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***For nation will rise up against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom... Mark 13:8***



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Shalom *from* Jerusalem



"...when men pray, no matter where, they shall lift up hands that are holy..." (1 Timothy 2:8). Likewise, when women pray, "...they shall adorn themselves with what is appropriate for women...namely, good deeds" 1 Timothy 2:9

Dearest Christian Friends of Israel:

Martin Luther King said, "The time is always right to do what is right." He also said, "our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." To add to those wise words, an old African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." In an attempt to communicate the Word of God from Jerusalem, I believe we all need to pray harder. We must continue to use our lives to bless Israel in these prophetic times. God is still bringing His Chosen People home from the nations despite the world situation. We need to represent Jesus (Yeshua) in the right way to Israel, the nation persecuted in His Name for centuries. Join us in prayer for an awakening across the world, especially in Israel, for the truth to prevail. Consider starting a Watchman's Prayer with Israel group in your neighborhood as we stand with Israel. Contact us and we will provide you with prayer points concerning prayer.

With perhaps a small window of time open to us, let us look toward Jerusalem, where the throne of the Lord will be established (**Jeremiah 3:17**). We see the kingdoms of this world coming against the kingdom of our Lord. In these lawless times, the hearts of evil men in every nation do not realize that they are interfering and trying to change the Will of Almighty God. Yet God laughs at the schemes of evil being perpetrated upon mankind... today... as they are but a "drop in the bucket" to God (**Psalms 2:4; Isaiah 40:15**).

"Let us hold out until deliverance comes" (Obadiah 1:17 CJSB). We need to watch for the Lord's Coming Kingdom more than ever before. It is an honor to represent many of you who have hearts to comfort, bless and repair damage done to the Jewish people.

– Sharon Sanders –

Who Told YOU That YOU Were NAKED?

GENESIS 3:11

One's initial God encounter will set the path in our kingdom walk for years. Special people that shared that time with us have influential voices. The danger is to listen to them instead of learning to hear and obey the voice of God for ourselves.

In Genesis 2:16-17, God gave specific directions to Adam that he would enjoy everything within the garden except one fruit—the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was simple: don't eat the fruit. If we could all follow God's directives in our encounters with Him, life would be so simple. However, the challenge is that the Lord designed us to need relationships, both with him and others. Relationships have the potential to create baggage, baggage that clouds our ability to hear God's voice. This new influencer in Adam's life was the woman that God gave him as a helper. No matter the relationship, it must never override the voice of God.

Unsure of the message

Adam had received his instruction firsthand but chose to trust the second-hand experience of another person. We should not point accusing fingers at his failure without taking caution for ourselves. Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice." I must admit there are times when I struggle in discerning the voice of God within my spirit. Eve was the most important person in Adam's life, so how could he easily ignore her voice? Eve said to the serpent, "God has said, you shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die." I agree that if God said don't eat the fruit, he probably doesn't want us to handle it as well. But that is not what he said. She received the words as related through another and was unsure what was said. Small changes or additions in the message, although very common, are not acceptable. It is these small changes that have hindered the church world for centuries. Some of our early church leaders turned their back on Israel because of "small" changes. We wrongly felt that if Luther, Augustine, or Justin Martyr made these changes, it must be from God.

That brings us to Israel's eternal position. Paul understood the vulnerability of men's words. He even said, "***But if I or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you other than what we have preached, let him be accursed***" (Galatians 1:8). The truth is that God has not given up on Israel. They are the only nation to have become dry bones, to then have life breathed back into them (Ezekiel 37:5). They are the only people to lose their language and get it back in a later generation (Zephaniah 3:9). They also will be revived a second time (Isaiah 11:11).

What does God say about Israel?

As a child, the pastor that had the most impact upon my life felt that all Jews had turned their backs on God by rejecting Jesus. Having been taught this from his own pastor, he settled the issue that God chose the Christians to replace the Jews. He then assumed that if we were the replacement, all their promises belonged to the church. My pastor felt the Jews deserved harsh treatment and suffering. I agreed with his assumptions until I read the Bible for myself. The apostle Paul said, "***God has not cast away his people which he foreknew***" (Romans 11:2).

Pastor Robbie Coleman
Churches for Israel
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Robbie and Tommie Coleman

God's Voice Must Be The Ruling Voice

"Without the Church, Israel will survive, but without Israel there is No Church"



OPPOSING KINGDOMS

“We belong to an unshakable Kingdom, nothing will stop it from coming and nothing will destroy its destiny.”

Since the beginning of world history, God has built into His world hope for mankind. “The world’s history is a Divine poem of which the history of every nation is a canto and every man a word. Its strains have been peeling down the centuries, and though there have been mingled discords of warring cannon and dying men, yet to the Christian...there has been a Divine melody running through the song which speaks of hope and halcyon days to come” (James A. Garfield, Klopsch, Many Thoughts of Many Minds).

