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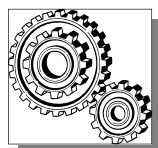
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In the Works

**A Night To Honor Israel
September 10, 2009
Hilton Hotel
Burlington, VT**

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

The Christian Action Ministry is pleased to be a co-sponsor of the upcoming event,

A Night To Honor Israel

that will be held on September 10, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This special evening is our opportunity to be in solidarity with God's chosen people and support Israel. The evening is a celebration of the shared heritage we have with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and a chance to praise and worship together. These special nights were first envisioned in 1978 by Pastor John Hagee, and have been held all over the United States since then. The night is now a project of Christians United For Israel (CUFI).

The Bible commands us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (*Psalm 122:6*), to speak out for Zion's sake (*Isaiah 62:1*), to be watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem (*Isaiah 62:6*) and to bless the Jewish people (*Genesis 12:3*). These and so many other verses of the Bible have one overriding message—as Christians we have a Biblical obligation to defend Israel

and the Jewish people in their time of need.

Israel's time of need is now. There is a new "Hitler" in the Middle East --President Ahmadinejad of Iran -- who has threatened to wipe out Israel and America and is rapidly acquiring the nuclear technology to make good on his threat. If we learned anything from the Holocaust, it is that when a madman threatens genocide we must take him seriously.



During the Holocaust, too many Christians were silent, and we were left to mourn the slaughter of 6 million Jews. Today, Bible-believing Christians must speak up and stand up for Israel. We must act to do whatever we can to protect Israel's 6 million Jews from the second Holocaust. We

must get it right this time. Our faith demands it. The times require it. Silence is not an option.

The evening will start with the sounding of the shofar and both national anthems. We will have praise and worship, banners, kosher food (come early at 6:30 pm to enjoy), a celebration of unity, and plenty of opportunity to show our love and support for Israel and the Jewish people.

Guest speakers include a special message from John Hagee; Dr. Charles Jacobs, Founder of The David Project; Nativ Tamir, Counsel General of the State of Israel; and David Brog, Executive Director of CUFI.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, please send a check and note it is for a Night To Honor Israel, to the Christian Action Ministry, PO Box 1067, Williston, VT 05495.

Make sure to mark your calendars for September 10th.

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Christians United for Israel

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."

ISAIAH 62:1



Let's Go to Israel !!

An interview with Ray & Kit Racine

Editors Note: Each year when CAM members Ray and Kit Racine return from Israel we have a great time at our meetings hearing all about their exploits and travels in the Holy Land. We thought the rest of CAM would like to hear a bit about it too, so we asked them a few questions. Below are some of the questions and comments on their trips.

Q: Ray, I know you and Kit have been going to Israel almost every year for the past 26 years. Can you tell us why and what got you started?

A: My wife and I have been given the privilege and blessing of living in Israel for short periods of time in both Jerusalem and in upper Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee over the last 26 years. In the spring of 1983 we received a brochure of a tour going to Israel. The brochure was in color and looked great, but it was not the one that moved us to go. Then we received a xeroxed copy of one which was a black and white brochure and when we saw it, we knew this was the tour we were to go on. When we arrived at Tel Aviv and stepped off the aircraft onto the runway we had the feeling of arriving home. We have a great love of Israel, the birthplace of Christ. That first visit was a two week tour. Then in 1986 we went back to volunteer at the International Christian Embassy celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, better known as Sukkot in Hebrew, and for the last 20 plus years we have gone back each fall during the Feast to work as volunteers.

Q: Kit, what do you do as a volunteer at the Feast?

A: I work in the storeroom. We handle water and food for the volunteers and take care of their personal items. The store room is a secured area that we oversee which is the hub of all the events. Over the years we have met several of Israel's Prime Ministers. We still have a piece of the birthday cake in our freezer at home from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 50th Birthday party. It's like meeting people right out of history. When you work at the Feast it's stepping onto the International stage where you meet the Heads of State from around the world.

Q: Ray, what exactly is the Feast a celebration of?

A: A feast of ingathering, a fall feast, agricultural festival. The last feast of the seven commanded in the Torah. During the Feast which takes place for seven days the Jews in Israel eat, sleep, and live in booths which are called Sukkah. These are booths with palm branches for a covering as a roof so you can actually see the stars through the palm branches at night. This commemorates the time the Jewish people were in the wilderness and God took care of all their needs.

Q: Kit, how do you feel you are accepted as a Christian Believer in a Jewish city?

A: I feel fine; people are very friendly there.

Q: What effect has it had on your faith as a Christian Believer to be there in Israel?

A: It gives you a deeper sensing of your faith.

Q: Ray, what is the most exciting thing that has happened to you in Israel?

