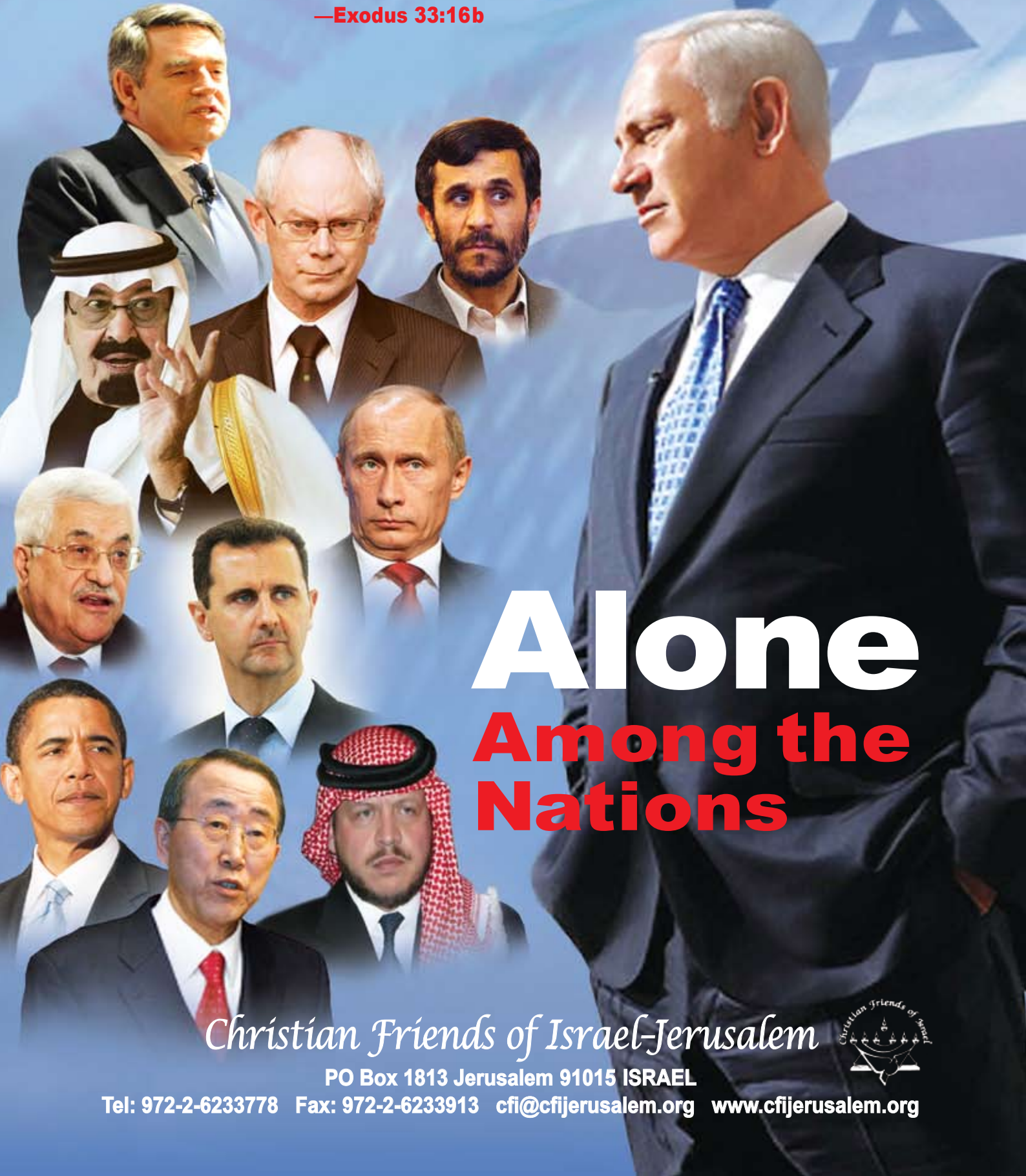


# For Zion's Sake

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“...so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from  
all the people that are upon the face of the earth”

—Exodus 33:16b



# Alone Among the Nations

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Ray Sanders

## A Trumpet Call

Sometimes we as Christian friends of Israel can lose sight of the Lord's Biblical perspective on Israel and the Jewish people. Yes, they are His Chosen Ones, the Apple of His Eye, an everlasting Priesthood! As a people they are called to sanctify the Lord's Name. However, historically, as today, still they profane the Lord's Name by *"the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it."* (Ezekiel 36:18). Many Israelis are asking themselves why this nation is experiencing so very many problems both internally and externally. Ezekiel's warning is quite clear on this matter and can only be ignored to Israel's peril. Furthermore, the continual shortage of water during the past five years of Israel's winter rains cannot be simply brushed off as an anomaly. Current headlines in *The Jerusalem Post* are warning of dire consequences of another winter of even average rainfall. Just what will it take to awaken the Jewish people in their complacency and apathy? Historically, we know the Lord used some very drastic measures to awaken His slumbering people.

Israel is being marginalized more and more by the community of nations known as the United Nations. Furthermore, Israel's staunchest ally, the United States, is treating this nation more like an opponent. The end result of this foolish behavior will be detrimental to the safety and security of

***"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations."*** —Joel 2:1-2

the world's balance of power. This issue becomes much more problematic when nuclear weapons are added to this very dangerous equation. Radical Islamic nations have no qualms about using nuclear weapons to accomplish their military and political goals. In addition, they will use lies and intimidation to compel lesser nations to do their bidding during warfare. When this happens, a regional conflict can quickly expand to an international confrontation with devastating consequences.

