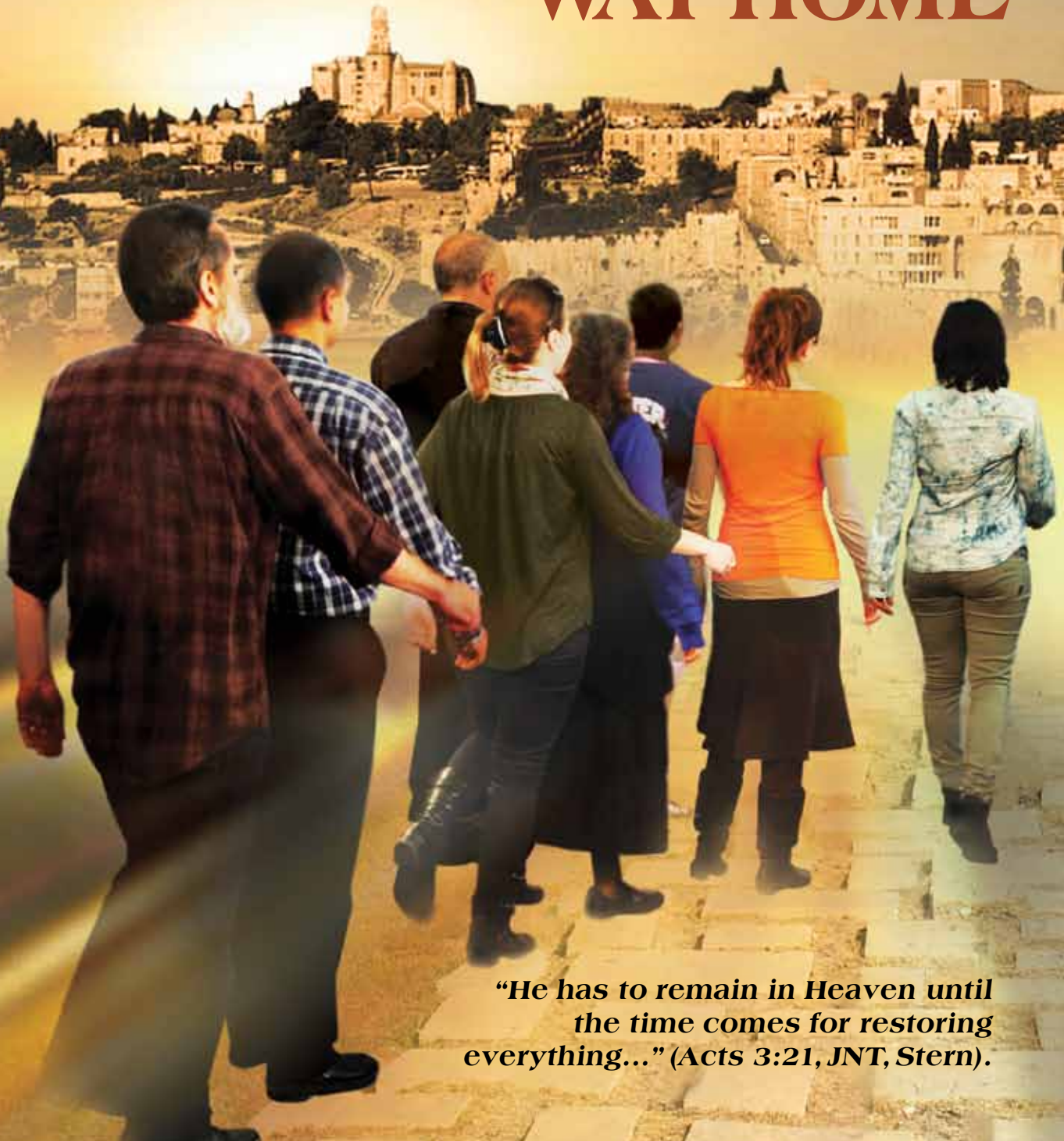


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the time comes for restoring
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Director's Letter



Ray Sanders

Shalom from Jerusalem

Dear Friends of Israel,

"Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you on the way and attached your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the Land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget" (Deuteronomy 25:17-19, NKJV).

The above admonition by the LORD to remember God's promises regarding Amalek and his descendants, who have plagued the Jewish people down through the corridors of time, remains as true today as the time when God gave the instructions to Moses. The spirit of Amalek is manifesting itself throughout the Middle East in these last days. This spirit is threatening to destroy the Jewish people and steal their God-given inheritance: all the Land of Israel, including Judea and Samaria.

The greatest threat to the peace and security of Israel and the Jewish people around the world is NOT the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, NOT Islamic Jihad and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, NOT Hizbullah in Lebanon, NOT Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's AKP party, NOT President Bashar Assad of Syria, and NOT Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. In my opinion, the biggest threat to peace and security in Israel and the Middle East is Barack Hussein Obama, the current President of the US. In four years, serving as President, he has done more to destroy the material wealth and military strength of the USA, than any other president in history. A weakened United States leaves the free world vulnerable to all the growing threats to a way of life and beloved freedoms we have all enjoyed, and unfortunately, often take for granted.

