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*"How beautiful on the mountains are
the feet of the herald,
who proclaims peace,
who brings news of good things,
who proclaims salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

Isaiah 52:7, CSB

ECHOES OF ISAIAH:
YOUR GOD REIGNS!
Confronting the Anxieties of the Age



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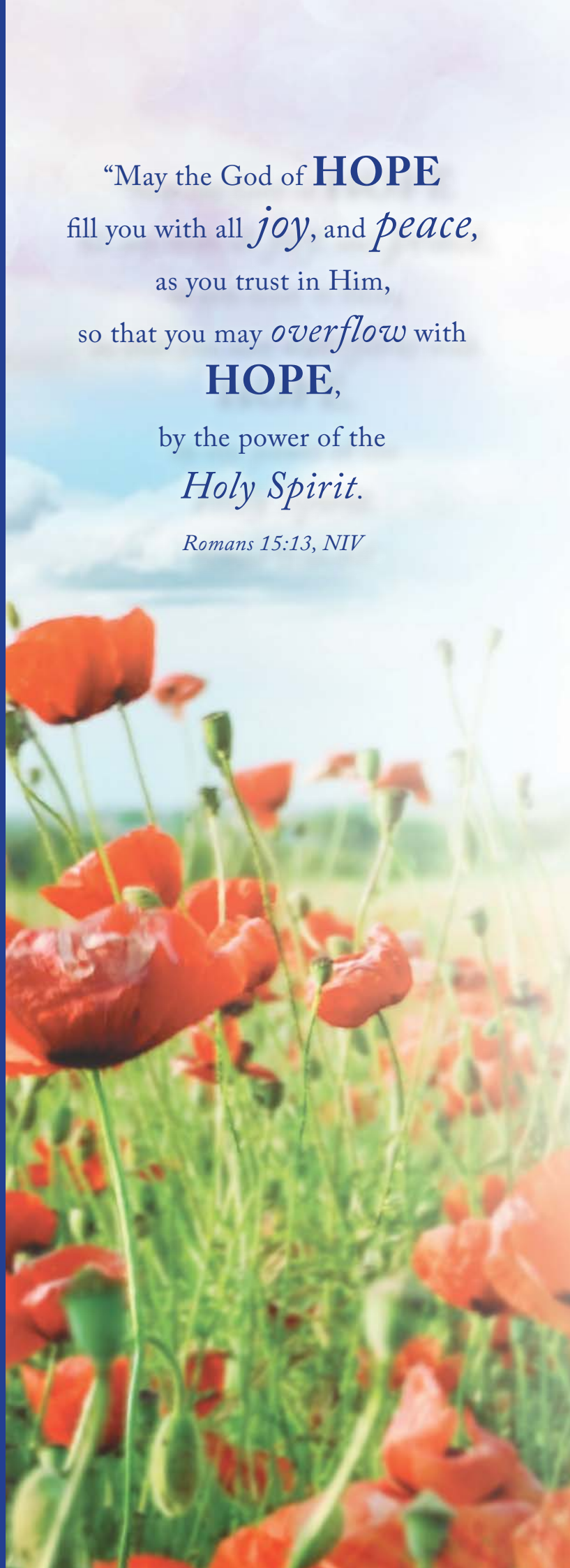
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“May the God of **HOPE**
fill you with all *joy*, and *peace*,
as you trust in Him,
so that you may *overflow* with
HOPE,
by the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13, NIV





Dear CFI Friends and Family,

I can't believe that Spring is now upon us. I hope this letter finds each of you happy, healthy and wise regarding God's plans and purposes for His land and His people.

For you who follow secular media, the world news can be viewed as very disheartening for the future

of our families. It is easy to become frustrated by the rhetoric and even discouraged by the decisions being made by different leaders throughout the world and for those just starting out in life, the feelings of anxiety can easily overcome them with so much talk about fighting, gloom and war.

Praise God that as Christians, we have *everlasting* hope! Looking through a different lens, not all of the negative news or all of the dogmatic choices need to be viewed as overwhelming. If we choose to, we can view this news instead as a strong sign that the time of Messiah is drawing nearer. While there may be challenges ahead, there is still hope if we persevere. Living in Israel, we have a firsthand opportunity to see Biblical Prophecy being fulfilled, every day, throughout the nation and among His people.

An amazing fulfillment of prophecy is the regathering of the descendants of Jacob to their ancient homeland. The Bnei Menashe from India are descendants of a Lost Tribe of Israel who are being welcomed back home to Zion in accordance with Biblical Prophecy. For many members of India's Bnei Menashe Jewish community they have only dreamed of what life would be like in Israel. Well, over the last few months hundreds of Bnei Menashe have had the opportunity to immigrate to Israel. Many of them are reuniting with family members after many years of separation. Recently, all thanks to your continued donations, the CFI staff in Jerusalem was afforded the opportunity to partner with a local Jewish organization and play an integral part in the reconnection of many of these descendants of the tribe of Menashe. The arrival of these individuals and their families, whose ancestors were exiled from the Land of Israel more than 2700

years ago, is a miracle of historic proportions and a tangible reminder that the God of Israel is faithful and His covenant is everlasting. Being at Ben Gurion Airport when the immigrants arrived was incredibly moving as many family members who have been apart for years were reunited. Many of us remember hearing the stories, and learning from our history books, about how our relatives from the past conquered the ocean waves, walked the rough and steep terrains and weathered storms in hopes of settling in a new country or, in some cases, even a new continent, all striving to find a better life for themselves and their children. Words alone cannot express the joy and honor each of us felt as we watched the happiness and excitement on the faces of these precious people as their feet touched the Holy land for the first time.

In the 21st century, however, the world still responds with anger, prevention and, in some cases, rage at the thought of the Jewish people pursuing the opportunity to live in the nation of Israel. All that the Jewish people are desiring to do is live where their descendants originated, in a country which is about the size of the state of New Jersey. Is this desire really that great a menace to the peace in the Middle East? The forefathers of America boldly noted in the United States Continental Congress's Declaration of Independence that each of us has the God given right to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness". We would ask you to please keep the return of the Jewish people from all over the world a constant point of prayer both in your personal lives and within your church prayer groups. Thank you as always for all you do! And, thank you for covering all of Israel in prayer as they prepare to celebrate their 70th birthday, on the 19th of April this year.

We love and appreciate each and every one of you, and pray that the God of Israel bless and keep you always! 🌸

Sincerely,
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ECHOES OF ISAIAH: YOUR GOD REIGNS!

by Sharon Sanders

In the time to come, an amazing broadcast message will be made to the entire earth. It appears this is the hour in which we need to contemplate this forthcoming announcement to all nations. It will take digital technology to make as widely known as possible, a permanent, perpetual and never-ending truth to creation. How can we, as Bible believers, be prepared to explain this proclamation of truth, beamed across the airwaves of the earth through modern technology, if we do not grasp it ourselves?

The reason I considered this subject matter, is that in 1973, churches around the world, began to sing the now widely known, and once favorite song “*Our God Reigns.*” Its lyrics contain wonderful news announced to the mountains of Israel--it is a tribute to Jesus. However, this song which I love to sing, was actually given to the Jewish prophet, Isaiah, many centuries ago. I began to wonder if Christians could accept this, and begin to see the song in a bit expanded light. Because, according to the prophet’s words a messenger is coming to announce that *Israel’s God Reigns!* Could it be that Christianity has missed, once again, the original meaning of this beautiful prophetic scripture, and placed itself in the position to ignore Israel, and to claim the One True God as theirs only? Whatever happened to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all Jewish patriarchs who followed the God of Israel? There are not two Gods...in other words, a Jewish God, and a Christian God.

