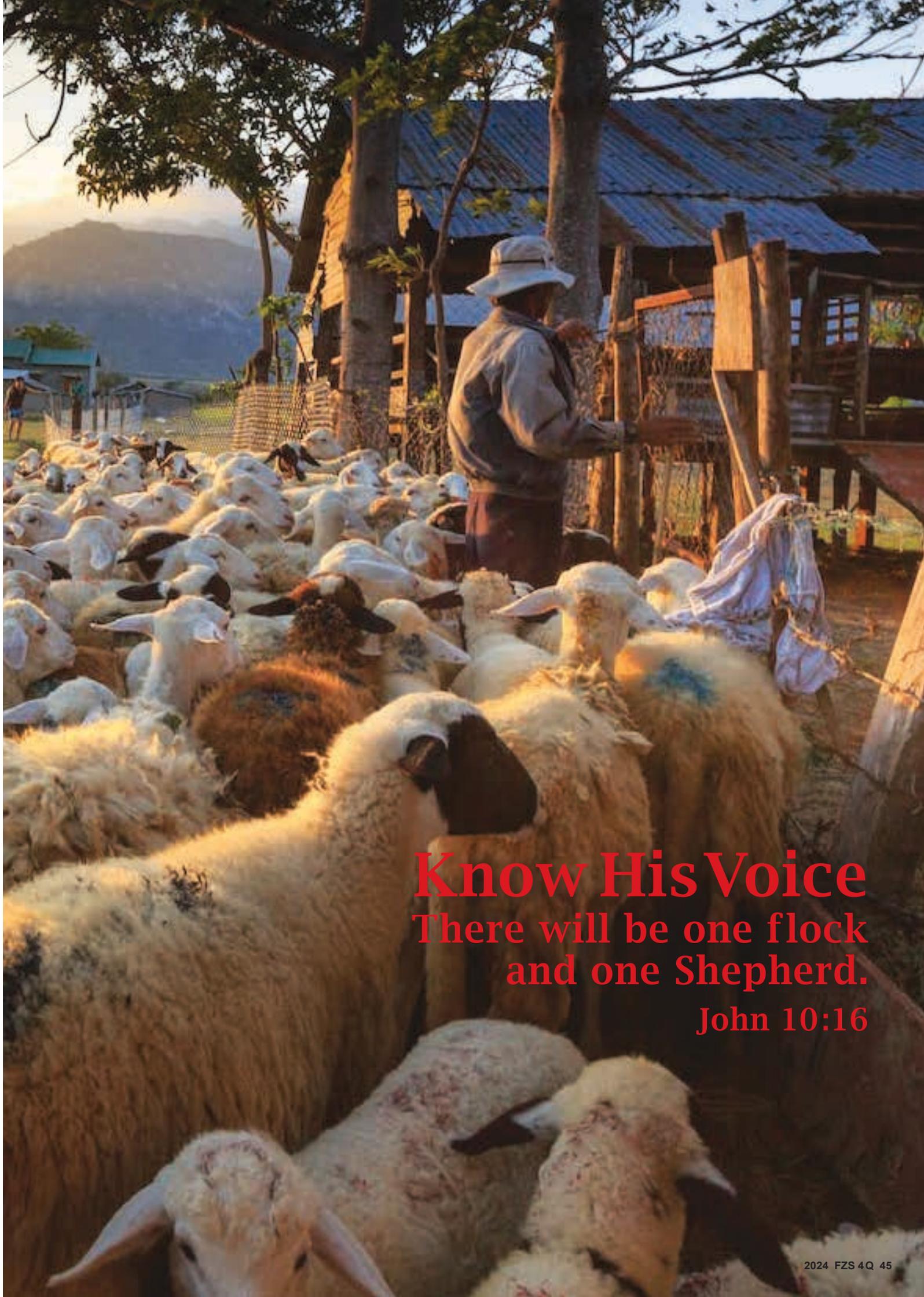
As teachers, pastors, and Christian leaders, the main example is to do all we can to keep others from steering from His truth and give clear, precise instructions until they reach the final destination.

First, we must keep ourselves in agreement with God’s truth in His word and hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit for ourselves. Intentionally safeguard your hearts from deception.

1. Be led by the Spirit of God (John 16:13). Without Him, you will find yourself off course, confused, and exhausted, wandering in the enemy’s territory.
2. Know the Scriptures: “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?” (Mark 12:24).
3. Guard your heart: “Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly” (Luke 21:34).
4. Seek the Lord first, not signs: “For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect” (Matthew 24:24).
5. Know His voice: ***“And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd”*** (John 10:16).