Mr. Obama has made some arrogant statements with regard to what is practically a non-relationship to Israel. He has claimed that the US military has got "Israel's back covered" and that "Israel doesn't know what its own best interest are." Such comments are designed to give the impression of a false sense of security when only Israel knows all too well how dangerous and unpredictable the

region is that she is a part of today. Iran is spreading her influence over Syria, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip while steadily developing a foothold in South America, challenging US military capability in the Western Hemisphere. In the meantime, Iran is progressively developing nuclear weapons right under the eyes of the International Atomic Energy Agency. We only need to remind ourselves that former President Ronald Reagan promised that North Korea would not be allowed to develop atomic weapons. Today, with impunity, this rogue nation test-fires intercontinental missiles capable of carrying nuclear weapons while the “West” turns a blind eye to the potential end result of these tests.

So Much to Pray For

Israel today—at a time when unity is greatly needed—is fractured and often lacking decisive leadership. The Israeli elections of January 22nd proved all too well how divided the Israeli people have become. At the present time, Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu is seeking to form a government coalition that will be able to withstand easily assembled “no confidence” votes to overthrow his leadership, which would result in new elections, with no guarantee of success. The Israeli coalition form of government results in compromise and practically blackmail, as each party will do anything to be a part of the government. This is a sure recipe for certain failure and more expensive elections.

The biggest military threat remains Iran, who is marching forward with her nuclear program. Prime Minister Netanyahu’s brilliant United Nations speech of September outlining Israel’s military “red lines” was greeted with ambivalence by Mr. Obama allowing Iran to continue unabated in their quest for nuclear capability. If she does succeed, then other rogue nations in the region will be her first clients and nuclear proliferation will run rampant. We have much to pray about.

As long as Obama takes a naïve and short-sighted position on this crucial issue, Israel is being held hostage to his whims and misguided calculations. Israel’s hands are tied, as it would be extremely risky for Israel to “go it alone” in attacking Iran’s numerous nuclear installations. The President has been non-committal to support Israel in such an attack. This leaves the entire region sitting on a powder keg. The President believes he can negotiate peace with Iran to avoid at all costs a military conflict. As long as Israel’s enemies understand this to be Obama’s “game plan,” Israel and the Middle East will be the center of continuous turmoil and political unrest.

Why do the Nations Rage?

“Why do the nations 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, saying, let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us. He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel” Psalm 2:1-9 (NKJV). Email: ray@cfijerusalem.org

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FINDING OUR Way Home

By Sharon Sanders

“Now change your mind and attitude to God and turn to Him so He can cleanse away your sins and send you wonderful times of refreshment from the presence of the Lord and send Jesus your Messiah back to you again. For He must remain in Heaven until the final recovery of all things from sin, as prophesied from ancient times” (Acts 3:19-21).

AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD came and exited the Temple from the east, it is recorded in Scripture that His Radiance and Shekinah Glory will likewise return to Jerusalem. As the Son of God departed from Jerusalem, and went to the Father, He will also return, to set up His Father’s Kingdom on earth for a thousand-year reign in Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 43:1-5; Zechariah 14:4; Acts 1:9-12; Matthew 24:27; Revelation 20:6).

East is significant as recorded in Jewish writings as this gate was known as “the gate of righteousness,” the “gate of the Lord” and also the “Sun Gate” as the sun would shine through it in the morning hours. Yeshua, the King of Kings will also shine in His Full Glory when He returns to rule. It will be a wonderful time for all—truly learning from the Master while traveling on His Holy Highway.

According to Peter, Yeshua has to remain in Heaven until the final restoring and taking back of all things from sin—a roadmap marked with repentance will help the church find its way home. Commentator Matthew Henry wrote “the absolute necessity of repentance is to be solemnly charged upon the consciences of all who desire that their sins may be blotted out...when sinners are convinced of their sins, they will cry to the Lord for pardon; and to the penitent, converted and believing, times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord...” (Matthew Henry Commentary).

“Boast not against the branches...be not highminded... as the root supports you...” (Romans 11:13-24).

A great friend of CFI, blessed be his memory, Yaakov Youlus, rabbi and teacher, used to say: “Words are nothing unless you know the meaning behind the words.” Yeshua said the same thing to His Disciples: “If you had known what this means...” (Matthew 12:7) “But go and learn what it means” (Matthew 9:13). Christians need to know the primary sense of each Biblical text.

As we glance behind the curtain of understanding of the Acts passage, we see Yeshua will reside where God and the angels dwell, until restoration comes to pass. Since the renaissance of the nation of Israel in May 1948, agricultural, reforestation, language revival and the homecoming of new immigrants are among many elements already being restored by the Hand of God. Both Orthodox and Messianic Jews await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit spoken about in Zechariah 12:10—a future restoration of spiritual things. The “called-out ones” (non-Jews) are part of the Great Assembly of Heaven and the Commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12). As Christians we have this present opportunity to become a prophetic fulfillment of God’s Word spoken above which will involve the salvation of the world.