The archived journals of the annals of history are like the art of a stanza of a song (canto). Those who follow the Jewish-Christian Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus), hear the beautiful thread of melodious harmony with expectation and desire for the song that brings us calm (halcyon) for the days ahead.

Supposing we survey a world map, we will see nations experiencing upheaval, terrorizing demonstrations, and violence along with plagues and sickness.

The whole world seems to be shaking in some way. Family and friends grieve and tell us, “I don’t listen to the news anymore because it is so negative.” It is conceivable that you might be experiencing similar anxiety and wonder what is going on? I believe nothing will keep God’s Kingdom from advancing in this world, and nothing will prevent its establishment in the City of Jerusalem.

While the Kingdom of God is within the yielded human heart, at the same time it is traversing toward us for God will rule and reign from Jerusalem as the Kingdom is fully established on earth.”

A minority of pastors teach about the physical Davidic Kingdom. In some measure, the earth presently groans as part of the birth pangs, which will increase until this Kingdom arrives on schedule. The evil one is highly antagonistic at the very idea of Yeshua ruling from Jerusalem as this determines his destiny and would bring about his demise. The



mother of all battles lies ahead. We should not “follow the crowd” but ascertain what the Lord says.

The trials we find ourselves in today may last longer than we think. Labor pains may get more painful before God releases anyone. God’s testing have been a part of Biblical history. We must prepare. Of all the teaching the Lord delivered to His disciples, Yeshua made the Coming Kingdom of God paramount. We must persevere and wait for deliverance as opposing kingdoms advance aggressively in world warfare. No doubt, we will hear of conflicts, wars, and reports of war for some time to come. Our work is to press through for the Kingdom and to work shoulder-to-shoulder with God as His Holy Spirit gives us the passion for doing so. The annals of history, as quoted above, are singing with us a song of excitement at the expectation of this coronation event.

Worldwide, the church needs to repair its relationship with the Jewish nation contrary to joining the naysayers of Christian antisemitism. I am ashamed of the headlines I read from Israel in which orthodox Christian leaders continue to castigate Israel for actions that are not founded upon truth. Even if true, Christians have no authority from the King to criticize and reprimand Israel.

God is A God of Oneness

Will the church continue to separate from Israel and ignore God’s Word? Christian Friends of Israel committed years ago to represent Jesus the way He should always have been represented to the Jewish people. After two thousand years of Christian misconduct to the Jews, it is our desire to give a true demonstration of God’s unconditional love, which is the core of a relationship.

Presently Israel is passing through a difficult time. The whole future for Israel culminates in the ruling of the nations from Jerusalem. It belongs to the Lord of Lords and Kings of Kings! “... *the Kingdom is the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations*” (Psalm 22:28). Israel is destined to become a priestly nation. I love listening to some of the God-fearing Israelis who gather to “sing




“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.”

HEBREWS 12:28

unto the Lord,” listening to their hearts as they yearn for God to deliver them and to come to build this Kingdom.

What is this Kingdom rule to be like? Most importantly, God will be “*all in all*” (1 Corinthians 15:28). We will be part of the Commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12). Fundamentally, Ephesians clearly implies the uniting of Gentiles with Jews (not Jews with Gentiles). This is an extremely major comprehension as Israel will not come our way; we are meant to come their way—when the Israel of God emerges into a redeemed nation. This may be a shock to many, but I can hear Lance Lambert say, “This is the whole counsel of God.”

Scripture explains that the Gentiles were without a Messiah and excluded from the citizenship of Israel, but Yeshua, a Jew in the flesh, brought us into the family. This remarkable reconciliation cannot happen if a connection remains broken. Replacement theologians severed the chain that tied us together. Our leaders and pastors need to arise with a vision for the prophetic future, including Israel and reconnect to the missing link in our faith.



THE WORD OF THE KING IS LAW IN HIS KINGDOM

We must discern the abominable spirits of deception attempting to put an end to all that God has promised for Israel and those who love her. When Satan understood that Jesus was the Chosen One to bring salvation to the world, He began to make plans to bring about a particular evil assault on God's Kingdom. One-third of the unrighteous angels followed him instead of God. This present darkness of principalities and powers of the air are among us (**Ephesians 6:12-18**). Dark forces in today's world have formed allegiances to another god other than the One we worship. The fallen kingdom of rebellious spirits is clearly at work and will stop at nothing to deter God's plan for mankind.

What is a Kingdom?

"A kingdom is a country, state, or territory...it is a domain...a piece of land ruled by a King...who has absolute authority and influence over a people...every king is automatically a "lord." A lord is defined as someone having power, authority, or influence; a master or ruler...Lordship makes the king unique...he isn't voted in nor out of office or power. His sovereignty is by birthright...all kings are automatically lords, but not all lords are kings...the laws of a kingdom are to be obeyed by all, including foreigners residing in it...once in the kingdom, the king is personally responsible for you and your needs" (Excerpts quoted from the University of Chicago Press, 1973).