The present calm that Israel and the Middle East are currently experiencing can quickly explode overnight, engulfing the entire region in a horrific war with catastrophic loss of life. The Islamic world does not have the high regard for life as do the Jewish people and therefore would be willing to sacrifice their populations for the cause of winning a war at whatever the price of human lives. This was abundantly proven during Israel's "Cast Lead" war in the Gaza Strip earlier this year when the civilian population was forced to be human shields by *Hamas*. Israel's enemies have failed to defeat her on the conventional battlefield and therefore are applying new tactics in recent years. The strategic onslaught of terrorism, led by waves of suicide bombers, failed to have the desired effect of weakening Israel. However, the triple Iranian backed campaign—missile attacks on Israeli civilians, assaults on Israel's morality and the misrepresentation of Jewish history—has proven much more effective in weakening Israel's resolve.

Israel and the Jewish people are involved in a war of enormous proportions; a war over the very future existence of this State and people. Israel's enemies are attempting to destroy her militarily, politically, legally, and morally. Israel's military leaders face potential incarceration for war crimes should they travel to Europe where Israelis are being marginalized and demonized. The infamous Goldstone Report has resulted in Israel finding itself increasingly under legal and diplomatic attacks. Israel faces growing boycott calls and is bracing for renewed efforts at divestment. Nevertheless, the resiliency of the Jewish people is being strengthened with each subsequent attack.

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As friends and supporters of Israel and the Jewish people, I believe the Lord is calling us to enter into increased intercessory prayer warfare on behalf of this nation that finds herself essentially alone. This is the greatest expression of love we can have for the Jewish people. We can be encouraged by the following promise from the prophet Isaiah, *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall arise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord"* (Isaiah 54:17).

Sincerely in His service,

*Ray Sanders*

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– Exodus 33:16b



# Alone Among the Nations

*“Alone... though they be alone, and have no confederates to defend them, but have all the world against them, yet my (God’s) single protection shall be sufficient for them...” (John Wesley).*

**T**hose in touch with the spiritual world of the Bible should be in touch with the pulse of world events. Christian friends of Israel should be responding by taking action in matters of concern which many people shrug off with, “why should I care?” The discrimination against God’s Chosen People being exported throughout the world today *will* bring judgment on the nations at a time when the Lord separates sheep nations from goat nations. The future fate of nations will be determined by how they treated the least of the Lord’s “brethren” (Matthew 25:40). The Jewish people are being deserted by a legion of countries globally. This is a cause for somber concern.

## Deserted By the World

The words of Moses reveal that there would be a nation of people upon the earth who were chosen to be different from the rest of the world. Her standards were to be higher because she was chosen as God’s distinctive nation through whom would come the revelation of Himself, His Word and His plan of redemption. We see that even though Israel did not measure up historically to God’s requirements, nor does she presently, *the nations were never given the authority to be grievous thorns in her side, or to make her the focus of world controversy.* This is forbidden by God and brings a curse on any nation who does so. However, one doesn’t have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that the nation of Israel *is* being undeniably judged by the world. She has very few sincere friends.

## Israel’s World Handicap

Israel is the only one of the 185 member countries of the UN ineligible to serve on the UN Security Council—the body of nations that discusses the world’s problems. Elite “friends” like Iraq, Iran, Cuba, Libya, N. Korea, Sudan and Syria are all allowed to fully participate. Each of these countries sponsors terrorism, and yet they still serve rotation terms on the Council. Israel, a democratic na-

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tion and member of the UN since 1949, is not entitled to this privilege. Israel sought acceptance also in the WEOG (West European and Others Group) but again, has not been admitted. Without membership in a regional group, she cannot be a part of other bodies of the UN system. The UN charter proclaims “the equal rights...of nations large and small.” Of course in its discrimination and ostracism, it’s nothing less than hypocrisy.

This might be a “blessing in disguise” in some ways for Israel. The evidence suggests that this global body is destined to be nothing more than a tool by which the so-called “Hierarchy of Ascended Masters” plans to direct world affairs. Israel, if a full member of the UN, would eventually be faced with the intolerable situation of having to pledge obedience to a pantheon of New Age “gods” and a global “mandatory religion” – with the concurrent obligation to destroy the Jewish monotheistic faith. In doing so, all rationale for being either Israeli or Jewish would disappear. This of course is the Hierarchy’s proposed “solution” to the “Jewish problem.” (Hannah Newman, from *Jerusalem Searchlight*, August 2000). But simply put, in the eyes of many member nations, *Israel simply does not exist*. This hamstringing her power and effectiveness to bring blessing to the world.

### Desiring a Place Among the Nations

Israel does belong to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CSCM); however, when it comes to sharing parliamentary expertise, the “democracies” of Egypt, Morocco,

Tunisia and Syria are deemed better qualified. These four sit on the Coordinating Committee of CSCM, setting regional policy for Israel and others. The UN proclaims itself “by design and definition, universal and impartial...” It is clear that neither is true: the UN gives an equal voice to 184 of its members, and *silences only one*. She is the odd-nation out.

“Unfortunately, Israel is doing all in its power to be ‘normal’ – in other

of their separatist agenda as a “light to the nations”? (*Israel Science and Technology Homepage*).

### Going It Alone

US President Barack Obama in his inauguration speech called America “a nation of Christians and Muslims...” and as if it were an afterthought “...and Jews and Hindus.” (Inaugural speech, January 20, 2009). The bond between Israel and the United States had been incredibly

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words, to be like the nations of the world. It yearns to be accepted, to ‘belong,’ to enjoy the patronage of the nations. It will settle for almost anything. As long as it will not have to dwell alone.” (Moshe Feiglin, Jewish Leadership blog.)