In the story of the Prodigal Son, (Luke 15:11-32) the youngest son asked of his father that which was against Jewish law. He requested his inheritance before his father’s death. He then travelled away from his father’s house and protection literally throwing what his father gave him “to the wind” in a life-style that “abandoned” his father’s ways. In a similar way, the Christian Church began to boastfully misuse its spiritual Hebrew inheritance given by God. It placed a higher value on what the Father had to give, than on a close relationship with Him. It veered on its own journey away from home. As it left its Jewish heritage it began to identify with paganism from the nations. Many true believers are beginning to come back home purely out of spiritual hunger.

As the true Body returns in humility and accepts servanthood in exchange for the Father’s goodness and mercy, she also will find acceptance and restoration. It may well be at this point that the elder brother may become envious

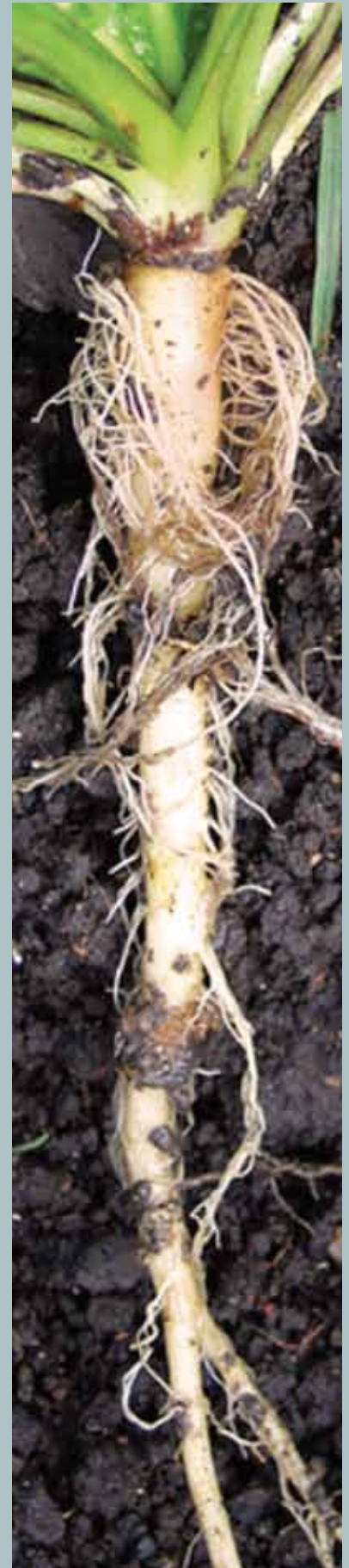
of the church’s undeserved forgiveness as was the case with the Father who bestowed grace upon his youngest son.

Israel: Our Tap-Root

Let us consider Christianity’s spiritual root system which is deeply attached to a tap-root (Israel). “A tap-root...forms a center from which other roots sprout... there is one main root (the primary root) that is larger than the lateral roots... tap-roots grow deep...once the tap-root is firmly established, the branches start sprouting and fruit will appear.” (Marita Brokenshaw). Christianity sprouted and branches developed from the soil of Israel where the mother root system is located.

Early Christianity bore much fruit because of being attached to the main tap-root; however, as the gospel spread, it grew away from the tap-root and Christendom began to drop its own roots. Just as our childhood origin is attached to only one mother and home, so are our spiritual roots attached to one mother root and a place of origin. Yes, for many, faith is bringing them back to a pursuit of their Hebraic awareness moving true believers in the right direction.

On the path home; however, lies century old obstacles to our destiny, such as Replacement Theology and allegorization application (the spiritualizing of words of blessing meant for Israel is applied to the Church). We must all work to remove these giant stumbling blocks. The words of the Apostle Paul, “*Boast not against the branches...be not highminded, but fear...He also might not spare thee...continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off*” (Romans 11:18, 20-22) come to mind when I recall the horrible injustices done to the Jewish people in the name of Christianity. To be “cut off” in ancient Israel meant you were removed from the House of Israel—a very serious issue. Christian brutalities of the past and present-day Christian anti-Semitism should be a concern for everyone who calls themselves Christians. Those who despise Israel would not survive in God’s Coming Kingdom. True believers must cut all ties with such branches of Christendom.



Christianity’s spiritual root system



Historical Church Fathers

Bishop J. C. Ryle

“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.” -Elie Wiesel, writer and Holocaust survivor.

One such protester who carried out those words was J. C. Ryle, a fearless man of God. In an address to fellow Churchmen of his day, Ryle said, “I believe it is high time for the Church of Christ to awaken out of its sleep...I think we have made great mistakes, and...we should confess it...unless you interpret the prophetic portion of the Old Testament in the simple, literal meaning of its words...will you dare to tell a Jew that Zion, Jerusalem, Jacob, Judah, Ephraim, and Israel do not mean what they seem to mean, but means the Church of Christ? I think we should remember that we must reject...traditions which are not according to the Bible...from the time of the old Fathers Jerome and Origen down to the present day, men have gone on in a pernicious habit of spiritualizing the words of the prophets until their true meaning has been well nigh buried...the curses on the Jews were brought to pass literally; so also will be the blessings. The scattering was literal; so also will be the gathering. The pulling down of Zion was literal; so also will be the building up. The rejection of Israel was literal; so will be the restoration.”