Jesus taught His Followers from the Torah (*Tanach*) and proclaimed on the cross, “*My God, My God*” (Matthew 27:46). He cried out to His God, the Almighty One of Israel. Also, the Jewish Psalmist proclaimed these very words in Psalm 22:1. Therefore, the God of the Hebrews, Almighty G-d, is Eternal and still remains God. He was “their” God first. We know that God is the God of the whole earth, but why do we sing “Our” God with no mention of Him belonging to Israel? Worse yet, many Christians believe He is “our God” *only!* It could be that Replacement Theology has tiptoed in again to our churches and congregations, as it has so cunningly done, for centuries before. One may think it is a small thing, and yet it seems to be part of an overall pattern which has plagued the “Church” since

ancient times. Everything in the Bible, including God, belongs to us, without even a footnote about Israel. I thought this needed to be addressed.

“In a few weeks the 70th anniversary of one of the modern era’s greatest Biblical miracles will be commemorated. On May 14, 1948, God declared to the world that now was the time that His Word and everlasting Promises to Israel, would again be proven true. His Chosen People have been restored to the Land that He gave them, much to the chagrin of others. They returned, and multiply they did! From a mere 600,000 in 1948 to over 6,000,000. In fact recent census numbers show that the population today of Israel, is nearly 9,000,000. God’s promises which are being fulfilled at an accelerated rate, are mere shadows of the blessings of God that await Israel and the rest of the world. “...we must recognize that the very purpose of Israel’s existence is spiritual.” (Rev. Anthony Abma)

As we watch the Invisible Hand of the Almighty actively involved in the restoration of the Jewish nation, and also in the affairs of world leaders, Israel’s light is truly beginning to surface for all nations to see as it becomes more visible on the horizon. Numerous nations are presently evaluating themselves in relationship to the nation of Israel. Some are missing the boat and headed directly into a tsunami of indictments for which one day they will have to answer. Others should be applauded, as they approach the intersection of decision regarding whether to support and defend, or stand against and fight. Israel’s star is on the rise.

The Moffat translation of the scripture above appropriately puts the proclamation of the prophet Isaiah into modern terminology when he says “*Look! Tis the feet of a herald, hastening over the hills, with glad, good news, with tidings of relief, calling aloud to Sion, Your God reigns!*” An official messenger-bearer (perhaps a modern day Journalist) carrying a dispatched

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Isaiah 52:7, CSB

report with the latest media buzz about developments that have triggered something very positive concerning the salvation and redemption of the Faithful. He is crying out to Jerusalem, the City of the Great King, that her Messiah and King’s sovereign rule is in place, or about to begin. Not the reign of a foreign god. Not the sovereignty of a pagan deity. It is He who belongs to Israel, **her God!**

The anxieties of this age are many. Some have chosen the way of Cain and are murdering their fellow human brothers. Others have the same spirit as Amalek, in desiring the downfall of the nation of Israel. But, could the world be on the threshold of something so pivotal and earth shaking, that it will stagger, and make the nations reel to their core - something that will thunder throughout the entire planet? It could be. It is for us to decide in our hearts.

As the apprehension and nervousness of this age have landed on us, through daily cyber-space headlines, discouraging news, tragic reports, horrific catastrophic events, unnecessary losses of life, and dismal news flashes one after another. We need to see in the Spirit, the words of the prophet Isaiah, to shatter the ability of today’s news, to rattle us. In my opinion, the One True God of Israel, is progressively moving toward something so momentous that there will be no doubt in the hearts of even the hardest criminals, the fiercest terrorists and the most wicked of people, that they are being confronted with the power and wrath of Almighty God, all tied into their plotting against His Chosen People.

Ruling princes over nations cause people to bow to Mohammed through fanatic Islam. Ruling monarchs and royalty of a thousand false religions around the

world, have won the minds and hearts of millions who worship false gods. Thank God Christians worship the same God as Israel!

However, do we really know it? As already stated, the day may not be far off when the most startling, shocking and spiritually disturbing news that a crier will make known to the whole world, is **“The God of Israel Reigns!”** What a blow to those who are giving their lives senselessly for martyrdom for seventy virgins in “paradise” to a god that has deceived so many. What a shock to those religions who bow down to stone or wooden idols who have been made with human hands. It may also be a shock to many Christians who do not read the whole Bible, or realize that their Lord and King, is a Jew, in-the-flesh, who taught us to love the Lord with all of our hearts. The Aramaic translation of Matthew 22:37 translates: “*Yeshua said to him, “You shall love The Lord Jehovah your God from all your heart and from all our soul and from all of your power and from all of your mind.”* Perhaps someone needs to settle it now that the startling cry of Isaiah 52:7 is going to be heard and nothing will stop it. Hopefully, our anxieties will cease and we will be eager to hear it when it sounds!

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you’” (Zechariah 8:23, NIV).

When the news comes to the world, (every small village, community, and even those living in the jungles of Sri Lanka, and the Amazon), will want to flock to Israel to meet the King Messiah, who has promised to come. During the Kingdom era, **“The Lord will be awesome to them, for He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; people shall worship Him,**

each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nation” (Zephaniah 2:11). We

even learn that a *minyán* of people, a quorum of ten men over the age of 13, will cling to the Jewish people. Why would the nations of the world want to take a tight grip and clutch the hem of a Jewish man’s garment, (most likely a prayer shawl) as a sign of respect and reverence? Could it be they will draw strength and comfort by doing this? Perhaps it may mean that Israel will be given a major role when Messiah comes. Why else would people groups from 195 nations, speaking 7,106 living languages, hold tight to the garment of a Jewish man, and declare “*we want to go with you*”? It must be something they have heard? Scripture reveals this in the verse above. Didn’t Ruth also say to Naomi “*Where you go...I will go...*”? (Ruth 1:16-17). She had heard about the God of Israel from Naomi and made her mind up to follow Him.

Whatever the nations hear reported, or broadcast, in the future, it is powerful enough to get the attention of the whole world. They will join the Jewish people who seek the Lord their God spoken of in Jeremiah 50:5? The Jewish people will “*...ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten*”? The day will come when the nations will come to worship the Lord in Jerusalem. (Zechariah 14:16). One can visualize airplanes from all nations lining up on the tarmac at Ben Gurion Airport bringing people from every tribe and language to Israel. Perhaps the new international airport which is being built in Eilat will contribute to this great ingathering of pilgrims, as well as the expansion of Ben Gurion Airport facilities which have been announced. Obviously someone on the Jerusalem Police force understands what is coming. Months ago, a special task force was formed to help control crowds on the Temple Mount in a coordinated way. It was reported that one of the police officers stated that “when Messiah arrives, everyone will want to talk to Him. We had better be organized to handle the crowds.” I would think this is a prophetic preparation.

In February 2018, Menachem Posner reported that the new South African President received the blessings of

Rabbi Asher Deren, chairman of the Rabbinical Association of the Western Cape. As a Kohen (a priestly descendant of Aaron, brother of Moses) Deren conferred the Biblical priestly blessing upon newly appointed Ramaphosa. “When I lifted my hands to bless him, he very humbly bowed forward and seemed very moved by the gesture,” Rabbi Deren told the press. Could the Lord be moving South Africa into a new era of cooperation, transparency, and prosperity for South Africans? To me, it is a forthcoming herald proclaiming the God of Israel reigns! ***Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” (Isaiah 40:9).***

For years, I drove on the Jerusalem highways proclaiming “Behold Your God!” I do not know if anyone heard me, but I spoke these prophetic words to Israel from my car window. It felt so good to proclaim this wonderful greeting which will one day be announced and that others will recognize.

