

For Zion's Sake

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ZION'S STRUGGLE

"...I will return and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his Land." (Jeremiah 12:15)



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Director's Letter

Shalom from Jerusalem



Ray Sanders

“The burden against Egypt. Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud, and will come to Egypt; the idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom” (Isaiah 19:1,2).

The turmoil that began in Tunisia is slowly spreading through North Africa and the Middle East reaching even as far as China. These oppressive regimes have suppressed freedoms of individual choice and economic prosperity for their people who are now demanding radical changes and new leadership. However, behind the scenes I believe there is a sinister force at work seeking to influence the results of these uprisings. Radical Islam desires to expand its influence by bringing about the downfall of moderate regimes like Egypt and Jordan. Having accomplished this goal would complete the ring of evil around Israel. Interestingly, the accomplishment of this goal could be undertaken through the democratic process as was done in Lebanon by Hizbullah and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The Muslim Brotherhood is stealthily expanding its pervasive influence and in a 2003 *fatwa* by Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi declared the following: “Islam will return to Europe as a victorious conqueror after having been expelled twice. This time it will not be conquest by the sword, but by preaching and spreading Islamic ideology...The spread of Islam until it conquers the entire world and includes both East and West marks the beginning of the return of the Islamic Caliphate...” Anyone who thinks this is just wishful dreams on behalf of Islam had better think twice!

In a recent article by Daniel Gordis in the Jerusalem Post he stated: “It’s a strange world, indeed, when the one place in the Middle East that seems to be most stable and secure is the State of Israel. This is the spring of the Arab revolt. Tunisia has fallen, Hosni Mubarak is gone, Yemen is in danger, Hizbullah has taken over Lebanon, Saudi troops have moved into Bahrain, Jordanians are nervous, Syrian officers have fired upon protesters, and in the skies above Libya allied missiles fly, seeking to destroy Muammar Gaddafi’s defenses. Only in Israel do things seem quiet. It’s...a world in which what unfolds is precisely the opposite of what might have been expected.”

Palestinian state Planned

It is by the grace of the Lord that things remain relatively quiet throughout Israel except along her border with the Gaza Strip. Both Hamas and Islamic Jihad are seeking to provoke an IDF response as they continue to send rockets into Israel. However, the biggest battle possibly awaiting Israel will be thousands of miles from her borders in New York at the United Nations General Assembly. The Palestinian Authority is planning to introduce a unilateral resolution declaring a Palestinian state within



View of East Jerusalem, headquarters for a future Palestinian state?

the 1967 borders of Judea and Samaria with east Jerusalem as its capital. The PA’s latest ploy would be the introduction of UNGA Resolution 377, originally adopted in November 1950, which provides that should the five permanent members of the Security Council find themselves at odds, rendering the council incapable of exercising its “primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security,” the General Assembly can step into the breach. The General Assembly can issue its own “appropriate recommendations” for “collective measures” to be taken by individual states, including “the use of armed force when necessary, to maintain or restore international peace and security.” One can clearly understand that the implementation of Resolution 377 entitled, “Uniting for Peace,” could have potentially damaging consequences for Israel and the Jewish people.

An Israeli Tsunami

The Palestinian leadership is anticipating that a US veto will take the matter to the General Assembly. Noting that over 110 nations have already announced their support for a Palestinian state, Defense Minister Ehud Barak last week said that Israel was facing “a diplomatic tsunami that the majority of the public was unaware of.” Obviously, this potential maneuver on behalf of the PA is deeply troubling for those of us who are Christian friends of Israel. Refusing to enter into any direct negotiations with Israel, the Palestinians are pursuing a devious path of treachery and deception for which the Lord will judge their deceitfulness. This would seem to be a foreshadowing of Joel 3:2. **As watchmen on the wall for Israel, let us make this issue a serious matter for prayer and intercession.**

Sincerely in the Lord’s service,

Ray Sanders
Executive/International Director

By Sharon Sanders

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“Israel...it’s a geographical knot in a tug of war between the superpowers.”

(Battle for Israel, Lance Lambert.)

A geographical knot can best describe the Land of Israel which lies entangled in a complex problem. To comprehend the struggle for Zion we must understand God’s purpose for the Jewish people and the knot by which she is encircled. Since the time of Abraham, as a nation, Israel’s longstanding fight for breath has been a difficult battle. Instead of cheering her on to stay alive, and to hold the Land as caretakers for the Lord, the world has shouted at her “Ichabod.” The roar of the masses is full of approval as the knot tightens around Israel’s neck. Sadly, parts of the Church are challenging the authority of God as it pertains to Israel’s Biblical rights. No one, to my knowledge, has been authorized to change God’s decrees. I believe those who try will suffer. It seems to me that we have a paradox taking place in the minds of men and the Eternal Words of God. God has declared: *“And I will establish my covenant between me*

“I find the will of the Jewish People admirable.”

and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee” (Genesis 17:7, KJV). “This verse uses a very rare Biblical Hebrew term ‘achuzat olam’ which is translated into English as

‘everlasting possession.’ The term describes ultimate strength as when someone is playing tug-of-war and he struggles to hold on to the rope with all of his strength and never lets go. The term ‘achuzat olam’ is metaphoric language and it is referring to God’s promise to the forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Covenant of the Land” (Yaacov Youlis).

Golda Meir once said, *“We Jews have a secret weapon in our struggle with the Arabs; we have no place to go.”* The untying of this geographical knot will be the unraveling of the enemies of God and will eventually be their downfall. God will see to it. The establishment and rule of God’s Kingdom on earth, out of Jerusalem, is the summing up of the *struggle for Zion*. Even though the struggle is an intense contest of strength, Jesus taught us to pray, *“Thy Kingdom come...”* As the knot tightens, many fingers are aimed at the Jewish State, arguing “Israel has no right to her own secure borders nor do they have a right to the Land.” “The Arabs are ‘tampering with Abraham’s Last Will and Testament...’ Woe to the nations that do the same” (Avner Boskey).

The world is in a rapidly deteriorating spiral and on a collision course with God in regard to this matter. The awakening and intensive growth of a blood-thirsty religion is bent on force-



The knot gets tighter

fully seizing control of God’s Promised Land. There should be a major cause for concern as this religion lives and breathes the destruction of Israel and the free world. Rachel’s tears have never had time to dry except briefly, on May 14, 1948, the day of Israel’s Independence. It was only hours after her birth that the Arabs tried to cut the throat of the newborn nation.

The constant pressure of the knot has caused some Israelis to grow tired of fighting the battle in defense of the Land’s destiny. As followers of Jesus (Yeshua) we should be the wind at Israel’s back in the spiritual realm of prayer and intercession, strengthening *her wings to fly*. Why? Because of Jesus. Salvation comes from Him and Him alone; however, Jesus never left His Nation and People. He will return to be reunited with His Land and People as Joseph was with his brethren. It is Jesus who gives us this deep love and gratitude for all we owe to Israel; therefore, as Christian friends of Israel, we are also involved in their struggle for Zion.

The World as Judge

The world has historically judged Israel’s alleged crime (of claiming her Land) accusing her of stealing “Arab” land. This sentencing has cost Israel a price she has had to pay beyond normal penance. He has also kept the records on those who bless her in the quest to possess and build. Will you join with us in flowing in the blessings of Abraham? (See page 20). The Land of Israel has been, is presently and will even be more gloriously a great blessing to the world when God’s Kingdom comes to this earth! He has chosen a particular spot from which to rule, something the demonic powers that be do not want to yield to its rightful owners.

In spite of the terrible sacrifices the nation has had to make, I find the will of the Jewish people admirable. God has placed within them a resolve and faith that has not conceded defeat

even though weary. The nation has not been deterred from fighting for their God-given inheritance.

Israel is a small nation surrounded by hostile Arab nations always ready to go to war. The nation—as well as the earth—is beginning to feel the pain of redemption and judgment that will come with it. At times, living in Israel, one feels like they are walking through peanut butter daily with a tsunami of pressure pushing against us. Derek Prince once said life in Israel is like “walking uphill against a headwind.” This analogy has not changed.

A “Peaceful” Religion?

As Christians, are we “trying the spirits”? We are admonished: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God...” (1 John 4:1). What has been termed a “peaceful religion” is attempting to cut the heart of God’s laws right out of every life on earth. This demonic religion with its repulsive and shocking hatred, recently “inspired” two young teenage Palestinians of its “faithful” on March 11, 2011, to stab to death a sleeping baby and four other members of a truly peaceful and God-loving Israeli family on the Sabbath. [They were caught, and] during their confession they said: “If we knew there were other children in the house we would have killed them too!” There was absolutely no remorse. “These murders revive terrorism in Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and stimulate Hamas into encouraging more terrorism in Israel... These are very evil sick people...”. (Jerry Golden, *The Golden Report*, March 13, 2011, jerry@thegoldenreport.com.