The Reading of God’s Word

Ryle goes on to say “The word ‘Israel’ has been interpreted in many passages of the Psalms and Prophets as if it meant nothing more than Christian believers...have not glorious things been described as laid up in store for Israel? ...against the system I have long protested, and I hope I shall always protest as long as I live...where in the whole New Testament shall we find any plain authority for applying the word Israel to anyone but the nation of Israel? I can find none...beware of the system of allegorizing and spiritualizing...which the School of Origen first brought in and found such an unfortunate degree of favor in the Church...Never lose sight of the primary sense of the text...” (J. C. Ryle, *the first Anglican Bishop of Liverpool*).

However, much of today’s modern Church has taken a wrong turn into unfamiliar neighborhoods as did historical Christendom’s religious system. The “GPS” of the present day Church is programmed for a crash if it continues to divert from its ancient paths of truth (Jeremiah 18:15). The history of Christianity’s pogroms (1181-1917) [generally accepted dates], crusades (1095-1258), inquisitions (1480-1530), and collaboration with the Nazis (1933-1945) shows us how much it veered off course. We must

begin our return by acknowledging Israel’s restoration as being from God. The restoration of Israel took place as God had left the stump of the tree in the ground to one day resprout. It is quite disturbing to see actually how much of Christendom mapped its own course and wandered through the spiritual fog that rolled by. Jerusalem meant very little until the last half of the last century. The age-old fear of the Torah (Old Testament Scriptures) has now begun to disappear and an awakening toward Israel and the Jewish people is clearing the fog. The rebellion against God and His Word in regard to Israel brought on religious prejudices and injustices. Self-righteousness and judging the Jewish people left it with a Hall of Shame lined with “poisoned ivy” from Church theology which ended up violating Scriptural principles of brotherhood between our two communities of faith.

It is also alarming that large parts of today’s Church is pulling further away from Israel. How will anti-Semitic members be summoned for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb when in the banquet hall and at the head table will be ancient Jewish prophets, Psalmists, and New Testament Jewish apostles as well as many others who followed Yeshua? What about the great “life from the dead” event to come for Israel? Does the anti-Semitic portion of the Church believe in the role of the 144,000 Jewish men in the Book of Revelation? As much of the Church rolls along merrily what is taking place in the Spirit among true believers? They are finding their way home.

Choices will be made that will control destinies. Unlike the proverbial canary in a coal mine which could not control its destiny, as the bird went along cheerfully until poison got to him and that was the end. Christians have the ability to resist the poison of deception. Yes, much of the Church lost its way and today, instead of the poor wandering Jew, we see lukewarm Christians wandering from pew to pew. Because of understanding very little Hebrew (the original language of the Bible), much of the Church sat in the dark for ages, unable to understand Hebraic idioms and parables in their proper context and setting. It was easy for allegorization of Scripture to enter. We need your help to continue to clear away the boulders which were placed in front of the Jewish path, through spiritual pride and allegorization (Isaiah 57:14, 62:10).

At a recent Protestant conference...one speaker called the God of the Christian Zionists, “the great ethnic cleanser,” and another described the Biblical Joshua as the “patron saint of ethnic cleansing.” It was reported that during this conference “not one Protestant clergyman protested.” It is like “throwing stones” instead of paving the road. Deeply ingrained anti-Semitic notions still block the path.

A Ray of Light

In November 5-8, 2012, a Protestant Consultation on Israel and the Middle East (PCIME) was held in Jerusalem with church members from Europe, N. America and Africa, all sharing their concerns about the relationship between the churches and Israel. They came to affirm their love for Israel. They believe that God remains in covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They repudiated Replacement Theology which claims Israel has no further place in God's plans. It certainly was a breakthrough in removing some of the road blockers of progress along the Christian path home.

The spiritual challenge ahead is to expand our knowledge of Israelology (the study of the Church and Israel). CFI representatives around the world are leading many to know why we must pray for Israel, and teaching about God's commands to bless drawing from our spiritual taproot. The way forward is early learning environments, support of Hebrew study, and to assume alignment with Inclusion and not Replacement Theology. We *must* lead the way. Dr. Michael Brown states about much of today's Church, "My suspicion is that the next great awakening will also be quite a rude awakening." Could it be that part of the rude awakening will be for the part of the Church which refuses to recognize Israel?

Moving Closer to Home

"Neither let the alien, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying: 'The LORD will surely separate me from His people...'" (Isaiah 56:3).