The Book of Revelation is clear about the latter days of the praises of Hallelujahs to the One True God. An unbelievable number of people from Israel, and multitudes from the nations, will shout with the roar of a thunderbolt missile that the God of Israel, the God of Abraham is showing His Supreme Power, and His Sovereignty over the earth. His government and domain will have no end, and His rule over the Commonwealth of Israel will be set in order forever. It will be the culmination of a long battle between the angels of darkness, and Satan himself, who has been trying to overthrow the One True God since the beginning of time. He will be defeated and all of the kingdoms of men, and of this world, will become the Kingdoms of Israel’s God, (YHVH). It indeed is something to cheer about, as a royal King’s shout will be sounded, the multitudes of saved and redeemed from Israel and the nations will proclaim together who is King. As Christians, we believe this is Jesus (Yeshua) but best not to look for a “Christian” Kingdom to come, but only the

Kingdom of the Lord! His Government will proceed endlessly. Indeed, together with Israel, let us all proclaim, He is "Our" God, the Lord Almighty!. ***"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns" (Revelation 19:6, NIV).***

In observing nations around the world trying to "hold on" to what they once had, when we see the corruption on every continent and in every capital city of the world, we see that these "kingdoms" are coming to an end as far as their personal "glory" is concerned. Not even the most powerful nation in the world will be able to match for one moment, the Coming Kingdom of the Almighty God. Israel will be held to a very high accountability in the spiritual realm in order to lead the nations. Excelling in science, medical, technological, start-up and other areas

of international importance is only the beginning. She must now move forward, with banner in hand, to become the leader of the world spiritually. We know this will happen once she is redeemed. This, she has not yet experienced but there are strong indications she is on her way. What we Christians, who have always carried the flag, said was "follow us." Perhaps it is time that we humbly,

as the new South African President did, acknowledge that Israel has a key role in the future to play and we must join her and desire the blessing. The issue of the Messiah still remains a major division between us, but do not think that God does not have it in hand. He does. We await His next move.

This Father of the Faith, Isaiah, foresaw the coming glorious day down the corridors of time, as did George Frederic Handel, the composer of the great oratorio "Messiah. As the swelling of the full chorus states: "For the Lord God, omnipotent reigneth...Hallelujah... comfort ye, comfort ye, My people, saith your God... make straight in the desert a highway for our God (Isaiah 40:4), Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low...and the glory of the Lord

shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it...I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come (Haggai 2:6-7)...who may abide the day of His coming...He is like a refiner's fire (Malachi 3:2)...He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness (Malachi 3:3). "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us, (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23), O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain....be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God (Isaiah 40:9)...the Lord shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. (Isaiah 60:2-3)...for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His Shoulder; and His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6).

If you are overtaken by the anxieties and worries of this present age, don't be afraid of the darkness, but look toward the light, to see the wonderful victorious days ahead. God will take us through. There is no other God who is Creator of the world except the God of Israel. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:14). It is His Name that will go throughout the whole earth. His Name will be glorified as the waters cover the sea beds. When the Word goes forth from Zion (Isaiah 2:3), the Omnipotent One will be reigning.

I wish to be among the voices swelling the chorus, don't you? Stand and proclaim it in this day and age. The question, what God do you serve may come to you one day. Do not shrink back, but say, "I bow to no one but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"...the God of Israel.

As a Bible-believing Christian, anchor your soul in the cleft of the rock, hold onto that Rock. Cling to the Lord God of Israel. This will be a sure remedy for uneasiness about the future. The best "news flash" we could ever hear are the echoes of Isaiah heralding His Coming and proclaiming "The God of Israel Reigns!" Stay tuned to His Word, and our ears just may hear it soon. 🙏

"I will shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother."

Haggai 2:22



I will build you up again
and you, Virgin Israel, will be *rebuilt*,
Again you will take up your *timbrel*
and go out to *dance* with the
JOYFUL.
Jeremiah 31:4 NIV

Bring *Joy* and *Dance* before the Lord

During the many trials of life, whether our own or those affecting someone we know and care about, it remains the joy of the Lord that gives us strength. For many, it is times of praise and worship that replenish our minds and our hearts as we seek to be filled up with the true joy that only God can provide. In congregations worldwide, it is often those in the ministry of praise and worship that help us to move to that place of lifting our spirits up to Him in music, in song and in dance. But who do the musicians, singers and dancers turn to when they are the ones in desperate need and their joy is diminished by the circumstances of life that weigh heavily against them? Who is there to lift them up in the times when their joy is depleted?

Christian Friends of Israel is honored to be the tangible outstretched hand of all of you throughout the world who generously support our First Fruits project that provides the assistance needed for that very need in the land of Israel. We recently had the wonderful opportunity to meet a dance worship leader and instructor that had found herself in much need of a hand-up after dealing with many difficult circumstances impacting her life. It was such a privilege for us to bring her to

a place of renewed joy by providing her relief of rent, unpaid utilities, and medical expenses of required eye treatment because of the amazing outpouring of love and support from donors in the nations.

Along with assisting her to remove the debt that was pressing down on her daily life, we also provided food vouchers for the months ahead to allow the pressure of circumstance to be gone, so that she could renew her spirit with the Lord. Now with her needs met and prayers answered, she has seen her joy return and her cup refilled so that she can pour herself out once again to those she finds in need of refreshing in the communities where she ministers.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support for our First Fruits project as we continue to lift up others on your behalf throughout the nation of Israel.

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Touching Lives

Far and Wide...

Throughout the years ministering to the suffering victims of rocket and terror attacks, I have experienced that the most effective way is to minister to them using the Word of God by the leading of the Holy Spirit, *“For the word of God is living and powerful, ...”* (Hebrews 4:12a). I would like to share a short letter sent to me by a person who recently was here to volunteer with CFI short term, of how the Lord has comforted and touched the lives far and wide by His Word, after she participated in the ministries of these two projects:



Zina was deeply ministered to by the Word of God



Hanita cherishes the Words of God as treasure

“Because of Bill being in the hospital on our last day at CFI, we didn’t get to tell you goodbye. I wanted to share a story about how you blessed my life and didn’t even know it! As you shared the Tanach (Jewish Bible) with Hanita and her teenage son Alon in Sderot, I marveled at how you gently urged her to read Psalm 91 aloud in Hebrew (see picture 2)! She understood the comfort of God’s Word, and that was such a beautiful thing! However, the story goes on. . .

As you probably know, Bill was in the hospital the very next day, and it was a difficult experience for me. Because his heart rate went out of control while we were there, I was truly fearful that he might die that day. Into the next night, we encountered some wild circumstances in the area where they were observing Bill. A couple of patients got out of control briefly, a tough-looking group of Arabs were visiting their friend nearby, patients were calling out in pain, etc. It was frightening to us, especially with a language barrier, even though most of the staff seemed to understand English. I was so fearful of Bill’s situation and the surrounding situations, and I was at a loss of how to pray. And then I remembered the comfort of Psalm 91, which you had shared the day before. I had a travel Bible in my purse, and I read Psalm 91 several times over throughout the night, and it brought such a great peace to my heart! That’s how our amazing God works, he used the passage you gave Hanita to ultimately comfort me in my distress! What a mighty God we serve!”

Thank you so much for your support to the ministries of Projects “Communities Under Attack” and “Under His Wings” of CFI. The Lord bless you and may He lead all of us deeper into His Word, and to be strengthened in the power of His might, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:10-18).

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The Bigger Picture of *Hope*....

Leaving a tenebrous life of mistrust and secrecy, many Ethiopian families became more tolerant of the very unhealthy behavior of sneaking around to escape an environment of oppression. Once arriving in Jerusalem twenty years later, we see some of the same sad faces of oppression-- some may call it "Dream Deferred." Some may experience a cycle of apathy and the feelings of mistrust and intentional isolation, forgetting the dream that brought them here to experience a new life in Jerusalem. Langston Hughes's poem "Dream Deferred" speaks about what happens to dreams when they are put on hold.

