

The Way 1:16 – Israel Outreach Ministry Manual

1. Purpose of the Israel Outreach Ministry

The Israel Outreach Ministry exists to build meaningful, respectful, Gospel-consistent relationships with Messianic Jewish believers, Israeli communities, and ministries in the Land.

Our outreach emphasizes humility, cultural sensitivity, discipleship, and unity—not pressure, not arguments, and not colonial-style evangelism.

2. Core Values

- Honor for Israel and the Jewish people
- Respect for Israeli culture
- Partnership with Messianic congregations
- Safe, legal, ethical outreach
- Yeshua-centered discipleship
- No coercive evangelism
- No political propaganda
- Protect the dignity of every person we meet

3. Types of Outreach

- Supporting Messianic congregations
- Serving in humanitarian or volunteer projects
- Agricultural work (“volunteering on the land”)
- Building friendships with families
- Encouraging believers in Israel
- Learning about Jewish culture, history, and faith
- Hosting Israelis in the U.S. for discipleship

4. What We Do NOT Do in Israel

To honor local laws, culture, and relationships:

- No street evangelism

- No confrontational debates
- No shaming or arguing with Orthodox Jews
- No political activism
- No proselytizing minors
- No disrespectful filming
- No comments about “missing the Messiah”
- No handing out tracts or materials publicly

5. Cultural Sensitivity Guidelines

- Use Yeshua’s name with gentleness
- Avoid theological superiority
- Never criticize Jewish traditions
- Never mock Hebrew pronunciation or customs
- Be careful with humor—avoid stereotypes
- Listen more than you speak
- Honor Israel’s security concerns and boundaries
- Dress modestly in religious areas

6. Trip Leadership

All Israel trips operate under:

- Trip Leader (appointed by Pastor Louis)
- Lead Pastor (Louis Rogers)

Trip Leader responsibilities:

- Schedule
- Communication with Israeli partners
- Daily briefings
- Safety enforcement
- Conflict resolution

- Spiritual covering

7. Safety Protocols

- Stay with the group
- Avoid military zones without permission
- Follow all Israeli security instructions
- Respect Shabbat boundaries
- Carry passport/ID on designated days
- No wandering alone at night
- Do not photograph soldiers without consent

8. Israel Travel Conduct

- Be respectful in synagogues
- Silence phones in holy sites
- Dress appropriately in religious neighborhoods
- Do not touch people's children
- Remove shoes where required
- Ask before taking photos

9. Ministry With Messianic Congregations

We partner with local Messianic congregations through:

- Worship and prayer
- Service projects
- Financial support as led
- Shared meals and fellowship
- Ministry training and discipleship

We do NOT:

- Teach uninvited
- Promote our church above theirs

- Confront leaders
- Push doctrinal differences

10. Hosting Israelis in the U.S.

When Israeli guests visit us:

- Provide hospitality
- Respect Sabbath and dietary preferences
- Avoid pressuring them about faith
- Share Yeshua naturally through relationship
- Protect their privacy
- Never post them on social media without permission

11. Evangelism Boundaries

Allowed:

- Gentle, relational conversations
- Sharing your testimony when asked
- Demonstrating the love of Yeshua
- Supporting Messianic believers

Not allowed:

- Aggressive evangelism
- Manipulation
- Condemning Judaism
- Telling people “you’re wrong”

12. Volunteer Requirements

- Completion of discipleship course
- Emotional stability
- Cultural sensitivity training
- Approval from Pastor Louis

- No history of causing division
- Agreement with doctrinal safeguards

13. Social Media Rules on Trips

- No political posts
- No photos of military personnel
- No posts mocking Israeli or Jewish practices
- No “mission trip savior complex” posts
- No livestreaming inside congregations
- Only post with team leader approval

14. Legal Compliance

The ministry complies with:

- Israeli anti-proselytism laws
- All visa requirements
- Local congregation rules
- Cultural norms

Violations result in removal from the team and possible legal consequences.

15. Israel Outreach Funding Policy

- Funds raised ethically
- Transparent use of donations
- No coercive fundraising
- No promising “blessings” for donations
- All finances handled through the nonprofit

16. Trip Application & Screening

Applicants must:

- Be 18+ (or 16+ with parent)
- Complete the application

- Provide references
- Demonstrate emotional stability
- Agree to conduct expectations
- Be approved by Pastor Louis

17. Removal From Trip

Participants removed for:

- Unsafe behavior
- Cultural disrespect
- Doctrinal rebellion
- Disrupting unity
- Ignoring trip leader

Handled immediately, documented, and enforced for safety.

18. Return Home Debriefing

After the trip:

- Attend debrief meeting
- Share testimonies
- Process emotions
- Discuss future involvement
- Evaluate ministry partnerships

19. Final Authority

The Israel Outreach Ministry operates under:

- Israel Outreach Director (appointed)
- Lead Pastor (Louis Rogers)

Pastor Louis holds final authority over:

- Team selection
- Trip schedule

- Doctrinal boundaries
- Partnerships
- Discipline