Isaiah 56:3-5 states that non-Jews should join, ("lavah" in Hebrew) or twine themselves together like strands twisted together—to Israel. They were not to say that they were separate ("badal") from His People. Early believers held fast to Israel and God's covenant(s). Keil and Delitzsch's Biblical Commentary on the Old Testament states that non-Jews professed faith in Israel's God, and attached themselves to the Jewish people. Gentiles had been aliens (not citizens), strangers from the covenants of promise and had no right to enter the Hebrew congregation of the Lord. Yeshua (Jesus) tore down the wall between us. It is such a terrible tragedy that the wall was not only erected again (by religious Christendom) but the barbed wire of false theology regarding Israel's future restoration secured the barrier for centuries thus resulting in the Church and Israel's problems we see today.

Would it not be really wonderful to receive a handshake of warm welcome from the King of Kings as we enter into Israel's redeemed Commonwealth? It would be so comforting to hear the words: "Welcome My Friends into the congregation of the Lord. You have been a friend of My People." Our Declaration of Faith should include the same message Ruth pronounced: "*Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee...thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God...the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me*" (Ruth 1:16-17, KJV).

May the Holy Spirit enlighten us on our return journey. I remember so clearly the night I received an unusual touch of the Holy Spirit in the 1970's. My whole being

was submerged in a rush of a million tiny electric pulses of energy, as if I had been plugged into a source of Godly power in an unforgettable moment of my life. From that never-to-be forgotten contact with God's majestic power, I have been able to serve Him with an abounding energy. Yes, the struggling Church needs that same power of the Holy Spirit to awaken us as the Spirit returns full circle from where it began – back to Jerusalem.

One day, the Lord's House in Jerusalem will be open for everyone keeping God's Covenants. It will serve as a House of Prayer, thanksgiving and praise for all nations. Christians must offer our lives as living witnesses to the Jew through service – and giving all we have – for the cause of the Lord's Name which we carry! We must pray for the candles of reform to be lit and that voices such as Matthew Henry, Wesley, Tozer and others who saw the coming restoration of Israel will be heard again from Church pulpits. For the Jewish people to understand our faith in Yeshua, the Christian "in-your-face" attitude is a spiritual force to be reckoned with.

A "Church" that is struggling to keep the doors open, with watered down messages, cannot experience true revival. A spiritual paradigm has been lost and needs to be found again so that we can "make it right" with our Jewish brethren. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, said recently, "We have to have a united voice that talks about a God of love; then perhaps, with Jews and Christians united in this mission, we can teach it to the world..."

And so, it appears that the final curtain call heralding His Coming will occur at the time the one new man of the two is truly formed: two spiritual witnesses – Jews and Christians. If one is made from two...then it seems to describe a marriage made in Heaven – an idea only God could create. He wants Jews and Christians to have unity through diversity, with both of our eyes of understanding opened. What makes the true Church different than the apostate? **Fruit** (Matthew 7:17; 12:33). The true Bride needs to continue moving closer to our earthly and heavenly home – **Jerusalem** – walking in the life-transforming truth Jesus taught and make certain we have plenty of blessings to carry with us on our return trip home.



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“For nearly three decades CFI leadership has been faithful to its two-fold focus: to bless Israel and educate the Church.”

“When the Lord builds up Zion, He will appear in His glory” (Psalm 102:16). It seems that God has a two-fold agenda as well—He wants to build up Zion and reveal Himself.

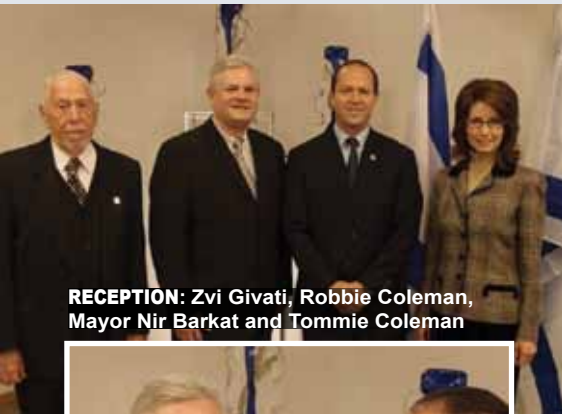
On behalf of Christian Friends of Israel-Jerusalem, I was invited to visit the Honorable Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat. My time with the Mayor was very meaningful. I found a person that respects all people groups. Recently, he invited many religious leaders in the City to join him for a special New Year’s Reception. The two meetings taught me much about Jerusalem and its leadership teams. I learned that the Mayor is recognizing the great work that Christian organizations are doing. I asked one of the Mayoral staff why the mayor has shown such interest. He responded, “This man believes that the Christian community is our greatest ally.” That statement really impacted me. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard Sharon Sanders speak about the Church to say: *“Our mission is to undo the years of wrong done to the Jewish people.”* The years of tragic damage done in the name of Christ, dates back over a millenium, while the rebuilding has been just over 30 years.

Christian Friends of Israel is passing a milestone. The faithful years are paying great dividends. Even though Ray and Sharon were travelling in the Far East and were not able to attend the two events, the Mayor and his staff asked about them and sent their blessings.

