

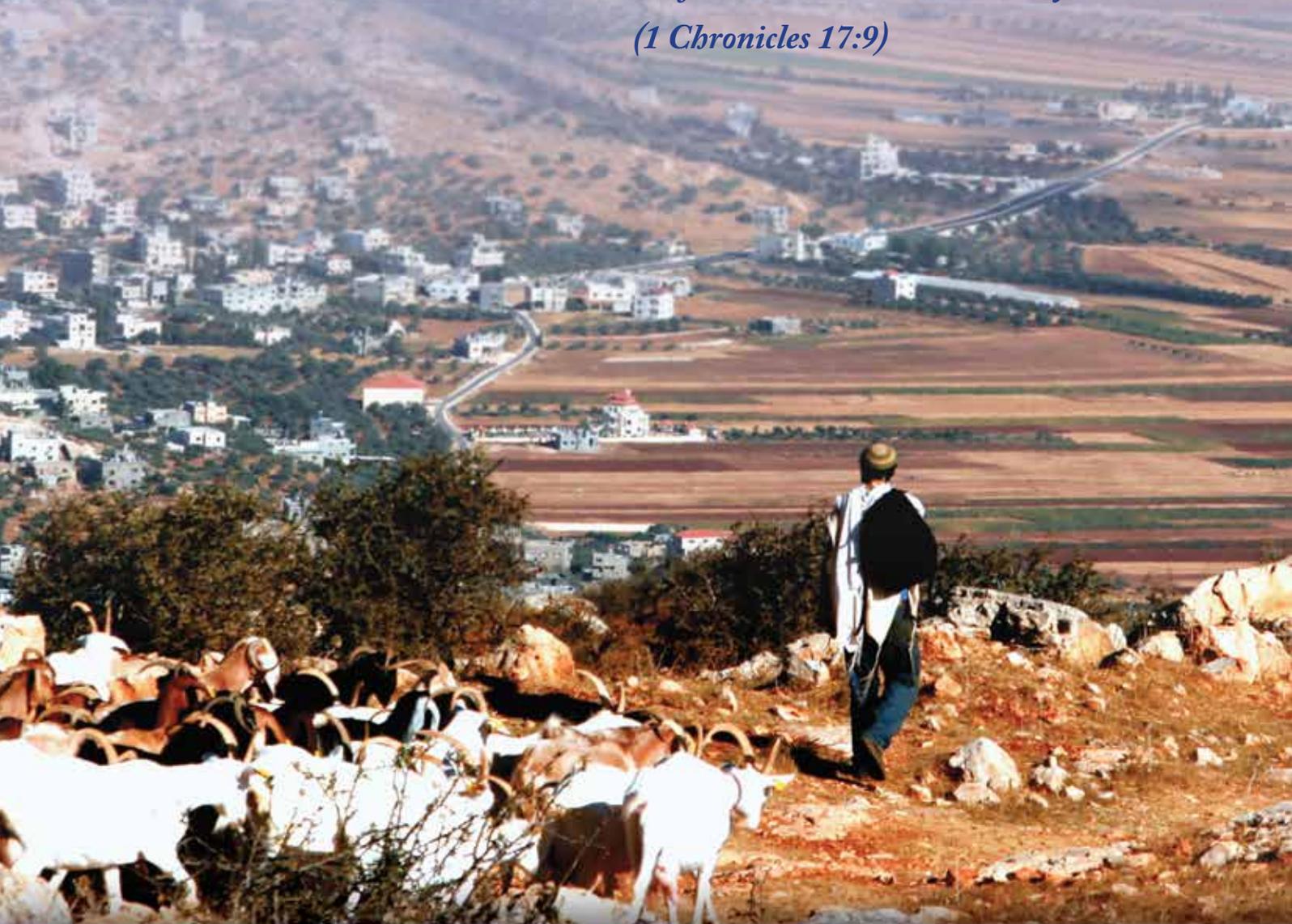
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(1 Chronicles 17:9)



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Dear Christian Friends of Israel Family and Friends,

As I look out the window of our apartment I am filled with awe and humility that God has given my husband and me this opportunity to serve in the land of Israel, for such a time as this.

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place...." Esther 4:14. From the point God fashioned me in my mother's womb, my God planned my days just as He has yours. God has a plan for each of our lives. The question is: **Will We Answer His Call?** The choice is ours, but the fact is, time is short. I would encourage you to fulfill God's calling on your life before He calls someone else to do your job.

I have to believe that I've not been presented with such an opportunity as to write to you each quarter, to remain silent. In a world where we're continuously inundated with choices between political correctness and Biblical correctness, I will not silently stand by and allow others to reshape "my world" when their values are polar opposites of what the God of Israel values. We need to be calling out those who oppose the Word of God and vocalizing the truth as it is revealed to us in Scripture.

"There is...a time to be silent and a time to speak." Ecclesiastes 3:1,7. There may be time when "Silence Is Golden" and we should show self control by keeping quiet regarding certain situations happening today. It is during these times however, that we should be actively down on our knees, crying out to God in prayer, for answers, wisdom and direction.

Isaiah 62:1 says, *"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."* According to Isaiah, for the sake of the City of Jerusalem and the ground on which it is built we should NOT be silent or even quiet--NOT UNTIL the Messiah returns to reclaim His Holy Mountain.

"....If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31. We all need to stop being apathetic in the name of political correctness, because if it looks like a duck,



walks like a duck and quacks like a duck then it’s probably a duck. Those with worldly views – not Bible based – are obviously not restraining their thoughts and opinions, so why should we? It’s time to stand up, reveal the darkness and shine a light on the truth.

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” John 8:32. Our lack of communication could leave others unaware that their actions, words and behavior truly are inaccurate. Our remaining silent could even leave the actions of those with wrong beliefs falling upon **our** heads since we know the truth. We must not continue to believe that it’s someone else’s responsibility to stand up and fight to guard and preserve the Word of God against those who spew baseless and biased assessments against the God of Israel and His People. Don’t continue to let the fear of exclusion or indifference cause you to let this ongoing character assassination of the Jewish people go unchallenged. Once you’ve educated yourself on the facts based on truth then you automatically have a responsibility. *“It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them” 2 Peter 2:21.* Your silence can actually be translated as approval or even your blessing on something to which you are opposed.

The following is an article posted in *The Washington Times* on January 28, 2014. “At the height of the Cold War, it was common for American conservatives to label the officially atheist Soviet Union a ‘godless nation.’ More than two decades on, history has come full circle, as the Kremlin and its allies in the Russian Orthodox Church hurl the same allegations at the West. ‘Many euro-Atlantic countries have moved away from their roots, including Christian values,’ Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a recent keynote speech. Mr. Putin also portrayed Russia as a staunch defender of ‘traditional values’ against what he depicted as the morally bankrupt West. Social and religious conservatism, the former KGB officer insisted, is the only way to prevent the world from slipping into ‘chaotic darkness.’ Mr. Putin’s views of the West

were echoed this month by Patriarch Kirill I of Moscow, the leader of the Orthodox Church, who accused Western countries of engaging in the ‘spiritual disarmament’ of the people. He went on to criticize laws in several European countries that prevent believers from displaying religious symbols, including crosses on necklaces, at work. ‘The general political direction of the (Western political) elite bears, without doubt, an anti-Christian and anti-religious character,’ the patriarch said. ‘We have been through an epoch of atheism, and we know what it is to live without God,’ Patriarch Kirill said. ‘We want to shout to the whole world, ‘Stop! The separation of the secular and the religious is a fatal mistake by the West,’ the Rev. Chaplin said. ‘It is a monstrous phenomenon that has occurred only in Western civilization and will kill the West, both politically and morally.’”

