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## Facing the Future

**"You know how to read the appearance of the sky but you can't read the signs of the times!" 1 Chronicles 12:32**



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# SHALOM FROM JERUSALEM



Ray Sanders

## DEAR FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" ISAIAH 41:10.*

The Lord's words of comfort and assurance are a source of strength to Israel and the Jewish people during these times of much upheaval and bloodshed surrounding this tiny nation. The "Arab Spring" which began in January of 2011 in Tunisia continues to have ramifications throughout the region and is turning into the Arab Winter of discontent. Rather than the hoped for freedoms from dictatorships brought about by elections, it appears the big winner is the Muslim Brotherhood and radical Islam.

Unfortunately, both the United States and Western governments are seeking to curry favor with the Muslim Brotherhood in wake of its electoral victory in Egypt. Quoting from a recent article in the Jerusalem Post entitled, "Groveling to the Muslim Brotherhood" by Isi Leibler, the following warning is issued. "What those attempting to embrace the Muslim Brotherhood fail to comprehend is that this organization represents one of the most fanatical and dangerous of the radical Islamist groups in the region, with a dark record of violence and terrorism imbedded in its DNA. It is rabidly anti-Western, anti-Christian and anti-Semitic, is committed to imposing sharia law and a global caliphate – and willing to employ any means to further its objectives."

Mr. Leibler continues with the following helpful insights. "If the terms evil and criminal have any meaning, they would surely apply to the Muslim Brotherhood. Today, aware of the desperate need for US and Western economic support, it tactically moves into a duplicitous "stealth jihad" mode, speaking with a forked tongue and feeding the foreign media with self-portraits of moderation that are totally divorced from reality. It reassures Western politicians and media that it will adhere to all prior international treaties. But its deceitfulness is exemplified by subsequent announcements that as



**“And before him shall be gathered all nations...”** (Matthew 25:32).

the peace treaty with Israel was never endorsed by the people, it must be submitted to a referendum. The Muslim Brotherhood to this day repeatedly vows that it will never recognize a Jewish state and fully endorses the murderous policies of Hamas.

“Despite all of this, the US administration, mindlessly seeking a rationale to engage with the Brotherhood, has welcomed the ‘democratic’ elections in Egypt, stressing the

doing so, the US will once again be abandoning its allies – and more moderate Arab states and Israel. To make matters worse, the State Department appears to be ingratiating itself with the Brotherhood by condemning the Egyptian military for not stepping aside sooner and handing over the reins of power to the Brotherhood.

“One would obviously not expect the US administration to feel more enamored with the Egyptian military than

**“Behold all they that are incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shall not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and a thing of naught. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee”** Isaiah 41:11-13 KJV.

need to respect the will of the people while disregarding the radical Islamic and fascist nature of the Brotherhood. According to *The New York Times*, the administration is promoting the line that the Brotherhood seeks to ‘build a modern democracy that will respect individual freedoms, free markets and international commitments, including Egypt’s treaty with Israel.’ They also seem to forget that Islamic regimes have never voluntarily relinquished power. They refuse to face the reality that, akin to Hamas in Gaza and the Nazis in Germany, both of which gained a parliamentary majority in their respective elections, once in power the Brotherhood will destroy the opposition, impose sharia law and intensify the persecution of Christian Copts and all other infidels.

### **APPEASEMENT NEVER WORKS**

“Clearly, the West is obligated to retain diplomatic relations with a radical Islamic Egyptian government, as it does with other dictatorships and tyrannies. But it must not provide it with an imprimatur to oppress its citizens or deny their human rights. The concern is that despite the disastrous outcome of the previous US efforts to ‘engage’ with the Iranians and the Syrians, the Obama administration seems once again bent on a path of appeasing the Brotherhood, which will undoubtedly only embolden them to promote global jihad even more aggressively. In

we are, but to take sides in such a situation and support the ‘democrats’ – the Islamic fascists – is surely madness. Despite our distaste for the military, it probably represents the only barrier against Egypt becoming a fanatical Islamic dictatorship. Needless to say, this has major implications for us. We may soon discover that the Obama administration is obliged to further distance itself from Israel in the US national interest of appeasing the Islamists. These issues should be considered now before it’s too late, and every effort made to convince Americans of the folly of appeasing radical Islamic groups.” (“Groveling to the Muslim Brotherhood” by Isi Leibler, *JPost*, January 18, 2012.)

I have decided to quote extensively from this informative article as I believe it highlights the serious deception surrounding fanatical Islam today. Appeasement only serves to embolden Islamic groups in the quest for world domination. Israel is the only democratic nation in the Middle East that is not deceived by the deceitful goals of Islam. We must uphold the Jewish people with our prayers during these momentous times of deception.

Sincerely in the Lord’s service,

**Ray Sanders, Executive/International Director**



# Facing the Future

BY SHARON SANDERS

**“Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign” Exodus 4:8.**

*“Of the descendants of Yissakbar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel ought to do, there were 200 leaders, and all their kinsmen were under their command” (1Chronicles 12:32). “...and in the morning you say, “Storm today!” because the sky is red and overcast. You know how to read the appearance of the sky, but you can’t read the signs of the times!” (1 Chronicles 12:32; Matthew 16:3, Complete Jewish Bible, Stern)*

“The Scriptures give a name for those who are alert to the times, “*men of Issachar.*” These men were known for their ability to discern the times and adapt.” (*The Message Magazine*, Vol. 58-60). As these spiritual men who saw things to come we who live in today’s world must be discerners of the times, taking notice of what is happening around us and distinguishing between what is of man and what is of God. We also must be able to change with these changing times and yet realize that our metamorphosis must reflect alteration in our lifestyles, transformation of our characters and an exchange of our dreams and goals for the Will of the Lord for each of us in whatever country or nation we reside. We must plan but we must plan with God.

## Israel, the Church, and the Nations

“In your imagination, walk with me to the crest of the ridge and lift your spiritual binoculars. Together, let’s scan the world horizon, to see if we discern signs of His Soon Appearing. As we peer into the future, there is only one way to see, and that is to go deeper into God’s Word. I hope we might envision what could lie ahead in order to grasp upcoming events that are almost certain to happen.” Judging from all indications, we *must* shake off all apathy and awaken our hearts to the Words of God about the age in which we live. Currently, the lenses of our binoculars may seem a bit hazy, but we must look through them, realizing that at present “*we see in a glass darkly*” (1 Corinthians 13:12). However, if we do not believe the voice of some of the first signs we began to see years ago...the Scripture from Exodus comes alive as it intimates that some (in the Church) would be more difficult to persuade than others; they would hesitate to believe we might be living in the latter times and others will not believe until it is too late. (references to Clarke’s Commentary).

Christians often look at things from distinctly different viewpoints and sadly the Church is divided on many issues, but as the Body of Messiah views the range of challenges in front of us, we all must continue to walk straight ahead into a world full of problems but united in God’s plans and purposes. The way in which we prepare will help us to be spiritually on guard to be ready to deal with any issues we might face. I believe the Church is failing to prepare its people spiritually for the soon-to-come trials ahead. Similar to a giant x-ray machine God is exposing the “business” of the church, i.e., activities, sports, games, outings, fun things and sometimes “strange fire” on our altars. Where we are missing the boat is the lack of preparation by our leaders in preparing the people. If leadership does not pick up in the spirit the importance of preparation for their flocks, we will end up like the Titanic or more recently the Costa Concordia cruise ship off the coast of Tuscany, Italy. There was the lack of a state of readiness among the Captain and Crew members and not



enough preparatory measures in place. Yes, our spiritual leaders need to be “preparing the people.”