Hope for the Future has a tenacity for lives changed and Hope for families in Israel. We are invested in pursuing ways to see changes in lives by our pursuits to reach out relationally and to help lift up financial obligations in the homes. We have seen great rewards for single moms that needed more help with making a better living, so they can feed their children and to pay for suitable daycare, so they can rest peacefully at night. One of our applicants tells her story: Maritu is a soft-spoken reserved 42-year-old divorcee with two children. She has a difficult story because her husband abandoned her just when the second child was born, leaving her in a financial precarious state. She expressed it was her dream to start taking classes at a new school designed to help Ethiopians learn a skill and with hopes of a job with the company

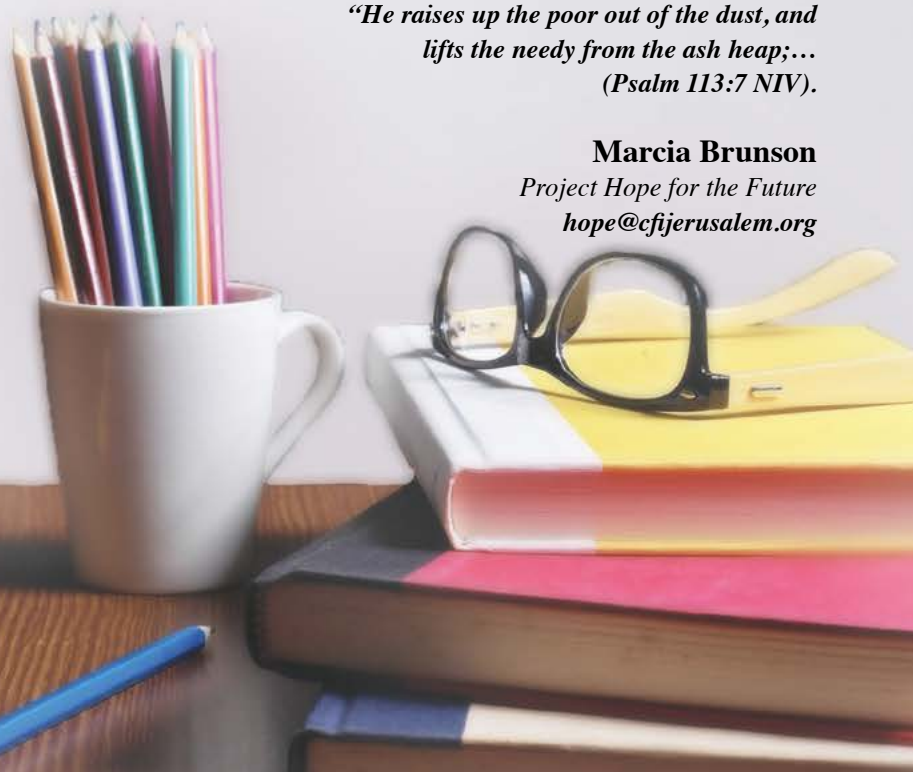
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

once she completed training, but... all her expectations were put on a shelf. Reluctantly, she contacted us needing help with four month's back rent, and an accumulated stack of unpaid utility bills. We could see the despair in her eyes and the wounded spirit. Love erased all of that when she was assured our position is to help and to be the balm for her existing difficulties. We contacted her four months later at which time she didn't ask for help. She was working and cleaning homes, earning a small amount. Hope for the Future is grateful for our donors and for our supporters through prayer with your continued sensitive heart to be a blessing toward all the efforts we do to make a difference here in Israel. We are excited about families like Martinu's that now can see the bigger picture of hope.

"He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap;... (Psalm 113:7 NIV).

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Standing with those who stand **Alone**

The process of leaving your home country and immigrating to Israel can be challenging, daunting and sometimes just plain overwhelming. While there are many hurdles for couples, the enormity of the process can be even more difficult when children are involved. Thinking of all that entails, imagine making that life change as a single mother with a child that has a challenging disability to deal with.

Not long ago, the Streams of Blessing project was afforded the opportunity to assist a strong and virtuous woman that had met the challenges of making Aliyah with her son that suffers with a serious form of Aspergers Syndrome. The difficulties surrounding Aspergers are of course a tremendous weight on daily life functions alone, not to mention the difficulty of changing the entire surroundings of a child.

After arriving in Israel last summer, Hannah and her son were still struggling with many of the circumstances of getting settled in their ancestral homeland of Israel. After our discussion with them, it became obvious that while she was doing a good job of adjusting to life in Israel, some of the necessary benefits needed were taking longer than anticipated. Although insurance benefits were on the way, there was going to be a financial gap that might really put her finances in jeopardy, so CFI – Jerusalem stepped in to assist this beautiful family of two with a month of desperately needed assisted living help for Hannah's son. She has secured a wonderful job for herself and continues to progress through Ulpan classes improving her fluency in Hebrew.

It is such a tremendous honor for us to be able to stand alongside the wonderful people of Israel in their times of desperate need, thanks to the ongoing support of donors in the nations that pray for, encourage, and share in their generosity as Christians around the world. Thank you so much for all you're doing for His kingdom.

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**“Don't be afraid, for I am with you;
don't be distressed, for I am your God.
I give you strength, I give you help,
I support you with my victorious right hand.”**

Isaiah 41:10 (CJB)





A Dream Fulfilled

Memories Preserved For The Generations To Come

In January Christian Friends of Israel and Forsake Them Not team held a very special and meaningful event – a book launch in the town of Kfar Saba. The FTN team first visited Efim – the leader of Kfar Saba Holocaust Survivors organization three years ago, shortly after its establishment. We found out that Efim had a dream – to record the stories of the survivors and make them into a little book. This will pass down the stories to the next generations. We felt the need to help Efim fulfill his dream, so we bought him an audio recorder. We later visited every person together with Efim.

We believe it is very important to know the history of the past and to preserve the memories of the horrific events of the Holocaust. While we will never be able to fully comprehend what precious survivors went through, and to understand their pain, we can and we must be their voices in our days when some dare to doubt the Holocaust ever happened.

Here are a few quotes from the book “Truth about the past.”

“After the liberation we went back to our home village. It was April. We planted different vegetables in our garden. That year the harvest was very bad, but we had plenty. Neighbors considered that a miracle – **God helped Jews who survived by a miracle.**” *Malka*

“People were dying from hunger and cold. I was crying a lot and was asking for a piece of bread. **Even though I was little, I was never able to forget it.** Remembering horrors of the ghetto, I ask the Almighty that it will never happen again, so that our children and grandchildren would never experience the Holocaust.” *Manya G.*

“Breaking the door of the house we all were hiding in, the Germans finally got inside. One of the Nazis hit my mother with the butt of his rifle and killed her. Before I managed to run from the house I saw other family being killed. Nobody survived, but the bullet didn’t reach me. I manage to escape to the nearby village and hid in a big pig house. I was lucky – pigs just got some food. One couldn’t dream of a better meal those days. I will never be able to forget what I had seen during occupation and over 200 killed family members. I plead with God that people will never know what the Holocaust is.” *Ida*

I would like to close with Efim’s words, **“Remembering the bitter past, my deepest desire is that nobody would experience such distress and grief that we did, who grew up without a father’s love and affection. Please, people, be sober and live in peace. Love each other and remember to do kindness.”**

We, as a team, were very grateful to the Lord for helping us in publishing this book and in fulfilling someone’s dream. We are also grateful for you all – our faithful supporters, for your standing with Israel and CFI. This enables us to reach out to people, to bring comfort and love on your behalf, and to be their voices in preserving heartbreaking memories.

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Always on the **LOOKOUT...**

The Israel Defense Forces remain ever vigilant to the ever changing tactics and warfare strategies of the enemies of Israel.