### The Roster

Israel does not even belong to any Regional Group, but an association of nations called “The Roster” appears to be the real influence in the CNGO (Committee on Non-governmental Organizations). A notable member of this Roster subgroup, since 1988--originally founded as Lucifer Trust—is Lucis Trust. Their mission is to promote the religious teachings of the anti-Semitic occultist, Alice A. Bailey. Bailey’s teaching is the backbone for the UN sponsored, UN prizewinning World Core Curriculum, the new global model for education. Could it be that Israel isn’t invited to be a part in managing world affairs because

strong for many years, with shared values, economic partnership, strategic cooperation, humanitarian assistance and cultural ties. That bond is now being strangled. Supporting the Jewish state has been one of the greatest blessings to the “years of plenty” in America. Only eleven minutes after Israel declared its independence in 1948, US President Harry Truman recognized the new Jewish State. Since that time, leaders of the United States have expressed their support for the State of Israel, and the people of both countries have continually nurtured, promoted and developed their shared principles and interests. America is now humiliating Israel and “showing it the soles of its shoes.” “...among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her, all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies” (Lamentations 1:2).

The erosion of this blessed friendship aggravated when American loy-

alties shifted away from the Chosen People with the “change” spoken of by the newly elected leadership. Anti-Semitism has succeeded in forcing Israel to “go it alone” amidst a civilization that has “gone mad” with super leaders, pseudo-messiahs and their empty promises.

## Israel Scolds the World

Occasional crumbs are thrown to Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu’s speech to the United Nations gave the world food for thought. He said “Yesterday, the man who calls the Holocaust a lie spoke from this podium. To those who refused to come and to those who left in protest, I commend you. You stood up for moral clarity and you brought honor to your countries. But to those who gave this Holocaust-denier a hearing, I say on behalf of my people, the Jewish people, and decent people everywhere: *Have you no shame? Have you no decency?* A mere six decades after the Holocaust, you give legitimacy to a man who denies the murder of six million Jews while promising to wipe out the state of Israel, the state of the Jews. *What a disgrace! What a mockery of the charter of the United Nations!*” Thank God for the courage of the Israeli Prime Minister to confront the powers of darkness among the nations! (Speech by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, September 14, 2009, United Nations General Assembly).

## Isolation Has Set In

Israel is found in a position of being quarantined, having been set apart from others. It’s a feeling of being alone and disliked all over the world. This emotion is certainly felt by Israelis within the country. The UN’s shoulder is “disjointed” and the repercussions from the Almighty will be *painful*. The nations have now divided Israel’s Land and the judgment of God is already being felt around the world.

## Clock Ticking Away

The Goldstone report condemned Israel for war crimes in the January Gaza offensive. Reality is that there is no military army in the world that did more to safeguard the rights of civilians in a combat zone than Israel’s Defense Forces. The nations are also only buying time with Iran.

Pressure on Israel to sit tight while Iran goes all the way to a military nuclear capability is forcing her to determine future actions with Iran. (Prime Minister Netanyahu needs our prayers.) The scales are tipped in Israel’s favor because of her superiority in electronic warfare capabilities, but I personally believe that the power we will see when she acts will be *God at work!*

As we study God’s Word we find another people of God commanded to be detached from the pagan world who were *never to separate* themselves from the Jewish people. Like Ruth joined Naomi, we have come under the wings of the God of Israel and so should we remain. The Bible says **“Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD speak, saying,**

**‘The LORD has utterly separated me from His people’” (Isaiah 56:3).** Millions of Christians around the world join us in full support of the Jewish people; however, there are also millions of shepherds and their flocks who have divested (or separated) themselves from the Jewish nation. This is a travesty to the Body of Messiah.

*“The election of Israel often affronts Christians and collides with the centuries-old prejudice rooted in minds and hearts” (Jules Isaac). We are a people of faith in Israel’s Messiah, Yeshua, who became attached to the Commonwealth of Israel (through Him.) We are not rooted in prejudice, we are rooted in truth! “It is the sap of that root that flows through our veins and sustains us – not the other way around.” (Harold Smith)*

## The Law of Grafting



**“Grafted” - a painting of an ancient olive tree by Ron Cantrell**

True believers in the God of Israel and His Messiah Yeshua are no longer strangers but have been grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:19). We are those named in the Bible as having “joined ourselves to the Lord” (the God of Israel) (Isaiah 14:1), “Those who know the name of the Lord.” (Psalm 9:10, 12), and “those who

fear the Lord” (Psalm 33:18) are joined with Israel. Leaders need to recognize that everything we have come from Israel and the debt we owe her is immense. The love of God in us today is healing many centuries of scars inflicted upon God’s nation. Our calling is secure and sure.

### Israel: You Are Not Alone!

As world leaders, who do not seek the God of Israel, aid in the spread of darkness on the earth, let those who choose to be “on the Lord’s side” (Exodus 32:26) allow our faith to be fully matured, preparing ourselves for the days ahead. Let it never be said from our lips to anyone, “I want nothing to do with Israel.” The Church needs to stand alongside the Chosen People as they stand alone among the nations. Though all the world be against them, they have God who is sufficient and we must be found, when He comes, standing on the Lord’s side with them. When others sever connections may the words from our lips and the fruit of our lives clearly show “Israel, our destiny is with you!”

**To order Ron’s posters, go to: [www.shalom-shalom-jerusalem.org](http://www.shalom-shalom-jerusalem.org)**



# Visiting... Holocaust Survivors in Haifa



Gregory lives in Haifa

● A lively, enthusiastic Gregory started to talk about the group of Holocaust Survivors in Haifa. We have met him several times now. The first time, we introduced the CFI Holocaust Survivors' project, and we promised to visit the sick and needy in Haifa. Gregory gave us a list of 30 survivors of World War II. We assured him that we would visit them all. So once a month we drive up to Haifa from Jerusalem.

Gregory gladly started to tell about his next idea. He talked to the director of a high school and received help from young students with cleaning and shopping for the survivors. Then he asked for our involvement in an event for all the survivors on his list. We were invited for the celebration just one day after the Jewish New Year. A local soup kitchen provided a wonderful meal and our team gave out food vouchers and a Book of Psalms to 125 survivors. I was impressed by their great joy and thankfulness for the gifts.