Pastor Robbie Coleman
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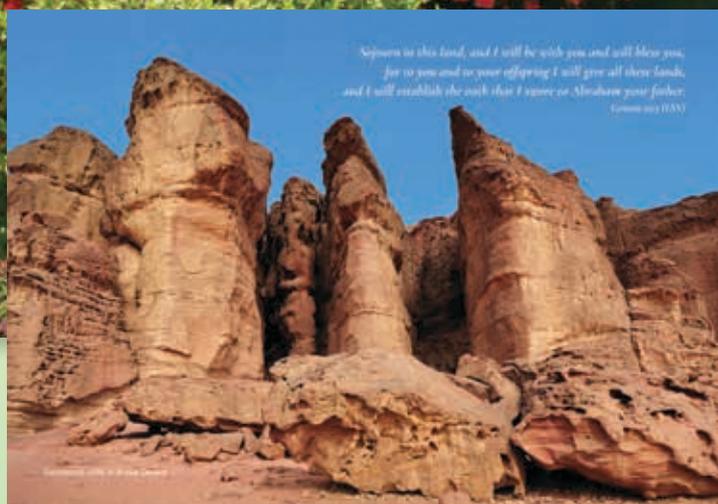


Know His Voice
There will be one flock
and one Shepherd.

John 10:16

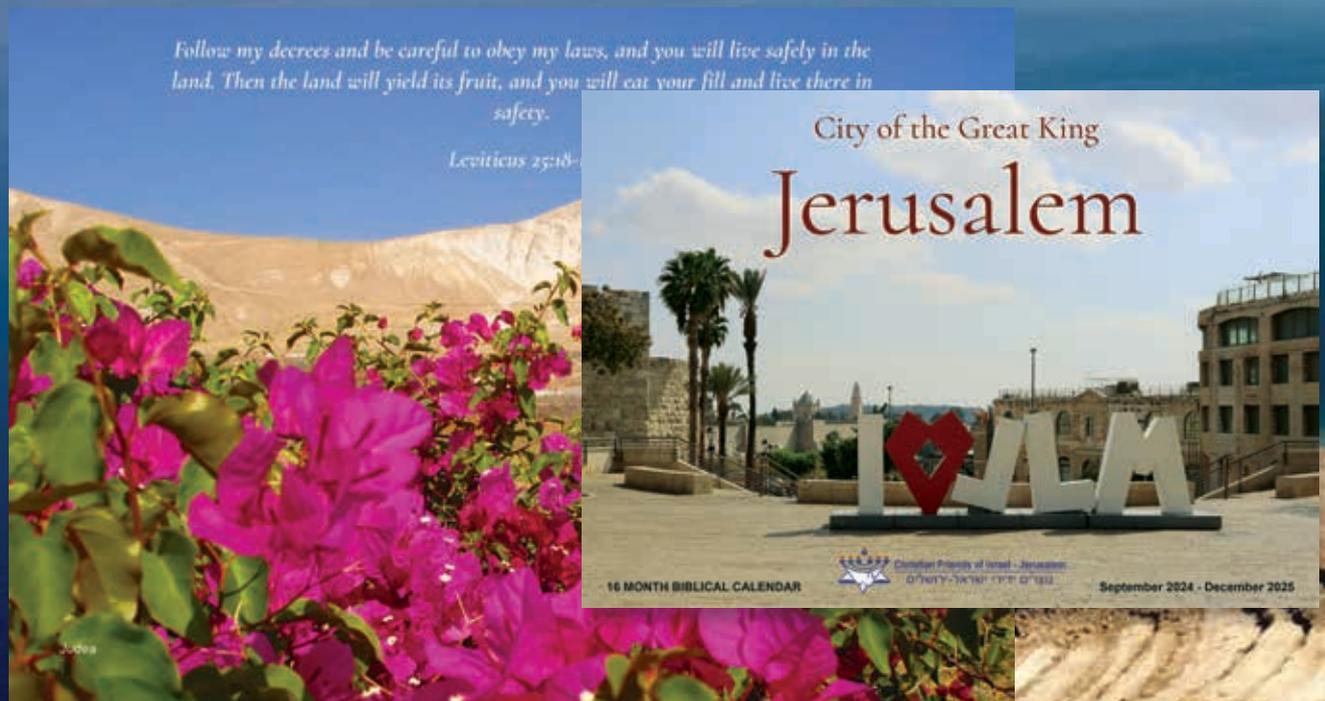
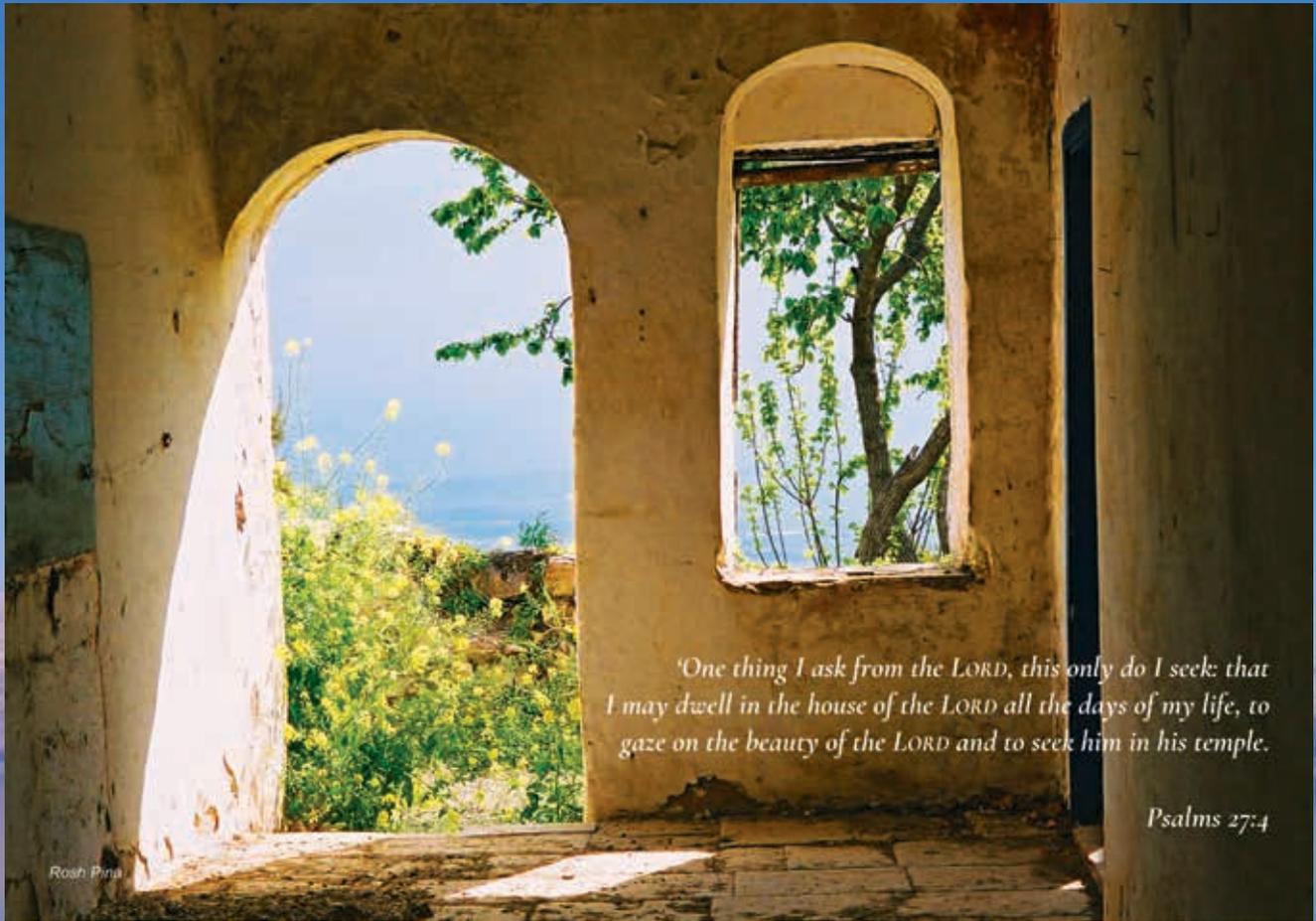
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September 2024 – December 2025



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God's Word : Each page has a scripture verse and a beautiful photo of Israel taken by CFI staff members.