As the fall of the Twin Towers in 2001 happened quickly and without warning, the Body of Messiah cannot afford to be unprepared for what may come suddenly. This means we must stay spiritually awake and prepared to go and help others, be ready to take action in any distressing experiences and be at peace with God through the Lord Yeshua and our neighbors. This will take a turnaround to change from what might be considered “frivolous activities” in the Church into unified action and serious prayer while seeking God’s Face. This could bring real revival before judgment hits the earth in a shattering way.

## A Burden for the World

*“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth”* (Isaiah 24:21).

Our ungodly world and its many inhabitants are on a collision course with God. It is also experiencing, and for some, engaging with another category of civilization and religious belief under the delusion of being “a peaceful religion.” America wanted “change” and they received it. Europe engaged in the sin of “compromise” and they’ve reaped the consequences. The Bible says, “...*be sure your sin will find you out*” (Numbers 32:23). It is not uncommon for the world to think they can get away with doing something wrong, but when this takes place in the Church or the Body of Messiah, it displeases the Lord, because the result of negligence toward obedience to God plays out. We must not miss our inheritance by neglecting our own personal responsibility to our Creator.

The world, generally speaking, runs at a frantic pace and usually directs its own affairs without consulting God. They do not like interruptions from Him. But just ahead we undoubtedly will have some deeply troubling events that will have huge implications for the future of Israel, Christianity and the world.

**China**, a rising economic powerhouse, also having little to no historical experience or even contact with Jews, is aligning with Muslims, largely because of economic opportunities the Muslim world affords them (including oil).

Similarly **Eastern Europe**, led by Russia—with a very long history of anti-Semitic hatred throughout all levels of its society—again seeks to regain world superpower status by “cozying up” to the Muslim world where it finds many economic opportunities.

**The Former Soviet Union** armed the Arabs against Israel as have both Russia and China since. It was Russia that provided Iran the technology and assistance to develop its nuclear program. Both Russia and China have been instrumental in “throwing sand in the gears” of Western efforts to bring pressure on Iran through largely economic sanctions, to get Iran to abandon their nuclear agenda and WMD aspirations.

**Europe** is dependent on Iranian crude oil and fearful of a blow back should they support sanctions against Iran. They have announced they are not supportive of sanctions.

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# Iran is the greatest sponsor of Islamic Jihad, arming them to not



Iranian nuclear weapons program almost completed



Iran military maneuvers

**“We will face days of great challenge. The Church must pray and have the courage of Ruth to stand for Israel for “such a time as this.”**

“Iran denies it has any WMD aspirations (a denial that is undeniably false) but maintains its threatening posture and words that prove it is dedicated to wiping Israel off the map. Add to that, Iran is the greatest sponsor of Islamic Jihad, arming them to not only attack Israel, but the West.” (Israel Unity Coalition, 1/3/2012).

“No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck” (engraved in a wall of the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool, England). The plots of the nations, especially against tiny Israel, gives us hope that the Lord *can* make “*the plans of the peoples of no effect*” “...Psalm 33:10); however, we must not be found in the aiding of putting a chain around Israel’s neck or we may find ourselves fastened to the other end. This is a principle and a promise according to Genesis 12:3.

## A Burden for the Church

*“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them”* (Isaiah 42:9).

Part of my burden is that we would pray that the grievous sin that “the historical Church” committed against God’s servants the Jews, would be confessed and that repentance would take place. We have serious consequences today in the “declining church era.” According to Revelation 14:1, 144,000 Jews are still going to be God’s servants in the end times. “*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap*” (Galatians 6:7). We find in many nations, because of the lack of confession and repentance of the Church’s historical treatment of the Jewish people, and the present theological stand on Israel’s restoration, that we do not have true revival. (Jeremiah 31:10-17). Would it not be wonderful if Church leaders everywhere would be willing to learn about the history of the Jews and come to grips with and embrace

Israel’s return to her Land, and before the Lord become united?

I shall never forget speaking about this subject in Jakarta, Indonesia, some years ago and after the message, 200 Pastors and leaders came running down the aisle, with tears rolling down their faces, crying out to God, asking for forgiveness and praying for the Jews. Perhaps the Church just needs to “turn herself in” to God to seek as a worldwide Body His forgiveness and embrace Israel according to the Abrahamic principal and promise: “*I will bless those who bless My People*” (Genesis 12:3). “We must face our sins before we can put them behind us” (*Our Daily Bread*, 2012).

We face days of great opportunities. The Church must be awakened to Israel. “We need something to jolt us awake as surely as someone bursting into our bedroom and shouting, ‘your house is on fire!’” (Pastor Claude T. Staffer). “Churches that people have attended all their Christian lives that once taught God’s Word faithfully, now have fallen for church growth methods and seeker-friendly services that never mention the gospel”...[changing] the message “Jesus is coming soon” to “we can establish the Kingdom here on earth through human effort.”...Israel no longer has any importance with regard to the last days...The Church is Israel, according to Pastors who want to usher in the Kingdom....Ecumenical unity is the focus and if someone is not for it they are asked to leave...Bible prophecy is not mentioned anymore – the second coming of Jesus is scoffed at...men have told me they do not know where they can attend a church in their community or city that still teaches the Bible...If current church leaders are not willing to take a bold stand for the truth, God will simply raise up others who will” (Roger Oakland, *Understanding the Times*, October 3, 2005).

It may be that like the “little book” John ate in Revelation 10:8-11, what we see ahead might be bitter and other scenes will be sweet. It

depends upon where we stand on the crest of the mountain, how we view the scenes ahead. Part of the opportunities we have is to change the current apathy toward prayer. We need to be more like Hannah when she *“prayed with her heart.”* God saw her, and she *“received the blessing”* from Eli. Yeshua, our High Priest awaits us all to cry out and pray with our hearts about our concerns, our fears and anxieties for the future so He can bring us through to victory and true shalom. The days of apathy toward prayer meetings are over. We need to join the ranks of those who take up our positions in supplication to God.

## The Wait

The Church needs to anticipate His Coming again! Even though we wait, we must wait eagerly. Rabbi Yitzchak said, *“Everything is bound up with waiting. Suffering is bound up with waiting, martyrdom with waiting... and the desire of the World to Come with waiting. Indeed, while following the way of Your Judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You eagerly; Your name, even Your memory, is the desire of our souls”* (Isaiah 26:8) (*Genesis Rabbah* 98:14 on Genesis 49:18) (*FFOZ eDrash*).

“The wait for the return of the Messiah is not a passive waiting, as if we simply pass time at the bus stop, waiting for the bus to arrive. **It is a passionate waiting**—a deep, heartfelt longing. It is an ache for His coming, for His appearing. To properly wait for Messiah, our hearts need to yearn for Him with anticipation. We should pine for Him like a young betrothed virgin longs for the return of her fiancé from a foreign land. **She is continually scanning the horizon for some sign of His appearing.** It is our hope to be united with Him that gives us meaning and hope every day. The Great Torah scholar Maimonides says that a person who does not believe in Messiah and await His coming denies the Torah. Perhaps the word *qavah* (wait; hope) is somewhat parallel to the conventional way we use the word *“faith.”* Our hope in Yeshua and our wait for Messiah are components of our faith in Him...” (*The Weekly eDrash, First Fruits of Zion*, 2/1/2012).

## A Burden for Israel

*“Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come”* Daniel 10:14.