CFI and Project David's Shield has been afforded the unique opportunity to express our appreciation and support for the soldiers and instructors of a very elite and important training School located in Central Israel. Underground warfare, tactical breaching, and robotics are just a few of the specializations that the Lotar Counter-Terror School teaches IDF soldiers. These instructors are responsible for training all IDF units in counter-terrorism. They are combat soldiers who train others and, if needed, take part in operational activities.

There are various specialty training opportunities taught at the school which allow the forces to maintain a necessary state of readiness. A readiness requirement which is unique to every defense force or military in the world and clearly highlighted in its stated mission. No other country is tasked with defending its very own existence....

IDF Mission Statement

To defend the existence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the state of Israel. To protect the inhabitants of Israel and to combat all forms of terrorism which threaten the daily life.

Some of the training specialties include snipers with the main responsibility being to precisely hit targets from distances and provide cover for squads. Although underground warfare is still being perfected, IDF soldiers learn the latest techniques. Breaching is a team tactic to break through doors during operations. Climbing, rappelling, and rescuing are crucial in underground warfare and special operations. Operational Robotics Soldiers join operations and assist squads with the effective use of robots in warfare situations. All combat soldiers, from recruits to officers, need to fire quickly and precisely. Shooting requires speed and accuracy in all sorts of scenarios. The Counter Terror Unit (CTU) specializes in counter-terror tactics and high-altitude warfare. Also crisis intervention units of the IDF – units that deal with complex operations, such as hostage situations belong to CTU.



For this is what Adonai said to me: "Go, post a watchman to report what he sees! If he sees the cavalry, horsemen in pairs, riders on donkeys, riders on camels, he must be on alert, on full alert!" He calls out like a lion: "My lord, I stand on the watchtower all day long, I stay at my post all night" (Isaiah 21:6-8 CJB)

As with all opportunities to encourage the warriors of the IDF, we accept the responsibility of communicating our solidarity with God's Word when we are reminded by King David - that to Israel, I will give the land of Canaan. (Psalm 105:8-11). And by Paul, we are reminded that God did not reject His people, and that His gifts and His call are irrevocable. (Romans 11).

We speak encouraging words to the brave soldiers and tell them that they are doing the right thing - and even a righteous thing - and that God does recognize their obedience to their calling. The nations do see the Light of God's Truth manifested through their actions. Christians do stand with God's promises and accept the Biblical obligation to pray for the Jewish people and Israel's security. And that foreigners will join them and unite with the house of Jacob (Isaiah 14:1-2).

We bring items of comfort to the soldiers as we engage in friendship. We provide warm clothing during the winter that can be used both during operational times as well as a personal use gift. Fleece jackets, neck warmers, gloves, hats, hooded sweatshirts are all welcome items that are given with the expression of Christian love.

We are only able to represent Christians from around the world in this way by building and maintaining relationships with base and unit commanders, and by the continued support from you who desire to bless Israel. We thank you and continue to count it an honor and a privilege to serve God and to represent you to the modern day King David's army.

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The Blessing of Prayer

With all that we do as Christian Friends of Israel around the world, nothing is more important in the spiritual atmosphere than prayer. As Christians, we know that it is a mandate from our Lord to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. As believers united in prayer, we are a corporate body lifting up the nation of Israel and her people.

*“Thank you Lord that
You will bless
those who bless
Israel...”*
Genesis 12:3 (NAS).

As we continue to help so many in the land of Israel, thanks to your generosity through our outreach projects to soldiers, widows and orphans, victims of terrorism, new immigrants, Holocaust survivors, the Ethiopian community and new brides, please remember that lifting each of them in prayer is vital for everything we do here.

It is through your strength and commitment to pray without ceasing that the

spiritual battles are fought and won many times before they manifest in the physical. Please know that we treasure each and every prayer warrior who stands strong against the plans of the enemies of Israel in every possible way. We want you to know that you are so valued in your constant commitment to lifting this nation to the Lord in your congregations, your prayer groups, and even your own personal prayer time.

Thank you so much for being the unseen and unsung heroes who make the true difference for our CFI Staff, and the people of this land. May the Lord’s richest blessings and rewards be yours as you continue as a Wall of Prayer warrior for the nation of Israel.

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Uniting Churches for Israel

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Romans 12:4-5 (NKJV)

Starting as an effective way to keep congregations around the world connected to events in Israel as well as the tangible hands and feet ministry of Christian Friends of Israel’s many outreach projects in the land, the CFI Churches for Israel network has grown into a “must have” resource for many around the world. Reaching the very heart of the relationship between Jews and Christians, CFI has not only been a pioneering ministry in Israel, but now after three decades has become a trusted point of contact for those seeking to pray for, stand up for, and financially support the nation of Israel.

Along with regular monthly updates to churches about the wonderful ministry efforts of our project coordinators here in Jerusalem, congregations also connect with the top headlines affecting the land, the people, and the region. In an age of so much technical noise and input overload, our network of Churches for Israel is grateful to have real information from those here on the ground in Israel.

Take a moment to find out how your congregation can be enlightened by truly connecting to Israel through the Christian Friends of Israel Churches for Israel network as you continue to pray and stand alongside the nation of Israel.

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A TIME FOR *planting*

Each year throughout the nations of the world, spring is the time for planting. In gardens, landscapes and farm fields everywhere, those eager to see the miraculous and creative power of our awesome God place the seeds for the future into the fertile earth. Through the powerful wonder of life, the smallest of seeds planted break through the ground and produce an amazing abundance from a single planting.

Just as the time is here for natural planting in the earth's fertile soil, it's also the right time for you to plant into the lives of the people of the nation of Israel. Each seed of blessing you sow into the ministry of Christian Friends of Israel brings new life to those hurting, wounded, and oppressed by the circumstances of this world that would try to defeat the nation of Israel.

Our outreach teams see firsthand the results of your generosity as they help in nurturing the very lives of those wounded and hurting here in Israel. By planting into the ministry of Christian Friends of Israel, you are literally binding up wounds, healing hearts, and providing hope for those in desperate need. Each time you give of yourself, you are changing the future for the widow and the orphan, encouraging those on the frontlines of battle, and bringing a better tomorrow for those ready to give up.

It is such an honor for us to be your hands and feet here in the land of Israel, and we are only able to provide because of your ability to help. In this Spring season, as you prepare to plant for a beautiful return of your labor in the earth, won't you take a moment to plant into the lives and future of those most in need in Israel?

May the God of Israel bring an abundance of blessings to each and every one of you as you bring blessing to the people of the nation of Israel.

*“For as the soil makes the sprout
come up and a garden causes seeds
to grow, so the Sovereign LORD
will make righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations”*

Isaiah 61:11 (NIV).



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Leaving Ukraine

Tatyana and Arseniy

This nice couple came to our DC in February 2018. They had recently made “aliyah” from Ukraine and were glad to share about their life with us.

Tatyana and Arseniy have two children. Their son, Nikita, was the first in the family who fell in love with Israel and moved to the Land. From 5th grade he had studied in the Jewish school in Kiev, where they had Hebrew as a second foreign language. The school children were connected with Israel in many different ways in that school.

When Nikita was 12 years old he took part in a robot technology competition in Israel. It was a special event for Jewish school kids from different countries. Two years later this boy came to study in a boarding school near Tel Aviv. He was taken into a special program called “Naaleh”. Nikita is 17 years old now. He is still studying in the same school and planning to become a doctor. The army is also waiting for him in the near future.

The parents moved to Israel in the end of 2017 with their daughter, Nastya. “We came to start a new life in Israel” they say. Nastya is fourteen years old and she is studying in a regular Israeli school. She knows some Hebrew, but every day is still a huge challenge for her. The school gives her a special help in studies. The family is grateful for it. In the beginning Nastya wasn’t very happy about “the new life”, which meant an empty flat and the loss of many familiar things for her. She is still struggling, but it’s getting better. She has made some friends already.