Meanwhile Gregory has another idea to help bring joy to the survivors. We hope and pray that with your support for the Forsake Them Not project we can help him realize many of his dreams. Above are a few pictures of the people he serves so faithfully in the community.

## Holocaust Event



*"The Lord will not reject his people: He will not abandon His own special possession"*

—Psalm 94:14.



Sonja



Genya



Yaakov

## Stories of Survival in the Camps

- After she fled from two ghettos and two concentration camps **Sonja** was put in prison. She was the only one from her family who survived this horrifying time. Now she lives in the Ahavat Zion (Love for Zion) Street in Haifa.
- Even when they made *Aliyah* in 1991, before they left, **Genya** and her family were beaten up in their home town. She survived World War II, because her father was able to sew a military uniform in one night for a German officer. When the family escaped they became active with the Partisans. After the war they had guests all the time. The father received anyone, being so grateful for their survival. Genya remembers that her mother had prayed: "God, let us once gather as the family only" (without guests). It never happened. Genya also is very hospitable.
- The German soldier caught the twelve-year-old-boy, **Yaakov**, when he tried to sneak back into the camp after he had searched for food for his mother and sisters in the village. Yaakov had skipped work for that reason. While locked in a store room before being killed the next day, he asked the guard if he could go to the toilet and escaped the death penalty by hiding inside the latrines. He succeeded in escaping from the camp and hid in another village. But he never saw any of his family again. At age 15, Yaakov was alone in the world. Now he lives in Israel, and has preserved his family name.

Time is short to give relief and help to the survivors of the Holocaust. With all our heart we want to continue this work. We invite you to support the work for the survivors in Israel, while there is still time to bless the people who have been suffering their whole life because of the terrible nightmare of their youth. **Your gift will make a difference!**

▼ **Theo Breimer**

Forsake Them Not Coordinator

# A CAVE IN HEBRON



Karen with soldier

Soldier in Hebron

*“So Ephron’s field, which was Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were within all the confines of its border were deeded to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city” (Genesis 23:17,18).*

● The Cave of Machpelah, or Tomb of the Patriarchs, is located in Hebron which is the most ancient Jewish site and the second holiest place for the Jewish people, after the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. The cave was purchased by Abraham as a burial place for his wife Sarah some 3,700 years ago, along with the trees and field adjacent to it—the first recorded transaction of a Hebrew buying land in Canaan (Genesis 23). Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rebecca, and Leah were all later buried in the same place. These are considered the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Jewish people.

## Graves of the Patriarchs

Today there is a structure that was built during the Second Temple Period by Herod the Great of Judea, providing a place for gatherings and Jewish prayers at the graves of the Patriarchs. This impressive building is the only one that stands intact and still fulfills its original function after thousands of years.

The Hebrew word “Hebron” is derived from the Hebrew word for “friend” (haver), a description of Abraham

## Jewish children in Hebron going to school



## Machpelah in Hebron

who was considered to be the friend of God. Over the centuries Hebron was one of the places where Abraham resided after his arrival in Canaan. King David was anointed in Hebron, where he reigned for seven years. One thousand years later, during the first Jewish revolt against the Romans, Hebron was the scene of extensive fighting. Jews lived in Hebron almost continuously throughout the Byzantine, Arab, Mameluke and Ottoman periods. It was only in 1929, as a result of a murderous Arab campaign in which 67 Jews were murdered, that the Jewish community was forced to flee.

However, in 1967 after the Six-Day War, a Jewish community of Hebron was re-established. Today about 500 Jewish residents live in part of the old city of Hebron under *continual IDF protection where soldiers outnumber the Jewish residents four to one. Three times in the past year we have had the privilege of meeting these soldiers and blessing them with backpacks and fleece jackets that you enabled us to buy for them—thank you!* They do a commendable job in protecting and safe guarding these families in Hebron.

The remaining 166,000 residents of the surrounding city of Hebron are Palestinians. It is our prayer that one day Isaac and Ishmael will be able to pray together once again, in peace as they did millenniums ago... *“Then his sons, Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron...” (Genesis 25:9)*

## ▼ By Karen Lewis

David's Shield Coordinator

## Lone Soldiers Book

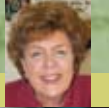
CFI has worked closely with Zvika Levi, a father of the lone soldiers in the IDF, for the last four years.

A book has been published that we are selling about the lives of 13 lone soldiers and Zvika Levi! For a variety of reasons these young men and women come from Melbourne and Montreal, London and Los Angeles, Boston and Buenos Aires. They serve side-by-side with native born Israelis throughout the IDF, including combat and elite commando units. The stories of these lone soldiers is living proof of Israel's enduring strength and that Zionism still lives in the hearts of the Jewish people!

**\$30 US**

(includes postage and handling)





A Leper

“Whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord” –Ephesians 6:8.

## Lighting A Candle In Their Darkness

### Social Poverty for Nimrod

● Some of you remember Nimrod (last issue of *For Zion's Sake*) who visited CFI and was so nervous and afraid (because of the social rejection), he could not even smile when he arrived at our doors. Vesco and I reached out our hands (which surprised him) and shook his hands (society has done the opposite by avoiding him).

### God Had Seen His Suffering

When we told him that we really wanted to help him and that we really cared, he had tears in his eyes. The next time we made a home visit to his one tiny room where he lives. To try to explain “how” he lives would be so foreign that it is impossible to share. CFI blessed Nimrod from your love gifts and tears welled up in his eyes. He tried to thank us and we told him we wanted no personal thanks, just to thank God above for He had seen his suffering. Nimrod needs a single bed with a good mattress and some small personal items. Please pray about blessing Nimrod. May he know the bountiful love of God, his Creator.