Friends, these men are openly anti-Semitic and I in no way condone or support them. What I am, however, trying to bring to light is that sometimes when you’re too close to a situation you can’t see the real truth. Even they, as outsiders looking in, can see the slippery slope the world is on. Church! We cannot remain silent!



“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.”
Isaiah 62:1

Menachem Begin, Prime Minister of Israel (1977-1983) once stated: “Don’t make light of it. Do all in your power to deny him (the enemy) the means of carrying out his satanic intent.”

We must look the enemy of this world in the face. In the days ahead, I look forward to shedding light on topics that may contradict what the media around the world is saying. Regarding Israel and the Middle East and *For Zion’s Sake* I choose not to remain silent, for then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. [Note: All Scripture quotes are from the New International Version of the Bible.]

From Jerusalem with Love,
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The Land of Promise

A Land to Call Home

BY SHARON SANDERS

“Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more...”

(1 Chronicles 17:9)

“From where does one run to when He’s already in the Promised Land?”
(Claude Brown - Author of acclaimed book, *Manchild of the Promised Land*)

Does the Land Really Belong to the Jews?

The above question is asked by so many in today’s anti-Semitic world and media. I would like to answer the question by quoting the Abstract of a Dissertation discovered in our personal library, written in 2005, entitled “The Historical and Legal Right of the Jews to the Land of Israel” by (Richard E. Bristol, PhD). He also gives the answer! “While the Bible provides satisfactory proof of rights to the current Land of Israel and much more to those who believe the Bible, it provides no justification for the current State of Israel *for the millions who do not recognize the Bible as inerrant truth*. Establishing the Jews as a nation and tracing the history of the Jews in the territory in question is the only way to prove a historic and legal claim to the Land as a Nation-State. The Jews have a national identity as defined in scholarly definition. They have a historic tie to the Land. By international law as accepted by the League of Nations, the United Nations, international treaties, and right of conquest, Israel has rights to all of the Gaza Strip and Judea-Samaria, currently referred to as the West Bank.” This is the premise on which I build my own case in defense of Israel.

So much of the anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda one reads in the media today stems from decades of violence and crocodile tears presented to the world, by the “Palestinians”. On July 2nd, 2015, by the admission of his own mouth on MEMRI TV, Hamas’s Interior Minister stated: “There is no such thing as a Palestinian people...Brothers, half of the Palestinians are Egyptians and the other half are Saudis.” And yet, members of million-member churches such as “the United Church of

Christ, the Episcopal Church and the Mennonite Church, USA, as Eric Adler reports, have turned to a forceful tool: money--and are using it in the BDS movement against Israel, and yet call themselves “Christian.” In the latter part of February, the “International Research Group” (IRG) meeting of the World Council of Church’s Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace held in Bethlehem, set the tone of discussions about stories of struggle to end occupation of Palestine by Israel. None of these people met with any Israeli representatives; however, in short, the meeting invited the Christian world to join in an assault upon the State of Israel. Our question would be how can the German Protestant Church, owner of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, and supposedly committed to reconciliation with Israel, tolerate the WCC meetings without raising a voice?

Our firm foundation, as genuine followers of Jesus, needs to be God’s Word. It was recorded that after the flood, God focused on one man, Abraham. Through this one individual, God gave promises that He granted to no other man or nation on earth. Out of nothing God made something. Out of a small nation, He birthed today’s modern nation of Israel. It is to this Land many people will one day gather to travel to up to Jerusalem, from the four corners of the earth, and will say, “*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths. “The Law shall go out from Zion, the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem”* (Isaiah 2:3, NIV).

Out of Israel’s sacred soil, the Name of the One True God will flood the earth and the world will overflow with spiritual light about the God of Israel, His Land and His Chosen People. It should be natural for Jews and Christians, to love the Land and protect it. How can any true “Christian” join a BDS movement? The Israelis are the chosen ones responsible for holding onto and guarding



the Land and should never be pressured or forced to relinquish it or told to go somewhere else, especially by so-called “Christians.” Just where would they go? There is nowhere else to proceed to...**they are already in the Promised Land!**

A Jewish lady living in Israel recently stated, “*All I wanted to do was to come home to Israel!*” In a recent article in the Jerusalem Post, Isi Leibler, so aptly and candidly spoke to his people in an article posted on February 4, 2016, entitled, “**No More Illusions: Come Home!**” This catchword cry, “Come Home!” to the Jewish people remaining in the nations, (the Diaspora), should roar in the ears of those who were never ever meant to put down such deep roots that they could not again uproot. God is calling His People, yes, to a disputed Land--in the hearts of those who do not recognize the Bible as inerrant truth. The trend line so many churches follow is--without a doubt--deception of the latter days, a failure to correlate the promises of God to Israel and the circumstances that are occurring in the homecoming of the Jewish people from all over the world. These two signs of the times have a complimentary relationship with one another. To awaken to this truth, would mean that all BDS churches would have to admit that Bible prophecy is coming to pass and that Israel still has a divine place in God’s plan for mankind. If they continue to be unwilling to acknowledge this truth, they run the chance of being among those who are “cut off” as stated in [Romans chapter 11:18-22](#). We were never to boast against the branches ([vs. 18](#)) because they were broken off for us ([vs. 20](#)), but they will be grafted back into their own olive tree ([Romans 11:24](#)) through the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. My hope for Israel, after living so many years in the Land, and watching the promises come to pass is that the words of Job would be recognized by “men of the cloth” - our clergy and spiritual leadership, who deny God His Heart’s desire. “*For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it*

will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant” (Job 14:7-9). When they smell the scent of water, may all Diaspora Jews respond and act by listening to the call Isi Leibler gave: **no more illusions: come home!**

These Men Are Our Teachers?

It is so sad, because some Christian clerics and Covenant Theologians don’t even know their geopolitics regarding this God-Given Land. I have heard some claim that there are no references to the Land of Israel in the New Testament, let alone, that it *belongs* to the Jewish people.

Obviously, these uninformed leaders, fail to read or they do not grasp, the understanding of what Peter said about Jesus. “*And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the Land of the Jews and in Jerusalem...*” (Acts 10:39).

This “Land of the Jews” was not only seen by the Apostles--they lived there. However, many Christian clergy and theologians remain spiritually blind when it comes to being squarely confronted with scriptures like these. Nevertheless, it does not alter the words of Peter.