Should we not be asking questions such as, “If Islam is so peaceful, why does it teach its followers to do barbaric things?” Right after the murdering of the Israeli family, the sword of Islamic terror took the life of a Christian woman who was studying Hebrew in Jerusalem in order to translate the Old Testament for Togo, Africa.

Standing near a Jerusalem bus stop, a bomb meant to target school children was detonated during the busiest time of the day. Are we so lacking in discernment as to not recognize that this spirit is NOT of God? Perhaps we’ve not no-



Arab Rage

ticed the alarm going off? There is no resetting the clock now. Our stopwatches are ticking away on a countdown to war with a religion based upon hatred, and not love. Let us not be deceived and allow sweet-talking, deceptive spirits, into our churches in order to “reach out.” The (Islamic) Arab mindset does not want to reach back. Their goal is to conquer and they could care less about our outreach.

Christians need to remember Islam’s goal: “First the Saturday people and then the Sunday people.” Frankly, we need to be more courageous. We need to tell the truth and not budge an inch in the face of what others think (see letter on page 22) and not be afraid to teach the ways of God as they were given to us in the Holy Scriptures.

Fires of Revolution

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh... then shall He speak unto them in His wrath and vex them...” (Psalm 2:1,2, 4, 5, KJV).

Fires of rage, rebellion and violence (aka “intifadas” in Arabic) are still burning in a number of Arab nations. Social and political discontent is the fuel that lit the flames. “There had been little, if any, economic growth and improvement in the Arab economies since 1980... tyranny kept frustrations in check... Hamas became a code word for terror that awaited those who dared challenge the men in power... as the Arabs would

put it—in whispers, in insinuations—no one knew the names of the fathers of these men who... acquired political kingdoms of their own...” (*Newsweek*, February 14, 2011, Newsweek.com). As long as the promoting of Shahid (death for Allah) continues (by radical Islamists), Israel and other nations will be faced with the onslaught of unmitigated wrath. All peace offerings will be dead on arrival.

Too many are ready to die for Allah as martyrs. Lawlessness is being unleashed through Islam, seeking a caliphate to give them authority to rule the world by Sharia law. We must be discerning. We must realize the world wants new leaders... there will be a point in time when one stands up and says “follow me, I will get your economies back up and going and put a chicken in every pot!” When God says “enough” He will “roar from Zion” (Joel 3:16) and the Moslem world will be among all nations that will bow the knee to the God of Israel and Messiah Yeshua.

In Isaiah 14:12 and Luke 10:18 God had given Lucifer everything but the throne but Lucifer was not satisfied. (Similarly, the Arab people have millions of square miles of land, but they are not content. They want the one place they cannot have which belongs to God and Israel. Islam’s moon god, Allah, is not the same One True God of Israel! This needs to be discerned by the Church.

WWII and Now

My husband and I recently reviewed some old WWII newsreels. We dis-

covered a similarity in the beliefs which controlled every aggressive leader from Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler and now Ahmadinejad: *"Whoever controls the Middle East controls the world!"* This is a harbinger of what is to come.

Germany wanted a new order: Nazism. Italy wanted Fascism. Japan wanted a new era of enlightenment—a military empire. However one slices it, it all ended up as military Imperialism: we rule! Out the window went free speech, free press, movies, radio and cultural activities.

There stood; however, an obstacle in the way of the Nazis—the Church. Likewise today Christendom is a problem for Islam. The Church needs to be prepared for persecution and possible suffering in our stand for Jesus as Lord and for Israel as God's Chosen People. We are a "People Chosen" to bless and come alongside the "Chosen People".

Prepare for War

Hitler signed a paper never to go to war again. He lied. We've all heard lie after lie coming from the Palestinians and militant Islam. They say one thing with their mouths and do another with their hands. Their plan was to first soften the nations of the world, sway them to their side, and tell a lie big enough so the world (and the Church) would believe it. The world's "hot button" is Israel and it will turn bright red in the days immediately preceding the coming of the Messiah.

At the same time God is molding a called out people of Priests (spiritual people) and an earthly dwelling place for His Kingdom to usher in His Rule for 1,000 years. **Let us never forget it is God's coming rule over the earth that is the reason for the satanic engineering of Israel's struggle.** Simultaneously, Israel is in the process of Divine redemption. Their redemption will mean [spiritual] *"riches for the world"* (Romans 11:12). Israel needs to return to God and repent for her worldly ways (as does the Church). We need to step into the breach and plead with Him in His wrath to remember mercy for both of us (Habakkuk 3:2).

If you are watching the harbingers, as I am, you will be more prepared for what is just ahead. God is performing His Word in a timely fashion. At regular times, we should turn off the news, put down the newspapers, get off



Propaganda against Israel

the Internet and listen to only One Voice: God's. We must realize that as long as we are in His Hands, there is no such thing as "out of control." He is still God!

In the process of straightening out the knot, God will shake *"everything that can be shaken,"* (Hebrews 12:26,27). Islam will continue to invade our world until the pain of labor is over and the King is here...until all swords of death and terror are dropped. The struggle for Zion and the contest for the Land will be over when Messiah returns to Zion to rule and defeat the enemies of God. This is the hope of all who believe.

Consequences for Dividing Israel?

The world is going to at one time or another have to face the consequences of dividing Israel" (Bill Koenig, watch.org). He further states, "...I can't help but wonder if the Japanese government's treatment of Israel had anything to do with this disaster. Japan has consistently pressured Israel to give up much of her God-given Land to her enemies, including part of God's holy city, Jerusalem." Before Gaddafi's country revolted he stated haughtily to the Arab world "March on Israel!". Obama's pressure on Israel has brought much hardship to America and without a doubt, the nations are in the "valley of decision" and being weighed in the balance according to Daniel 5:25-28, Joel 3:14 and Ezekiel 36:5.

Surrender? Never!

Surrender! The superpowers will continue to place powerful demands upon Israel in order to force Israel to give in, give up and admit defeat! But I believe God is on the side of Israel's tug-of-war. With that in mind, even though the struggle may be more than the nation thinks she can take, the ability to handle the fight will be won by the faithfulness and power of the God of Israel and her own convictions that the Land was given by Him to the sons of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Zion's struggle is ours for if the tree would fall, so would the branches. Now let's go to the throne room together, around the world, faithfully beseeching the Almighty for victory for the battle is the Lord's! (II Chronicles 20:15). ■

The Land and the People

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"So the people of Israel, every man and woman who wanted to assist in the work given to them by the Lord's command to Moses—brought their freewill offerings to him. And Moses told them, "Jehovah has specifically appointed Bezalel....he has every needed skill. **"And God has made him and Oholiab gifted teachers of their skills to others...they excel in all the crafts we will be needing in the work"** (Exodus 35:29-35, TLB).

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Ray Sanders, Executive/International Director

“Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea” (Acts 11:29 NKJV).

God Heard the Cry of a Mother



Eugene recovering in the hospital

By Ray Sanders, First Fruits Coordinator

It was a screeching halt. That was the day life came to a standstill for the Tosa family. Eugene, their 22-year-old son, a Commander in the IDF was hit by a car while riding his motorcycle. He had only three days left in the army to serve. Eugene’s mother, a woman of strong faith in God, began to pray, asking Him to be with her son.

Upon arriving at the hospital, Eugene was in a coma, with three broken bones in his back and multiple broken bones throughout his body. He was hemorrhaging in the brain and she was told, “If he came out of the coma, he would likely be a vegetable and unable to speak.” Irina cried out to God and grabbed hold of the “horns of the altar” and refused to let go until God gave her a miracle. She prayed by her son’s side for two weeks as he lay lifeless. She still chose to believe that the God of Israel still works miracles today.

Answered Prayers

Two weeks later, on Shabbat, as she visited her son in hospital, Eugene’s eyes popped open! The doctors were called, and upon examining the young boy, he began to talk. The doctors said “It is a miracle from God!” They had heard his mother’s prayers and knew that He had answered them. Eugene passed through a time of depression, concerned he would remain in a wheelchair the rest of his life. But God was not finished yet. As we walked up the stairs to their apartment to visit, I asked “how old are you?” I thought he was older, but he said “I’m 22 years old!” I was standing in front of a miracle! There was now no sign that he had ever been in a coma for two weeks, and no wheelchair! I was moved to tears. I was overcome with awe for the God of Israel, the God who cares so much He does above and beyond what we can think or even imagine is possible. He heard the cry of a mother for a miracle for her son, and He answered!

The most amazing part of this story is that Eugene is still recovering and looking forward to working again. When he is finished with his army duty, he would like to be a doctor and perform surgeries—brain surgeries! He said to me, “I must be alive for a reason!” And that we heartily agree with. The financial pressure on the family now since the accident seems to weigh heavy on his heart. Please remember to pray for Eugene for complete recovery and for God to supply all of their family’s needs. Blessed be the Lord Our God, King of the Universe! ■

“...for God loves a cheerful giver” as the Tanach says, “He gave generously to the poor; his tzedakah (Hebrew for righteousness) lasts forever.” We all provide something in God’s Kingdom as this is how things work together for good to those who love the Lord thereby pushing forward God’s kingdom.