In the Classroom with Children of Mizrahi Jews

## They Have a Right to Health

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” (Henry Brooks Adams)

● I did not know what I was going to encounter when my Jewish neighbor, Karen, invited me to visit a local Israeli school where she is the Principal of 365 children in 12 classes up to the 6th grade. As I arrived, the gates swung open and my name was called out – “Sharon?” I found myself inside an inter-city public school filled with mostly Mizrahi Jews. Mizrahi Jews, after the State of Israel was established, were either expelled by their Arab rulers, or chose to leave, or immigrate to Israel. They arrived from Yemin, Morocco, Persia and Iraq. The percentage of Mizrahim who seek university education remains low but the way out of poverty is through education. This is what my friends are doing: educating children.

The school walls were covered with colors, drawings, pictures, aleph-bet, Hebrew letters, and complete with a Bible verse on the walls. The teachers and children welcomed me. Whenever I entered their classrooms, they respectfully stood, sang and played musical instruments for me. Karen, the school Principal, told me that the school had no cafeteria where the children could eat lunch. The children bring their lunches to school and many end up eating unhealthy food as a number of the children come from lower income families. Some children have nothing to eat unless Karen provides for them and the school just does not have the money to do so. Could we answer the call for help so that these children will have a right to be healthy and enjoy a hot lunch? If you wish to help, you may earmark your gifts “**LSBF: Children's hot meals.**” Will you pray about helping us to extend our Christian love to the needy Children?

▼ By Sharon Sanders

Director of Ministry & Teaching



Vesco Visiting Nimrod



His one piece of furniture



War Veteran event at CFI

## Under the SUCCA





# Young Girl in Bus Bombing Wants to Counsel Others

● On February 22, 2004, fifteen-year-old Linor was on Bus #14 in Jerusalem when a suicide bomber set off a tremendous explosion killing eight and wounding over 60. Miraculously, even though she was in close proximity to the terrorist, the God of Israel spared Linor's life. Her school backpack full of books was sitting in her lap and while Linor's hair and face were burned due to the intense heat of the blast, the backpack protected the rest of her body! The backpack was torn to shreds by the shrapnel but not even a scar was left on Linor's body. Linor had to jump and climb over dead bodies, including one of her friends, but was able to make her way out of the bus. As she was exiting the bus, Linor severely injured her knee. But she was alive!

## Linor Studying Counseling

Now, nearly six years later, with several years of psychological therapy behind her, Linor was accepted to Ben-Gurion University in Beersheva. She is studying Psychology in order to counsel other Israelis that have suffered through terrorist attacks. CFI has previously assisted with Linor's medical expenses. However, this time it was truly a humbling experience and a privilege to pay the final half of Linor's tuition which the family could not afford. Pray that the Lord will guide this determined young lady to success in her studies and help her totally overcome such a devastating experience that no one should have to endure.

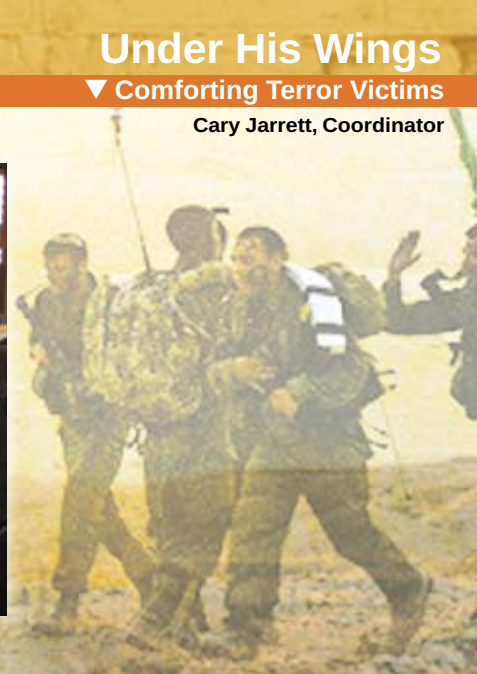
*"Because of the devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of the needy, now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he longs" (Psalm 12:5).*



Memorial to bus #14



Dmitri telling his experience



# WOUNDED BUT NOT FINISHED

*"Come, let us return to the LORD: For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us" –Hosea 6:1.*

● In June of 2006, Dmitri was a successful chiropractor and enjoying life with his wife and two kids. Then on July 12th, the Iranian-backed terrorist group, Hizbullah, ambushed and killed several young Israeli soldiers patrolling the border. Thus began the 2006 Lebanon War. Still active in the IDF Reserves, Dmitri was called to service and did not hesitate to do his duty.

As the war progressed, Dmitri and his IDF Division were fighting inside Lebanon across the Israeli border. One day as Israeli tanks were headed north in the valley, Dmitri's highly trained sniper unit was providing parallel cover from the mountain top. Suddenly, Hizbullah terrorists hidden near Dmitri opened fire on the Israeli tanks which promptly strafed the entire area with accurate but deadly firepower. Dmitri's buddy beside him was killed. Dmitri was severely wounded internally in his liver, stomach, and intestines. Medical assistance was quick but not totally sufficient for his injuries. While being flown to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Dmitri's chances of survival were not very good. After eight weeks in the hospital, Dmitri did survive, but knew his life had changed forever. Years of rehabilitation followed and today Dmitri still has to have periodic treatments at the hospital. His career as a Chiropractor is over.

## Dmitri Could Not Find The Words

Israel does provide a monthly allowance and educational reimbursement for wounded soldiers. However, after years of not having any income from his medical practice and a growing family, Dmitri did not have the initial tuition to begin his re-training studies at the College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel. Dmitri could not find the words to express his gratitude that Christians would drive from Jerusalem to Haifa in order to bring him a check for his education. Capitalizing on his doctoral studies and being an excellent student in Chemistry and Science, Dmitri is going to pursue a career in Nutrition which is in heavy demand at many hospitals. After hearing of all the projects that CFI performs in Israel, Dmitri extended an invitation for us to visit him and his family anytime that we are in the Haifa area.