The family moved to a small city near Jerusalem called Ma’ale-Adumim. The Mayor is doing a lot to get new emigrants to this city. He even went to Ukraine to tell about the possibilities and to encourage Jewish people to move to Israel. Tatyana and Arseniy met him in Kiev and decided to have a



Tiina helping new Olim from Ukraine

look. When they visited their son last year, they visited also Ma’ale-Adumim. Today they are new residents there. The city management helped them to get a flat and to move in. Everything was organized and the family didn’t have to pay anything. Tatyana and Arseniy believe that there will be new opportunities for them in Israel. They believe that miracles can take place in this Land.

At the moment this couple is studying Hebrew. Tatyana knew some Hebrew already in Kiev, but for Arseniy the language is new and difficult. They both know that it won’t be easy to find a good work. Tatyana is a highly educated music teacher. She knows it won’t be possible to have the same job as in Ukraine, but she believes that some doors will be open to her anyway.

Both Tatyana and Arseniy are thankful to Christians who are working with new “olim”. “It’s wonderful that there are organizations that want to help us!” they say “We are glad to receive any type of help. We need it. We are still somehow stressed out. It’s so good to know that somebody is thinking about us and that somebody is interested in our lives.”

We are looking forward to see this family again in our DC.

Tiina Karkkainen

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Living in Answered Prayer

It was in 1990, that I heard these and other bible verses in a church event in Finland. I happened to be in a seminar where the main topic was Israel and the speaker was not only speaking about Israel as the Chosen People of God, but his main concern was “the Aliyah”. During the whole weekend he encouraged the congregation to be part of God’s plan of helping the Jewish people come home to their biblical homeland.

I didn’t know the scriptures very well then, but I was excited about those ancient words of God being read and coming true before our eyes. After a few days, my sincere prayer to the Lord was – “Let me do something for Your Chosen People! Allow me to help them somehow as they go back home to their promised land.”

A year ago I came to Israel as a volunteer with CFI. I had been praying for God’s will and with no visions or special signs, but I was given just one thought – “This is the answer to your prayers.” It was then I understood that this is my opportunity to do something for God’s Chosen People. Today I am giving clothes and gifts to new Olim from Christians in the nations and during these moments, I remind myself again and again – “This is God’s work! The Lord Himself is bringing His people home to Israel. His word is being fulfilled and I am playing a tiny part in it. What an honor! I am living my answered prayer. Thank God for His wonderful timing and faithfulness!

Tiina Karkkainen

Project Open Gates



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Keeping on Track



Always Something for Everyone



Practical Help from England

*Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
Isaiah 43:5-6 (NIV)*

*He will raise a banner for the
nations and gather the exiles
of Israel; he will assemble the
scattered people of Judah from
the four quarters of the earth.
Isaiah 11:12 (NIV)*

*“For I will take you out of the
nations; I will gather you from
all the countries and bring you
back into your own land.
Ezekiel 36:24 (NIV)*



More Blessed to give than to receive

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35 ESV

Every season has its beauty in the Land of Israel. In the winter we hope and pray for God to send the much needed rain to fill the Sea of Galilee, the water reserves in Israel and to make the land blossom in the spring with beautiful colors. It's also low season for weddings and because of that; some brides decide to get married in these months to get better prices.

In these months we received brides full of joy and hope for God's blessing in their coming new season in their lives, and we rejoice with them and show them how great God's provision is. Through CFI Bridal Salon we can provide high quality service completely free, just as God's rain to the land.

But this time, I'd like to start sharing a little bit about people like you who make this ministry possible with your donations and prayers.

Ofrah and Sarah are 13 and 6 years old respectively, they love the God of Israel and His people, they also know about CFI's ministry where their parents volunteered years ago.

They don't have much in monetary income but with great generosity Ofrah pledged all the money she received for her 13th birthday in May; and then doubled it from her savings. Sarah added a generous amount from her savings too. Ofrah and Sara were looking forward to this for months and it was a joyous moment for them to finally send the donation they had designated especially for CFI Bridal Salon.

These lovely girls sent the most meaningful gift because it came from their heart to Jerusalem.

Thanks to this Christian generosity we are able to witness to the Jewish people about God's love and care through Christians in the nations who make this ministry possible.

"Love is found in unexpected places"

Agnieszka came from Poland to do a master degree in Holocaust Studies at the University of Haifa. After finishing her studies she thought she will just go back to her home country, but God had different plans. Before that, she got very had to receive treatment at the hospital in Haifa where she met Nahum, he was her doctor, they started talking a lot and she noticed his interest in her was growing more than a normal doctor's interest and care. The relationship grew fast and through God's confirmations they decided to get married. Being an only child, Agnieszka's family was very excited about the wedding. During her appointment, after trying several dresses with no success, I suggested her to try one in particular, she was not sure at the beginning but after I finished closing the back, we all knew this was it! It was the perfect dress for her wedding in Poland with all her friends and family... She looked gorgeous, she was in tears... Veil, crown, earrings, necklace and bracelet completed the look... another happy bride!

Thank you again for your faithful support.

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READY TO JOIN

an internationally diverse team of Christian volunteers
serving with *unconditional love*?

Are you Ready for a Leap of Faith?

There is nothing more fulfilling than obeying the call of God in ministry and there is nowhere on earth more exciting in this day and age than fulfilling that call in Jerusalem. We have all learned that as Christians, we are mandated to grow where we are planted, but sometimes, the call to serve others in their land is so strong, that we have to transplant ourselves to fulfill the call. If you feel its time for you to take a leap of faith, and consider coming to Israel as a long-term volunteer for Christian Friends of Israel – Jerusalem, then here are some of the talents we are currently looking for.

Christian Friends of Israel is currently seeking long-term volunteers in these areas:

Business Leader – We're looking for just the right person to oversee our business department with financial understanding, integrity, and a passion for the nation of Israel.

Videographer/Editor – Do you have the amazing talent of being able to tell the true story of a situation and engage those watching into a deeper understanding of the real issues of life? Then now is your time to apply.

Outreach Coordinator – Is your passion in helping others with issues that oppress daily life and helping provide hands-on help to those most in need? If compassion is your true heart and you live to help others, it's time to pray about coming to Israel.

Writer/Copyeditor – If your gifting is in the written word, and you help connect the world by what you write, then we need you. If you are always correcting others punctuation, grammar, and word usage, then put those talents to use on the frontline of truth in Israel.

Personnel Leader – Helping people sort through issues and keeping focus in their daily lives can be a huge responsibility and if your talent is keeping others organized, on-track and interacting well with others then now is your time to apply.

Operations – Whether you lead or accomplish in logistics or administration, then your time and talents are needed in Jerusalem. Keeping everything on time, organized and efficient is a full time effort at Christian Friends of Israel with all of our moving parts and teams. We look forward to hearing about your gifts and your passion today.

As each one has
received a gift,
minister it to one
another, as good
stewards of the
manifold grace
of God.
I Peter 4:10
(NKJV)

To find out more on how you can serve”
Contact: personnel@cfijerusalem.org



Christian Friends of Israel – Spanish

Pastor Ruth and John Carlson have been traveling to the Spanish nations, helping establish new CFI representatives in Spanish-speaking nations around the world. Their dedication, faithfulness, and love for Israel have impacted many pastors and congregations by embracing the vision of CFI. Since accepting her position as the CFI-International Representative for Spanish-speaking nations in 2012, Ruth and her husband have been traveling extensively to encourage pastors to join the CFI "Churches for Israel" network in support and prayer for Israel. Along with promoting unity among the body of believers, they have also held conferences about Israel and the Church, including a study of the Hebrew Roots of our Christian faith.