God will make His Holy name known to Israel and the whole world (**Ezekiel 39:7**). His Glory will be seen among the nations. The Bible is all about God keeping covenant with the sons of Jacob and all who love Him. This is the premier reason for the intense raging fury of jealousy and competition for the throne and to prevent Israel from becoming a "light to the nations" (**Isaiah 42:6**). As we watch for the Master's return, we must be sure not to bow to any other but the One True God of Israel. We have great men and women who went before us. Mordecai, Hadassah

(Esther), Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and others come to mind who did not bow to any other gods except The Creator.

Yeshua has already won the battle of the kingdoms! Yeshua was so determined to do His Father's Will. We need that same determination. The shout of a King will indeed cause the Kingdom to be established. Those who hear His Shout will recognize the sound and be ready to enter Messiah's presence at any time. Our unshakable coming Kingdom will still be standing when Satan's is destroyed, and **God will be all in all. "And when all things have been subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28, Berean Study Bible). Then and only then will there cease to be kingdom against kingdom.**

- Sharon Sanders -



God Will Magnify Himself Through
ISRAEL

LOVE STORY

Orphans and Handicapped

The Lord used a webinar lecture hosted by Israelis in Israel to invite Sharon Sanders to speak to young Israelis in the early days of Covid 19. It was a time to speak about evangelical Christians and why they love Israel and what they would like to see when visiting Israel. It was also a time to share that we wait for them to “step up” and cause the light of Israel to shine brighter.

Mr. Albert Elay Shaltiel, founder of ILAI Fund, established in 2005, for special children was watching the webinar lecture. Having dedicated twenty years to taking care of these children, he was burnt out, depressed and had little to no hope in continuing his work. Through this webinar God brought him to stop and think about what was being shared. He contacted CFI and Sharon personally and schedule a meeting. CFI was able to commit to a sizable amount of funding to help the compassionate heart of God shine through the generous giving of our supporters in the nations for the ILAI Fund. Streams of Blessing once again has touched many little hearts and brought them joy in the midst of their suffering.

HE'S GOT THE LITTLE CHILDREN IN HIS HAND

The ILAI Fund has helped approximately 3,000 special children of every kind, i.e. the handicapped, autistic, various diagnosed syndromes and illnesses that are either physical, mental, or emotional that renders them disabled. Each one has a story of heroism to tell from their pain. Most children come

from poor social-economic populations. Many live in poverty. Regardless of a child's background, Albert and his wife, Yael, have never said “no” to a child in need when they arrive to the Shaltiel's warm home. It is the “disabled children” who need our help for they often have no voice. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for caring for them from the bountiful goodness of yours.

BAT SHEVA'S STORY OF ABUSE

Bat Sheva grew up in an ultra-orthodox family in which she was subjected to physical violence, as well as severe emotional neglect by her parents. She lived in an extremely poor home, lacking in nutritious foods and decent living conditions. Her mother contracted fibromyalgia and suffered from complex mental problems and her father suffered from depression and outbursts of rage. Consequently, being the eldest child, Bat Sheva became a full-time mother for her younger siblings at a very early age, doing her best to care for the physical and emotional needs.

It is because of the Lord's goodness that we are able to touch so many lives in Israel. When we come to realize that “it is not about us” but about “others,” we come closer and closer to understanding the Heart of God. Thank you for all of your help to us.

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Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

- Bishop Oscar Romero



Maggie, Bat Sheva with her newly wed husband

CFI Helps Those Who Protect Us

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be strong and courageous.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

IDF soldiers honored for their bravery and courage

David's Shield carries on its work to build relationships with soldiers and combat warriors throughout Israel in order to reinforce God's protective shield with which He covers the nation of Israel.

The Work Involved:

- ◆ Visits to Army Bases and meeting Commanders
- ◆ Supporting Brave Soldiers in Israel
- ◆ Visits to areas in needing equipment for security
- ◆ Helping Lone Soldiers
- ◆ Assisting communities in danger of attacks
- ◆ Reminding Israelis that is a holy mission to protect the Land of Israel for God's Name Sake
- ◆ Meeting Security and Border Patrol forces
- ◆ Securing the Work of Farmers in the Land

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IDF soldier knows His Protector



Clearing debris from a rocket attack



“Taking Root Down, Bearing Fruit Up”

This shall be the sign [of these things] to you [Hezekiah]: you are to eat this year what grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same, and in the third year you are to sow and harvest, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit. The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant and from Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Isaiah 37:30-32, AMP

Upon my return to my project duties from a visit with family, I immediately engaged in making certain that the assistance that our CFI partners, from all around the world, generously provide were sown into the lives of believers in the Land. Our featured recipients of God’s Blessings in this article have one thing in common besides their faith in Messiah: they each have received two-fold assistance from us. Because of this principle, we expect that each of these individuals will reap the benefits of serving a Living and Benevolent God, as they conduct their daily lives as believers.