I began my journey bringing Christian groups into Israel about 30 years ago. I remember during those visits, the only communication we would have with the Jewish people was with the merchants. Sometimes they did not want to get on the same elevator with us. Now, they not only dialogue with us, but invite us to their most treasured events. CFI’s Churches for Israel is a worthy ministry. It is less than one year old and we already have many churches committed to support and pray for Israel. God is opening more doors for teaching than Sharon Sanders and I can walk through. We have invitations from many countries to come and teach about Israel and the work of CFI. The Lord is using CFI in Israel as well as bridging the nations to Israel.

There are many areas of the Church that need our teaching, and we travel the globe as quickly as possible, as we realize the time of His return seems very close. God is building up Jerusalem and all of Israel, and now, He is getting ready to show forth His Glory. This new ministry of ‘Churches for Israel’ is seeing fruit from only a few months of sowing. **You can help us pull churches together by adding us to your prayer groups, inviting an official CFI speaker or sowing financially into CFI to help us produce further resource material for Christian education.** We aim to use every gift we receive to sow into Israel and push forward God’s Kingdom messages. Contact me at: Robbie@cfjjerusalem.org.

By **Robbie Coleman**, Director of International Development



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Facing Tragedy With Faith

THE EXISTENCE OF SUFFERING in this world is a complicated issue. Facing tragedy, or life's storms of any kind, can be extremely difficult, especially if one has no family support. The woman in this story has been "crushed" under life's circumstances—experiencing intense emotional and spiritual pressure. She may have been crushed, but thankfully, she was not destroyed.

Hila's parents made *aliyah* to Israel from Libya. Sadly, Hila's mother died when giving birth to her, and she was raised by her grandmother who was 73 years old when she was born. Hila's grandmother passed away when she was 20 years old and it was a deep sorrow for her. Furthermore, it is extremely difficult as she had to cope with the trauma of terror attack, TWICE—totally alone without family support.



Maggie, Hila and Helene

The very first terror attack that Hila encountered happened at the Netanya Mall 12 years ago, in which she was injured. A couple of weeks later, trying to help her get away from fear, some of her friends invited her to a birthday party during which, unfortunately, she encountered her second terror attack in Tel-Aviv. She lost consciousness and in the hospital she learned that she had a slipped disc in her back (neck area), which still affects her. She continues suffering pain in many parts of her body today. Hila's career ended as she has been unable to get past the trauma and fear. However, she does not receive any financial assistance from the National Insurance. Her injuries and the post-trauma needed ongoing treatment, but she was unable to fight through the government bureaucracy to be qualified to receive compensation for a terror attack.

to the point that she is frequently very ill. A couple of months ago through the help of one dental contact, Project UHW helped Hila arrange for her dental payment with a 50% discount, but she has been bedridden for several months, so she has yet to have the dental work done. Even with pain, Hila must work when she is not so ill, because she still has to pay rent, bills, buy food, and take care of other daily expenses, but does not have any family to support her. Her financial situation has been very difficult.

"I Believe, and So I Speak"...

In spite of all the adversity, Hila believes in God deeply, which is the influence of her beloved grandmother. She told us her closest friend is God and He is the one she always speaks to. She believes that God is good and that He is taking care of her (Psalm 27:13). She said there were two times when she didn't even have money to buy bread for Shabbat, but as she was walking down the street, she found some money—one paper bill. **Will you please help Project UHW uphold this suffering terror victim who experiences much sorrow and many tears? For financial support, please designate your gift to Project "Under His Wings" for Hila Chen.** Thank you. May the Lord reward your generosity!

By Maggie Huang, Under His Wings Coordinator

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have all my tears in your bottle" (Psalm 56:8).

THE HOLOCAUST AND The Angel Who Saved Me

THROUGHOUT the terribly long, cruel, fear-filled years of WWII, some survivors had the experience of having the guiding, strengthening light of God shine on their path, empowering them to move tentatively forward into the future unsupported by the comfort that family and friends would normally provide. Demetri was helped in this way. On July 9, 1941, when Demetri was about to turn 13, the Germans occupied his city. Killing raids immediately began and a ghetto was established. Everyone was forced to march, including Demetri's father who needed crutches because of recent surgery. However, his progress was too slow for the soldiers and he was separated out of the line and shot right in front of Demetri!

In September 1941 there was another killing raid. Demetri was standing in line, but when he was close to the front he miraculously escaped. Fortunately his mother's Christian friend was able to make false documents for him. Demetri was sent to Germany to a forced labor camp, then he worked for eight years in two different labor camps in the Soviet Union, before being sent to the Uranium mines where he worked for six years. Demetri has had a very difficult life, but he said; "Human beings survive through struggles—it makes a person. But the most important thing is to remain human and live looking at people kindly." Demetri is now going blind, which he thinks is a result of working in the mines, and there seems to be no cure. A few years ago he wrote about his experiences, entitling it,

"The Holocaust and the Angel Who Saved Me." He chose this particular title because "I was born into a family of believers and it is God's will that I survived. If I hadn't had my angel who cared for me I would not have survived. Sometimes I wondered what to do in certain circumstances, and then through a dream I would have the angel/God talk to me and tell me what to do. In a way it was my angel who kept me during this time. He was guiding me through all the difficult times."