It is He who provides both seed for the planter to sow and bread for the table of food. He will also supply and multiply the seeds we sow and increase the harvest because of righteous giving and acts of kindness. **“You will be enriched in every way, so that you can be generous in everything. And through us your generosity will cause people to thank God, because rendering this holy service not only provides for the needs of God’s people, but it also overflows in the many thanks people will be giving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:7-13).**

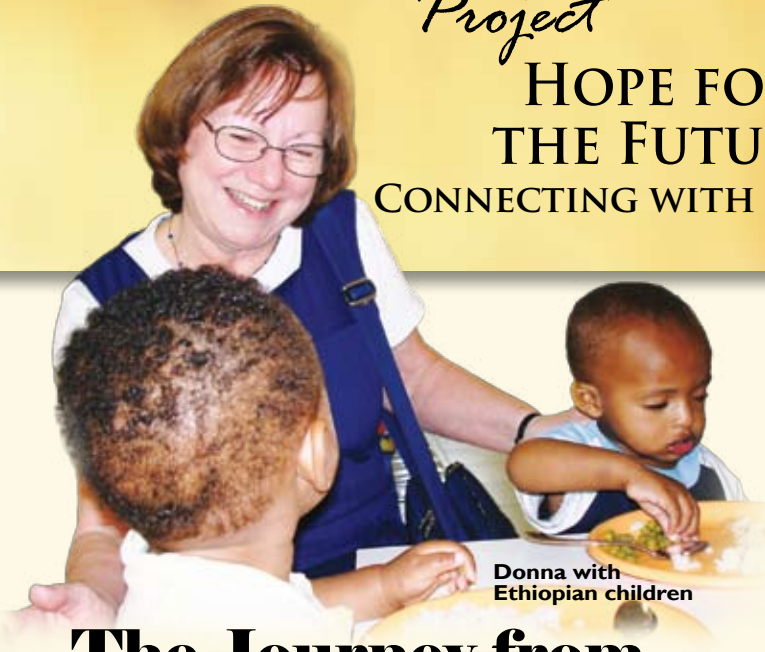
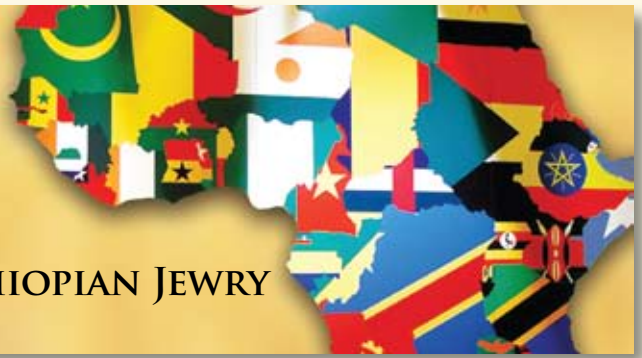
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Donna with Ethiopian children

The Journey from Ethiopia

By Donna Roberts, Hope for the Future Coordinator

When CFI first started working with the Ethiopians, the families stayed in the absorption centers for one and a half to two years. The Jewish Agency has started educating them about Israeli culture while they are still in Ethiopia thus cutting the time needed for their education here to just one year. The government feels that the Ethiopians have been the hardest to absorb into Israel so far in terms of time and money because they mostly come from simply village backgrounds.

The people must pass a test before they leave the absorption center to receive their Israeli ID card. If they fail this test, they must try again. The families study Hebrew and, for some of them, it is the first time they learn to read and write. During the day the adults also learn Torah (Bible) and practice going to the bank and other places. Meanwhile the school-age children attend local schools and the younger ones attend daycare at the absorption centers. The children are very smart and learn their lessons quickly.

Learning Skills to Survive

The families receive a stipend while living in the absorption centers, but are encouraged to find work. They learn about budgeting—a much-needed skill. Coming from the villages where they grew their own food and went to the lake or river for their water, they have no idea how to deal with the utility bills they receive, or the property taxes, or the school fees. **They may pay their bills and then have no money left to buy food for the month or they may buy something on payments and have no idea that they must come up with that money each month.**

Thanks to your help and support, we have given clothing, toiletries, and school supplies to five Ethiopian absorption centers in the north and one near Jerusalem.

Trying to Make Ends Meet

“...The good man knows the poor man’s rights...” (Proverbs 29:7)



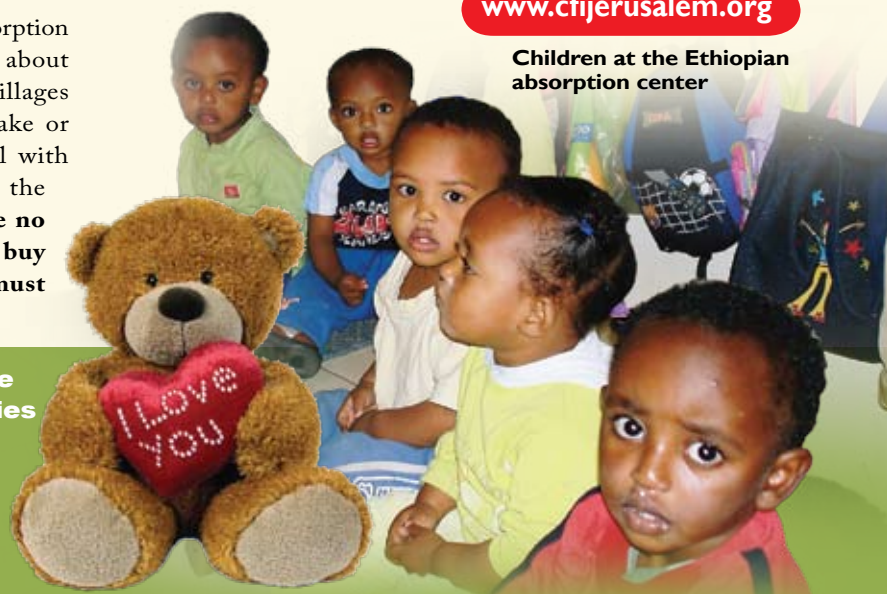
Edna with her two children

Edna, Daweet, and their three young children live in a small, two-room apartment. Their tiny kitchen only has room for a small sink plus a small counter space. Their bedroom is the largest room in their home, but is very crowded as it contains a double bed, a crib, bunk beds, a small cupboard, the cooking stove and a small chest of drawers. Their old, rented refrigerator stands in their small living room. Their bathroom consists of a small room with a commode and a hand-held shower (no tub or shower stall). Their old washing machine is near the bathroom, but always leaks when Edna uses it. Almost all of their furniture belongs to the landlord and is well worn.

Daweet and Edna both work, but have trouble making ends meet. They are unable to buy clothing for their children and have to rely on friends’ used clothes. It is hard for them to have enough money to buy food for the month. In spite of their situation, Edna has a pretty smile and believes that God knows her problems and will help her family. ■

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Children at the Ethiopian absorption center





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“When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you” (Deuteronomy 20:1).



“Arina joined the Karakal Unit a combat unit located at the Egyptian Border.”

Arina, a Lone Soldier in Israel

By Karen Lewis, David's Shield Coordinator

A lone soldier is one who serves in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on their own initiative without the rest of their family in Israel. Each year, the IDF accepts thousands of soldiers like these. Though they receive more benefits from the army than the average soldier, the lone soldiers often find themselves isolated and disconnected socially, as they adjust to a new social and family life in a new country.

Over the years Project David's Shield has provided financial assistance to Lone Soldiers, often with bank overdraft loans, further education, or help paying for airline tickets. The Lone Soldiers come from different backgrounds and each of them has their own story. Arina, from the United States is one of many Lone Soldiers that came to our Jerusalem office recently and I thought you might enjoy knowing her story.

Arina was born in 1990, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. “You can probably trace my lineage to the Babylonian captivity considering that my grandfather says our ancestors came out of Persia. The Jewish side of my family had been living in Uzbekistan for an extremely long time. My great, great grandparents, Yosef and Mazal, were the owners and teachers of a private yeshiva in Tashkent. Yosef had so many students that he was able to save up a small fortune of gold coins that were taken away by the government after his death.

“After the fall of the Former Soviet Union it became dangerous for us to live in Uzbekistan. My mom decided that if she wanted her children (my sister and I) to stay alive and be safe, she had to get us out of there. So she made the impossible happen and within a few months, after selling all of our belongings, we went to the United States under the status of “refugees”. It was difficult when we arrived in the United States because of the language barrier. My mom carried the weight of all our family on her shoulders and thanks to her bravery I am who I am today. In the 13 years that I lived in the United States (up until I was 15 when I first came to Israel) I lived in New York, Colorado and Oklahoma.