Providing special tools

God Uses You to Provide for Special Tools

John, his British siblings and other housemates are young business people in the Land of Israel who have blessed many. They started a Jerusalem restaurant and now a Beersheba catering service. Sometimes our CFI staff gets to enjoy a meal prepared by this special couple. CFI has helped John acquire specialty tool items for a woodwork business he has started that enabled him to help provide us with furniture items necessary to help us launch the new Hope Resource Center in our Distribution Center, which will enhance our new program to serve the Ethiopian Jewish community. CFI also hopes to help his brother Ben’s media ministry work by obtaining a camera in this new year.

Provided Provision for Galia

Galia is of Polish descent who CFI is sponsoring through a graphic arts school to allow for a major change in the trajectory of her life. She lives with her mother, a widow in Ramat Gan, and they have endured the trauma of terrorist rocket attack in the past, along with persecution regarding their beliefs. CFI’s First Fruits provided clothing and shoes for Galia to assist her in being more comfortable about her appearance within Tel Aviv’s student population. We thank God that Galia is confident in her outward beauty but knows that her innermost beauty comes from her Creator and realizes His destiny for her as a child of God.

“It was with this confidence that I planned at first to visit you, so that you might receive twice a token of grace” (2 Corinthians 1:15. Thank you to each of our partners in ministry from the Nations around the world! Please know that your prayers and support are impacting Israelis from the community of faith in major ways. **Thank you from The Land of Israel—set apart for His Name!**

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Galia happy with CFI clothing and love



Holocaust Survivors Plan Appreciation Day for CFI!

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing - Life forevermore.” Psalm 133:1,3

Lifting up the Cup of Blessing

What a beautiful picture of what heart-filled fellowship brings into our lives, and how much it is needed for our weary hearts. Every event with our precious Holocaust Survivors, every home visit brings a lot of comfort and refreshment into their lonely routines.

Sadly, every day we lose our dear friends, and it fills our hearts with grief. Their days are getting shorter and shorter. Every visit, every smile, and hug is essential and treasured as never before. Every reunion is precious. Our most incredible privilege was to visit 371 people during 2021, which was only possible because of God’s grace and your support. We store beautiful memories in our hearts, take pictures together, and share our experiences with you.

Thank you so very much for your faithful support and prayers at such a time as this. May we all continue to stand in unity, see the outstanding restoration work our Lord is doing, and accept it with grateful hearts. **“But we were gentle among you just as a nursing mother cherishes her children...you know how we comforted...”**
1Thessalonians 2:7,11

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A love that only God could orchestrate over the years

CFI Announcements!

God Securing A Future for CFI



CFI'S FOUNDATIONAL WALL

Visit us in Jerusalem and Learn About Our Rich Heritage

A Firm Foundation

Our new foundational wall states, "It is not the beauty of the building that is important but the foundation upon which it is built." CFI has a rich heritage of fathers and mothers of the faith such as Dr. Derek Prince, Rev. Lance Lambert, and Freda Lindsay. Also, CFI's Chairmen of the Board, board members, and special Jewish friends from Israel are essential to our foundational wall. The Word of God and the proper way to tear down walls and build relationships has been **foundational teaching through the ministry's history**. Come to visit CFI in Jerusalem and learn about our Foundational Wall and the beautiful leaders who helped build CFI through the years.

NEW PARTNERSHIP IN ISRAEL

Christian Friends of Israel & Derek Prince Ministries

Derek Prince Ministries (DPM) continues to emphasize the importance of Israel through a multitude of messages, sermons, and books. Therefore, DPM and CFI will work to provide the Body of Christ in Israel with Derek's literature. Thanks to a personal relationship with Derek, the CFI ministry looks forward to assisting wherever possible with distributing his literature. A long close relationship with Derek was enjoyed through the years and it is with thankfulness that **CFI will be able to bless congregations and leaders in this new way through our First Fruits ministry.**



SIGNING THE CONTRACT

CFI Leadership with Developer, Lawyer, and Contractor

God has been the Faithful One for this pioneer ministry in the Land of Israel. All the Glory goes to Him alone. He has seen us through the years of development and foundation laying. He has helped us to "bear much fruit" in the Land, and we helped to "make a difference" in Jewish-Christian relations as a prophetic plow, bringing the blessings, applying the healing balm of the Lord everywhere we go. We have seen GOD fulfill His Word through CFI over and over again.

Located in the New Jerusalem Gateway

In the next few years, our properties on which the Distribution Center now sits will be demolished, and a new high-rise office building will be erected in the Gateway to Jerusalem. Since Ray Sanders purchased the property in 1990 for a small amount of money, today it is yielding a new ministry building for CFI's future. CFI will not have to pay any rent for perpetuity—this can only happen when the LORD is in it!

Rejoice with us that we will have a more significant impact in the Land of Israel than ever before. We can do nothing without YOU, but together we run the race to prepare the way of the Lord for His Soon Coming!

– Sharon Sanders –

Miracles
Cannot Be
Counted!