While Jesus told us there would be *“...wars and rumors of wars...”* (Matthew 24:6) in the end times, sometimes today’s reports can be unverified without confirmed facts... thereby they can fall into the category of rumors. It was officially reported in Israel from the following sources that the Israeli military was gearing up with the US forces for a major missile defense exercise, one of the largest-ever drills by the two countries. Troops began arriving in Israel the last week of December 2011 and early January 2012.

These reports estimated approximately 9,000 US servicemen are in Israel for unspecified months to participate in maneuvers and exercises to put into place a joint force to be ready for any decision to attack Iran’s nuclear installations or for any war emergency. It is also reported by the following media sources below that the IDF predict missile attacks may hit Jerusalem in a future war. Preparations are under way for the major challenges this will bring to the Holy City. We need to *“watch and be ready”* (Matthew 24:32-33; 42, 44). [Note: It has recently been reported that these exercises have been cancelled, but the troops will apparently remain for the time being.]

## A Warning Signal

With laser like vision we should see clearly *“Iran is preparing for war...and it may be sooner than we think. The Ayatollah Khamenei in May (2011) ordered the speeding up of the regime’s nuclear-bomb program and armed its missiles with nuclear warheads. Now he has ordered the guards to prepare for war.”* (Israel Unity Coalition, 1/7/2012). This will mean the disruption of the oil flow from the Persian Gulf. About 40% of the world’s oil and the majority of oil exports of 8 countries in the Persian Gulf pass through the Strait of Hormuz. (<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/151468>)/[http://www.thejerusa-](http://www.thejerusa)



**Please pray for Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu to have the wisdom to know what to do in these times**

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## Choices and Consequences

One does not need to be a professional forecaster to predict the events coming that will radically change our world and lives. Any view of the future that omits God and His Word is foolish. The choices the world, the Church/Body of Messiah and Israel make in the future will determine the results of negligence, or repentance and turning back to God. (Matthew 12:41).

Our spiritual leaders must make choices now whether to give us *“food in due season”* or not. (Matthew 24:45; Luke 12:42). Spiritual food at the right time is important especially in these prophetic times. If we do not absorb spiritual nourishment that is relevant to our times, we will not be prepared. (Matthew 24:43). Many may do nothing to get ready for His sudden appearing. We must *“occupy until He comes”* (Matthew 24:46) **and find the true answer to the question: “Why am I here on this earth?”** *“...for the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and He hath set the world upon them”* (1 Samuel 2:8). If the Lord’s pillars of the earth are the mainstay support to stay the world, the Church and Israel need to awaken to who truly is in charge of the events on the horizon and turn to the God of Israel with *“hope in our hearts.”* (Psalm 39:7; Titus 3:7).

**This is the only way to face the future!**

# Project Streams of Blessing

Help for Israel's Poor and Needy

## ALL THAT'S IN MY PURSE IS SORROWS



Serving with His Compassion

*"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap..."* (1 Samuel 2:8).

CFI was raised up to bring a blessing to Israel and to exemplify the Master. Yeshua, washing the feet of His Disciples, represented the God of Israel with a towel in His Hand. Streams of Blessing is such an outreach – to serve others and often to wipe their tears. Their lives are full of troubles, but they often experience hope because of a healing touch or show of concern. Thank you for giving to the poor. This month, God sent a man who had slept in the cold on the ground in Jerusalem, others had no where else to turn, plus visits to handicapped children and helping to bring children separated from their families in Israel from the FSU are all part of the work. One single mother said "All that is in my purse is sorrows." She felt empty and alone. She had waited for her husband to return from a jail sentence for abuse to the family, when he was finally released, he headed home only to beat up the entire family again. Her tears flowed freely as she told her story. Without your support, we would not have been able to answer the call of the Jewish social services to help.



Elderly pensioners need our help

**I'd Give My Life Again!** Our visit to Gabrielle and wife revealed a small and modest apartment. In this tiny space one bedroom is full of the landlord's son's belongings. As we spoke, there was never a complaint; however, we noticed that their clothing was piled on chairs because of a lack of space to put them. Gabriel's wife has had four strokes and Gabriel takes care of her as they cannot afford a caregiver. He told us "I gave my life for this woman, and I would do it again!" Unable to chew because of decayed teeth her health has been drastically affected. Gabrielle, a war veteran of the Red Army (who fought against Germany in WWII) arrived in Israel as a new immigrant in 1992 from Georgia (FSU). He and his sweetheart have been married for 56 years. With heart disease himself, he is on medication. Thank you for praying about this special Jewish couple and becoming a SPONSOR for the next six months. CFI will also help them with clothing shelves to ease the burden of a continually cluttered room.

**We Believe In Angels** The Office of the Mayor of Netanya contacted us about helping create a place where elderly Jewish people from all walks of life in Netanya could come to learn about computers and then utilize them to be able to contact their families and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in other countries. CFI was able to make this possible through the generous giving of our supporters. Now the Jewish elderly have a room with seven computers, tables, programs to learn and also a television for their little "club." CFI was invited to go to Netanya to "cut the ribbon" for the new room and to speak to the elderly. Plenty of grateful faces beamed with smiles and thankfulness in their hearts to "*Christians who love us.*" They formed a little choir for the day and sang to us "*We Believe in Angels.*" A plaque in the name of Christian Friends of Israel was unveiled. Thanks be to God that we could be such a blessing to so many. *It is because of you, our supporters.*

By Vered-Faye Wicks, Streams of Blessing Coordinator



Jewish choir singing to us



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Delivering Resurrection Fellowship Quilts





Babi Yar executions portrayed on wall at CFI



Forsake Them Not team reaches out to many Holocaust survivors in Israel to bring encouragement

## HE REALIZED HE WAS STILL **ALIVE!**

This morning Semyon told us how his mother held him tight to her body. She was shot, but saved Semyon's life. When it grew dark the shooting was over and Semyon realized that he was still alive and crept out of the pit. A Ukrainian woman saw him and helped him get out. She raised Semyon and saved his life.

In September 2011, it was 70 years ago that 30,000 Jewish men, women and children were killed in Babi Yar. All the Jews from Kiev and surrounding areas had to be on the corner of Meinikovsky and Dokhturov Street, near the cemetery. They had to take their documents, money and valuables and warm clothes, only to have them taken from them and turned over to the Germans and to the Nazi administration of the city. On the morning of September 29, 1941, tens of thousands of Jews arrived at the appointed location. In small groups of people were taken out of the gathered crowd. Machine guns were heard from the direction they went. Jews who were taken out of the crowd had to walk through a corridor of soldiers who beat them with sticks. In small groups they had to stand on the edge of the ravine. There they were shot and fell into the sea of blood and bodies. **Babi Yar** is the name of a ravine in the northwestern section of Kiev. This would become the grave of more than 30,000 Jews.

In August 1943 prisoners (some of them Jews) from the Syretsk concentration camp had to go to Babi Yar. Some of them had to remove the dirt from the mass graves. Others had to drag out the bodies of the Jews who were shot there two years before. They piled the bodies and the search for valuables started. After this process the dead bodies were burned. Tombstones from the nearby Jewish cemetery were laid on the ground and on these the bodies were set on fire. If there were still remains from the dead then these were crushed to fully destroy the evidence of the German atrocities. The ashes were strewn over the fields. One night the prisoners escaped. Only 15 were able to get out, and lived to tell the story.