Ruth & John Carlson

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CFI Honduras

Pastor Milton Mascareño has been working diligently, spreading the vision and ministry of CFI throughout the nation of Honduras to pastors and leaders from multiple denominations. Pastor Milton is committed to encouraging church leaders to remain engaged in praying for Israel as well as the government of Honduras, which has publicly been a blessing to Israel. As part of the CFI "Churches for Israel" network in Honduras, pastor Milton has assisted more than 40 pastors in receiving certification.

Pastor Milton Mascareño

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CFI Cuba

Pastor Victor Amat and his wife Norma have been working side by side informing Cuba about the many Christian Friends of Israel outreach projects in Israel as well as the biblical mandate that all Christians have in blessing Israel. Under his leadership Pastor Amat has raised up 20 churches whose leaders and congregations are committed to pray for and support the nation of Israel. They now understand prophetically, "Why we pray for Israel" as they stand united as CFI "Churches for Israel" in Cuba.

Pastor Victor Amat

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For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.
Isaiah 61:11

For CFI information in Spanish go to: www.cfihispano.org



This year Christian Friends of Israel – Jerusalem will be blessed with 18 Representative nations in attendance at the Celebration of Israel’s 70th Birthday in Jerusalem. We look forward to seeing new faces from your nation represented – “Next Year in Jerusalem!”

Christian Friends of Israel is so honored to call each and every representative we have in over 30 nations around the world part of our CFI Family. The call of God placed on these individuals to be a support in prayer, solidarity, and financial assistance to the nation of Israel is unparalleled. The unity of spirit and the heart of compassion that each has for their own nation to be part of the covenants of God to His people, and the need for Christians around the world to understand their biblical heritage is truly a fulfillment of Scripture. So we say, “Thank You” from the depth of our souls for all you do for the kingdom of the Most High God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - the God of Israel.

For information on becoming a CFI – Representative in your nation contact:
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CFI Germany

The first Annual CFI – Germany conferences where a tremendous success and Amber and Ewald Sutter could not be happier. The wonderful planning efforts for the March conferences in both Trostberg and Bad Lauterberg Germany brought incredible blessing for the German speaking attendees from Germany, Switzerland and Austria. While Stacey and Kevin Howard were not able to attend in person due to the untimely death of Kevin’s father, they were able to speak at the conference by video streaming and bring the word from Jerusalem. Well done CFI- Germany and looking forward to next year!

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CFI Bulgaria

This years March event in Bulgaria commemorating the deep legacy from 1943 in which not one single Jew from Bulgaria proper was sent to the Nazi concentration camps was a very special 75th Anniversary of the event. CFI – Bulgaria Representative Mitka Atanasova and her husband attended a special presentation where Mitka shared personally of the efforts they do there, along with the reading of the Jerusalem proclamation of thanks and solidarity from Executive/ International Director Stacey Howard. Thank you Bulgaria for your strong and lasting stand with the nation of Israel!

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CFI – Jerusalem’s media team constantly strives to provide a variety of media options that will keep you informed. Whether you like your updates, news or prayer points by post, by email, on the web, social media, radio or television, Christian Friends of Israel works hard daily to have something that will satisfy everyone’s particular needs.

Want to know more about what’s happening in Israel from those who are on the ground in Israel? We travel the highways of Israel daily and speak with those living through the daily challenges and triumphs here in the land where prophecy continues to unfold.

The CFI Media Team provides many informative resources for viewing, listening and reading. We have unparalleled opportunities to bring you “truth out of Zion” including relevant, up-to-date, and interesting insights that are easy to access.

Find out more today about our online publications, For Zion’s Sake magazine, or FrontPage Jerusalem radio programs at:

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Print Media: For Zion’s Sake - a quarterly, full-color magazine is available upon request (and also as an online download). FZS is free with a gift of any amount.



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In our world today, we are inundated with a constant stream of information, headlines, and urgent alerts from media outlets around the globe. The instant transfer of information from one side of the planet to the other is both astounding and many times, quite depressing. For Christians wanting to find accurate and straightforward information about the nation of Israel, the sifting through media outlets can be challenging to say the least.

That’s why the Christian Friends of Israel’s media team in Jerusalem has made it their first priority to provide listeners around the world with a weekly 30-minute program bringing fresh information from those in Israel that know the situations on the ground. Known around the globe as the “Voice of Israel to the World,” FrontPage Jerusalem radio partners each week with stations and networks in the nations to bring accurate, first-hand information to listeners.

Join the multitudes of listeners who tune in each week to hear a true report about the nation of Israel and those who live here. Each program brings you current and relevant news from Israel, historical facts about the nation, and an in-depth interview on issues important to daily life in Israel. If you can’t find us on your radio dial, then tune in anytime and listen online.

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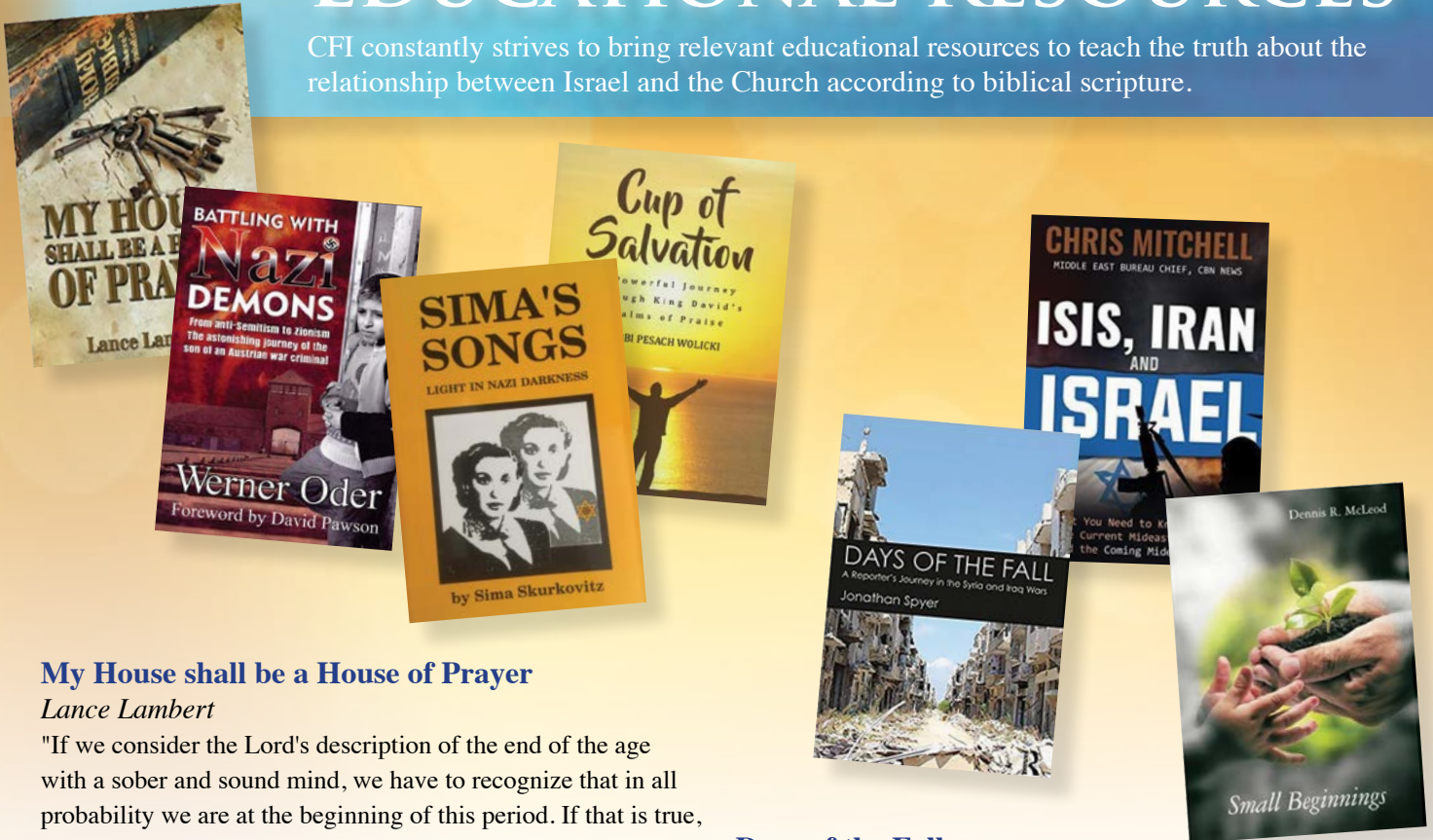


Kevin Howard



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

CFI constantly strives to bring relevant educational resources to teach the truth about the relationship between Israel and the Church according to biblical scripture.