CFI Establishes New Ethiopian Learning Center



CFI's Technician, Avi, explaining about computers to New Ethiopian immigrants

“Fear not, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

The precious time and all the effort put into beginning the work for the **Hope Learning Center** project, along with prayer and the research, has all been worth it. Looking back, we can only say how grateful we are to everyone who prayed for the project, took the time to encourage us, and blessed us with financial support. When there seemed to be no signs of it coming to fruition, our faith increased by seeing a breakthrough in our needs. We were praying for five sewing machines along with ten laptop computers, which was a long shot in and of itself.... **but God made a way where there seemed to be no way!**

Hope as the driving force can dictate one's determination and tenacity to push through the doubt and internal struggles regard-

ing the impossible becoming possible. The stakeholders and representatives gave us such encouragement and purpose to accomplish our initial goals: supporting, serving, and empowering the Ethiopian community. The “Hope Resource Center” is equipped to provide introductory short courses in computer literacy for the Ethiopian community in Israel. In the next cycle,



Remembering the Poorest Communities

our sewing and knitting class will provide an enrichment course for training in areas to create jobs and purpose for those willing to learn skills sets.

A miracle in the time of miracles occurred during the month of the Israeli festivals. We received a very generous donation at CFI-Jerusalem; it was such an inspiring moment to see the unfolding of prayers and vision. Hope Resource Center was able to purchase every piece of equipment we needed. Praise the Lord! This great act of love will help heal a culture and to help generate opportunities for single Ethiopian mothers to raise their children in an environment of dignity.

Thank you, Supporters,

Our inaugural class was a great success with the help of leaders in the community. We were able to connect with constituents in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Our kick-off class celebrated the first official computer literacy beginner course! Many of you have taken the time to pray and give into this new venture. We appreciate you and thank you for each student who sees this as fresh air for new life. **Please continue to keep this project lifted up and as the Lord leads. May our classes continue to expand and grow!**

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“He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.” Job 5:9

CFI AND CFMDA WORKING TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES

“Whoever saves a single soul...it is as though He Saved a whole world.” (A Jewish saying)



Anne Ayalon, Sharon Sanders, and Elana Watson



Christian love for Israel made this possible!

FROM CFMDA: Thank You Christian Friends of Israel For Your Donation

We wish to Thank You for your Donation to Christian Friends of Magen David Adom.

Your donation enables Magen David Adom, Israel's national rescue organization, to continue serving, faithfully and efficiently, the residents of Israel with our ambulance and mobile intensive care unit services, first aid training to the general public and also providing the much needed blood to the hospitals. Magen David Adom provides vital emergency and life-saving services anywhere and anytime, in Israel and overseas.

Through your donation, you are helping us demonstrate to the nation of Israel the steadfast Christian support for her people.

We thank you for your generous donation and wish you continued good health. May you be abundantly blessed,

Elana Watson, Director CFMDA
Anne Ayalon, President CFMDA

CFMDA Medi-cycles

Magen David Adom's motorcycles (medi-cycles) can maneuver quickly through traffic to give immediate medical services in congested areas. Our **First Responder Medi-cycles** are fully equipped with a complete kit for EMT's medical supplies, as well as a defibrillator and birthing kit, and the appropriate protective clothing for the First Responder.

CFI's New Medi-cycle has Joined the Fleet!



Bringing Healing to Victims of Terror

Israel is perhaps unique in that it has almost singularly experienced terror constantly from the day of its birth. For the majority of the Israeli public perceive this as ‘people who do not like them and they want to do them harm;’ but the Bible tells us the true reason.

Being a nation set apart by the Almighty God who is the Creator of heaven and earth, as His treasured possession, Israel enjoys the privilege of being God’s Chosen People; however, it has come with a price as Israel has also been hated without cause (מְנִיחָה תֹאנֵשׁ, pronounced as “sin’at hi-nam”) mentioned in Psalm 35:19, Psalm 38:19, and Psalm 69:4. The hatred of those who despise Jewish people has resulted in many Israelis being killed, injured, or traumatized by enemies who carried out terror attacks against them. With God’s help and your support, Project UHW has reached out to great multitudes of Israeli civilians, widows, and families of deceased victims affected by terror attacks, as well as warriors serving in the army or security forces while they were protecting the nation against its enemies. No other country better fits the phrase “living with terror” than the Israeli people.

Filtered Through Biblical Lens

The “sin’at hi-nam” that stirs their enemies seeking to destroy them is undoubtedly spiritually and demonically inspired, and it can only be understood from a Biblical perspective. In great suffering, it is easy to fall into depression. Praise God that Project UHW of CFI has the privilege to play a significant part in the lives of the terror survivors or families of the deceased terror victims. This Project reaches out and comes alongside them to remind them of their God-given destiny to see things from the proper perspective and on the other hand, help to uphold them when they are struggling.