In the hallway of the CFI headquarters, the famous painting of Kuzkovsky portrays this horrible event. It was originally given to Sharon Sanders as a gift from her early days of working with the Former Nazis and Concentration Camp Survivor's Association. The original is in the Knesset building. Many survivors travelled to Kiev September 2011 to remember the family, friends and neighbors who were killed in Babi Yar. The Memorial Day was on the same day as the start of the Jewish New Year. We really pray that in the coming year the survivors can live in peace. Please pray for their families, health, and good care now that they are in the sunset days of their lives. Our team has been able to touch many hearts and lives through the compassion of the Lord. **Your help with our ongoing work helps us to rebuild damaged lives.** The Forsake Them Not team continues to visit many survivors in their homes. **We thank you for your continuing support in prayer and donations. We thank the God of Israel for His never ending love for this special group of Jewish people.**

By **Jacob van der Wal**, Forsake Them Not Coordinator

**“For I will restore health unto you, and I will heal you of your wounds, saith the Lord...”**  
**Jeremiah 30:17.**



# Christian Friends of Israel Annual Conference



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## “Multitudes, Multitudes in the Valley of Decision”

Joel 3:14

### Understanding the Times - Israel and the Church

Bible prophecy is key to the end times and the Church should be setting aside regular Sunday services and meetings during the week to inform everyone how to pray for Israel. All end time events center around the Epicenter (Jerusalem)—the signal for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus. We know that when the Lord builds up Jerusalem, He will appear in His Glory, according to Psalm 102:16.

Israel's restoration is also a key to unlocking untold blessings to the Church. The reestablishment of the nation of Israel should only serve to confirm to the worldwide Church that God's Plans and Purposes for the Jewish nation are yet to be completely fulfilled. One of the questions we shall address during the conference is should the Church be teaching Bible Prophecy in the days in which we live?

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Helene  
with Eli

# Eli's Eyesight Restored

**"He remembers His covenant forever, the word He commanded, for a thousand generations" Psalm 105:8.**

**I**n February 2002, after Eli and his friend left the Purim celebrations at their synagogue, Eli drove his van into the downtown area of Neve Yaacov—on the northern outskirts of Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard loud explosions and saw people running in all directions. Eli stopped his car, and saw a terrorist with a machine gun shoot and kill a policewoman while she was attempting to stop him. Then the terrorist who was right in front of Eli's van, looked right at him with a grin on his face, raised his machine gun and began shooting into the van. Eli and his friend quickly ducked down, as the terrorist fired repeatedly at Eli's windshield.

Sharp metal pieces pierced Eli's face and both of his eyes. Quickly the terrorist was shot and killed by other members of the police force. When Eli and his friend were rushed to the hospital, Eli feared that he might be blind for the rest of his life. He went through extremely painful surgeries, and each time the doctors carefully removed pieces of shrapnel from his eyes and face. **Praise God that most of the metal was removed, and his eyesight was miraculously restored to normal!**

Eli used to work as a driver for children. But he was unable to go back to work for several years after the attack because **he couldn't forget what he saw**—especially the policewoman who was murdered before his eyes. He didn't even go to the National Insurance Company to file his claims, because he just wanted to have peace of mind! So he lived on his savings for that year. Then when his money ran out he had to take out several loans.



Neve Yaacov

The first time team members of project "Under His Wings" (UHW) visited him, we asked Eli if he believed in miracles. He said, "Yes, it was a miracle that I am still alive and can see again!" At the end of our visit, we prayed for him, asking God to help him out of this hole of depression and fear.

Thank God that Eli has now been able to go back to work as a driver for children, and was also married. He and his wife have one child, two years old, and they are expecting their second baby in a few more months. The debt he had before being able to go back to work is a heavy burden on his shoulders. We are grateful that Project UHW was able to help ease the pressure on Eli as he is rebuilding his life and even establishing a family. He was very grateful when we presented him with financial assistance from the supporters of project UHW, helping him pay two months' rent.

**Thank you all for supporting project UHW. May God pour back into your life wonderful blessings from His supply, for blessing His ancient people out of your love for Him.**

**Helene Iedema, Director of Outreach and  
Maggie Huang, CUA Project Assistant**

# Project David's Shield

## Supporting Israel's Soldiers



CFI Project Coordinator,  
Karen Lewis, giving out  
fleece jackets

## News from the Sinai Wilderness

Not long ago we delivered fleece jackets to an army unit near the Egyptian border, just south of Gaza. The soldiers were smiling when they saw the jackets we brought them, expressing their appreciation, "You know, it's really cold at night in the desert - these jackets will really keep us warm!" We were soon taken to the Egyptian border and from where we were standing we could see an Egyptian army base. Not far from us there was a new fence that Israel is currently building along the porous Egyptian border.

Beginning several years ago, African refugees have been crossing the Egyptian border from Sinai into Israel to seek asylum from the atrocities in Darfur. What started out as a small number of men, women and children fleeing from the brutal violence of Islamic extremists and seeking a better life, has turned into an organized industry of human trafficking. These refugees give large sums of money to pay Bedouin guides who have promised them transportation from Sudan, Eritrea and other African countries through Egypt and the Sinai desert, into the safe haven of Israel. In reality the guides bring these refugees to the Sinai desert, steal their belongings, point in the direction they need to go and threaten them with violence. They are left to survive in the desert, hoping to find Israel.

The soldiers informed us about the sufferings the Africans go through if they don't make it to Israel. Oftentimes they are subjected to rape, murder, extortion, even organ theft and many of them are left to die in the desert. Only a small percentage survive the desert because the Egyptian soldiers are ordered to shoot anyone trying to cross into Israel. Once the refugees enter Israel, the Israeli soldiers rescue them, but in their pursuit the refugees often run away in fear of being killed. When the Africans are finally captured

they are taken to an IDF base where they receive clean clothes, a hot drink, food and medical attention. They are finally safe and have made it to their destination.

In the past nine months, the Israeli government estimates that some 36,000 refugees have illegally crossed the border into Israel. The refugees flooding into such a small country as Israel has become a heavy burden in all aspects of Israeli society. In addition there are also serious security issues that have to be considered. This is something that is not heard in the international media. It is yet another proof that Israeli Defense Forces will not shut their eyes to human suffering and pain. The State of Israel is able to set aside politics and take the compassionate path to help her neighbors when the opportunity arises. Israel is a young and thriving Jewish nation that was built from the ashes of the Holocaust and they have proven once again that they will not turn their backs on humanity. ***"He has shown you, O man, what is good and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"*** Micah 6:8.

Here is a recent letter from a Commander of Sufa Barak, a Tank Battalion, regarding our gifts to the Israeli soldiers: ***"In honor of Christian Friends of Israel, this is a letter of thanks and a salute of appreciation. I want to thank you for your sacrifice and dedication over the years and at all times—including times of routine training and of war. Every time I turn to you asking for assistance and help you are always there for us as if these fighters are your own children. With deep respect, the Fighters and Commanders of Sufa Barak."***

By Karen Lewis,  
David's Shield Coordinator

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# Land for Life?



**I Have Questions!** “Why does society feel it has the inherent right to put so many restraints on Israel and its People?” Is it not true that people around the world desire to live their lives to the fullest, having the freedom to pursue their dreams and the opportunity to achieve happiness? Why is it that the Jewish people should not have the same right?

**In the year 2012,** is it still acceptable for countries and their representatives to tell Israel that they must give up land for PEACE? Should every country that ever took another’s land, during a time of war, be made to give it back? Why is it acceptable for others to tell Israel where it can and cannot build its homes and building structures? How ludicrous! Also, will we, as Christian friends of Israel continue to silently sit by and stomach others declaring that Israel should be wiped off the face of the earth? Such negative comments as this toward any other nation, race or religion would not be tolerated. There are Jewish communities within Israel that have been purposely destroyed and families ripped away from the only neighborhoods and livelihood that they’ve ever known, in order to appease those in other lands. In no other country on this planet are people bombed—on an almost daily basis—for “sport.” There are communities within Israel where men, women, and children are even afraid to go outside their homes. Children are scared to wait on the street corner for their school bus. And these Jewish people are expected to accept these heinous acts without a defensive response. What is wrong with this scenario? The people in Israel just want to be given the same opportunity we have - to live their lives in PEACE.