In December 2012, thanks to your generous giving, the Forsake Them Not team was able to host a CFI event in Jerusalem for almost 120 Holocaust Survivors in their newly decorated meeting rooms. Each survivor was blessed with a financial gift given with love from Christians and this was received with appreciation. Those who were too sick to attend had their special gift personally delivered to them. Helene who is the CFI Outreach Director retold the miraculous Chanukah story and the room hushed during the lighting of the Chanukah candles. The atmosphere was enriched by the presence of a class of school children who exuberantly led the singing of Chanukah songs and distributed traditional *sufganiyot* (tasty filled doughnuts) to everyone. **Thank you for making it possible for us to bless so many survivors and for your financial gifts sent with heartfelt love to bless and encourage Holocaust survivors in their twilight years.**

By **Jenny Milmine**, Forsake Them Not Coordinator



Hanukkah celebration with survivors

Demetri is going blind
His book is waiting to be published

Our Witness of Compassion



The next generation



Ohad: cerebral palsy and brain damage



Keeping a mother's hope alive
Distributing gifts to those in need



As Christians, "we demonstrate our love for Him by what we do, not just by what we say. May our devotion to God, because of His Love for us, be revealed in our actions..." (Marvin Williams).

"Blessed be God...the Father of all mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we are able to comfort...wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

All of our good intentions are nothing without God-honoring deeds that prove the character of true Christians. Ronit is a young, Jewish woman with a genuine desire to please God and her family. Not unique to the Orthodox people of Israel is the fact that she is mother to 13 children. A third generation Israeli, she finds hope for a good life in the Promised Land even as she faces challenges beyond her control. Ronit's husband has a spinal injury that surgery did not help. He is in continual pain and often confined to a wheelchair. Because of this, the income is not enough to feed and clothe this growing family.

Children a Blessing

Many people ask, "why so many children?" To a religious family, this is part of being obedient to the Lord. (Genesis 1:28, 9:1, 35:11). With most of these precious women, **each child is received as a blessing**. To not bring forth children when able would be sin before the Lord. This large Jewish family makes the best of their small living quarters in social housing. Every room doubles as a place to sleep. When we arrived at their home, blankets were stacked in the corner for some of the children to sleep on the floor. We were welcomed warmly. As we passed through the tiny kitchen to the family room where they gather to eat and fellowship, I noticed that every room was in desperate need of repair. The back door that exposed the sunlight on all sides meant the cold air is allowed free access to this sparsely heated apartment. Streams has begun to help with repairs.

Because of faithful partners, Streams of Blessing has been able to help these and many, many more in their times of struggle. The coats, blankets, food vouchers, and other financial assistance are but *a part* of **showing the love of God to this struggling family**, and others like them. We realize that without God's supernatural intervention, our resources would never be enough. We are privileged to serve the Lord in Israel. My greatest delight is to offer hope for His Name's sake and in the name of those who support Christian Friends of Israel.

By Tommie Coleman, Streams of Blessing Coordinator

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New Beginnings

"To everything there is a season..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1a).



IDF Soldiers

LAST NOVEMBER the Lord made it very clear to me that my time at CFI was coming to a close. I have been with CFI for fourteen years and the last seven years were spent in birthing the "David's Shield" Project, which has been a personal joy for me. Even today I am amazed how the Lord has used this project to bless so many soldiers in the Israeli Army!

One of my most memorable experiences was just before the IDF went into Gaza during Operation "Cast Lead" four years ago. A recent and similar opportunity presented itself as a fellow co-volunteer traveled with me to Gaza. —Karen Lewis

MICHAEL'S STORY: Last year, when Operation Pillar of Cloud began, Karen and I were given an opportunity to travel to some bases and bless the soldiers. It was the middle of November and it was getting cold, so we filled the van with warm clothing and headed for the south. Hundreds of rockets were being fired into Israel from Gaza and so the CFI team was covering us in prayer. As a result, the journey south was very quiet; we didn't see any signs of the conflict except for there being more army vehicles on the road than usual and helicopters in the air.

Normally we would be allowed onto the bases, but security was very tight, so we were not allowed through. Instead, we transferred some of the clothing into their vehicles, gave them our love and support and left them to go about their business. The last base we went to was quite different. The area around Gaza had been sealed off and declared a military zone. If we were not being allowed onto the

bases then there was no way we were going into the closed military zone, or so we thought. We met a soldier from the unit we were going to visit; he climbed into the van with us and took us through the checkpoint. No other civilians were being allowed through, so we stuck out like a sore thumb! We ended up driving down a dirt track to the frontlines where the soldiers were preparing to enter Gaza. The artillery was dug in and tanks were lined up. There were a lot of soldiers on the ground and as far as they were concerned, they were going in to Gaza at any moment so you can imagine their surprise when we arrived. Many of the soldiers had no idea what was happening outside of their base, and a couple of them asked Karen to email their mothers to let them know that they were ok, because there was no way for them to get in touch themselves. We took some photos of them and later Karen was able to email their parents and convey their love. Those of you who are parents will understand how much that must have meant.