So many lives were profoundly touched. Despite hardship and trauma, some of them managed to move on in life and return to work. Our great joy was when we received an invitation to Uriel’s wedding. Also Eliyahu, who was nearly killed and went through an unimaginable difficult, painful, and lengthy rehabilitation process, got married and now has children. These two are some of those who managed to overcome the hindrances and challenges to get back to life.

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“For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills, I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.” (Numbers 23:9)



Top to Bottom:
Maggie visits a young widow and daughter
Comforting Shmuel’s family
Hospital visit with Israeli Soldier
Hated without a cause

Blessings in Giving

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A NEW SEASON OF Prayer Warriors



Left to Right:
David Soakell
Avril Hooper
Sue Garland
Julia Soakell
Mark Reckard

January 1, marked the beginning of a new year, but we had already entered a new season before the calendar year changed to 2022. In some nations, specific dates are designated for the start of another season. However, the seasons do not always change according to our calendar; God orchestrates them. After sensing the Lord saying, “This is a new season,” I received words from other believers confirming the same thing.

Advancing God’s Kingdom

Lana Vawser writes that December is the time of God’s shifting, changing, and rearranging some things in preparation for the days ahead. She says that we can expect God to expose some of the hidden works of darkness in this new season. Simultaneously, we anticipate that a great spirit of deception will arise attempting to distract and deceive people from hearing and believing the truth. She admonishes that now is the time to position ourselves firmly in God’s Word to keep from being deceived and shaken. We must listen intently to His voice and obey as He gives tailor-made strategies for each situation. She states that we cannot use our ideas to navigate successfully; in this new season, we must rest in God and allow Him to direct (From Lana Vaser Ministries).

Now that we have established the **International Wall of Prayer**, the goal in this new season is to engage with more nations. Time differences in various parts of the world make it difficult to pray together. As part of our new strategy, we will include praying separately with groups from different regions. Thus far, we prayed with teams from the **United Kingdom, Singapore, and Brazil**.

“For everything there is a season, a right time for every intention under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Each group had its own style, but the same powerful Holy Spirit anointed these teams to intercede for Israel with zeal and passion. God took notice of the strategic prayers of the **UK team** as they petitioned Him to move in their government on behalf of Israel. When the **Singapore group** mourned over IDF abortion statistics, their tears were remembered in heaven (Psalms 56:8). Amazing healing took place in the **Brazilian team**, as Pastor Abeni Bastos taught about “The Birth of Brazil” and their Jewish roots. All their prayers were deep and heartfelt.

In this new season, we plan to connect with prayer groups in the **South Pacific region** such as **New Zealand, Fiji, and Samoa**. The whole purpose is to link countries in prayer for the nation of Israel, thus enabling global participation of the nations in intercession that reach the throne of God in these end-times. As God directs and opens doors to new areas, we will connect with other intercessory teams. **Let this new season be one of personal intercession, not just for the nation of Israel but also for the nations of the world.**

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Online Prayer around the World





Chazak! “Be courageous! Do not be afraid or tremble before them. For ADONAI your God—He is the One who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.” Deuteronomy 31:6, TLV

Welcome to CFI

“Courage is forging ahead towards the goal even when I am trembling inside...but knowing that Jesus holds my hand.”

NEOMI - is from the USA. She will be cross-training to become the Human Resource Supervisor temporarily. Originally, she came to minister in projects, but has agreed to fill a need until a permanent replacement can fill HR.

It has been a long and arduous journey getting to CFI. It has been one and a half years to work her way through the “red tape and jump through hoops” to get here. Even after being cleared by MOI and the Consulate, packed and ready to go, had her flight ticket in hand, the airlines would not let her board. Neomi did not give up; she continued to pursue what she heard the Lord tell her to do. Finally, changing airlines, showing more proof and other documents, she was able to board the plane. Her story was a miracle in action. Even through a miracle, we do our part. God built that value of COURAGE into her to persevere. PTL!

**Interested in volunteering?
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Contact Norene and Neomi
HR Coordinators at:
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(Colossians 4:1)



Festival of Lights

The CFI Staff celebrated at Ray’s and Sharon’s house. It was a great time of fun, food, and fellowship. We constantly remember that Yeshua is the Light of the world. Plus, we were all given a lovely Menorah from Ray and Sharon and a memory foam or anti-allergenic pillow from CFI. Sweet!
Thank you, Ray and Sharon!

Great Fun!



ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING FOR CFI



Tiina with *Olim* from Peru

Hundreds of thousands of new *Olim* have passed through CFI's Distribution Center since 1990. Many people feel stressed and uncomfortable in a new situation. Sometimes we like it, sometimes not. New things may cause different emotions. For others, changes are exciting and refreshing. In our project "Open Gates," we are just starting a new season.

For about 35 years, CFI has been giving clothes to new immigrants. The number of visitors and staff members have changed over the years. The Distribution Center has always been there to help with clothing but now it looks different. There are tables and shelves instead of racks. Instead of clothes, we see brand-new electric devices and other household items. New immigrants can visit us one time and receive our "welcome basket" which includes some small personal items as well as the amount they can "spend." The visitor can then browse the store to select what's desired for their home.