**If you would like to support our visits to terror attack victims all over Israel, please designate your check or credit card donation to Under His Wings.**

▼ **By Cary Jarrett**  
Under His Wings Coordinator



Cary Jarrett, Coordinator



Bet Haroeh student



Bet Haroeh covering for Qassam rockets

# SDEROT

## WORKING FOR THE CHILDREN OF

● **Recently during one of our weekly visits** to the terror stricken families in Sderot, the Deputy Mayor asked CFI if we could help the underprivileged kids at the Bet HaRoeh Elementary School. Bet HaRoeh is the school for the poorest and neediest families in Sderot. Bet HaRoeh is an easily identifiable school in Sderot because of the giant cement canopy built over it to protect from Qassam rockets from Gaza. When a Color Red warning siren is heard, the children still have to run for cover because all sides of the building are exposed. The canopy is there to prevent a direct hit on the school (from above).

### Businesses Leaving Sderot

Because of the constant threat of rockets, several companies offering employment opportunities have left the area, so finding a job in Sderot can be very difficult. In our meeting with the Deputy Mayor and Bet HaRoeh's Principal, we learned that of the 120 children enrolled, 96 of them cannot afford to purchase their school books. This immediately creates difficulties in learning. These young kids have to try to borrow books from each other, or use old, discarded books that the school may have previously stored. Either case prevents a child from learning in their own environment and to the best of his or her ability. It also creates an embarrassing situation for both the children and the teachers who have to frequently ask the question, "Do your parents have the money to buy your books?" **For CFI to purchase these necessary educational tools will convey a message throughout the school that the "Christians really do love us."**

Another project the Deputy Mayor asked CFI to assist with is an "after school program" for sixth graders that may be struggling with subjects such as English, Science, or History. The goal is to improve the knowledge and skills of these boys and girls before they enter junior high school. This is a very vulnerable age. The Deputy Mayor, a former teacher in Sderot, stated that "if a child gets behind at this age, you risk the possibility of them just giving up for the rest of their school years!" He invited us to be personally involved with this learning program and with the kids. Through Christians who understand the significance of Israel and God's Chosen People, CFI will be able to provide additional learning aids, "second

lunches," tutors, and educational trips to encourage the yeladim (children).

The Lord Jesus Himself set the example for all of us regarding these precious little ones. ***But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).*** Running and seeking shelter from Qassam rockets is part of these children's daily lives. To give them an opportunity for an education seems like the least we can do.



Bet Haroeh classroom

## Help the Children Have A Better Life

If you would like to participate in these special educational programs for the children of Sderot, please designate your check or credit card donation to Communities Under Attack – Sderot Schools.

▼ **By Cary Jarrett**  
CUA Coordinator

# Getting To Know You

## A Jewish Hand Extended

● An old song many years ago went like this: “*Getting to know you, getting to know all about you, Getting to like you, Getting to hope you like me.*” It has also been said, “It is a very ancient saying, but a true and honest thought, that if you become a teacher, by your pupils you will be taught.” (From the musical, *The King and I*, by Rodgers and Hammerstein)

First I wish to say I am a teacher. My specialty is Biblical Hebrew – a lifetime of work. One day I was reading where the Tanach says 10 Gentiles will take the sleeve of a Jew and say “*We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you*” (Zechariah 8:23). In the early 1980’s I knew nothing about many true believers who were doing voluntary work (for God) in Israel.

One day I walked down a certain street in Jerusalem and a sign on a building caught my attention: CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL. I wondered, “Christians? Friends of Israel? I didn’t know we had any!” I was living in the past history of Christianity toward my people. I decided to be courageous and knock on the door. It was a very small place with a few people in the main room and I introduced myself. After getting to know Ray and Sharon Sanders, I ended up working together with them for more than 18 years. I can say that THIS was the greatest accomplishment of my life! CFI and I were able to do many things “together” for the Jewish people.

### Experiencing Real Christians

Besides being a Rabbi, I was an Optician and with CFI’s help we were able to make 14,000 pairs of glasses for the poor and needy in Israel, including Russian immigrants, Holocaust survivors and Ethiopian Jews. The years between 1988 and 1998 were very exciting and fruitful years of working side-by-side, hand-in-hand for Israel. I saw for the first time in my life, REAL CHRISTIANS, who were willing to put their lives on the line daily to bring a blessing to my people. At present CFI is still my daily “vitamin” which I take every morning early when I arrive. I have decided that the knowledge I have gained through a lifetime of studying God’s Word, the Torah and Biblical Hebrew does not belong to me alone, but I must share it with my Christian friends. The decision was made after looking into many translations of Bibles and discovering that each one translates the Bible a little differently. I got very excited and decided to write a series of books on the Five Books of Moses explaining the original Biblical translation directly from the ancient Hebrew.