**Another Wake-Up Call for the Church:** Will we intentionally stand by in silence as the rest of the world tries to oppress God’s people? God made it clear, “They are the Chosen people!” Being “chosen” puts a heavy burden on the Jewish people. It doesn’t mean being better; rather it means that they were given a special mission which requires a superior moral code of conduct and a duty to uphold God’s laws. Should these people, as we, not have the same opportunities? Why are they made to feel like second class citizens? Why is their every move scrutinized and their very existence questioned—as if they are an insult to society?

**A Sad Time for Our Family:** Recently, our family lost someone very dear to us. Death tends to make one ponder on how short life can be and how quickly it can be taken from us. It can make people reassess their own life: where they’ve been, where they are, and where they’re going. I implore you not to wait until it is too late! Let “God’s People” know how much you care now while you can. The one thing that I frequently play back in my mind while we lived in Israel was hearing ordinary Israelis—both young and old—say, “I didn’t think that anyone cared.” Have you ever waited one day too long to tell someone you were sorry and/or that you loved them? Have you wished you could just ask God to rewind time and give you that chance? You still have time! Today’s a brand new day – put all differences aside. Let the people of Israel know that you care because tomorrow might be - too late!

**CFI has nine different “hands-on” projects** that daily reach out to those living within the nation of Israel. Read about each project, ask questions from the Coordinators and get connected! We’re looking for prayer warriors, and people that will raise awareness, as well as individuals that can give financially to help the work continue on. Will you ask the Lord to show you, what you can do and how you fit into His plan for His people? If Christians around the world would put their differences aside, unite, and do their part we could easily fulfill our mission, and reach the masses. That’s what makes being a part of a BIG family so wonderful! God’s word says, “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” 1 John 3:17.

Finally, for all of you that like to remember... do you realize how many of the comedies and musicals you have enjoyed that were acted in, directed by, or scores composed by Jewish people? If you go shopping and like Ralph Lauren or Marks and Spencer, they are Jewish. Maybe you’ve heard of Spitz, Strauss, and Spielberg. Yes – all Jewish! Do not forget, they’re from the same family that brought us our Messiah. God first chose them! If anyone is unhappy about that then they must take that up with God. Until then, that doesn’t change the truth that the Nation of Israel, and its People, deserve the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—with a good measure of *Shalom* thrown in.

**By Stacey Howard**

Director of Administration/CFI Jerusalem  
North American Development Division

## CFI Outreach Projects



**Communities Under Attack**



**David’s Shield**



**Under His Wings**



**Hope for the Future**



**First Fruits**



**Forsake Them Not**



**Streams of Blessing**



**CFI Distribution Center**



**Wall of Prayer**

## Easing the Burden of Distress Among The Ethiopian Jews

*“Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!  
...in your distress you called and I rescued you” Psalm 81:1,7.*

**E**ach day brings requests for help as many Ethiopian people struggle to meet the basic needs of their families. Work is often difficult to find. If they are able to obtain employment it is often in very lowly paid positions, such as cleaning. However, living costs such as food, rent, children’s school fees, dental and utility bills are high. It is a huge blessing in Project **Hope For The Future** to be able to assist with daily expenses, adopt families and give food coupons. The Ethiopians know that this help comes from Christians in the Nations who love Israel and want to bless its people. **This really touches their hearts to know that Christians think of them and they are deeply grateful.**

I would like to share a few of the everyday difficult stresses that these precious people are currently facing. **We have been able to assist them because of your generosity.** There are a large number of single parent families. One mother, who works as a cleaner five hours a day requested help with her eight-year-old son’s school fees as she was unable to pay them on her limited income. She was so thankful when we were able to pay toward these annual fees and commented *“my life is for my son – I’m not thinking about myself, but about my son.”* Education is so important to these families, but parents do often struggle with payment of the fees. We have also received a number of recent requests from students currently completing high school who have needed help with everyday costs while focusing on their studies.

## Struggling

A single parent with a 19-year-old daughter was able to purchase a tiny apartment when she came to Israel but needs to repay loans to those who helped her. She also has ongoing health issues and struggles with the little money she receives from the government to even pay for her medications each month. She has many needs such as a bed and a refrigerator, but her priority was to have a new hot water unit as she had no hot water. **With your gifts we were able to help her purchase this unit.** *She has just called, not to ask for further help even though she still has many needs, but to say, “thank you and Happy New Year!”*

There are many health issues among this community. Recently, a 39-year-old mother spoke of feeling “so tired, running all the time” as she rises at 4:00 am each morning to cook for her family before leaving for work and returning quite late at night from her job caring for the elderly. She has needed to work these long hours since her husband suffered a heart attack last year and he is now only able to work five or six hours a day as a security officer. **There would be no way we could respond in love to the huge number of requests for assistance without help from our friends in the Nations. Please continue to remember these dear Ethiopian people. Sincere thanks for your prayers, generosity and love.** Many people would be aware that Donna Roberts returned to the US in September, after many years of faithful service in the Land. **We would like to acknowledge the great blessing she has been to the Ethiopian people.**

**By Ruth Bembrick, Hope For The Future Coordinator**



Ruth encouraging Fanta



Melishew with her children



Kuri's needs were met



Simcha with a big smile

# FRUIT in SEASON

**“By their fruits ye shall know them” Matthew 7:20**

Just as we need “meat in due season” in the prophetic understanding and definition of our times, we need to recognize that fruit ripens in “its season.” We need to bear much fruit that will remain (John 15:16). Many who are men and women of faith bear witness to spiritual growth across the country. In spite of the difficulties we face as a nation, the prolific fruit found in many places help this country in so many ways. Numerous believers walk into our doors on a weekly basis all needing attention and assistance. **Thank you...it is because of your generosity we can relieve their burdens.**

“The believers in the Land are the first fruit of Israel’s redemption in these end-times and joined to them are dear brethren from the nations who have deeply identified with them and with God’s physical and spiritual restoration of Israel.” (RB)

By **Ray Sanders**, First Fruits Coordinator



**Ray Sanders assisting with Emergency Need**

## Thank You Notes

### Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christian Friends of Israel:

“Thank you very much for your generous gift, which you gave me for my studies. This gift helped me to learn this semester in the Media King’s School and hopefully, I will receive other scholarships to finish the whole two years. I believe that the Lord has called me to this field of media...and to bring hope to the people of Israel. May God continue to bless you and use you for His Kingdom.” - A.E.

**Dear CFI:** Thank you so much for helping us in our time of need. I can sleep with less pain now with the new mattress and our daughter got the new glasses she needed so much. May God bless you for your work in the Land.

- R. Family

**Dear CFI:** Thank you so much for your timely help and support. Your gift has come at a very crucial time for our family. We are very thankful for your kindness and we praise God for helping us through you. Every blessing, **S. Family**

**Dear CFI:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. “Hear my prayer, O God, give ear to the words of my mouth for strangers have risen against me, my oppressors have sought after my life... Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life” (Psalm 54:2-4). I thank the Lord for everything you have done for me and send my blessings.