Dead Sea

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL JERUSALEM

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40TH

RUBY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

IN CHARLOTTE, NC

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL JERUSALEM 40th Year Celebration

May 29, 30, 31 2025



HOST:
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"Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy Name give glory..." Psalm 115:1

**Venue: Renaissance South Park Hotel
Charlotte, North Carolina**

Hosted by **CFI-USA**

**A Night to Honor the God of Israel
The Master's Ministry**

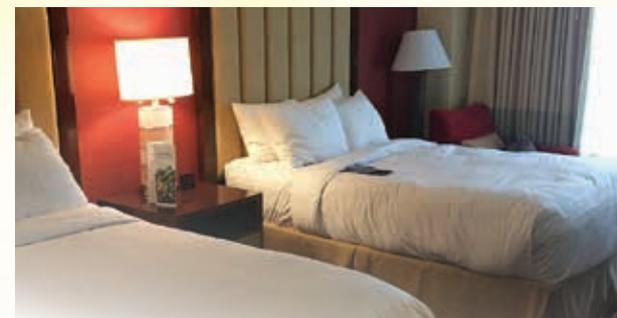
Personal Invitation: Limited Space

CFI-USA invites our family, friends and supporters to our **once-in-a-life-time generational celebration to honor God** for our world-wide service to Israel. This is a celebration of Jacob's Generation. It will also be a reunion for former CFI'ers. This time of renewing friendships with life-long friends, leaders, pastors, Churches for Israel and times with one another will be rewarding.

This is a celebration coming directly from Jerusalem, Israel, to bring you the latest news, miraculous events, Jerusalem spectaculars and in-depth Bible teaching on Israel from our frontline ministry team.

**Receive a Great Jerusalem Blessing an Israel Digital Diorama
scheduled Jerusalem Teachers.**

This is our initial Invitation – watch for more information to come in our next For Zion Sake magazine and online website.



Welcome to our joyous
Celebration Reunion!

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CFI INDIA

Israel and the Church Three Day Seminar

Held in Satara, the Seminar was in three sessions (Pastor Sonny Chandra) covering Israel and the Church being two sides of the same coin, with a teaching chain from Genesis into Revelation, prophecies of the *Aliyah* being fulfilled in our lifetime. Pastor Nicky Chandra covering Israel a blessing to the World, Replacement Theology and the Church Grafted in with Israel. Pastor Yoseph Pawar in the Marathi covering the need for the Church all over the World to wake up and openly stand by Israel. The venue the Anglican Church of Satara, and was attended by Pastors and Leaders of mixed denominations. A total of about 240 people attended which included over 20 Pastors. The feedback from the Presbyter of the Church and from various Pastors, was plain and simple; please come again and do the next level of teachings. CFI Prayer Group from Mumbai also attended the Seminar, travelling almost 600 kilometers. Anti-Semitism is deeply entrenched, in the 'Church' in India, irrespective of the denomination! We have planted the seeds, something that has been said to us, by many Pastors.

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Pastor Chandra teaching



Pastor Sonny and Pastor Nicky with CFI Team from Mumbai



Pastor Sonny sharing the word of God

HE SAYS: "IT IS TOO LIGHT A THING THAT YOU SHOULD BE MY SERVANT TO RAISE UP THE TRIBES OF JACOB AND TO BRING BACK THE PRESERVED OF ISRAEL; I WILL MAKE YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS, THAT MY SALVATION MAY REACH TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

ISAIAH 49:6 ESV

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CFI GERMANY

CFI International Development Director Reports from the Field

As the newly appointed CFI development director I have been reaching out to new contacts. Our newest addition to our CFI FAMILY OF NATIONS has added a Representative in Italy. Soon the nations of Italy, Greece and others build a stronger future in the world arena of nations for CFI and Israel will help.

Only recently my husband Ewald and myself created a template for the CFI calendar in InDesign (graphic design program) that will make it much easier to create new calendars year by year and which will also help other nations in translating the calendar and producing it in their own language (printing it in their own country). Please be sure to order your new calendar and let us know how you like our new look and style.

We've been doing zoom meetings and international calls with Switzerland, Mexico, France, Italy, Brazil and the UK. Visiting in Tuscany, Italy, was particularly encouraging as we plan and talk about practical details is setting up a CFI office in Italy. Meeting the CFI Jerusalem team in Spain recently at the Derek Prince Ministries International Representative meeting was a very special blessing for all of us which we will never forget. Partnership with other like minded ministries is on the heart of our leader Tristan Hall and we look forward to strengthening new relationships and contacts around the world. If you do not have a CFI Representative in your country, please feel free to contact me. I would love to meet you and speak to you about representing us in your nation for Zion's Sake. Please don't forget to contact me at the email below. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Blessings for Jerusalem from Germany, CFI-Germany Representative International Development Director, CFI Jerusalem

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CFI USA



**Skyline of Charlotte, North Carolina
Rght: Hannele with CFI-USA display**



Welcome **To Charlotte, North Carolina**

It is a joy to welcome you to celebrate, thank the Lord for the past decades, and learn about the current challenges the Jewish people face in their own land and around the world. Anti-Semitism is threatening again the future of the Jewish State and the lives of the Jews everywhere they live.