Matthew also stated that the coming of Jesus fulfilled the words of Isaiah and that the Land of Israel’s northern kingdom (Isaiah 9:1) had seen a great light. “*The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali...*” (Matthew 4:14-15). Matthew also informs us that Herod inquired of Jewish chief priests and scribes where the Christ Child was to be born. They responded to Herod by saying “*...in Bethlehem of Judea...*” (Matthew 2:6). Judea was a province first mentioned in the book of Ezra ([Ezra 5:8](#)) (*Smith’s Bible Dictionary*). “Its identification originates from the



Hebrew...and the Persian name “Yehudah” or “Yehud” for the Biblical Israelite tribe of Judah...The term Judea was revived by the Israeli government...as...Judea and Samaria.” (Wikipedia).

We see further references to Israel’s Land in the New Testament. “...when Herod was dead behold an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream...saying, Arise, and “...take the young child...and go to the Land of Israel...” (Matthew 2:20-21). Amazingly, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Founder of Ariel Ministries, states there are a total of 73 references to the Land of Israel in the New Testament. Claims by Christian clerics that there are no references to the Land of Israel is simply unwarranted in view of the amount of evidence. How much more succinct does Scripture need to be for spiritual leadership?

The Promises Need To Be Accepted

It is time for all genuine followers of Jesus to insist that the many branches and denominations that developed out of Christendom “put back” the promises of the Prophets, into the Jewish Promised Land. After all, these promises were never rescinded, but only ignored by the Church.

Christianity wandered in the dark in regard to Israel’s restoration to her Land until the last quarter of the preceding century. Much of the Church had left the straight path and centuries of deception regarding Israel were allowed to permeate “Sunday-going-to-church” people, in the form of Replacement Theology. We rejoice today that a significant part of the true followers of Jesus located the light switch and the lights have been turned back on for many. Those who presently see God’s plans and purposes for Israel and the Land are enjoying solid meat from God’s Word. It places the truth seekers where

they can see the perpetual promises being fulfilled, in the Great Restoration of the Promised Land, People and ultimately, Kingdom to Israel, in the latter days on the earth.

“No power in the world, no League of Nations and not any commission can suspend the Divine right for Israel to possess the Land” (Rabbi Kook). The call to come home is open for all Jewish people to return and discover the imprints of Israel’s history lying everywhere in this amazing Land. Its coat of many colors presents a beautiful tapestry far and wide. It is a Land where the trees of the field clap their hands. Its hills break forth with joy energizing the spirit of man. It’s a place where even the soil is called “holy ground” and Rabbis say “the very soil... possesses a certain spiritual vitality.”

“A Land that the Lord your God scrutinizes constantly; the eyes of the Lord your God are on it from the beginning of the year until the end of year.” (Deuteronomy 11:12, Hebrew translation). *“If I forget thee O Jerusalem...”* (Psalm 137:5). According to these promises God is on duty as the Chief Watchman of the Land 24/7. We are to join with Him in praying for His Land.

The Flow of Life

It is asserted that “going to the Land of Israel entails moving toward one’s self, one’s truest, deepest self.” (Or HaChaim). Over the years, whenever my husband and I traveled outside of Israel, our vigor slowed. The moment we returned to Israel’s borders and touched down on its sacred soil, we hit the ground running...as the flow of life, from this unique nation re-entered our veins, as our yearning for her was realized. It seems to energize and stretch those who live in her. The longer we live in Israel, the more there is a sense of being a stranger in every other land. This matchless spiritual power and energy *belongs* to this powerful and ancient Land.



The Promised Land also draws itself into people's hearts. Christian pilgrims often express their arrival in Israel as "I feel I've come home." Obviously, all Christians cannot live in Israel as it is the Land of the Jewish people; however, it is natural that the bond with the Land and People be felt. Concern for the Jewish homeland, as well as the Jewish people's desire to possess it, is part of the redemption process. Try to imagine the heart of the Jewish person making aliyah and how it feels as it finally reaches the borders of the Promised Land. The longing to be "*next year in Jerusalem*" is over! I conclude that there should never be a thought in any Christian's heart that the reborn nation of Israel is not the home of the Jewish people or that they should be asked to go elsewhere. The flow of life in the form of strength and energy, which God gave the Jewish people to rebuild the Land, has miraculously helped them to develop the nation which continues to blossom and bloom each year. Today Israel has given rise to a standard of computer technology and creative projects that labels Israel as a leading start-up nation in the world. God has put the spirit of Daniel into many in Israel to the extent few in other nations have been able to meet.

A Love of Zion is Stirring

The soul of the Jewish people is definitely bound up with the Land. Now home, they will never depart again ([Amos 9:15](#)). How can they really reside anywhere else? Likewise, for those from the nations who have awakened to Bible prophecy and Israel, and are witnesses to the modern day miracles. Yes, it is natural for us, as Christians, to seek the Land's welfare and its good.

Why An Islamic Holy War?

The establishment of God's Kingdom "on earth" is the greatest cause of the present Arab-Israeli conflict. The battle for truth is being waged. How many openly chal-

lenge Arab lies and propaganda (so often accepted as truth) about Israel? "People will believe a big lie sooner than a little one; and if you repeat it frequently enough people will sooner or later believe it" (Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister). And so it is! Take for instance, Judea and Samaria – Israel's heartland is well known to be presented as "occupied" Arab land, or even an "occupied Palestinian" state! "Never mind that... Eretz Yisrael is historic Jewish land; and never mind the fiction of a "Palestinian people." (*The Indictment*, Sabina Citron, 2006). Getting the truth out today is indeed one of our greatest challenges. Strong worldwide resistance against Israel fuels the powerful lies being told in the Islamic war against Israel.

The Key to Understanding

For Christians the Return of Jesus is our blessed hope; however, it can never happen without the Jews and the Land being together. When He comes, He returns to "*..his own country...*" ([Mark 6:1](#)). This is a truth with which "Christian" BDS'ers must come to grips.

We call for all Christian leaders who are able, to make at least one pilgrimage to Israel. The Land cannot be treated as if it is just like "any other place." This special Land carries a unique Jewish identity and must be accepted. Here is where God will establish His Kingdom on Earth and meet with His People. What a glorious day when Heaven comes down to earth and God establishes His Reign.