- SM

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## Headed Your Way This Year:

# FocalPoint

Christian Friends of Israel's latest endeavor "FocalPoint" is already generating a lot of discussion. Responses from readers just like you are coming in from all over the globe. So far, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, South Africa, the U.K. and the United States are among the first to respond with "where can I find 'FocalPoint' in my area and on my Christian network?" Won't you join them by being the next one to find out more about FocalPoint in your area? Just email your response and questions to [info@focalpointtv.com](mailto:info@focalpointtv.com) today!



**Hosted by Stacey and Kevin Howard**

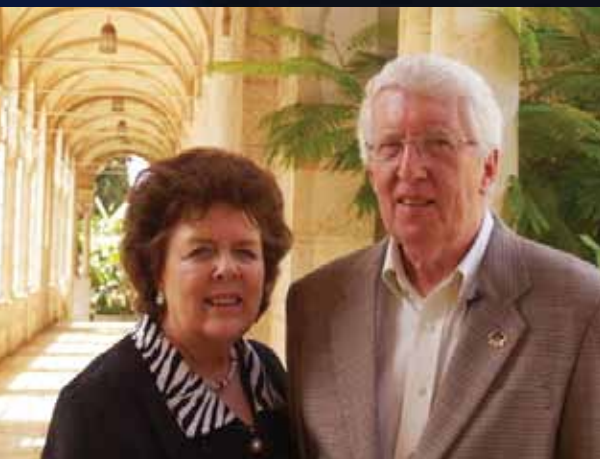


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(UK)

### **International Correspondents**



**Sharon and Ray Sanders**

Offering viewers around the world 30 minutes of positive, relevant and biblically based information about Israel and the Middle East, FocalPoint is just what Christians are looking for in the time and season where we find ourselves. As you no doubt have gleaned from this issue of For Zion's Sake, now is the time for concerned mature Christians to stay informed about what is really going on in Israel.

FocalPoint will bring you exceptional analysis from seasoned teachers and scholars who have devoted years of study to Israel and the Middle East. You will also hear from knowledgeable experts on Israeli policies, Christian-Jewish relations, and the latest innovations being developed right in Israel.

Bringing a half hour of well-paced magazine-style information right to your screen, hosts Stacey and Kevin Howard present stories and interviews that you've been wanting to see, while stretching across the globe to bring you the added talents of Geoffrey Smith, Dan Tracy and Sam Hailes. In addition, Ray and Sharon Sanders will bring you the very latest on what is happening with CFI's nine projects right in the land.

Once again, as you've been reading through this issue, you probably understand that now is the time for you to be involved, informed, and ready for whatever the future has in store. Above all, now is the time for you and those you know to pray for Israel and the Church. If the Lord has placed it upon your heart to become more involved in bringing this information to the world, then you may want to financially support this program with your gift by going online now at [www.cfjerusalem.org](http://www.cfjerusalem.org) and clicking on "Contribute," then choosing "FocalPoint TV" with your gift amount.

I want to personally thank you for your prayers, your love for Israel, and for standing behind us as we redouble our efforts to bring a true report from Zion, for Zion's sake!

**By Kevin Howard, Director of Media and Technical Operations**

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## Current Openings at CFI Jerusalem

**Does God have a call upon your life?** When we work in cooperation with Him for His Kingdom purposes, we join Him in partnership and help to be a part of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy when serving in Israel. ***“Therefore, I...lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called”*** (Ephesians 4:1). Your skills, talents and abilities may fit the openings we have below. If they do, we encourage you to go online at [www.cfijerusalem.org](http://www.cfijerusalem.org), click on “Human Resources” and fill out your application. The following positions are presently open and if they fit your calling, are waiting for your response.

### **Forsake Them Not Coordinator/Team Members (CFI’s outreach to survivors of the Holocaust)**

- CFI’s dedicated Forsake Them Not Department members reach out with love and compassion to survivors all over Israel. Our project is in need of a Christian couple to coordinate this outreach to the survivors. A knowledge of German or Russian and some Hebrew is preferred along with English. You may apply above online or email directly to: [personnel@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:personnel@cfijerusalem.org).

### **Streams of Blessings Coordinator (CFI’s outreach to elderly Jewish war veterans, the poor and refugees)**

- If you have a compassionate heart and are willing to work among many distressed and hurting people who are needy, and have a knowledge of computers, please apply to the above Personnel email address. If your skills involve business administration, executive secretarial experience, please apply to: [personnel@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:personnel@cfijerusalem.org) or log onto [www.cfijerusalem.org](http://www.cfijerusalem.org).

**Dear Ones at CFI:** *“...what a joy it was getting to meet you and spend time with you at headquarters and the Distribution Center. It would be wonderful if everyone could have that opportunity...you are “more real” than ever before...we hold such wonderful memories of all of you and friendships made while there...you touch lives with the love of Christ in so many ways...all in all, being able to visit and work a short time with you, was definitely one of the highlights of our trip...looking forward to the next time....”* Jimmy and Martha – USA

## ANNOUNCING...

## CFI’s New Website Launch

Watch for the new Christian Friends of Israel – Jerusalem Website that will launch in the weeks to come. This fresh new site will give everyone an opportunity to hear directly from our Project Coordinators through video updates. On a regular basis, Coordinators will provide you with stories, testimonies, and project updates about the most important needs they have in their project.

All who pray for and support our projects will be able to directly email any Project Coordinator through their CFI Project Page. The new site will also connect you to CFI – Jerusalem’s Facebook and YouTube Pages to provide you with the latest information. We look forward to receiving the feedback and encouragement that each of you bring to your interaction with us online!

**Be sure to watch the site! [www.cfijerusalem.org](http://www.cfijerusalem.org)**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

# Gloria a Dios!



Happy to be Home



Newcomers from South America

## Immigrants from South America

**From Peru**, the Land of the Incas, to Jerusalem, the Land of the Jews: A family with six children came to Israel eight years ago, but God gives “divine appointments.” One day on the bus, the mother (Shirley) had a sad look on her face. One of our CFI staff was on the same bus and approached her. Shirley told of her personal domestic problems at home and that her husband was forbidden to see their children. Shirley was in the last months of pregnancy and could not work any longer. The rent for their apartment was covered by her husband but it was not enough to feed the children, clothe them and meet all of their needs. The family really needed help!

Shirley brought her tiny baby, little David, born prematurely, who needed to be kept warm. CFI was able to provide her with beautiful baby clothing, food vouchers, an electric heater and financial assistance. On Friday, January 13th, CFI D.C. staff members were invited to David’s Brit Milah. It was a wonderful privilege to share in this Biblical command which God gave to all male children of Israel. New friendships were bonded and relationships built.

**A Most Beautiful God Moment:** The goodness of God brought an Orthodox Jewish family to the CFI Distribution Center (their 2nd visit). When they opened the door to the D.C. they encountered a surprise: a tour group of about 50 people from Singapore in our Reception Room who were singing “Hine Ma Tov” (a Hebrew song about how good it is to dwell together in unity). Upon seeing and hearing these marvelous friends of Israel, the Orthodox father pushed open the door, his face exploding in exuberant joy and began clapping, joining in song and then he grabbed the hands of one of our nearby men and started to dance around the room. The whole crowd burst into dance and as the song reached its crescendo, his children were raised high into the air and swirled around in delight—truly “brethren,” long-lost brethren—in unity (only God could bring about).