“When I was 15 my mom and I decided to immigrate to Israel where I finished up my last three years of high school. After school Mom and I went to Russia for six months and then back to New York before I decided to join the Israeli army.” When I asked Arina why she left the comforts of the United States to join the IDF, she said, “One lovely morning I decided that I wanted to do something a little more interesting with my life and to volunteer somewhere and do something meaningful and good. So I did a little thinking and decided to come to Israel to volunteer in the army. I bought a ticket, said goodbye to my mother and left. I arrived in Israel on the 6th of February 2009 with \$50 in my pocket and with no real place to stay. Three days after I arrived I joined the IDF.”

Joining the Karakal Unit

“I told them that I wanted *kravi* (to be a fighter) but all they could offer me at the time was military police. After ten months of checking Palestinians on the border I decided that I needed to go and fulfill my dream of becoming a fighter. So with a little persistence I made it. In November 2009, I became a combat fighter with the Karakal Unit in the south, and in July 2010 I finished the sniper shooter training.” “What are your plans after the Army?” I asked Arina. “I plan on studying for my SAT tests in October and then apply at every Ivy League University in the United States. I have my eye on Columbia University in Manhattan to study Pre-Medicine with my doctorate in surgery.” Such aspirations for a young lady! I believe she will do exactly what God has placed in her heart—to become a Neurosurgeon!

It's refreshing to meet young men and women from all parts of the globe and to hear their plans and dreams. It's like a new chapter in a person's life waiting to be written, and we are an intricate part of that young adult's life to help them fulfill their destiny. **Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers for the David's Shield Project. Together we are impacting a new generation!** ■

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Waiting at the Roadside

By Jacob van der Wal, Forsake Them Not Coordinator

She is waiting on the side of the road, as she did many times in her life, for Christians to come alongside to assist her. Last time was some months ago, when we found out that she moved and lives in a small house her son organized for her. As always she is so excited about the visit and that we made the effort to reach her somewhere in the mountains near the Lebanon border.

Ita came to Israel in 2001 with the help of Ebenezer who found her on a trip to Turkmenistan when she was 77 years old. With their help she immigrated to Israel. Once living in Israel the CFI Forsake Them Not team started to visit Ita. She was only seventeen when the Ukrainian soldiers took the Jewish people to the segregated camps under the instruction of the German army. Ita was taken with her mother and sister to a camp that was formerly a cinema in the village of Rogosno. For half a year they suffered from the worst conditions, but Ita felt she was lucky to have a good place to live—on the stage of the cinema. One of the only ways they survived was through breaking the rules. The imprisoned Jews managed to escape and swapped clothes they had in the nearby village. The only people who were trustworthy in the village and offered free help was a Christian group of people by the name of Sabbath Keepers. They were deeply sympathetic to the Jewish plight and often risked their lives in bringing them soup to the iron front gates of the camp. Ita tells us with tears in her eyes how a Ukrainian soldier killed the parents of one of the camp children as the young child watched.

Endured Many Hardships

Six kilometers from the cinema camp was a much larger camp called Pitchora, which held 7000 Jews. The Germans took 2000 young girls from here and told them they were going to be used for a work program but they were never seen again, killed by the German army. The space these girls

left in the Pitchora camp was quickly filled again with the transfer of Ita and other cinema camp residents.

Two months had passed during Ita's time at the camp when the local Shabbat Keepers, who took them food, secretly informed the Jewish inmates that the Germans were digging holes in the nearby forest. Large trucks arrived and Ita and the others were herded into them. Ita took her passport with her, having in mind a possible escape. But the local town mayor, a Romanian, interceded and spoke out against the Germans, exclaiming that he would not allow the Jews to be killed. Such boldness in the face of evil and death saved Ita and many others. In desperate need of food, Ita and her sister bribed the gate policeman. Some weeks earlier Ita's mother was beaten to death by one of these policemen.

Ita and her sister escaped this death camp. **The Shabbat Keepers helped them find refuge in a village.** After the war, Ita returned to her home town but the local people had taken everything from the Jews. She was refused help—even with getting food. During these times she met and married a Jew from Turkmenistan. They lived on a farm in a poor town in Turkmenistan until her husband died of leukemia. Ita was daily harassed by the locals who threatened to take all her belongings. **Finally she made aliya to Israel with the help of Streams in the Desert and Ebenezer Emergency Fund.** Now, CFI, as representatives of many Christians in the nations are continuing this unbroken chain of Christian help to her—a real blessing which excites Ita every moment she recalls it. **Thank you for remembering the survivors!** ■

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Ita waiting



In January we visited all the survivors who were evacuated during the Haifa fires. It was a wonderful blessing for all of them. During this month we visited 37 Survivors in many parts of Israel. A special gift for the Sabbath day is received by Survivors in Jerusalem with great joy. We thank you for all your prayers on behalf of the Survivors.





Project
**COMMUNITIES
UNDER ATTACK**
COMFORTING TERROR VICTIMS

Helene encouraging Grazia in Sderot

Living in Sderot

By Helene Iedema, Director of Outreach

“He will wipe away the tears from everyone’s eyes and take away the disgrace his people have suffered throughout the world” (Isaiah 25:8 GNB).

On March 23, 2011, we went to Sderot and met with **Grazia Tadgi**. Grazia was six months old when she came with her parents from Morocco to Sderot. Grazia is now a mother of four and she looked extremely nervous when we started our conversation.

A Life of Stress

She was a healthy young woman, she said, but after several Qassam rockets fell close to her home and in her garden she began having health problems. Last year, the doctors told her she needed a bypass heart operation as the result of the stress. She is only 48 and is not able

“The situation is so bad, that going for a stroll is not a normal thing to do.”

to do her job anymore. Those are the negative side effects of stress and anxiety living in Sderot. Also her children are affected by the situation. Her little son thus does not want to play outside; if he does, he stays close to home. He is always alert to listen for the warning sound of the sirens. **The situation is so bad, that going for a stroll is not a normal thing to do.** Everyone always has to look around for a place where they

could hide if the alarm goes off, Grazia said. On the day of our visit the children went to school, but were not allowed to play outside. After a seemingly quiet period in the morning and the evening before, rockets were launched again from Gaza. It is sad to hear Grazia say they feel “lucky,” because her little son does not have to hide himself under the table anymore when the siren goes. Just before the attacks started again their own bomb shelter was finished. **Thanks to everyone—our donors to this CUA Project—we can reach out to these suffering people.**

Dalia Hamami was the next lady we visited. She is a working single mother of three, all born in Sderot. Her little girl was born deaf and has to go to Beersheba to a special school, and it is not easy. Her two sons go to school in Sderot. The children cannot live normal lives; they are insecure, and would rather stay home than go to school. They feel safer at home. **It is difficult to live in a place that is always under attack,** Dalia says. The economic situation is not good. Many families suffer mentally, physically and financially. It would be a blessing, Dalia says, not to have to always say “no” to your children. **The children have one great desire: to have their own beds to sleep in.**

In spite of the difficult situation these families live in, they don’t want to leave Sderot. *“Where can we go?”* the ladies say. *“Nowhere in Israel is it safe. In Sderot we are as one big family—everyone knows and understands us when we speak about our difficulties.”* **The Communities Under Attack Project helped buy a special hearing aid for the little girl and she is now able to speak.**

Giving a Helping Hand

We also visited the after-school project that was set up in Sderot. Michael, the Deputy Mayor of Sderot had asked CFI if we could help. We were very impressed with the work the teachers are doing. They take care of the children with so much love, and help them concentrate on their learning in different areas. Being in a safe, loving place after school means a lot to these **children who are from underprivileged families.** **The Communities Under Attack Project had the honor to again deliver a nice check from our donors to the school so this wonderful project can continue to help many traumatized children.**

With deepest respect, we thank all those who support this special Communities Under Attack Project. ■

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A TIME OF SHAKING

Dear brothers and sisters,

Two weeks ago the Lord gave our brother Lance Lambert a word of warning to the church that we do well to heed! This is a call to stand in the gap, in intercession. Please feel free to distribute this prophecy to those who will take seriously the Word the Lord has given. The prophecy will also be made available on Lance's website: www.lancelambert.org

Nathan Gosling

(On behalf of Lance Lambert)

Prophetic Word of warning from the Lord Sunday 17th April 2011 Jerusalem

It is well with you that you intercede for Israel that she be saved, for it is My purpose to save her. I will complete the circle of Redemption that began with Abraham and my promise that a great nation would come forth from him, and that in him would all the families of the earth be blessed. And so it has happened! Israel became the vehicle through which My Word has come to all the nations; and also My Salvation; and the knowledge of My Purpose.

From this nation, above all, came the Messiah. Soon the fullness of the Gentiles will have been saved, and I will turn again to Israel, to My Jewish People. They shall be reingrafted into their own olive tree, and My promise to Abraham will be gloriously fulfilled. Then their hardness of heart will melt, their blindness be turned into sight, and their suffering to radiant Glory. This is My determined purpose, and I shall not be turned from it. It will shortly begin to be fulfilled. I will turn all their weakness into unbelievable power, and I will use this nation as the last witness to the world as to who I am.