"All of a sudden...we sang "together"

Our opening took place at the end of October 2021. The welcome room was full of guests, most of which were new immigrants from an absorption center from Beersheva. There were those who made *Aliyah* from different countries: Iran, Venezuela, Poland, Ethiopia, Tunisia, and India. We had new families that received a generous gift from CFI that had been in Israel for only a month or two. These families were from Peru, Brazil, Uzbekistan, Russia, Ukraine, and also Venezuela. All those that came were very thankful and appreciative. In exchange, we heard their *Aliyah* stories, talked with them and sang songs together to make their time truly special.

At the end of November, we hosted another group of new immigrants from Beersheva. They came to Jerusalem with a chartered bus as the previous group. The majority of them were Ethiopian Jews. They were also blessed with good gifts from CFI. After everyone was served, we played Ethiopian music and danced in the welcome area. The love of the Lord touched everyone's hearts that day. With your prayers and support, we can continue to serve through this unique project.

Tiina Danilevski

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Jeremiah 32:40-41, TLV

"I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never turn away from doing good for them... I will delight in doing good for them, and with all My heart and all My soul I will in truth plant them in this land."



Welcoming new immigrants



New immigrants from Venezuela
Ethiopians visiting from Beesheva



Prayer Opened Our New Store



Praying and preparing for the arrival of the Olim



CFI OPERATION START UP

“He will send out His angels with a great shofar, and they will gather together His Chosen People from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:31, CJSB



CFI Welcomes a New Era of Immigrants Right in the Heart of Jerusalem



CFI welcomes the Olim with the Word of God



Browsing for gifts in the Olim Store

Jewish immigrants are making **Aliyah** to Israel in significant numbers, some wanting to come and some escaping oppression. Biblically, immigration plays a central part in God's end-time purposes and it seems He is "shaking" His People from the kingdoms of this world (Ezekiel 36:24-26). CFI is working with Jewish Agency Absorption Centers across Israel and helping the "poorest of the poor" newcomers.

Presently, we need assistance to help us serve the Ukrainian Jews as they arrive to Israel. We are identifying the most urgent needs they will have as many will be tired refugees from exhaustion and distressed experiences. The CFI Distribution Center will once again be a conduit to help Jewish people coming from oppressed lands. You can find wire transfer information inside the front cover page of this magazine.



Grateful Olim leaving with gifts from Christians

God Gave The Wedding and The Gown

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He much more clothe you, O men of little faith?” Matthew 6:30

There was a lot going on at our distribution center in July 2021. When I returned from my vacation I had many things to take care of that made my week very busy. We received a post package from abroad with a wedding dress inside. It was a beautiful gown made of silk. Usually, I send a thank you card to every donor that sends the Bridal Salon a dress, but due to my flooded schedule I had postponed doing so. It was a mistake. After a week or two, I had lost the paper with the address on it, so the dear donor never got a word from us.

A couple of days after we received the package, we had a client in our Bridal Salon. She was a young, beautiful girl where many of the dresses looked beautiful on the bride-to-be. When Maayan put on the new silky one, she immediately felt that it was The Dress. “This is me,” she said. I told Maayan and her mother that the dress was our newest arrival. They both understood that it was truly God’s provision and that He takes care of everything when we put our trust in Him. We even had a veil and other accessories to help complete the outfit.

Later, we blessed other members of this family with different items. The groom, Sean, found a shirt and tie. His mother found a gorgeous dress with matching shoes. Maayan’s father found a jacket and tie. Her sister was given an evening dress and her mother a beautiful jewel. It was fun to serve so many people for one celebration. A wedding is really a family thing and a God thing at the same time. A wedding is like a birthday celebration of a new family and is an image of our Creator’s design for human beings since the beginning. We can see from the Bible many beautiful pictures of different family relationships, but also can see that the structure of family is attacked by the enemy in many ways. The most significant enemy is usu-



ally sin that lives within us. Our Lord explained that *“Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh... therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate”* (Mark 10:5-9 NKJV).