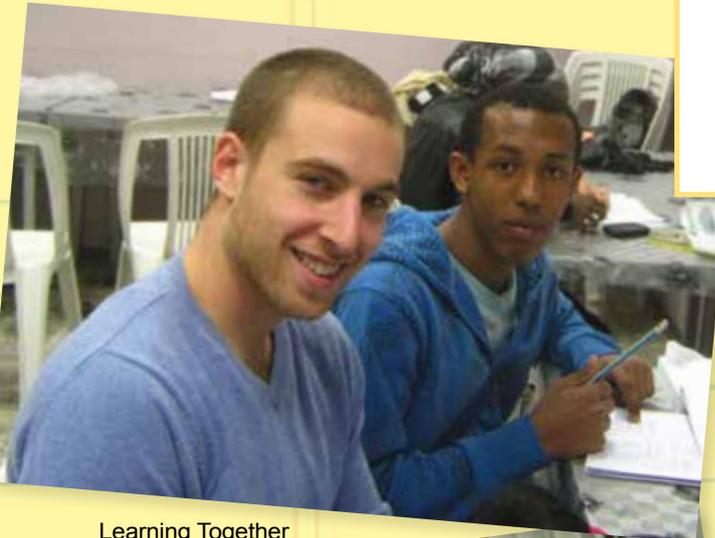
As Christian friends of the Jewish people, we need to be active in helping Jewish people who want to "come home" to their Promised Land. The Land of Israel is the Land of Promise, it is *their place* and they (the Jewish people) have every right to call it "*home*". ■



*“The road is too rough,” I said. “It is uphill all the way.
No flowers, but thorns instead, and the skies overhead are gray.”
But One took my hand at the entrance dim,
and sweet is the road that I walk with Him.”*
(Anonymous)

Thanks to God...and CFI

*“Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will
quickly stretch out her hands to God”*
(Psalm 68:31 NKJV).



Learning Together



Giving Everyone a Chance



Giving Time to Others



Like One of the Family

Inspired Youth

For Ethiopian newcomers, the road of living in Israel has been difficult for many to travel. CFI has been supporting after school programs for Ethiopian immigrant children since 2007. Hope for the Future has been providing school supplies, dental care, helping to support a branch manager for five years, purchasing laptop computers for students, as well as equipping them with suits, shoes for their football teams and contributing to English lessons for children and youth. After taking the hands of the Ethiopian community in difficult neighborhoods laden with crime and drugs, the community is now seeing the fruit of CFI’s ministry among their families and children. Rachel, the Chairperson, reported to us that **our help has prevented many from falling into crime on the streets and has inspired youth to attend university to study health, business administration and other areas of education.** May the road for these families be sweeter than the earlier years because of Christian love and service to this special community.

A Significant Contribution

In 2015, CFI provided many students with English lessons. Before, these children needed to go to a special education class to get high marks and pass examinations. For three years, the parents also have been coming to learn Hebrew, English and mathematics every day, studying with volunteers who give of their time to teach. Because Rachel wishes to continue to promote and strengthen the precious Ethiopian community in Israel today, the Chairperson wrote, **“Thanks to God and CFI, we make it every day. We want to thank CFI for the significant contribution you have made by supporting us. God bless all of you and your families who donate to Hope for the Future.”**

Because of our partners who seek the Lord as to where to help, Hope for the Future has made a significant and permanent difference in the lives of many children, youth and families--all who wish to give glory to God! **Thank you** for helping us help them. God will richly reward the cheerful giver! *“...you Oh God, provided from your goodness for the poor”* (Psalm 68:10).

Tsehail Mabari
Project Hope for the Future



Come *With Us* On A Home Visit

*“Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
Do not forsake me when my strength fails”*
Psalm 71:9.

As members of our CFI family in the nations, we invite you to join us on an adventurous day of home visits to Holocaust Survivors. Beforehand, we decide where we are going and whom we are going to visit. We check our CFI database where we have recorded every name and our notes from previous visits. Next we pray for the Lord to lead and show us who needs a visit the most. The choice is enormous: 34 towns throughout Israel and over 800 survivors from which to choose. There are towns such as Sderot, where one feels you need to be a detective on a special mission, as many of the street signs and house numbers have been destroyed by rockets that have been fired from Gaza during previous wars. Many street names have been changed over the last few years, and our precious survivors are not able to tell us the new name. One day it took our team an hour and a half to find an apartment, following the survivor’s instructions and asking local people for directions—(all during a down-pour and strong wind). However, because of God being with us the impossible became possible, and we had a wonderful visit and time of fellowship.

While organizing a trip to Netanya we felt strongly that we should visit one couple, although we had already visited them relatively recently. When we called, Chaim told us that his wife, Fanya, had passed away only a few days earlier. We immediately arranged a visit with another couple, Moshe and Machlya, and Moshe told us that Machlya was so weak that she had not been able to leave her bed over the last five days; however, they would *love* for us to come and visit with them. Then another survivor Nahum told us he had something to share with us, but he would do it when we came. The day yielded three visits. **You will be glad to know that your financial gifts of love and appreciation, which you so lovingly send, dear supporters, as well as lovely knitted blankets and quilts--were distributed that day!**

On that day, we found that Moshe’s wife, Machlya’s condition had worsened and he needed to take her to the hospital. We immediately changed our schedule and went to visit them first. Their daughter Rivka was there too, and she was deeply moved and surprised by our attention and care toward her dear parents. The first question she asked us was, “Why?” and then, “Where is this kindness coming from?” We told her that, as Christians, it comes from a love of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a love for the Tanach and ultimately His Chosen People. Machlya was in bed but was very happy to see us. We spread over her bed the handmade quilt provided to us, which are made especially for Holocaust Survivors.



“The most precious metals are put through the hottest fires”
(Streams in the Desert)

“Often I can’t sleep at night, and then I always think – HOW did we survive?... I really don’t know... And I still remember everything, as if it had happened yesterday.”

Riva, Bershah Ghetto

It was a *very special visit* and we were received like members of the family.

Our second visit was to Chaim, an Orthodox Jewish man. As he opened his door to us, he immediately started to share, with the smallest details, what had happened to his wife and how he had been with her when she passed away. He added that he was giving us all the details *as if we were* family members. We also spoke about the Torah and *Chaim said his only hope is in the Lord*. He has no relatives left and he was just so pleased to know that there is someone who remembers and cares for him.

Finally, our last visit was to Nahum and his wife, Lisa. They had prepared a nice meal just for us. Nahum’s health had suddenly gone downhill in the last few months and he has to see a doctor almost every day. Only recently he was diagnosed with cancer and now the doctors are deciding on what treatment to give him.

Back in the car we set off for home... to Jerusalem. While we know we have a long drive, our hearts are full of gratitude to God as once again, we experienced the Lord’s leading and His perfect timing for every visit and were grateful for it. We trust you enjoyed your journey with us.

It is such a great privilege to live in Israel and to be able to serve His precious people in His Land. Thank you so very much for supporting CFI and enabling us to fulfill His vision in The Land of Israel. We could not do it without you!

Olga Kopilova
Project Forsake Them Not



Providing Assistance to the Body

In the southern part of Israel, an abandoned former kibbutz is being re-established. Approximately twelve families form a hard-working community there. A couple who made aliyah in 2011, are impacting their community with acts of kindness through repair work on the site. CFI's provision of abundant food vouchers is a great help for the community as they continue to settle in the land. The husband has an eyesight disability which prevents him from gaining normal employment; however, being a contractor by trade, he is self-employed at this time. Having a real desire to build bridges with the community, they have successfully built relationships with the neighbors, suppliers, officials and those they work alongside to better the environment in this community re-establishment.