While with us, their son was in need of a little suit jacket. Earlier in the week a suit jacket, without trousers, was uncovered. When we brought it out, it fit him like a glove! The whole family was ecstatic! The little boy jumped for joy, he could look like Abba. The joy on their faces and the light in their eyes was amazing. God really touched them. After expressing their deep gratitude which we, the believing Christian community had shown them, they praised HaShem (the Lord) for yet another wonderful miracle of provision to celebrate during Hanukkah. Without the restoration help of our supporters, our Center would not be able to be open today. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

By Ruth Rishton, Rocio Fordham and Jim McKenzie



David’s Brit Milah



Dancing Together with joy

# Bridal Salon.

The Bridal Salon has been alive with activity, from excited Brides and Grooms and their proud families, to children anticipating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, to rearranging, renovations, building and unpacking both the Salon and storage room. Since its re-opening, the Bridal Salon has served Hebrew, Russian, English, Spanish, French, and German speakers. It has been so exciting to see the diversity among those who have courageously chosen to make Israel their home. One of the many blessings we have experienced in the last few months was an amazing team of “servants” who gave us 15 pairs of willing and tireless hands for a day. With a portion of this joyful team, the storeroom was totally transformed! I am delighted to report that we have unpacked nearly half of what was stored in the boxes upstairs, and we have many more treasures still to uncover.

## Such Beauty!

Every visitor who walks through the doors of our Bridal Salon is simply overwhelmed with amazement at the generosity, beauty, love and support displayed by Christians. **When they discover that everything they see has been donated by Christians from all corners of the earth, some are simply speechless, while others are so deeply touched they choke back the tears.** This ministry really does provide help and support, making beautiful wedding days a reality for many who would not be able to afford such beauty. **Our witness comes from our work!**

In the past few months we received a beautiful rich Ivory gown, in conservative style, along with a long lace trimmed veil. **This gown was donated by two women from the USA who are sisters and themselves Jewish.** Both sisters wore this wedding dress to their own weddings, and instead of keeping it to pass down through the family, decided to send it to the CFI Bridal Salon, to show their love and support to other Jewish brides who have recently made *Aliyah* (immigration) to Israel, and who are preparing to celebrate their own marriage.

Not only have donations of wedding dresses come from both Christians and Jews abroad, but also from Jews within Israel itself. **We were most excited to receive a gown from a woman who works as a translator for the Mayor of Jerusalem.** On finding out about CFI and all that we do, she wanted to show us and those we serve, her support also, by giving us her flowing chiffon wedding dress to loan out.

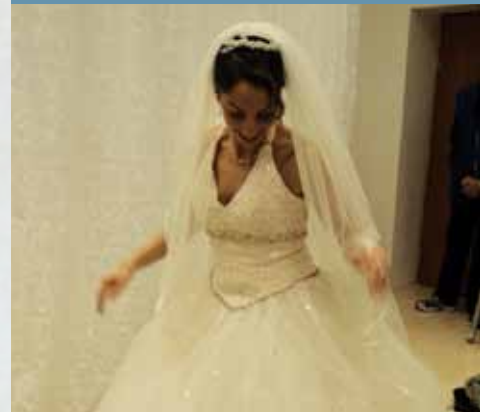
## A Selfless Gift

Jewelry also has been sent to us, both to loan out and to give. One such precious gift was received late November. **Fine, rose-gold wedding bands that once belonged to a dear Christian woman from England and her beloved husband, were sent to us via the dear woman’s friends.** *This gift, along with the knowledge of this woman’s daily prayers for all those who enter the Bridal Salon, touched all our hearts.* Everyone who has seen the rings on display have commented on the beauty of such a selfless gift, and I am confident when the time comes to pass these rings on to the bride and groom that are selected, so too will the joy that we experienced on receiving this gift, be forever with them. It is with great Joy that I extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you, from all those whom you enable us to serve, and from the entire Team here at the D.C. Truly once more, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings, are filling our Salon with sounds of joy and gladness.

By **Letitia Warin**, Bridal Salon Coordinator



Letitia in the Bridal Salon



Trying on for size



Looking for the right gown



A Bride is a Pearl of Great Price



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# DOING THE RIGHT THING

“Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what’s right.” ~Isaac Asimov

A fascinating perspective on an age-old promise made right at the beginning of God’s Word, *“I will bless those who bless My People...”* (Genesis 12:3) is that a number of us want to seek the welfare of the Jewish people and nation because it is the right thing to do. Countless Christians who love the God of Israel and believe in Yeshua as Messiah wish to assist in undoing damage done in His Name because of centuries of Christian anti-Semitism. Even though the historical Church built a “hall of shame” for those of us in this century to have to walk through in disgrace, we can reverse the disastrous effects of Christendom’s disconnection from her Hebraic roots. Certainly that which has been disconnected is hard to reconnect—a fact known to those of us who live and work among the Jewish people in Israel. However, it is not impossible to try, and for this we are very grateful to God for the opportunity.

It is said that the origins of Christian support for Israel can be traced back to the Gutenberg Press (1456), which brought an awareness of the Promised Land and the Chosen People. The World Council of Churches, the Vatican, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and many other well known independent and fundamental churches in Europe and America make it difficult for Jewish people to understand why they espouse such anti-Semitic and anti-Israel propaganda and half truths. **They do not realize that many Pastors and leaders today are contributing to the lack of blessing upon their lands because of Replacement Theology.**

The Scriptures teach us that there was a gentile who was jealous and aggressive (Amalek), and a gentile who was righteous, willing to help God’s People (Jethro). Jethro was called the Priest of Midian and became the father-in-law of Moses after he gave his daughter, Zipporah in marriage to Moses (Exodus 2:21). After Moses began to lead Israel on their Exodus, it was Jethro who encouraged Moses to appoint others to share in the burden of ministry to the nation *by allowing others to help* in the judgment of smaller matters coming before Moses. Jethro was also called Reuel. Reuel meant *“friend of God,”* while Jethro meant *“excellence.”* It is **Jethro-like partnerships with the “Ruth” part of the Church** who recognize the unique role and place of the Jewish people that sustain ministries like CFI in order for us to go on being witnesses to Israel. *There certainly is no witness in having the wrong attitude, as mentioned above.* Our forefathers made a grave mistake by not taking into account the restoration of Israel and bore much corrupt fruit. That fruit turned sour in the mouth of Jewish people.

However, God’s Body and Bride will have a passion for His People as expressed in many prophetic Scriptures. The restoration and rebuilding of the People of Israel—after their scattering and dispersion among the nations of the world for nearly 2,000 years—is crystal clear from God’s Holy Word. **I am bold enough to believe it.** We pray the Church will recover from the tragedy of rejecting Israel’s restoration and prophetic destiny and receive a fuller revelation of God’s Word. A great spiritual revolution *will come* to Israel in the future days. We encourage many to step back from looking at the “trees” of current media bias against Israel, and look at the forest as it truly stands.

**A heartfelt thank you to each supporter and ministry partner; indeed, you are the backbone and pillars of CFI in Jerusalem and in the nations.** It is with much gratitude and sincere hearts we thank each of you for *“doing the right thing,”* honoring God’s Word by obeying **the command to bless** and to be a blessing to the Chosen People. Thank you for having the heart of Jethro and with the spirit of excellence providing support for the ongoing work and outreaches in Israel. There are no adequate words to express what your partnership means to us. God bless you all from Zion! *“There is no greater reward than knowing you have honored God with your life and ministry.”* (Anonymous)

Sharon Sanders



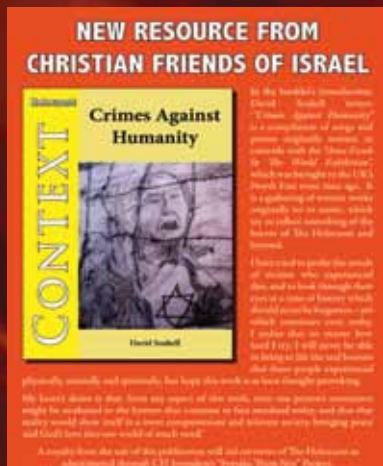
# Heartfelt Thanks to Christians in Australia

**New CFI Transport** Patrick Russell and CFI Australia led the way for the purchase of a new transport vehicle for the Jerusalem work. The car was entirely paid for by the generosity of those who love the Lord in Australia and who love Israel. We give great thanks to God for the wonderful support from our Australian brothers and sisters who are coming alongside of CFI Jerusalem in answering the call of support for many needs of an ever growing and busy ministry in the Land. Heartfelt thanks to all who had a part in this great gift and special gratitude to a man called of God in Australia and fully dedicated to His Call: Mr. Patrick Russell. Contact him at: [cfiaustralia@hotmail.com](mailto:cfi australia@hotmail.com).