My House shall be a House of Prayer

Lance Lambert

"If we consider the Lord's description of the end of the age with a sober and sound mind, we have to recognize that in all probability we are at the beginning of this period. If that is true, then there has never been a time when effective prayer and intercession could be more strategic, more necessary and more essential than now." Lance Lambert

Battling Nazi Demons

Werner Oder

Werner Oder's life has been full of dark secrets of what his father SS Scharfuhrer Wilhelm Oder, Chief instructor of the Sipo-SD School, Rabka, Poland (1941-3) had done. In his amazing story Werner delved into a world of dark conspiracy to uncover the truth, that his father and others were complicit in the murder of approximately 2000 Jewish men, women and children.

Sima's Songs

Sima Skurkovitz

The exciting true story of a 17-year old girl from Vilna, the Jerusalem of Lithuania, whose singing gave hope to her companions in the terrible darkness of the Nazi Holocaust.

Cup of Salvation

Rabbi Pesach Wolicki

Authored by Rabbi Pesach Wolicki, Cup of Salvation: A Powerful Journey Through King David's Psalms of Praise is a careful study of the original Hebrew text of Psalms 113-118, also known as the "Hallel", leading us on a journey of praise and worship for all that God does in our lives.

Days of the Fall

Jonathan Spyer

Over five years, Jonathan Spyer reported from the depths of the wars, spending time in Aleppo, Baghdad, Damascus, Mosul, Idlib, Hasaka and other frontline areas. He witnessed some of the most dramatic events of the. The book depicts these events, and seeks to place them within a broader framework. The book also notes that this confused space has now become an arena for proxy conflict between regional and global powers.

ISIS, Iran and Israel

Chris Mitchell

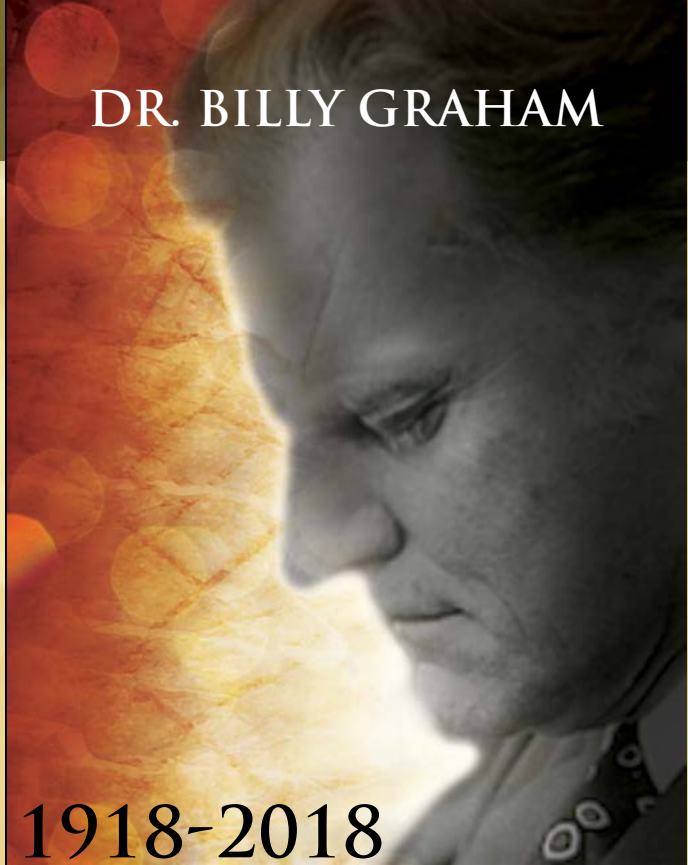
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warns Iran is developing nuclear weapons not just to annihilate Israel but to destroy the West. U.S. Senator Tom Cotton tells us the Iran deal will lay nuclear trip wires throughout the Middle East, while a German reporter writes ISIS is planning a nuclear tsunami to fulfill its apocalyptic version of Islam.

Small Beginnings

Dennis McLeod

Because of the verbal abuse he suffered as a child and being told he would never amount to anything, plus a marriage and divorce at age thirty-three, he suffered very badly from rejection. This is the story of the journey that started when-unbeknown to Dennis-God took him as a fifteen-year-old and started training and equipping him for the future.

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“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.”

Psalm 116:15, NIV

Three months short of his 100th birthday, Dr. Billy Graham passed into the presence of his Lord. Christians and Jews mourned his passing as eulogies came from Israel, and around the world. Local Israel news reported about his visit in 1960, to then, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who held an official luncheon in his honor. Dr. Graham told the press that he was grateful to Israel for producing Jesus, to whom he had committed his life. Golda liked the sound of that, and suggested he repeat it to the local media, which he did. It began a beautiful friendship. Over time, Billy Graham became an outspoken Christian Zionist. In 1967, after the Six-Day-War, he told the Anti-Defamation League that he envisioned Jerusalem as an undivided Jewish city, and called for Evangelical-Jewish dialogue. He said, “The Jews are God’s chosen people. We cannot place ourselves in opposition without detriment to ourselves.” He went on to become a champion for the release of Soviet Jewry, and encouraged Jewish immigration to Israel. He not only stood up for the Jewish community in America, but he was one of the first Christians to endorse the State of Israel and urge his followers to stand with her at all times. One Jewish source said, “He was ahead of his time and set the pattern for what later became Christian Zionism” (www.breakingisraelnews.com).

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, a dear friend of CFI, said, “Reverend Graham was a magnificent preacher who loved the Old Testament. He was a sincere and true friend of the Jewish people with a great admiration for Israel. He had faith that it was the promised land of the Jewish people and would be ours forever. The reverend truly believed in Christians and Jews working together to bring peace and redemption to the world.” Reverend Graham was ill with Parkinson’s Disease, and passed away at his home in Montreat, North Carolina, on February 21, 2018.

So many of us reading this magazine, have been touched by the preaching and teaching, of Dr. Billy Graham. A man who knew the Word of God so well, that one of his favorite expressions was “The Bible says...” As God’s Ambassador, his is a monumental loss to the world. Known as “America’s Pastor,” he touched more lives for Jesus than any other human being in history. We honor a

life so devoted to God, one that knew that Israel truly is the Chosen People. We thank God that when he preached, he warned everyone present not to put themselves in a conflicting position in regard to Israel. He knew that America, and all nations, must support the Jewish nation. Even though he has passed on to be with His Lord, this faithful servant once repeated part of a quote by Dwight L. Moody. He said, “Some day you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now...”. We thank the Lord for this man of God who truly followed the principle and promise “*I will bless those who bless you...*” (Genesis 12:3). May we all follow in his footsteps in speaking up for Israel and the Jewish people--God’s true faithful servant.

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