Visiting them was our honor, as we saw the work being done, the transformation of the landscape taking place and bonding friendships with those who need encouragement. Thank you for your support of First Fruits, which assists with the personal needs of many in the God-fearing communities of Israel.

Care Giving for an Ailing Father

All of us come to the time in our lives, when our parents get older and some require more care than others. A pastor recently approached us to help with the financial costs of becoming a caregiver for his own father who is elderly and in poor health. It blesses our hearts to know that CFI can be a blessing to pastors throughout the Land. When they have a need, they know they can call upon us. Care giving can be a full time job when one must look after a sick, elderly or disabled person. **Praise God for our partners-in-ministry who are co-laborers with us in strengthening the arms of believers whose lives carry a double workload. We are thankful that in a world where the household of faith is ignored, severely neglected, or even persecuted, CFI is meeting the needs of those of the Household of Faith living here in the Land.**

Stacey Howard
Project First Fruits



*“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need,
and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him,
how dwelleth the love of God in him?
My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue;
but in deed and in truth”
(1 John 3:17-19).*



“Thank you for traveling a long way to visit us, you have brought joy, light and most importantly, hope and faith into our lives. Thank you for sharing words of God with me which have completely changed my life. Now not only have I started to read Tanach (the Jewish Scriptures) daily, but so does my mother.”

*“Do not gloat over me, my enemy!
Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I
sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light”*
Micah 7:8.

Despite Loss of Both Legs – Gadi Triumphed Over Tragedy

Recently the Project CUA team visited and met Gadi Yarkoni, a rocket victim, who had an amazing story of triumphing over the Gaza war tragedy to tell us. He lost both of his legs in a mortar blast on the last day of the 2014 Israel-Gaza conflict; **however, amazingly he was elected as the new Mayor of the Eshkol Regional Council.**

The Eshkol Region is situated within the area surrounding the Gaza Strip. It shares a 40 km-long border with the Gaza Strip and a 12 km-long border with Egypt. The various villages spread throughout the Eshkol Region are intertwined in the history of making the Negev bloom. About 70% of food consumption in Israel comes from this Region. The communities in the Eshkol Region have to contend with a plethora of security issues, rocket launches and infiltration attempts from the Gaza Strip and from Egypt. None of us realize what the people of the Eshkol region go through!

Due to its location, the Eshkol Region is the most targeted land area in the State of Israel. Since 2000, every time there is combat escalation, about one-third of the projectiles falling on Israel terrain land in the Eshkol Region. During the 2014 Israel-Gaza conflict, the communities of the Eshkol Region were hit hard by Hamas rocket attacks which caused widespread damage to farms, vehicles and various outlying structures. On August 26, not knowing

a final cease-fire was about to go into effect, two local civilians were killed and four others were seriously wounded by a mortar shell from Gaza while they were helping fix the electricity wires damaged by rocket fire. Gadi Yarkoni was one of the wounded victims.

At some point during the long months of his rehabilitation, far from home in the Tel Hashomer hospital, Gadi decided that he needed to do something more significant to help this region rehabilitate, and even grow. Today, a year after that terrible trauma, and the long, arduous road to recovery (which is still, to some extent, ongoing) he is the Mayor of the Eshkol Regional Council. God lifted Gadi out of any depression to go forth in triumph. During our visit, Mayor Yarkoni said, “We hope and pray for peace and security in the communities of the regional council, when we will then be able to move forward. I am proud to lead this challenging and unique region and its residents, who deserve all the support in the world for their determination in settling Israel’s border areas and devoting themselves to agriculture even during harsh security periods.”

Preparing For The Future

Of the 14,500 residents, more than 2,000 are still in psychological care and a quarter of the children have post-traumatic symptoms. The war also exposed communities straddling the border to a new threat: underground tunnels that popped up close to their homes, with the aim of launching a series of deadly ambushes within Israeli territory by Hamas. **One year has passed. It has been a year of hurting, and a year of healing for this community.**

In the current situation, the intense rocket attacks forced the communities bordering Gaza to stay in bomb shelters. From time to time, their daily life has been paralyzed in this way. Under intense rocket fire, they were also unable to receive and transmit information to the outside world about what was happening on the border with Gaza. To overcome these challenges, Mayor Yarkoni and his team are funding new projects. One of the projects is to build an Activity Center that will also serve as a Report Center, as well as a quasi-shelter for emergencies for the future – enabling civilians to continue their daily activities, uninterrupted by the rocket attacks. In this Center, trauma caused by rocket attack treatment will also be provided to civilians. **CFI wishes help with this Emergency Activity Center. If God so stirs your heart, please designate your financial gift to “Project CUA for Shelter.” Thank you. On behalf of the communities bordering Gaza, thank you for standing with them. The Lord bless you from Zion.**

Maggie Huang
Project Communities Under Attack



Jim presenting a Tanach

“SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION BIGGER THAN YOURSELF.” (IDF SOLDIER)

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied” (1 Samuel 17:45).

Almost daily terror attacks here in the Land serve as an ever present reminder that the State of Israel and the Jewish people are in a seemingly perpetual state of war. Similar to little David pronouncing to the enemies of his day his faith in the One True God of Israel, the modern-day King David's army, the Israel Defense Forces, do well to echo the words spoken by Jessie's smallest son and through the prophet Samuel.

So then, to whom should the brave defenders of Israel today shout these words? We believe, Israel's enemies, who are intent upon believing that they know more than the God of Israel and insist that He is mistaken, or has forgotten His Promises, when He says; *“Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father”* (Genesis 26:3). God is not mistaken!

As long as there are evil forces who act out brutal terrorist acts of violence, then there remains a need for a Defense Force made up of those who not only believe in the One True God, but have laid down their lives in many instances. According to the Israel Ministry of For-

ign Affairs & Magen David Adom: Since September 13, 2015, and as of January 20, 2016, 30 people have been killed (including a Palestinian and a foreign worker), and 290 people injured in terrorist attacks. The types of attacks are now such that there is the possibility, in every aspect of Israeli society, to potentially experience and be victimized in an act of violence. The IDF has reported 110 knife attacks, 38 shootings and 22 car rammings.

Recently on a visit with an elite unit, focusing on counter terrorism strategy, we were afforded the opportunity to encourage the IDF brave defenders with promises of our prayers and support. CFI visits such as these never go without God-ordained occasions to remind the warriors of the words of the Creator. And it is during these appointed times, that we can agree with the recipients of God's promises, that ***they are not alone***. CFI supports with love, encouragement and practical help which you, our partners send to us.

During this past winter season, CFI Project David's Shield delivered approximately 4,000 fleece jackets to the soldiers of the IDF. It is with warm hearts that we, your representatives, bless them and thank them for physically guarding the God-given Land of Israel.

Our prayer for these times: *“God, you are the God of the armies of Israel. We pray that those who continue to defy you will soon understand that in your Mighty Name, there is no defeat for those who are directed and obedient in your ways.”*

Jim McKenzie
Project David's Shield



Don't Set Me Aside

One-third of elderly Jewish people live in one or two-room dwellings. These are people who have lived during hard times and even though once important to society, are now lonely, have few visitors.