Take very seriously what is taking place in the Arab world. It is no good for Israel! It is not a move toward freedom and true democracy, but an enormous gain for militant Islam. They will seek to annihilate and liquidate Israel, but they will not only fail, their strength and power will be broken, and a

huge harvest of souls will be saved from among them.

Hear Me, I call you to intercession! It will not be easy. All the powers of My enemy are centered and focused on stopping this people from coming into My Redemption and Salvation. But he will fail! I look therefore for those who will stand in the gap, who will build up the wall; those who will stand in the place of intercession.

Shortly also I will begin more serious judgment on the Western nations. I will bring them to nothing. I will turn them upside down. I will grind them to powder. They will not know what has hit them. It will seem as if there is nothing left of what once I worked in those nations—especially that Superpower. I will bring it to weakness; she will no longer be super, but a pity of the nations.

Hear this Word of Mine: I call you to intercede for those who belong to Me in those nations, that they will be saved from it! Hear this cry. My heart yearns for those who belong to Me that they might be clear in their understanding, clear in the way that they are to walk in the midst of all this. Do hear Me! For I speak to you who love Me, and who have (this morning) remembered Me. I do not desire judgment, but judgment of the most serious and devastating kind will fall upon those nations. Hear this Word from Me, and obey My call to intercession!

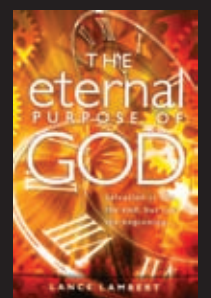
given to Lance Lambert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LANCE!

A surprise birthday party was held for Lance in Jerusalem where a number of his friends from the past and present came together to remember his life. A short DVD on Lance's lifetime from childhood until today was compiled. Letters of congratulation were read out to Lance by some of his longtime associates in Jerusalem. Let us all pray for Lance's health that he will be able to enjoy many more years to be able to teach the Body of Christ from a Biblical perspective that few in the world can match. For information on how to receive more of Lance's teachings, books, tapes, audio, DVD's and personal feedback write to: info@lancelambert.org

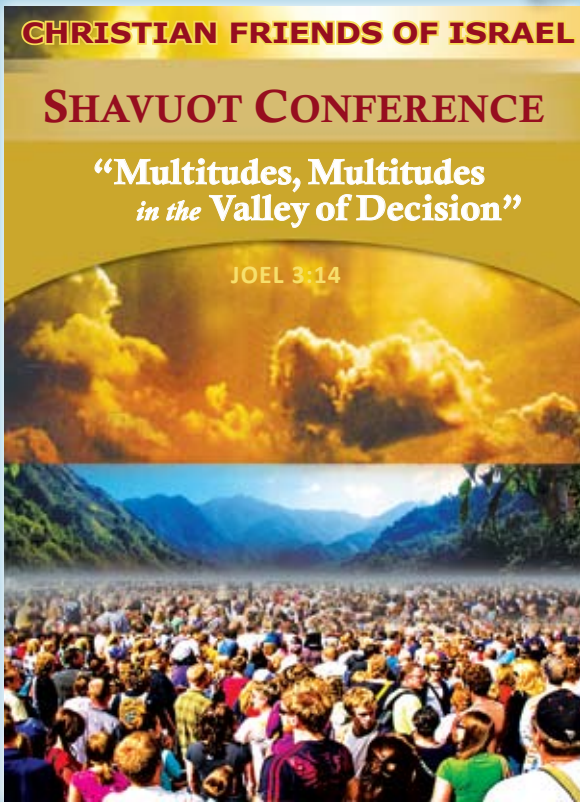
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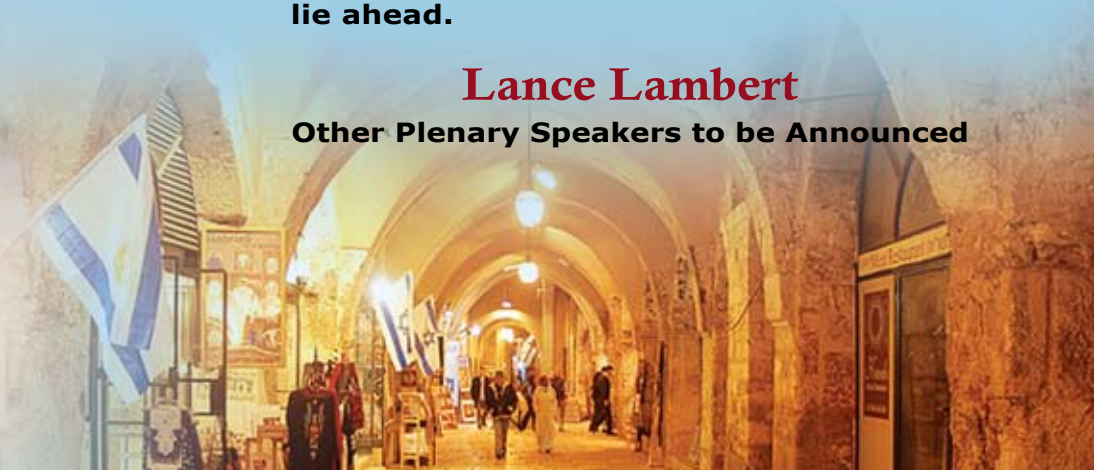
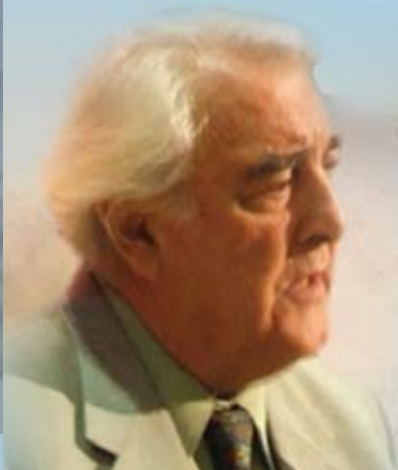
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Lance Lambert

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CFI DISTRIBUTION CENTER UPDATE

“...THEY PRAISED (GOD)...BECAUSE THE FOUNDATION... WAS LAID” (EZRA 3:11).

FOUNDATIONS PREVIOUSLY LAID FOR NEXT ALIYAH

The foundation for the CFI Jerusalem Distribution Center was laid during the Gulf War of 1991. God strategically placed us by the Central bus station, an easy location for immigrants riding buses to visit us. After much prayer and meditation it was realized *how could we find a more suitable location?* Would God have us stay at No. 2 and 4 Moriah Street?

NEW ZEALAND LED THE WAY!

When we put it all back into Father’s Hands, immediately responses began to flow to us that we had heard correctly: *stay put!* A wonderful charitable foundation in New Zealand wrote: “...Israel has been very much placed on our hearts and recently we felt that the LORD was asking us to be prepared to set aside a larger amount than what we have given in the past. When we saw the call for “investment” into the lighthouse project it really rang some bells in our hearts.” Immediately after that Derek Prince Ministries–Australia heard the call from God and have helped us immensely. Our third confirmation was from the United States. What the Lord begins, He finishes and His plans will prevail. “*Blessed are you who sow beside all waters...*” (Isaiah 32:20).

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAIT!

Our Distribution Center has been closed for nearly a year. Recently, friends saw immigrants standing outside our door—waiting to get in. Once the renovations are complete, and the Center, stocked with goods and staff in place, we expect an overflow of activity once again. Project Olive Grove ministry in the UK has exclusive permission to send two large shipments per year to Jerusalem. For further specific information contact: rob.hearing@ntlworld.com. We encourage tour groups to visit the new Center and to bring through new items of clothing, toiletries and shoes on tours to Israel. Apply to do “hands on” short-term service at the DC by writing to our Human Resources Department at personnel@cfijerusalem.org.

We hope to be a “lighthouse” to all who enter Israel, as many will be looking for a safe harbor from anti-Semitism in the nations. Over the past 20 years, CFI has led the way in Israel, helping new immigrants once they have arrived. Our friends at Ebenezer work to get them to the land. CFI works to help them settle once they have arrived! **We will need your assistance and help to stock our shelves with household items the newcomers will need as we purchase in quantity from local Israeli stores in the marketplace.** God bless you for partnering with us into the future—working together for God’s Glory in Israel!

— By Sharon Sanders

Director of Ministry and Teaching



Touching many lives by meeting practical needs



Clothing for all ages



She came 20 years ago!

Isabella Gurvich had written down CFI’s address when making aliyah 20 years ago. During that time CFI was giving out wardrobes to new immigrants and Isabella was happy to receive one. Isabella and her husband have this wardrobe still today. Now 20 years later Isabella came again to CFI to ask for help with a new refrigerator. They had purchased a used fridge 20 years ago when they made *aliya* and now it has quit working. When she realized this need, she turned to us. We were happy to be able to help them purchase a new refrigerator and renew our relationship with this precious lady.