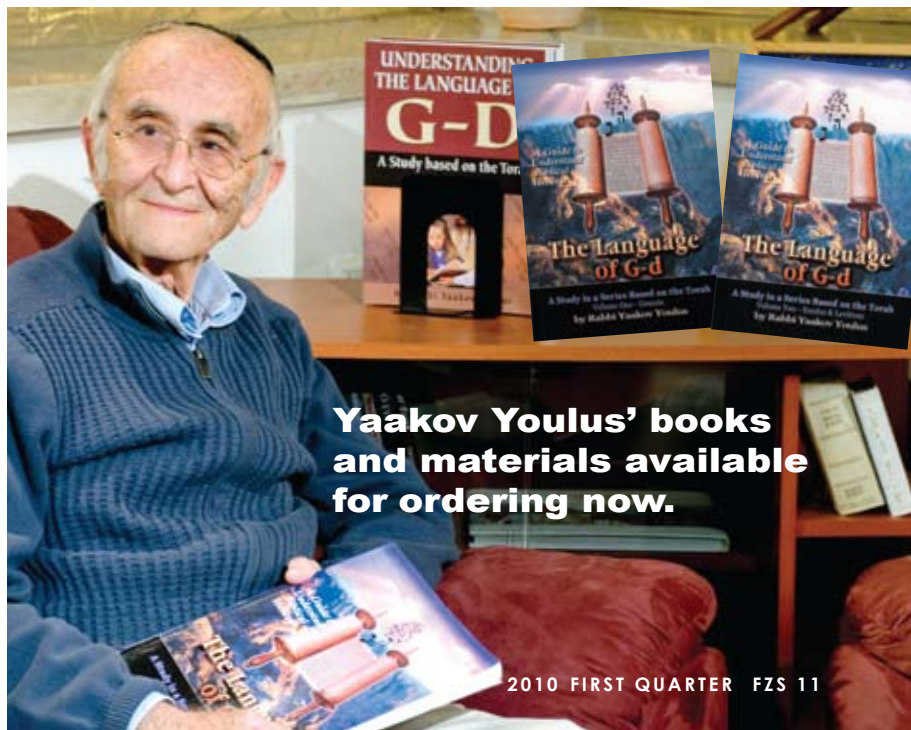
### Bible Study from Jewish Perspective

My grandchildren and CFI have taught me how to use the Internet and I share with Christian study groups every week. I like to use SKYPE to build what I call “mushrooms” in America and Australia. This way we can conduct “Bible classes” where we can see each other and discuss the translation of a word in THE WORD. I also utilize e-mail to answer questions and to stay in touch with my “students” from around the world.

### Building a Better Future

The motive for all of this is that I feel I have a mission to decrease the tension and negative relationships Jews and Christians have had in the past and to try to start a new page in Jewish-Christian understanding and cooperation. It is all about getting to know each other. To do this, I need your help so that together we can fulfill the words of the prophet, “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it*” (Isaiah 2:24). I believe that God brought me to CFI-Jerusalem and to the world to help heal the historical relationship between Christians and Jews and bring us together to build a better future, especially when today we are both confronted with the Islamic world.

I would like to end this article by reminding us of the famous quotation, “Together we stand, divided we fall.” Please feel free to email me at: [Yaakov.youlus@gmail.com](mailto:Yaakov.youlus@gmail.com). Maybe we can arrange a time to meet one another on SKYPE and build “mushroom” Bible conversations.



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# Grateful Hearts

*"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song." —Psalm 28:7*

● **Elsabet** is always grateful for the help she receives from CFI. She is divorced and has three children to raise alone. She struggles to provide for her children on approximately 780 USD per month from the government with no help from the children's father. She is unable to work because she has chronic hepatitis. She has lived in Israel over seventeen years so she understands the culture and the language, but she struggles with other things.

Elsabet's oldest children are twins, a boy and a girl, who are seventeen. They have anger problems and the boy has destroyed the doors in their apartment. Elsabet says that it takes more strength than she has to deal with them. Last year the boy was sent to a boarding school and he is doing a little better now. The girl is still at home and still angry. Elsabet was hoping that she would also go to a boarding school, but, in the interview for the school, the daughter was very negative and made it plain that she did not want to attend there. At the start of this school year, she was at home and refusing to attend school. She hangs out with her three friends who, Elsabet says, are a bad influence.

Recently the daughter hit an Arab man in a small neighborhood grocery and she spent a night in jail. She stays out all night and Elsabet and her younger daughter go to hunt for her in the streets in the wee hours of the morning. Elsabet is worried and doesn't know what to do for her anymore. She had trouble finding a school that would accept her daughter because the schools have her records in the computer. Her daughter's academic record is very good, but, when they saw her behavior record, the schools didn't want to accept her. Elsabet finally found a private one-on-one school willing to accept her daughter. Elsabet is hoping that her daughter will like this school and complete her education there this year. She doesn't want her daughter to ruin her life before she goes into the army – maybe the army will help change her behavior. Elsabet feels blessed that her youngest daughter behaves well and is a good student.

Elsabet is grateful that she has a low-income apartment, but the company pressed her to buy the apartment and threatened to make her move out if she didn't. They gave

her an eighty percent discount on the price, but the down payment for the mortgage was more than Elsabet could afford. She recently wrote a letter asking that they give her another chance to buy the apartment since the deadline to purchase it passed last year. Elsabet doesn't know what she will do if they tell her to move out. The waiting lists for low-income apartments are long and she is not able to afford the rent for other apartments.

Elsabet and her oldest daughter shared a bed and the youngest daughter's bed was broken and not stable. With your help we were able to purchase a bunk bed for the two girls, so Elsabet is able to sleep in peace. **She gives thanks to God for all she receives and finds strength in the knowledge that He knows about her problems and will provide for her.**

## Ongoing Needs Project Hope For The Future

- Financial help for families
- Someone to adopt a needy Ethiopian family
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- School supplies and backpacks
- Prayers for successful integration of the Ethiopians



If God should lay it on your heart to adopt an Ethiopian family, please contact Donna at: CFI, P.O. Box 1813, Jerusalem 91015, Israel or e-mail her at [donna@cfjjerusalem.org](mailto:donna@cfjjerusalem.org) and she will send you the details. If He lays it on your heart to support Project Hope for the Future financially, please send your gift to: Project Hope for the Future at the CFI address above. **Thank-you for letting us be your hands and feet to minister to the Ethiopian immigrants!**

▼ **By Donna Roberts**  
Hope for the Future Coordinator



Living on a Tight Budget

# Brotherhood

*“I have shown you in every way...that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ (Acts 20:35).*

● There is a feeling of fellowship and relationship with others when we care about each other. When we are united for a common purpose, to glorify the God of Israel, then we will desire to help others and not be focused on our own self-interests. The feeling of making others glad in the Lord, knowing they will go away feeling encouraged and strengthened in their faith (*emunah*)—whoever they are—makes our hearts lighter and our own faith stronger.