Surviving on small pensions, even purchasing electric heaters during the winter is a hardship for some.

Others, such as in the Orthodox community, needed warm coats for their children this past winter and the CFI Streams Coordinator was invited by a concerned Rabbi from Mea Shearim to meet the people who were needy and to present them with the items they needed. Needless to say, a very warm and precious conversation developed between us and we were invited back. This happens so rarely in Jerusalem, but God is at work to soften hearts, one toward another.

CFI has always been given the commission to build relationships and repair damage done to the name of the Messiah through 20 centuries of Christian anti-Semitism. CFI Project Coordinators spend countless hours making home visits and investing time with the people. Some elderly dream of dying because they have no family or visitors. One thing is certain in Jerusalem, there is a war on poverty among various people groups. We must continue our important work of *"tikkun olam,"* repairing that which needs fixing in Israel, mending. It takes only a short time for Jewish people to know who their true friends are.

For many it can be difficult to walk from their apartment to the food supply at the local *"makolet"* (small market). Because of recent knife attacks, riding a bus and walking the streets can make one nervous. On a recent Streams visit, I was met with: "Thank you for coming. All we want you to bring is your love." We can set no one aside who calls upon us. It is because of your support that we can continue this important work.

It is normal tradition that Orthodox Jewish communities do not ask for "Christian" help. We are not used to being invited to come into their communities, but through the building of relationships over the years, the results of plowing hard ground is finally realized among some who are willing to have us visit and let us assist them with needs. One cold winter Jerusalem evening, I was asked to visit a local synagogue in the religious quarter and I was asked to tell about who I was and about what CFI does. I told them, as Christians, that we love the Torah, we love Israel and the God of Israel and they said, "We've had so little contact with Christians and this is the first time for us." Later they told the rabbi their positive feelings. Another home visit in the religious quarter revealed a mother with two daughters, one totally blind and another who is paralyzed over her whole body except for her brain and fingers. The mother is a widow and certainly acquainted with grief: she had lost her husband, her father and brother. One son died while serving in the IDF, and now she has to care for her two daughters. And we sometimes think we have problems?

Sharon Sanders
Project Streams of Blessing

*"And now, in my old age, don't set me aside.
Don't abandon me when my strength is failing."*
Psalm 71:9 NLT



Sharon distributing financial blessings for the elderly



Sharon with Rabbi from Mea Shearim



Received Like Family

A trip to Beit Shemesh ("House of the Sun") was a delight when CFI staff met with a wonderful group of Jewish social workers who maintain a home for disadvantaged children from difficult backgrounds. We were given a tour of their facilities and a warm welcome. CFI was blessed to make a donation because of your support. The reception was so warm it was good to speak freely and openly and to be received as if we were part of their family.



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"If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing...any poor man without covering...if he was not warmed by the fleece of my sheep... then let my arm fall from my shoulder, let my arm be torn from the socket..."
(Job 31:19-20; 22)

"During the last few years the great majority of new immigrants have arrived from democratic countries. Their free choice to live in Israel and preference over other countries is a true victory for Zionism."
Natan Sharansky, Jewish Agency Chair

They Came On Crutches!

CFI Friends from Germany had it in their hearts to visit a family that was facing many challenges since they made aliyah. Stanislav and Olga came to Israel hoping for a better future for their son, Lior, who is walking with crutches as a result of an unsuccessful operation in Ukraine. Not long after their aliyah, Stanislav had an accident at work that resulted in a spinal fracture. Although this happened almost two years ago, he still has an open wound that causes him terrible pain and stress. The doctors are hoping that it will close by itself.

Our German friend comes to Israel frequently and brings gifts to CFI to bless the Jewish people. Little did he

realize that a wheelchair he donated to CFI in 2014 would be such a great blessing to this family in great need.

On this visit, Lior received a blessing from God through CFI with a tricycle that fits him perfectly. We had noticed that the family had a broken one on their balcony. Lior was very excited to receive his new tricycle.

Soon, the immigrant family will be moving to a new apartment that better suits the needs of both father and son. The work which the mother is doing allows her to have the flexibility that the family needs. Praise the Lord.

Please pray for this precious family. At the end of our visit our prayers for them were for complete healing for Stanislav. Please join us in praying for them.

The News Held us Back!

"What we read on the News holds us back from aliyah." This is what the Segals told us when we asked why they hadn't come to Israel sooner. They were very concerned about life here in Israel, especially with all the wars and terrorist attacks they had seen on the Cuban TV News channel. It was a nice surprise for them to see with their own eyes that life in Israel is nothing like the news portrays. This family made aliyah in 2014 and live now in Ashkelon. They pulled me aside and whispered in my ear: "We only have Torah in Cuba but we always wanted a Tanach; it is the best gift you have given us today!"

Rocio Fordham
Project Open Gates





Olim visitors wearing the gifts from a Chinese tour group: sweaters and back pack

“CFI DC is having busy months again. We gave record breaking gift packages. Our shipments helped us to give 153% more tons of garments. Gift packages were up 167%.”



Two young Jewish ladies who made aliyah from Argentina: “We love Zion and that is why we are here.”



A Grateful New Immigrant Loving His Gift



Ielizavet from Odessa, Ukraine. “I came to Israel as a part of the Masa program and after I finished I knew that I had to make aliyah”



Soup Parcels for the Hungry



Aryna from Kiev, Ukraine. She finished her program at Masa and soon after, made aliyah. Now moved to an independent apartment she is ready to face all the challenges with a very positive attitude as she now lives in her Homeland

No More Illusions: Come Home!

Why do they come? **“In Israel, we don’t feel threatened with imminent violence. The feeling of security with our police and army plus unity of the population reinforces the general feeling that we are not alone”.**

29,500 New Immigrants Arrived During the Year 5775, Compared to 26,000 the Previous Year. The Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption reported that most of the Olim came from Russia and Europe, North and South America - from 97 countries in total! Out of the thousands of Olim who made aliyah this year, were many students and young academics. Brazilian Jews are moving to Israel in record numbers. (Source: www.mioa.gov.il)

Aliyah Is Up – Praise the Lord! Your support of our Distribution Center has value with no bounds!