Short-term volunteers:
Dr. Bill & Cindi Duerfeldt and Gary & Geri Jorde

Project STREAMS OF BLESSING

HELPS THE NEGLECTED AND

VERY POOR IN ISRAELI SOCIETY



CFI HOSPITAL SERVICES

“...when I was sick, you visited Me” (Matthew 25:36).

A new arm of Streams of Blessing was launched recently in an exciting new leading of the Lord to help supply aid to hospitals in Israel and to be a comfort to their patients. Beginning in Jerusalem CFI is providing medical supplies to needy hospitals, as well as bringing gifts, smiles, a comforting touch and prayer to the sick and lonely.

ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL:

Commonly called the “French Hospital” is situated across from the Old City, and is a haven of rest for terminally ill elderly patients, caring for Jewish, Christian and Muslim peoples in an atmosphere of spiritual peace. Through Streams of Blessing, CFI was able to purchase six new wheelchairs for non-ambulatory patients. Sister Monika Dullmann, the hospital’s director, said these “six new wheelchairs, so badly needed...will give [the patients] the possibility to go out into the gardens” and enjoy the fresh air of spring during these final weeks and months of their lives. Sister Monika also reported that the hospital has a great need for “good used towels” as new towels seem to disappear.

HADASSAH HOSPITAL: On the Oncology ward at Hadassah Hospital-Jerusalem, a child of an Orthodox Jewish family may share a room with a Muslim Bedouin family. The families’ religious differences seem to disappear as they are united by the common bond of hope that they will see their children recover from various types of cancer. Recently, our volunteers

and staff spent time with these families, passing out stuffed animals, toys, and games, to over forty children with terminal diseases. The smiles on the faces of the children along with the sounds of “thank you” filled the hallways as the team made its rounds to each child on the ward. One Orthodox Jewish mother said, “**You mean to tell me that these toys come from Christians from all around**

in Israel. They depend upon outside funding and charitable contributions, thus giving CFI a host of opportunities to be of assistance in the ongoing care of the most vulnerable among us. It is clear that Yeshua Himself had a special tenderness for children, for He said, “Don’t hinder the little children from coming to Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 19:14) Clothing, for infants through young adult sizes, is a constant need, as are volunteers for anything from a one-day project, to more long-term facility renovations. Special projects—such as much needed renovations of the “Snoozy Room” or the outdoor playground—are critically needed at this time.

This is only a small taste of what CFI is doing through Streams of Blessing. We also have made contacts with other hospitals in Jerusalem, i.e., **Bikur Holim** in the Orthodox neighborhood of **Mea Shearim**, **HaEmeq Medical Center** in the Jezreel Valley and a Medical Center up north in Afula. Dr. Bill Duerfeldt, a retired Doctor from the USA and now long term part-time catalyst for this outreach, joins us in saying: if God is calling you to assist CFI in this new hospital outreach project, be sure to designate your gift to be used for Streams of Blessing/Hospital Outreach.

— **Vered-Faye Wicks**
Streams of Blessing
Coordinator

To Our Partners

With the help of our partners Streams of Blessing is able to reach out and help widows, orphans, single mothers, seniors, and other needy people here in the Land of Israel with rent, food, refrigerators, stoves, heaters, blankets, school fees, electricity, water and gas bills. On behalf of those who have benefited from your gifts, a big

“TODA RABA!”

Thank you from
the bottom of our hearts!

the world? I’ve never heard of such a thing, I didn’t know such people existed.” Come and join us for short-term “hands-on” opportunities to make a real difference in the life of a sick child and his family.

ST. VINCENT’S HOSPITAL:

This loving institution for Disabled Children sits nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of Ein Kerem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. A host of international volunteers lovingly care for sixty of the most seriously physically and mentally challenged children



Queen of Purim - 100 years old



Gentle Care for disabled babies



Blankets for the elderly



Child responds with a smile to a loving touch



Celebrating Purim with children and seniors



THE VISION

CFI'S MANDATE AND VISION: TWO FOLD

The **two-fold** vision of Christian Friends of Israel is **first** to bless the Jewish people. Our mandate is to undo damage done by historical gentile Christianity carried out on Jewish communities for two thousand years. Today we wish to represent the “face of Yeshua” that should have always existed... **Secondly**, we wish to bless the Body of Messiah around the world. We wish to teach the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, strengthening our foundations and to give Christians a channel to bless the nation of Israel from their communities around the world.

CFI'S VISION: As pioneers in Jewish-Christian relations the Lord inspired us to be a prophetic plow physically in the Nation of Israel with our headquarters in the Holy City of Jerusalem. CFI staff serving in Israel have a rare opportunity of living among the Jewish people. Through our work in the Land we can assist our brothers and sisters in the nations with understanding how to work to eradicate further Christian anti-Semitism, Replacement Theology and religious pride from the worldwide Church toward the Chosen People.

OUR CORE VALUES: We are committed to the whole counsel of God in both the Old and New Testaments. In Yeshua we see unending love that included the least, the last and the lonely. We hope that He will be seen in our blessing and good works toward Israel and that God will be glorified! Most Christians want everyone to know Yeshua. It was difficult when we realized that the most despised people in Israel are missionaries. (My Uncle was a missionary to Africa. He worked for years to show people how to plant gardens, grow food and then built churches among them). The Africans had never experienced persecution in the name of Jesus and they embraced the missionaries. However, if we had walked in the shoes of the Jewish people over the centuries, perhaps we, as gentile Christians, would understand better the mistrust that exists in Jewish-Christian relations today. Our love must be unconditional as His was and far reaching. We represent the face they have never seen before.

TEACHING CHRISTIANS: CFI's ministry statement declares: “We believe Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world but our stand alongside Israel is not conditional upon her acceptance of our belief”. CFI does not embrace Dual Covenant Theology; however, the historical Church tried to manipulate the Jewish people and deny them freedom of religion. No religion should ever try to dominate or control others to the degree that they lose their freedom of choice. To do so is taking people's lives out of God's Hands and into ours. God has a plan for Israel in the days ahead and also for the Gentile Church. One day the wall that Yeshua tore down (which the historical Church put back up) will be brought down for good. As the lion lies down with the lamb, so a redeemed Israel and Church will worship the Lord together!

BLESSING, COMFORTING, AND PROVOKING: CFI's outreach projects are Biblically based. If you are a Christian and have been blessed with salvation through Jesus (Yeshua), we encourage you to love His People and reach out to help them with merciful and humble hearts. God will return the blessing to you and your home/church. Gentile Christendom historically failed in its calling to “provoke the Jews to jealousy” (Romans 11:11). The window of time and opportunity we now have to change history is still open.

A PIONEER WORK: CFI's work is still relatively “new” to Jewish people who really do not know that Christian love exists. It has taken time to absorb this truth. Stone by stone, we are removing the wall that divided us (not the spiritual wall that Yeshua tore down) but the wall of broken relationship between Israel and the followers of Jesus (Yeshua).

- As Gentiles in love with Israel's God and Messiah Yeshua, we are “**provoking to jealousy**” as commanded in Romans 11:11.

- We are fulfilling the command to bless the Jewish people “I will bless those who bless My People” Genesis 12:3.

- We have touched the lives of over one-quarter million Russian Jews and other Jewish immigrants making aliyah to Israel.”

- We are comforting His People and preparing the way for the Lord. See Isaiah 40:1.

- We are showing mercy and kindness (as the Church always should have) as commanded in Romans 11:21-22).

- We are the Lord's face of love and mercy which He showed to His own people.

- Our approach to the Jewish people is a humble one—being careful not to “boast against the branches” (Romans 11:18).

- We are a “channel for the nations of the world” to express their love and support for Israel.

- We are spreading the Gospel of the Good Samaritan; instead of putting tracts in hands, we are actually picking up the wounded and bandaging their wounds.

- We are writing a new chapter in Jewish-Christian history representing the Lord correctly.

- We are standing up and speaking the truth about Israel. We believe that Israel has the right to her own borders and to live in a secure Land.

- CFI personally touches the lives of Israelis from all walks of life through the many outreach programs you can read about in *For Zion's Sake*. We also work diligently to provide the Body of Messiah with free on-line publications and emergency alerts which you may sign up for by writing to: cfi@cfjjerusalem.org also please visit our website at: www.cfjjerusalem.org to learn how you can partner with this ministry.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT Of CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

“How is it brethren? When ye come together, everyone of you hath a...doctrine” (1 Corinthians 14:26).

We believe in the One and Only True God, The Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Three distinct co-equal persons but ONE unique Godhead (Isaiah 48:16; Mark 12:29; Matthew 28:18-19; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

We believe that God the Father revealed Himself through the Scriptures of the Old Testament as the One True Eternal, All-Wise, All-Powerful, All-Knowing, All-Loving, Creator God. He has now revealed Himself through His Son Jesus, the Messiah (Hebrews 1:2,3).

We believe that Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father. (Proverbs 30:4; Psalm 2:7) His first coming as a man is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. His “one sacrifice for sin forever” has replaced all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant, and is now the only ground of Redemption. (*Hebrews 9:12*) He rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of God the Father in glory (Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:34).