Thank you to each and every partner-in-ministry, wherever you are, for the faithful assistance you have given to be able to build strong brotherhood between CFI and the communities of faith in Israel today. God bless each of you. —Ray Sanders

**“Brotherhood is the focus upon which all other relationships must be evaluated.”**

## May CFI Be Stronger

Vitali serves as a spiritual leader of his congregation, and since he has had problems finding a new job and his wife is not working, their needs are great. This family came to us with serious dental problems, for money to buy food and school supplies for their children, and to pay their bills. They live on a very tight budget and they turned to CFI for help. CFI was able to cover most of the expenses they had prayed for, and their note came back to us: “Christian Friends of Israel, We...want to tell you thank you for the financial support for our family. We as parents could not pay for the dental treatment for our child. We thank you, Christian Friends of Israel from all our hearts, for your answer to our need. We pray...God’s blessing on you and ask Him to bless you [a] hundred, sixty and thirty times for your open hearts. Also we wish your ministry to be stronger and stronger.” —**The K. Family**

## He Used You

Dear CFI: “...you are always on our hearts and in our prayers. We want to thank you for the food that you sent for our members and the 50 portions were all given away. They were so pleased and were thanking us for this help because they did not get food from us for so long. But thank God that He used you to bless these poor families...” —**Anton and Helen A.**

## Please Thank Your Sponsors

Dear CFI: I would like to thank you once again on behalf of my family. Words cannot express how much we appreciate the very generous personal gift we received from your organization. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Project First Fruits has been such a blessing to my family. Thank you for your concern, kindness and support...your gift will help...our daughter and the medical coverage that she so rightfully deserves. And we plan to pay off all our immediate outstanding bills and payments. Please thank everyone at CFI and your sponsors. We realize that although we are struggling, God’s Will is behind it... We thank Him for providing for us through your wonderful ministry. We thank you so very, very much with all our hearts!” —**Helen, Eldad, Shai, Ethan and Lily S.**

▼ **By Ray Sanders**  
First Fruits Coordinator



## NEW Sri Lanka Representative



**Mohan Weerakoon** is the newest member of CFI Representatives in the Nations. He is a Financial Consultant by profession, but is an avid lover of Israel and the Jewish people. One of his goals is to help restore the good image of the Jewish people to his country. He is a respected man

of God in Sri Lanka and desires to help defend the State of Israel through media and education. He will be visiting churches and Christian organizations and is working hard to help establish an Israeli Embassy in Sri Lanka. Please pray and welcome this dear brother and others that will be raised up to help us move forward in this nation. An email of encouragement would gladly be accepted at: [mohanwg@sltnet.lk](mailto:mohanwg@sltnet.lk)



## CFI-JERUSALEM North American Development Division

### Established and Ready

CFI-Jerusalem's newly established North American Development Division is now on the ground and ready to serve. Appointed from Jerusalem to the United States, as an expansion of CFI-Jerusalem, directors Kevin and Stacey Howard are now located in the Midwest United States. Ordained through Christ for the Nations, as ministers to the Body of Christ, they desire to inform Christians about their responsibility to Israel and her people during these very special days in which we live.



**Kevin and Stacey Howard**

The Howards are available to speak to groups, churches, and organizations wanting to know more about Israel, as well as those interested in connecting with the Land and its people through the ministry of CFI-Jerusalem. As CFI's most recent resource to North America, Kevin and Stacey are the newest point of CFI development.

While working to expand regional and mini conferences throughout North America, they are also responsible for logistic operations, International Media, and Jerusalem's World Wide Web development while maintaining an ongoing cooperative partnership with our CFI-America office in Burleson, TX for literature distribution and donation receipts.

To schedule a speaking engagement for your group, church or organization anywhere in the U.S., or if you or anyone you know would like to have CFI present for your next special event or conference, contact Stacey at 618-304-0034 or email to [stacey@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:stacey@cfijerusalem.org). You can always feel free to drop us a note or your comments to CFI, North American Development Division, P.O. Box 593, Highland, IL 62249-0593. We look forward to scheduling time with you or just finding out what is happening in your part of the country.



## NEW Nigerian Representative



Connecting  
**CFI**  
With Africa

**Pastor Jeremiah Sunday Dairo**

Pastor Jeremiah Sunday Dairo has been appointed to represent Christian Friends of Israel in Nigeria. Pastor Jeremiah and CFI Jerusalem have been working together for a number of years. Our new representative has recently made a trip to Nigeria for the purpose of raising up an army of prayer warriors for Israel and CFI.

There are now four area Representatives in Nigeria: from Ibadan, Abuja, Lagos and Port Harcourt. While there Pastor Jeremiah met with the Governor of Oyo State, His Excellency Chief Algo Akala who is very happy to be a part of CFI. Three Area Representatives (with offices) in Nigeria are from Area 1: Lagos - Samuel Idowu; Area 2: Ibadan - Rev. Perex Iyiola and Tunde Sunday; Area 3: Abuja - Kate Salami; Area 4: Port Harcourt (no office) - Pastor Ifeoma; Area 5: Bauchi (no office) - Rev. Emanuel Sengari; Area 6: Jos (no office) - Pastor Sunday and Pastor Emanuel Bauda, Area 7: Akure (without office) - John Akiniyi.

*"Kindly tell the people around the world that CFI is seriously connected to Africa." Pastor Samuel Iowu Adigboluja, Group Leader CFI African Wall of Prayer - Nigeria.*

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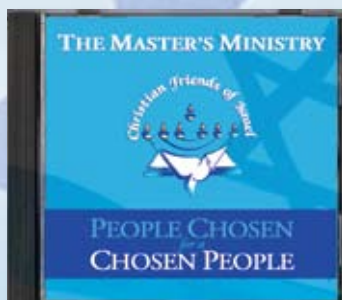
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