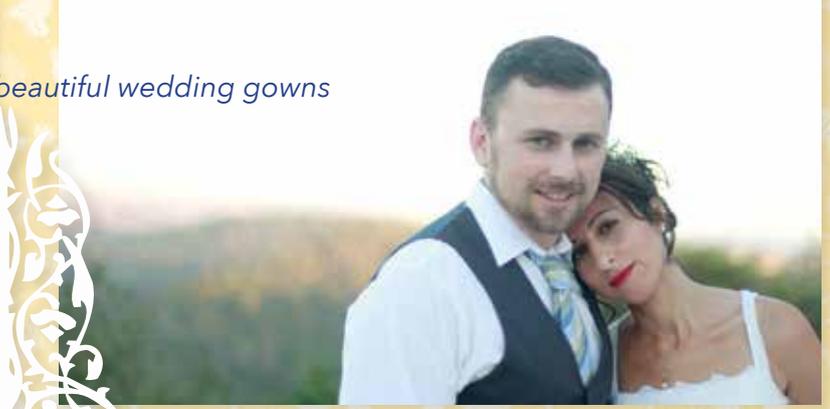


OUR BRIDAL BOOK THANK YOU NOTE:

“Before coming to the CFI Bridal Salon, I didn’t think I would find my dress, but when I entered the Salon I was really impressed by the variety and quality of the beautiful and fitted gowns. I would recommend that brides [in Israel] come, because weddings are very expensive and CFI really helps. The variety and quality, not to mention the wonderful staff make the whole experience very pleasant. It’s not easy for a young couple to get married and start their life, [but] CFI makes it possible.”

With love,

Ariveet



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

(Jeremiah 2:32a)

A wedding dress always has special sentimental value and meaning for all brides. There is something about a bridal dress--it’s difficult to explain with words but we know it to be a special garment that is always remembered by the one who wore it on her own “royal” wedding day.

Prior to the wedding, the bride-to-be looks for “the” one unique garment that expresses her personality, hopes and dreams. It might be white, off-white, cream or an ivory long dress, that will make her feel she is beautiful, stunning and like a princess. It is when she finds it that she then knows THIS IS HER WEDDING DRESS! This is what she will carry in her memories forever.

After the wedding is over, no one else will remember the small details of the bride’s dress as she will but it was her desire to look as elegant, stunning and romantic as possible for her timeless event.

In recent months a number of brides visited the Bridal Salon. One bride, Naomi, came with her mother who told me she also had received her wedding dress through CFI’s Bridal Salon. Two generations have already been blessed by Christian generosity in Israel even though the mother’s dress is no longer available at CFI. As fashion changes through the years and decades, we try to keep our wedding dresses up-to-date in style for the brides-to-be.

Another recent bride who had borrowed a wedding dress from us came months later, to search for an evening dress for her sister’s wedding, but she also wanted to see “HER wedding dress.” When she saw it hanging on the rack, waiting to be “the one” for another blessed and elegant bride, she sighed and said, ***“I miss my dress so much! You don’t know how special it was for me. Thank you so much again for what you do.”***

Thank you for your faithful support of the CFI Bridal Salon, your prayers and the elegant gowns sent to Jerusalem. Because of this outreach to Israel, many Israelis know about Christians who love them. When invited to the weddings, we are able, often for the first time, to build relationships with many who have had absolutely no contact with Christians.

**Patricia Cuervo
Project Bridal Salon**



FORTIFYING OUR FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Scholarly examination of the bedrock foundational stones of our Christian faith has uncovered what appears to be underlying “rot” beneath the surface, which developed over centuries of ignorance in understanding Christianity’s Hebraic roots. What do I mean? As Christians, we say “Jesus is our foundation!” Yes, He is, and because He is, the discoveries are precisely the reason we need to know Him as the *Jewish* Messiah-King, as well as Savior of the world. How Jesus was brought up as a child and then as an Orthodox Jew, sheds new light on His teaching methods, Israelite idioms, as well as Jewish traditions He observed. He brought to mankind an understanding of the Hebraic connection to the faith. Without this understanding, some things just do not make sense. We are watching all around us foundations of civilizations being destroyed. The Ten Commandments given to Moses and Israel, who then gave it to the world as an ethical code to live by, are being erased from civilization’s blackboard of wisdom and knowledge. To top off all of the upside-down changes being made on planet earth, Jesus, the Messiah is being robbed of His own Jewish identity in the flesh. When Yasser Arafat was alive he told



many of his followers, Jesus is a “Palestinian” and this falsehood is still being touted today. In the photo on this page, Jesus is shown on a billboard, as a Muslim, behind Imam Mahdi which graces the Vali-Asr Square in Tehran, completed in 2014. (www.wnd.com/2015/mahdi-to-return-by-2016). He is depicted as one of Mohammed’s disciples; therefore, satan has tried to rob Him of His allegiance to the One True God of Israel and His divine position in the Godhead. Our Jewish brothers in Israel can often be heard saying, “Jesus belongs to *our* family, He is *not* a Palestinian.” Our Christian education classes need to be taught by qualified Hebraic Roots educators who can keep the Scriptures in context. Someone once said, “*If a faith does not know where it came from, it will not know where it is going.*” It is to our shame that we have so few qualified, professional teachers in our Christian

*“If the foundations be destroyed,
what can the righteous do?”*
(Psalm 11:3)

classrooms, trained in Hebraic foundations, who give us a firmer foundation on which to stand. It is essential that we call to remembrance the words of Shaul (later given the name Paul) who admonished all believers: “***Boast not against the branches, But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee***” (Romans 11:18). So what can we do? We heed what the Scripture says! We must recall who supports who and respond to the “*great debt we owe the Jewish people*” (Derek Prince).

As a child I knew nothing of the roots of my Christian faith, but I knew the name of the church my family and I attended. The traditional churches in our small hometown taught nothing about the mother root to which our faith in Jesus was attached. We rarely read the “Old” Testament. Taking this into account, there are spiritually weak churches with much confusion in them today. We also see that a spiritual decline in attendance has been exacerbated by the rot of Replacement Theology, which has brought about BDS churches and Supersessionism around the world. Our Sunday Schools and Adult Bible classes need to contain contextual background illumination in the teachings. Perhaps it is time that we begin to explain, pick up the chalk, put the eraser away from the blackboard of history, and instead of wiping away any trace of our Israelite ancestry beginnings, take a look at what we have missed. It is no wonder that the Psalmist asked, “*If the foundations are destroyed, what are the righteous to do?*” If now is not the time to correct the damage done to our faith for 2000 years, then when is the right time? Shall we wait until the structure collapses?

The Jewish Roots movement has begun the pioneer work of cleaning out the undergrowth of spiritual fungus that has infected our congregations through wrong historical teachings. We believers in this generation, are called to be *repairers* of the breach, to rid our churches of the decay and neglect of the soil beneath our roots through centuries of spiritual pride, and arrogance toward Israel and the Jewish people. It is time to join together to strengthen our structural foundations, fortifying them and thereby seeing our faith revived and even more appreciative of Jesus, as Our Cornerstone!

This is what the righteous can do!

by Sharon Sanders



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Pastor Jeremiah Dairo Encourages The Challenge to Stand With Israel

BIBLE PROPHECY COMES TO AFRICA: Pastor Jeremiah Dairo, CFI Representative for Nigeria recently held a two-day conference with Pastors in Yaoundé teaching them the importance of standing with Israel as a Pastor living in the Land. Another two-day conference was held in Kribi City with Pastors from Gabon attending. The Mayor of Kribi welcomed Pastor Jeremiah in Cameroon. Many are happy to come to Jerusalem to attend the CFI Annual Conference. Praise God for Africa's new bonds with Israel!