Patrick Russell

## Resource from CFI UK



### CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

INSIGHT INTO WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE WORLD SCENE AGAINST THE JEWS

By David Soakell

For more information go to: [www.cfi.org.uk/shop/productinfo.php?product=1104](http://www.cfi.org.uk/shop/productinfo.php?product=1104) to order your copy.

## Flagship Event at Westminster (Zionist Federation and CFI Work Together)



Working on behalf of Israel in the UK

Hearing from Members of Parliament on how they express support for Israel in the British democracy. Attendance at this joint event on February 8th, 2012, was equally Jewish and Christian – 150 members of CFI registered in advance coming as far as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to London for the day. Geoffrey Smith, former Director of CFI UK, stood in for current Director Jacob Vince, chairing one of the committee rooms for over two hours. How wonderful to see the difference CFI is making in Britain.

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CFI UK



Top: Speaking to Rose Bowl crowd. Left: Assisting Visitors to the CFI Booth Below: Rose Bowl Booths



## CFI at the Rose Bowl Event:

# A Line in the Sand

**On November 11th, 2011**, CFI was chosen to be represented along with other believers from the Land to join Christians from around the world in order to pray and worship the Living God along with 25,000 other people who gathered at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Kevin and Stacey Howard, who administer the CFI North American Development Division office in Illinois, represented CFI Jerusalem.

Upon arrival they began to unpack boxes of bags, literature, and DVD's for the CFI booth. By evening all Israel representatives were ushered to the main stage platform where they, along with the large crowd of people embraced America and Israel through prayer. As Kevin and Stacey reported *"it was an awesome experience and we were so blessed to have been an integral part of this monumental event."*

For nine days they traveled throughout Los Angeles and parts of Oregon meeting many individuals who have a great love for the nation of Israel. Kevin and Stacey planted many seeds hoping they will take root. Their prayer is that many will spring into action in support of the nation of Israel and its people through Christian Friends of Israel. *"We'll always honor and please the Lord... we pray that our lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, we'll grow and learn to know God better and better...may you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father, for He has enabled us to share in the inheritance that belongs to His People, those who live in the light"* (Colossians 1:10-12). Time is ticking away – none of us know what tomorrow will bring. **Let us take a stand for the God of Israel and His Chosen People and to flow in the "blessings of Abraham" by supporting Israel.**

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**CFI NADD**



## Bulgarian Connection

**Recently CFI Bulgaria** hosted a Day of Prayer and Support for Israel in Bourgas, Bulgaria. Messages from the Book of Ruth and Esther about the responsibility of the Church to the Jewish people were given for *"such a time as this."* Mitka Atanasova, CFI Bulgaria representative, spoke about the difficulties of the Jewish people in the heartland of Israel (Judea and Samaria) and how they have faith in their hearts to remain upon their God given Land. Gergana Petrova, former staff member of CFI Jerusalem spoke about the work and projects of CFI Jerusalem and how to bless Israel in practical ways. There was time for prayer for Israel and distribution of CFI materials. Thank you to Bulgaria for their faithfulness in bringing awareness to the Church about the importance of Israel in these times.

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**CFI Bulgaria**

Mitka with a Prayer Group



# An Invitation for **Nigerian Christians** and **Africa** To Attend 2012 CFI June Conference

**His Excellency** Nigerian Ambassador David Oladipo Obasa will be among the special guests present for the upcoming CFI Conference and will welcome our guests from Nigeria. CFI welcomes our tour groups from Nigeria to come and learn more about the Land of Israel and to receive rich teachings from God's Word to take back to your country.

For information on how you can be a part of the Nigerian delegations, contact Pastor Jeremiah at: [jeremiahdairo@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremiahdairo@yahoo.com). You may also find out more information about the special "package tours" by emailing Richard at Sar El Tours: [Richard@sareltours.com](mailto:Richard@sareltours.com).

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CFI Representative Jeremiah Dairo  
with Nigerian Ambassador and Wife



## CFI Conferences Throughout the Island

**CFI Sri Lanka** Representative, Mohan Weerakoon has begun a mission to enlighten, educate and teach Christians and fellow supporters of Israel about the importance of Israel and God's Chosen People. He has been teaching on "Why the Church should Support and Pray for Israel and the Jewish people" and has concluded 20 CFI Conferences.

As the Middle East crisis escalates and enemies are expected to try to attack Israel, he feels it is a race against time to inform and teach Christians in his country. **Mohan's admirable goal was to conduct 100 meetings and conferences throughout the island** which now enjoys peace after 30 years of war. **Already he and his team have taken the message of Israel to 120 Pastors and over 3000 believers** (mainly in rural parts of the island where earlier there was no access due to a separatist war). Before Israel celebrates independence in May this year, this amazing CFI Representative hopes to touch the hearts of at least 25,000 people and 250 Pastors in Sri Lanka to stand and support Israel in prayer as well as with financial support.

As more and more hatred is built up against God's chosen nation globally, CFI-Sri Lanka's vision is to plant prayer towers and intercessors around this tiny island to stand in the gap. Praise the Lord for the raising up of this wonderful man of God in the land known as "The Pearl of the Indian Ocean." May all of the efforts of believers there culminate in a spiritual revival and blessing to the Church of Sri Lanka, and the Jewish People. CFI Jerusalem says a big **thank you** to Mohan Weerakoon for his outstanding example of leading nations to learn, repent and be restored to the Jewish people.

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Teaching the Word of God about Israel



Mohan Weerakoon, CFI Representative



Leading  
in Prayer  
for Israel

# CFI Ministry Trip to the Far East

## Interceding for Israel

A Hunger for Biblical Exegesis on Israel



May Wong  
CFI Hong Kong



Alec Chew, Baby Goh, Jane Ng  
CFI Singapore with Ray and  
Sharon Sanders

Ray and Sharon Sanders, having completed a 2011 Asian Ministry Tour will again be available for workshops, seminars, conferences and meetings this coming fall, 2012. For speaking at your church, please email the following CFI respective representatives below to schedule a meeting or conference or email the Sanders directly (see information at right below). The Sanders will be on tour in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, S. Korea and tentatively Shanghai. Your prayers for a fruitful trip are gratefully received in their planning.

For meetings in Australia contact Mr. Patrick Russell at: [cfi australia@hotmail.com](mailto:cfi australia@hotmail.com) and New Zealand, Mr. Dennis McLeod at: [cfi@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cfi@ihug.co.nz).

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**CFI Hong Kong**



**CFI Singapore**



Intense Prayer for Israel

The Sanders are planning on visiting Australia, New Zealand, S. Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai in the Fall of 2012. For booking contact: [sharon@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:sharon@cfijerusalem.org)

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