We believe that justification (being accounted righteous before a Holy God) comes about only through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus (John 3:16; Matthew 1:22,23; Luke 24:27, 44).

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers and that He gives power for service and gifts for the benefit of the Body of Messiah (John 14:23; Romans 8:9-11; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12).

We believe the Holy Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are Divinely inspired, infallible and all-sufficient for all matters of belief and behavior (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21).

We believe the Church, which is the Body of Messiah, consists of all believers born of the Spirit and justified by faith, both Jew and Gentile (Romans 10:12; Ephesians 4:11-23).

We believe that the restoration of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is a fulfillment of the prophetic Scriptures of the Old Testament, and that the restored Nation of Israel has a predominant role to play in the final purposes of God among the nations (Isaiah 11:11-16; 2:1-4).

We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus, the Messiah and King of Israel, and Savior of the world (Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11).

Flowing in the Blessings

Blessings of Abraham

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed”

(Genesis 12:2-3).

As we contextually examine the Scriptures we see that God called Abram to leave his country and kindred to journey to a Land God desired to give him. The promise God would give Abraham would be contingent upon Abram’s obedience with inevitable rewards. Abram could have rejected the offer but did not because he loved God. The acceptance by Abram completed the “contract” and bound together both the One who made the offer and the recipient. The pledge to Abram personally had an additional guarantee for anyone who blessed Israel from that point on. And God said *“...in connection with you, all the Goyim will be blessed”* (Galatians 3:8, Complete Jewish Bible, David H. Stern). As we know, the historical Church did everything but bless the Jews. *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”* (Galatians 6:7).

We must not grow weary. It takes time to plow and plant on hard soil that has been neglected. *“...let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”* (Galatians 6:9). The Jewish people have blessed us with many spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3) through the God and Messiah of Israel. It is in His Spirit that Israel is returning home. If we are flowing with the Spirit of God, we will sow our blessings into what God’s Spirit is doing. *“...but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting”* (Galatians 6:8).

The offer is still free to be acted upon or to reject. Our choices are weighed in the balance by God who will one day reveal who blessed His Choice of People, Nation and City, when He separates the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32). It is a serious time for the Church. We need God’s blessings to flow both corporately and as individuals. Economic struggles in the end times may be difficult. If we desire to flow in the blessings, we need to heed God’s offer to bless those blessing His Chosen People. Some of us have told our chil-

dren when they struck out in life searching for star spangled careers “Remember where you came from!” Our example is Our Lord Yeshua who needed no reminding of where He came from as He left us with the words: *“... I am the root and the offspring of David...”* (Revelation 22:16). Due to the Church’s own anti-Semitism in the preaching of unbiblical Replacement Theology, parts of the Church have lost its way and the Holy Spirit has departed. As bible believing Christians who believe in the whole counsel of God’s Word, we must remember God’s great promise of bestowing good to those who do good—to the seed of Abraham.

“I see that understanding God’s purposes for Israel is a safe road in my life to walk on...when we walk in the blessings toward God’s People, Israel...if you don’t see God’s principle and promise...it could cause you to stumble onto a wide road to Replacement Theology...the Bible says, *“What has straw to do with grain declares the Lord?”* (Jeremiah 23:28). If we turn away from learning God’s Word on Israel we end up eating straw, which does not fill us. Straw is not real food—only grain is satisfying... if we digest the Biblical truths in reference to Israel and our inclusion in her Commonwealth (through Yeshua the Messiah) our spiritual food will be as grain—quality spiritual food that fills the hungry” (Quote from Mrs. Beryl Hunter, UK). There is a significant difference between straw and grain. For too long the Church has been feeding straw to the sheep instead of providing sustenance excluding Israel from our sermons and teachings in positive ways. If we desire to see the windows of blessing remain open in the days to come, we will want to be a part of what god is doing in Israel and the Church for He loves us both. (To be continued in Part II in the next edition of *For Zion’s Sake*).

— By Sharon Sanders
Director of Ministry and Teaching





Project WALL OF PRAYER

ASSIGNMENTS FOR ISRAEL



*“The intercessor always comes before God on behalf of others.”
(Gloria Putnam) Watchmen awaken and be alert! Keep under surveillance the harbingers that indicate danger for Israel. We all should be breathing out the promises of God for Israel. As one who has lived in Israel for a long time, I can attest that there has been no greater time for a call to serious prayer.*

WALL OF PRAYER COMMUNITY

ITAMAR, ISRAEL

An Israeli civilian community on land that was captured by Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War is considered occupied territory by the Arabs and world opinion. This community clinging to a hill in the northern part of Israel has a difficult task. It is surrounded by Palestinian villages and is near one of the largest Palestinian cities, Nablus, with a population of more than 120,000 Arabs. Itamar has about 1,000 residents (many children and students). The community’s vulnerability was brutally exposed Friday night, March 11th, on the holy



Shabbat in Israel. Two teenage Palestinians have confessed to traversing the community’s perimeter fence, waited patiently for lights out, then, after finding the next-door house empty, slipped into the Fogel family’s home. They stabbed five members of the family to death in their beds: the parents, Udi, 36, and Ruth, 35, and three of their children, Yoav, 11, Elad, 4, and Hadas, a baby girl of 3 months. They butchered a family who taught the ways of God. The close-knit community seemed to have been lulled into a false sense of security by the last few years of relative quiet. In the row of modest one-story houses where the Fogels lived, on the settlement’s edge, doors were often left unlocked. The Bible-believing Jewish people who live in this area consider themselves the guardians of Nablus, or Biblical Shechem. While most of the world considers their homes a violation of international law, many in Itamar speak of this Land as their God-given birthright. “We have a legitimate right to the Land of Israel,” said Moshe Goldsmith, 47, the Mayor of Itamar. “The Bible is our deed.”

PRAYER FOCUS

- Any two-state solution would mean a partitioning of the Land and the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. That would most likely involve Itamar’s removal. **Pray** for this not to happen as it goes against God’s will.
- **Pray** for Divine protection for each family in Itamar.
- **Pray** that the root of demonic hatred (toward the Jewish people) in the Arab world will be pulled out of the hearts of many who have been indoctrinated into the religion of hatred for the Jew.
- **Intercede** for the remaining children of the Fogel family—that their faith will not be diminished but they would go on to do God’s will in their lives. May God show each intercessor the various areas to pray for as you seek His Face on behalf of this Wall of Prayer community.

— By Sharon Sanders

Director of Ministry and Teaching



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MEDIA PRODUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The CFI Media Department has always tried to bring the most accurate and truthful coverage about Israel to its readers. Throughout the years we have always encouraged people to read the real-life stories of God's work through the hands of CFI right in the heart of Israel. Our vision is to teach the Church its Hebrew heritage and Biblical responsibility to the Jewish People. We consistently provide thousands around the world with the true-life stories of those who live in the land of Israel.

Through various printed material, including this quarterly For Zion's Sake magazine, CFI has continued to inform the nations about "what is going on" in the Land of Israel. It is however through the advancement of modern technology and the introduction of digital media that CFI has moved to the latest means of transferring information to its readership. In recent years CFI has developed its Electronic Resource Center that provides monthly updates on the situations in Israel and what the nations need to be in prayer about. While teaching and educational material have been offered in Print, Electronic Resource, CD recordings and web-based video formats, CFI is now moving into the Digital Video world with long format informational programming.

SPOTLIGHT ON ISRAEL

We are most excited to announce the launch of our latest venture—a brand new 30-minute pilot video program designed to educate and inform viewers about events transpiring in Israel in view of the current state of affairs, from a solid scriptural basis. This wonderful new program looks at the issues facing Israel and the Middle East today, by focusing on them with a Biblical Lens. Utilizing the resources of its partners around the world, Christian Friends of Israel brings you in-depth interviews from people with exceptional knowledge and understanding about what is happening in Israel in these last days. Spanning the globe from Israel to America, and the United Kingdom to Germany, this fantastic new program will educate and inform its viewers with a Biblical understanding of the multitude of issues facing Israel, the Church and even the entire world.

— By Kevin Howard

Director of Media and Technical Operations

You won't want to miss a single edition of this amazing new program designed to keep you informed about Israel and the Middle East from a Biblical perspective. For more information on where and how you can view this exciting new 30-minute video program, please contact the Media Director by emailing: cfi@cfjjerusalem.org with your request today. For more information on how you can receive free online publications for prayer please email us at: listadmin@cfjjerusalem.org For orders and other information contact us at: media@cfjjerusalem.org.



FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

PART 2

“...by my voice I teach others...” (1 Corinthians 14:19).