We, as friends of Israel, have the privilege and responsibility of transmitting to the coming generation the knowledge of God's love to His Chosen people.
See you in May 2025 in Charlotte, NC for CFI's Celebration of the 40th Anniversary Conference!

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"NOW THEREFORE, IF YOU WILL INDEED OBEY MY VOICE AND KEEP MY COVENANT, YOU SHALL BE MY TREASURED POSSESSION AMONG ALL PEOPLES, FOR ALL THE EARTH IS MINE; AND YOU SHALL BE TO ME A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION."

EXODUS 19:5-6 ESV

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CFI BRAZIL

Prayer Walking in Brazil's Capital

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
Psalm 117:1



TV Tower



TV Tower 2



Square of the three powers



"The weapons of our warfare are not worldly but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every high-minded thing raised against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

CFI Brazil launched a powerful prayer initiative in Brasília, the nation's capital, led by Linda McMurray from the USA. Linda had felt a calling to lead a government prayer walk in Brazil, a desire planted two years earlier.

Then, on May 18, 2024, God brought Brazil to her heart again as she held a small keychain of the country in her hand. After praying together monthly, we set October 30–November 12 as the time for Linda to join us in ministry and lead the prayer walk across the heart of Brasília. Before stepping out, our team, anointed our

Linda standing next to the Israeli Embassy sign



hands and feet, seeking God's Divine Guidance over each step. We began at the foot of the government media center, the towering TV Tower, declaring the downfall of any falsehoods raised against God. Our journey then took us into the architectural marvel of the Cathedral of Brasília, a breathtaking structure resembling a crown and closely tied to the Brazilian government. Known for its magnificent acoustics, we could hear one another even while standing 30–40 feet apart, allowing us to quietly declare scripture to each other without drawing attention. Yet, we felt confident our words reverberated into the spiritual realm. Together, we walked down the exit ramp, feeling fortified in faith.

We then arrived at the Square of the Three Powers, a grand plaza surrounded by Brazil's legislative, judicial, and executive buildings. Under the light rain and in total solitude, we declared God's Word over each branch of government, singing, "Your name is the highest; Your name is the greatest; Your name stands above them all." At the plaza's center statue, we praised God's sovereignty over all earthly powers. Our prayer walk reached a climax at the embassies. We visited the US Embassy on a day of significance—U.S. Election Day. As we prayed for God's will to be done in the election and beyond, we

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were mindful of how leadership in the US affects other nations. Security officers directed us to a specific wall for photos, and we sensed the weight of our prayers echoing across borders. As we approached the Israeli Embassy, it seemed quiet and deserted (as Brazil had expelled the Israeli ambassador in opposition to the ongoing conflict.) Standing beside the sign bearing Israel's name, Linda began singing "Am Israel Chai" (The People of Israel Live). A single guard appeared and began shouting at me, but his tone softened when I explained who we were. When Linda saw the wall display of hostages' faces, she was overwhelmed, breaking into tears and interceding passionately for Israel. It felt as if heaven joined us in those moments. Sensing a deep peace as we left the government center, we knew we had accomplished God's assignment. Every step of that journey was to His Glory.

Wherever you are living in the nations, you also can organize your nation's Prayer Walking assignment and bring blessings to the Nation of Israel through assisting her in the fight against freedom of her nation. Why not organize you Prayer Walk today?

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"Great is the Lord and worthy to be praised."
Psalm 145:3



Linda praying for the Israeli hostages





CFI Outreach Projects

YOU CAN CHOOSE ...

- **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 Israel to be a special day – receiving wedding gowns from all the nations.
- **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 in Israel
- **First Fruits/DPM Ministries:** Distribution of solid foundational literature to churches/congregations throughout Israel (i.e. Arab/International/Locals)
- **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.
- **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. Also healing the wounds of war.
- **Wall of Prayer:** Linking Christians from around the world to pray and stand with Israel during trying times and believing God’s Promises to Israel.
- **Stepping Stones:** An outreach to young farmers and families building their lives and starting families, helping with security issues, and encouraging the new pioneers for farming.
- **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.

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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