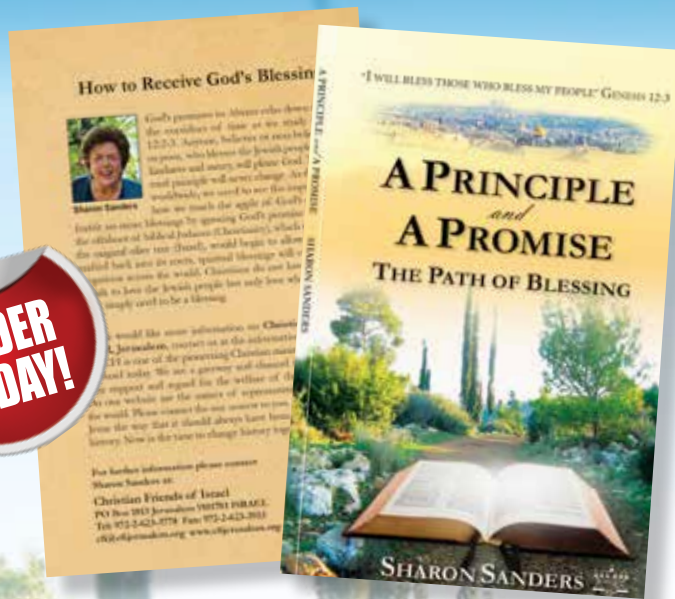
CFI’s Bridal Salon plays a part in God’s plan to create new families in Israel. We help families come together and have a beautiful celebration. The bride tends to be the center of the ceremony; her gown makes her the queen. I want to thank everyone who has sent us beautiful dresses and other wedding items to our salon to make dreams come true through God’s loving provision. **Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry. We are doing this together!**

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Sharon Sanders new book has just been released from Trilogy Publishing as of March 16, 2022



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AMBER SUTTER REPORTS ON CFNI 50-50 CONFERENCE IN DALLAS, TX

Our roots are important; they define who we are in many ways. The same applies to our spiritual roots. For me, in connection with my love for Israel, was Christ for the Nations Bible College in Dallas, Texas, where I attended for three years from 1999 to 2002. I was ordained pastor after my third year in the pastoral school of worship and the arts. That is where the Lord placed love and a calling for Germany in my heart. In the third week of September

2021, I found myself traveling to the USA with my sister Amanda, who is also an alumni, to be part of “The Gathering 50/50” at CFNI – 50 hours of live praise and worship for the 50 years of God’s faithfulness! Words cannot explain the depth of gratitude towards God, the glory and sweetness of God’s presence we experienced there. I was able to reconnect with dear friends, world changers. I am still enjoying the fullness of those friendships as we are staying in touch now more than ever.

CFNI has a wonderful connection with **Christian Friends of Israel**. **Ray and Sharon Sanders** are also alumni of CFNI. God has brought me full circle. In the lobby of the main auditorium at CFNI, there is a picture of Christian Friends of Israel and the Sanders, one of the ministries in Israel in which they endorse. Thank you, CFNI Dallas, Texas, for the overflowing joy you brought to my heart as a Representative of Christian Friends of Israel in Germany. **All Glory to God! Your sister in Christ, Amber Sutter**

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CFI BRAZIL

Again, this year, we had the opportunity to hold a beautiful Sukkot celebration. CFI Brazil, had the honor of organizing this beautiful celebration in the city of São Paulo, where we received leaders and members from different denominations. It was a time of great joy, communion, and above all, enjoying the glorious presence of our God who poured out so graciously on us. At the end, we heard testimonies from several people who were present at the event, reporting that for a long time, they did not feel as strongly the presence of God as they felt during that time of praise, worship, and celebration. And we can only say thank you, Lord, for all the good you have done to us. **May the Lord bless and keep you all!**

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CFI Brazil hosting a Sukkot event



CFI UK

Building the World Tomorrow Through Prayer

**“Teach us to number our days...”
(Psalm 90:12).**



Julia Soakell

JULIA SOAKELL CFI UK WRITES:

Prayer is vital to all we do in CFI, whether in the UK or the nations. We have so many older, loyal supporters in the UK, but Covid-19 has affected many areas of prayer and fellowship in a negative way. However, as is so evident through the life of Joseph, (a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus), we know that those things the enemy meant for harm, God can turn around for good (Genesis 50:20).

Through our regular emails about CFI events, we have provided opportunities for older and more isolated believers to join with like-minded people and pray for strategic subjects related to our ministry, projects, and current issues on Zoom. Some are less involved in their church now, have stood down from leadership roles, or feel disconnected and even brushed aside. But Zoom has been such an excellent tool for the kingdom, and our supporters are keen to meet this way. We have seen a great appreciation and sense of community for them through it. In our lives, all of us have benefited from the legacy of older, mature believers in the church, and they still have so much to give, especially through prayer. “Don’t give up meeting together” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

One of our supporters is in her early 90’s and didn’t receive a revelation about Israel and the Jewish people until she was 70. Her son has set up Zoom for her on her tablet device, and she regularly joins our prayer events this way, and some of the invite-only opportunities we have developed as pilot schemes.

The body of believers across the nations need role models and grandparents to help steer the younger generations towards greater Biblical foundations and a fuller understanding of the Jewish context of the Word and life of Jesus. This praying constituency,

often unseen and unappreciated, is crucial these days. For us in the UK, this keenness to pray together has brought a unique mix of supporters, from a vast variety of backgrounds to stand in prayer across the UK. They may have never met up through other means but have connected with this new avenue for prayer. I have been inspired by the quote here from former Chief Rabbi Sacks: “**The world we build tomorrow is born in the prayers we say today.**”

Julia Soakell
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