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Russian-born Inna from Canada (left) visiting the CFI-USA stand and Hannele Pardain



CFI USA Representative's Report

Harvest Fest 2015

The annual Harvest Fest Conference on the east coast of the US in the state of South Carolina was again a rich experience of meeting visitors around the world and enjoying spirit-filled teaching and uplifting worship. Visitors had a keen interest in life in Israel and how ministries such as CFI are assisting victims of terror, Holocaust survivors, new immigrants and other groups of needy people. CFI's assistance projects always touch people's hearts as they give an opportunity to everybody to bless the Jewish people. For those who cannot travel, CFI represents Israel to them.

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CFI Canada

Since receiving our new Canadian charity status in June 2015, CFI Canada is on the rise in the beautiful nation of many lakes, mountains and not to forget: chocolate. CFI Representatives have been very active at two major Mission Fests in Vancouver and Edmonton with attendance being approximately 58,000 people (23,000 in Edmonton). CFI has new Representatives in Langley, Vancouver, Abbotsford, Richmond and Saskatchewan/Manitoba. The creativity of Rev. Ken Smith's wonderful wife has spurred the vision for new Bridal gowns coming from Canada. Other new potential Representatives are spreading across Canada. Congratulations Canada!

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CFI India

Brother Sonny Chandra, CFI Representative for India (Pune), teaching at a recent CFI event.

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THOSE WHO SOW. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10



CFI Germany Representative's Report

Great Growth in Historical Germany

We serve a great God! He is faithful and a rewarder of those who love Him. As German representatives since 2006, we were only 26 years old and completely dependent upon the Lord for His wisdom in the administration and leading of the German branch of CFI. He has been so faithful! We were able to increase the quality of our publications, which are eight-page newsletters with articles from the Jerusalem *For Zion's Sake* magazines. The Lord has continued to increasingly bless us. Over the past two years, the Lord has given strong growth in finances and we've had two record years, in succession, in the amount of support our German branch could transfer to our headquarters in Jerusalem. The year, 2016, was CFI Germany's all-time strongest financial year, thanks also to a large donation. We are amazed as we never know who will hold one of our CFI Germany magazines or newsletters in their hands and will be moved by the Lord to support our work. Facebook friends and recipients have increased as well. So we remain faithful in our daily work of translating, website management, graphic design, layout, email communication and eagerly accept every God-given opportunity to minister through music and teaching. This coming year we already have 13 events where we trust we will have a great impact as worship leaders and represent CFI. Praise the Lord!

Also, at the end of last year, we were blessed to move into a new office building where we could continue our work in Germany. We are so grateful to be a part of CFI Jerusalem which serves the needy in Israel on a personal face-to-face basis. This is something very precious and unique. This is a time of greater outreach for us and the ministry of CFI Germany. We are excited to see which doors the Lord will open to reach more and more people with teaching on Israel and the practical means to bless His people through CFI. Solid declaration for all of our German Christian Friends of Israel is to stand, and when you have done all, stand!

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Education For The Church



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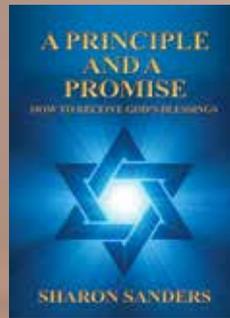


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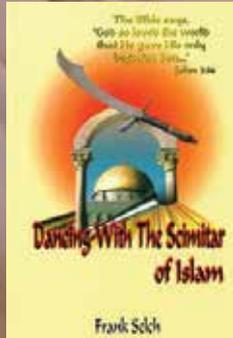
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

With the ongoing challenge of Christians not understanding the relationship between the Bible and Israel, CFI does its best to bring relevant educational resources to teach the truth.



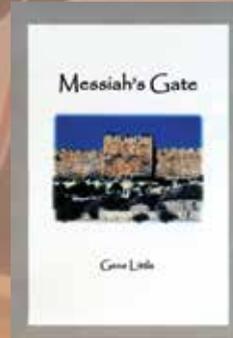
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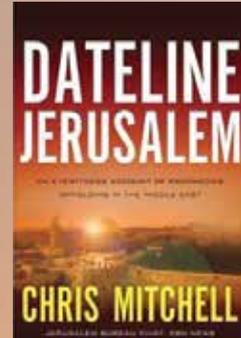
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AIPAC 2016

Each year thousands gather in Washington, DC, to stand in solidarity by advocating for pro-Israel policies in the US Congress and US Executive Branch at the annual AIPAC convention. Its mission is to strengthen, protect and promote the United States – Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of both countries.

For the first time ever, CFI Jerusalem was privileged to be in attendance at this annual event. Stacey and Kevin Howard encountered tremendous support and advocacy for the Nation of Israel from a wide variety of people.

As is so often the case however, when so many come together for the common goal of support for Israel, there are of course those who come against those efforts in protest, even though they are usually unwilling to come together for real dialogue.

Please continue to pray that God will keep strong the relationship between the United States and Israel, and as always, please continue to Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem – the eternal capital of the Jewish Nation of Israel.



Stacey and Kevin at session attendance



Speaking with U.S. Congress Representatives



Anti-Israel Protesters at the Convention Center Entrance



Stacey and Kevin attend Proclaim 16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
 Matthew 5:14-16



“Evie” Tornquist Karlsson stops by to say hello



Stacey speaks from the heart about Israel

NRB - Proclaim 16

This year’s theme at the annual National Religious Broadcasters Conference was “Proclaim 16”. The conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee, and Christian Friends of Israel Jerusalem was honored to be a part of the gathering of approximately 4,500 participants. Stacey and Kevin engaged with thousands that were new to the ministry of CFI and had many “blessed moments” sharing the love and care provided by CFI to the people of Israel. They also were privileged to present the tremendous content and reach of CFI’s FocalPoint Television, FrontPage Jerusalem Radio, and the *For Zion’s Sake* magazine.

So many were truly blessed to know that firsthand accurate information is available to them in so many formats and in so many different countries around the world. The Christian Friends of Israel booth was excellently located on the convention floor with its close neighbors being the Museum of the Bible, the Christian Broadcasting Network and the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

Many CFI supporters and friends helped greatly in support of this year’s endeavor and we want to thank all of them, as well as everyone who continued to lift us up in prayer during the event and our travels.

Kevin Howard
 Director of Technology



CBN Middle East Bureau Chief, Chris Mitchell, with Stacey and Kevin Howard



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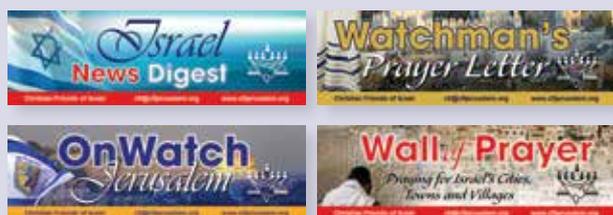
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We ask that you would continue to keep the new production team and schedule in your prayers as we endeavor more than ever to bring you a true report out of Israel and the Middle East. For the very latest be sure to visit www.cfjjerusalem.org.



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