Serving in Israel over the past 25 years, my mother [Sharon Sanders] tells the story of a Jewish friend of hers, Vladimir. One day he asked, “Sharon! Which God do the Christians serve?” She was perplexed by the question, as the two of them had been friends for some time, but she responded, “Well, of course, we worship the God of Israel; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” His response was, “Well, I wasn’t really sure because there are many gods in this world!” As a Christian, do your actions sometimes cause others to look at you and wonder what God you serve? I would hope that if any of us were asked this same question we would have a similar response. Would your answer be—and would you be proud to say—that you too serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Joshua 24:15 says, “...but if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

I believe that we, as Christians, owe a great debt to the Jewish people. The history of the church toward the Jews has been less than favorable. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish men, women and children have been murdered and whole communities wiped out by those calling themselves Christians. Did you know that during its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed twice, besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times, and captured and recaptured 44 times? My question is this: “How” and “Why” did the church stand by and allow this to happen? In Part 1 of this teaching, “Foundational Truths,” I used the illustration of a plant to describe how we Gentiles were grafted onto the tree of Judaism. Along with this loving and merciful act of God, He also gives us Gentiles a warning. He tells us in Romans 11:18, “...do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You (the Gentile who was grafted in) do not support the root (which are the Jews), but the root supports you.” Do not boast! The dictionary describes boasting as “to glorify oneself in speech, to talk in a self-admiring way,

to speak of with excessive pride, and to possess or own (a desirable feature).” We must not forget what Romans 1:16 says, “...for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” I like what Thomas Jefferson said in regard to boasting. “We confide in our strength, without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it.” I believe that Christians need to be secure enough in their walk with the Lord, to respect others for their beliefs, while continuing to walk out their own faith with fear and trembling. What should the Church be doing? Romans 10:1 says to **pray for Israel’s salvation**, and Psalm 122:6 says to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Finally, Zechariah 2:8 says that Israel is the apple of God’s eye. If the Jews are the apple of God’s eye, then do you think that He, in any way, has turned His back on them? The Apostle Paul in Romans 11:1 says emphatically, “By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.” Do we then as Christians have the right to think that we are better than they? Do we have the right to turn our backs on the Jewish people in their time of need? I would have to say, “No!”

What does the Word of God warn the Jewish people over and over in the Old Testament scriptures NOT TO FORGET? He tells them not to forget what their eyes have seen, not to forget that He had brought them out of Egypt, not to forget the everlasting covenants He had made with them, and He repeatedly tells them not to forget the Lord their God. He doesn’t want them to forget their past because their past is the foundational root of their faith, **and ours**. He knows that if they will remember all that He’s brought them through previously, it will help them to stand strong during troubled times in the present. As you go about your daily activities of life, I would pray that you too would NOT FORGET where the sustaining roots of your faith reside. In the days, weeks, months and years to come you will continue to hear the news media trying to persuade you that the Jewish people

are bad, that they shouldn’t be building on their own land, and that they have no right to their own state. Israel’s enemies’ lies will continue to resound that all Jews should be exterminated and thrown into the sea. Again, we must not forget that in those very people is where the foundation of our faith is rooted. We have been grafted into God’s Chosen People. If we choose not to stand with God’s people during these controversial days ahead, in my opinion, it is as if we are turning our backs on Jesus Himself because Israel was his home, the Jews are HIS FAMILY and to Israel, He will someday return.

My prayer is that in the days ahead, the Church will never again turn their backs on the Jews as they did during the Holocaust and at many other times in history. I would hope that we would have the courage, and the willpower to stand with the nation of Israel and her people. We must not become cowards and allow fear to intimidate our stance. God makes us a promise in Genesis 12:3 when He says, “I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

In closing, Ephesians 6:10-14 says, “...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm...” I challenge you to choose this day who you will serve. As for me and my house (I am proud to say) we will (continue to) serve the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all the days of our lives!

— By Stacey Howard
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CFI IN THE NATIONS

Letter from the UK

Speaking Up for Zion's Sake

The following portion of a letter received in Jerusalem came to us from a loving supporter of CFI United Kingdom. She wrote personally to the BBC World Service and Radio 4 recently. We praise God for her integrity of heart and courage. When she stands before the Lord one day, He will not ask her, "Where were you when My People needed you?" God bless this partner in ministry.

"Dear Sir: On World Service and Radio 4 this last weekend... Owen Bennett-Jones did an interview with two Muslims in Lebanon who were angry about the tribunal investigating deaths and disappearances in Lebanon. The radio must have edited these interviews but on air—on the radio—allowed the bitter Muslim woman to state, with no comment and I quote: 'Israel only exists to kill people—Israel only exists to make war.' This is 'neo-Nazi propaganda' designed to stir up the hatred of Jews as happened prior to the Second World War in Germany. You did this! You allowed this statement to go unchallenged. How could you? I sat numb for five minutes afterwards. This contravenes all Geneva and UN guidelines for fair media reporting.

Since 1948 over 95% [of] Christian Arabs have been driven out of Israel by the PLO, Hamas and by the Judean/West Bank Muslims. Have you interviewed any of them? No, because [apparently] only Christians and Jews are fair game to allow hatred against. At this moment, at this present time... Christian Arabs are being forced out of Bethlehem where they have lived for centuries. If they go to the courts for their just grievances, the Muslim courts of injustice always side with the local Muslims in criminal and civil and debt recovery cases. Have you reported this? No. It is an unreported pogrom. But BBC World Service on 12 February 2011 and the Radio 4 repeating the program on Sunday 13 February 2011, promoted this dialogue of religious and racial hatred against Israel in such an unprofessional way.

A few days beforehand on the World Service, in a program about the Egyptian trouble, there was an interview—but not about Egypt. It became a vessel also for hate against the state of Israel. There was an American who did his best to talk sense. But the Englishman, Patrick Teal completely lost it, in talking about what Israel had done in Lebanon. He was allowed to shout hate against Israel, and the interviewer—who must have known what he was and what he was like—made no attempt to question his biased data or to put it into perspective with the total suffering in the Middle East area. Have you forgotten that Lebanon was a mainly Christian country before the PLO (now Hizbullah) took it over? Guess how they took it over? Why don't you interview the Christians who have had their families murdered and abducted in Lebanon by Hizbullah—who have a large, well-equipped army and they are in Lebanon. There is no democracy in Lebanon.

This really is a sad day for England with the shame you have brought on us. I am so sorry and so ashamed that an English-based radio [station] has done this. You do not speak for me."

(Name withheld)

CFI UK



Geoffrey and Margaret Smith

In February CFI UK took to the streets with members of the Jewish community to raise awareness of Gilad Shalit—the kidnapped Israeli who has been held in Gaza for more than four years—and to press that he is given his rights under international law to meet members of the Red Cross.

As part of the campaign Rose Maitland re-designed her iconic London taxi and took Geoffrey and Margaret to Golders Green to get signatures for the petition. This could not have been done without the support of Asher Moses, boss of Taximedia – the largest taxi-advertising company in Britain. CFI working together with the Jewish community is a powerful way of expressing our solidarity with Israel.



CFI UK in the House of Commons

In January over a hundred members of CFI in England and Northern Ireland came to the House of Commons. Led by Jacob Vince and Geoffrey Smith they met members of parliament to express concern about rising anti-Semitism in British universities and persecution of Christian minorities in Egypt, Iraq and Iran.



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CFI CANADA

BLESSING ISRAEL THROUGH CFI

In 2009 Thomas Augustine accepted the role of leadership of CFI Canada and introduced CFI Canada to 80,000 believers during the Vancouver Missionsfest. Participation in the Alberta Missionsfest introduced CFI to many churches in Alberta and even Christian schools. Participation in the Toronto Missionfest brought many new connections, as well.

It is our prayer that Canada will awaken to God's principle of blessing the Jewish people through CFI, as a channel from the nations. Thanks to Thomas Augustine and his wife for paving the way to introduce the prophetic message about Israel and the Church to many throughout Canada.



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Thomas greeting visitors

CFI FRANCE



Mr. and Mrs. Andre Niewenhuyse, Directors, CFI France, and attendees from the Jewish community – united in fellowship and purpose

JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER HOSTS CONFERENCE IN GRENOBLE, FRANCE

On 28th of February about 100 people were brought together at the Jewish Cultural Center in Grenoble, France. The meeting was held in the "Golda Meir" hall. Many Pastors and Christians from different churches in Grendoble were also present such as the "Judeo-Christian Fellowship", the "Shalom" Prayer Team along with Doctor J. Wolga, Christian Friends of Israel France (Mr. and Mrs. Andre Niewenhuyse) and attendees from the Jewish community all united together in good fellowship.



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CFI SWITZERLAND

Marguerite Gillieron

HEAVEN'S GAIN

A most wonderful sister in the Lord who belonged to the CFI Switzerland Board has gone home to be with Jesus at the age of 95.

Marguerite Gillieron had traveled to Israel some 35 times and was a great supporter of Israel and the Jewish people. She lived a full life and remained "youthful" until the end. Heaven's gain is our loss. She will be greatly missed.



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2011 CFI Ministry Travels



Speaking to
the Nations

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There will be a host of teaching workshops to choose from, current Middle East events and prophetic happenings in Israel, as well as a new spotlight on CFI's work among the Jewish people.

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