A: Being in the land and actually going to the Western wall in Jerusalem; Christ walked by that wall, the Apostles were there. The steps located on the south end of the Temple Mount are the ones where Paul actually sat under Gamiel and received his teachings. Christ walked in and out on those very steps. You stand there in awe, not worshipping the steps but realizing what you're looking at and what has occurred there. It has to have a dramatic impact on you.

Q: Ray, how should the United States and Israel deal with each other politically?

A: The United States should respect the Sovereignty of Israel, realizing it's the only democracy in that area. Churches, mosques and synagogues are all open there. In *Jeremiah* Chapter 31:35 thru 37, God states the conditions for Israel's continued existence, and as God says, "I Am that I Am so you Jacob continue". The land was given to Abraham and his descendants as a permanent possession. The promises of God are faithful and His promises are irrevocable. Because He is faithful to His promises to Israel, I know His promises to me in His word are truth. It's a spiritual battle which is going on in Israel today. God is bringing to fulfillment his plan of salvation which He has laid out vs. what the world wants to see. God has His own plan and if our plan doesn't line up with His, we are in a lot of trouble.



"Hold on, my friends to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster and what has happened once in 6000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." *Daniel Webster 1851*

Q: Kit, what do you say to people who want to go to Israel someday?

A: I would tell them they need to go to Israel to see what God is doing. I believe God is now calling his chosen back home.

Q: Ray, what would you give as a cost estimate for a couple to go to Israel with airfare, hotels, meals, etc on a 10 day tour?

A: For a 10 day tour, \$4,000 in general for a couple may cover everything. From our perspective, the best investment we ever made. It gave us an understanding we didn't have before, an education you can't buy.

Q: Kit, how have you felt traveling in Israel when it is frequently in the news as being a target? Have you felt safe?

A: We have always felt safe in Israel. (Ray added he hesitates going on Church Street in Burlington late at night more than in Jerusalem.) Our time in Israel was relaxed and enjoyable; we didn't feel threatened by anyone.

Q: Ray, do you have to worry about the food and water like you do in some parts of the world?

A: No, food was great. (*Bottled water is safe*)

Q: Ray, an interesting thing today is that Scripture is often taken as a lot of stories that didn't really happen.

A: From our experiences there, it brings home the one absolute truth of the gospel. There is only one absolute truth; everything else is opinion. He gives you this joy and peace that no one can take away. It doesn't mean you're not going to struggle and have problems in this world. We believe God says what He means and means what He says. People in the Church need to understand: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were all Jews; both Mary and Joseph were descendants of David. The Jewish testaments are the base of the New Testament, the fulfillment of what's in the Hebrew Testament. We have such a lack of understanding of our Jewish roots in the church today and we are really poorer for that, unfortunately.

Q: Ray, what is the Christian Embassy and what does it do?

A: In 1980 when Israel declared Jerusalem the capital, just about all the international Embassies there moved their embassies to Tel Aviv. That was a slap in Israel's face, telling them that their Capital was Tel Aviv, not Jerusalem. When this happened a group of Christians stepped forward and opened the (ICEJ) International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem. Now the organization is located in over 200 countries. They represent the believing Christian community throughout the world. They don't recognize one denomination over another. They intercede and pray for the peace of Jerusalem and Israel. Recognizing Israel's right to exist as a Sovereign free Country. Part of the ICEJ mission is to bring people to the understanding of Israel's place in God's plan of salvation. The battle over Jerusalem is a spiritual one. The Jew has a physical possession in Israel which God gave, and God is faithful in his promises and they are irrevocable. The Church has not replaced Israel. The Church has a different role. The Gospel is to the Jew first and also to the Greek. There are things going on today that have never happened before, but Paul talked about them happening in the End Days, such as the falling away from the Faith that we see happening in some churches today. God will have His way and nothing is going to deter His plan.

Q: Ray, has being in Israel then has both increased your faith looking back, historically seeing the actual places in Scripture; and looking forward, prophetically seeing the things mentioned in prophecy coming true right before your eyes?

A: We see things that are coming to pass now and things are accelerating. We see this constant progression taking place very fast and most people are not seeing it. When you gather in the church, as it says where two or three are gathered in My Name, I am in their midst. What is not understood is that the Christ is sitting there, you don't see Him but He is present. Most people just don't have that awareness of His presence there. As Paul said at some point all nations are going to turn against Israel and it will force Israel to look up to see their Messiah. Our witness that is given today in general is not good, as is evident by many things happening in the church.

Ray Racine is a Director of the Christian Action Ministry. Ray and Kit Racine attend Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Colchester.



“You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.”

Thomas Jefferson

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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*June 14, 7:00 pm
Roadside Chapel AG
Rutland, Vt.
August 20, 7:00 pm
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Hinesburg, Vt.*

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