Morale there was incredibly high. Two of the Chief Rabbis arrived while we were there and the soldiers were praying and singing and dancing – it was an amazing sight to see. As the Rabbis blessed the soldiers, it reminded me very much of Deuteronomy 20:2–4: *"So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'"*

We were able to tell the soldiers about the support that there was for them from Christians around the world and I cannot express how much that meant to them, especially as they were preparing for battle. I thank God for the opportunity to go there and witness what was happening so that I can share this story with you, because without those who support CFI, we would not be able to pass the blessings on to the soldiers.

I have a message directly from the frontlines that I was asked to pass on to all of you who love and support the nation of Israel, especially the men and women of the IDF... "Thank you, all of you, so very, very much!"

By **Michael Fordham**, CFI Volunteer



A PROMISE OF THE AGE— On the Wings of Doves

“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (Genesis 28:15 NKJV).

THE WORD OF GOD is amazing! The accuracy and magnificence of the above Scripture and the many others written thousands of years ago continues to resonate with the eternal truth and integrity of God’s promise to bring His Chosen People back to the land that He had given to their forefathers. The immigration of the Jewish people, from around the world, particularly from Ethiopia, has continued to increase throughout the centuries.

In October 2012, Israel launched Operation Dove to bring the remaining Falash Mura, from Gondar, Ethiopia. Although Operation Dove is expected to conclude in March 2014, individuals, friends and families of those who have already made aliyah will continue to come home in response to the above scripture. As with the previous large scale operations—Operations Moshe and Solomon and hundreds of smaller lesser known efforts to bring Jews from Ethiopia to Israel—there is a unique sense of awe-inspiring triumph for all who were and are involved in the prophetic destiny of a people and a nation.

Naturally, as with most things, the newness has long since worn off and the elation of finally arriving in the “promised land” has slowly faded into the reality of living “everyday” life, in Israel. For many reasons, Jewish immigrants or olim from Ethiopia have had a more difficult time than any other immigrant group, adjusting to life in Israel. The increase in the numbers of Jews arriving from Ethiopia also increases the many challenges they face, as they strive to fit in and make Israel their home.

Strong In Spirit

However, Psalm 34:18 says, *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”* The magnitude of the many challenges, pain and seemingly insurmountable struggles to survive as a people and a nation will never trump or override God’s Covenant of Shalom

with His people. In light of this verse, I am reminded of my first visit as the new Coordinator, of Hope for the Future. I visited a woman who is small in stature, with diminished physical ability, yet strong in spirit and determination to make a difference with her life. She started her journey from Ethiopia to Israel, through Sudan, with her husband and five children. She arrived in Israel with only two children via Operation Moshe. Her husband, three children, a sister and other family members did not survive the journey. Among other things, she needs dentures and suffers from gastrointestinal problems she believes she contracted from the deplorable conditions she was exposed to on her way to Israel. Ten years ago she received a doctor’s report that she has lupus. She lives alone with the help of a wonderful neighbor, a young Ethiopian woman, who helps her with her personal affairs, transportation to and from doctor’s appointments and therapy, shopping, etc. She misses not having the ability to get out of the apartment and be with other people as she uses a walker in the house, but relies on a wheelchair to get around outside of her home.

In response to my new friend’s request for help, HFF was able to give her food vouchers and pay several bills, including rent. Additionally, the Lord directed me to a Jerusalem-based non-profit organization that provides employment and social services for over 300 elderly artisans, as a possibility for her to get out and be with other people. Participants do not need a trade or have artistic ability. Besides learning or developing a craft or talent, individuals are able to foster relationships as they socialize in this unique setting.

Please pray for my new friend to prosper in her health, finances, emotions and relationships. Also, pray that God’s destiny and purposes be fulfilled in the personal lives of each and every other Jewish person and their families that come into CFI for assistance through Hope for the Future or one of the other projects. Likewise, we pray that you will be abundantly blessed, according to the word of God.

By Linda Edwards, Hope for the Future Coordinator

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Fruit THAT REMAINS

“Now concerning the collection for the saints...let everyone one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him...and when I come whomsoever ye shall approve...them will I send to bring your liberality (gifts) unto Jerusalem” (1 Corinthians 16:1-3).

WHEN THE SPIRIT of the Lord moves upon people’s hearts to reveal Himself to them, often this does not demand that other people be present. I’ve just read about how many Muslims in Iran are coming to the Lord. Many just had a supernatural dream, vision or encounter in the Word with His Presence and KNEW who it was. For those of us who are Christians, we cannot give to another what someone else does not have. They must experience it for themselves and then they will know.

First Fruits Program

Here in Israel many congregations are spread across the Land. There are the old mainline churches who have maintained a presence in the Holy Land for decades upon decades: Roman Catholic, Syrian Coptic, Armenian, Lutheran and others located in the Old City of Jerusalem. There are also traditional Baptist, Anglican and Assembly of God (Pentecostal) congregations, along with the indigenous congregations throughout the Land. All have had their own experience with the Lord. For many years, we have stood behind all who believe in the Land of Israel. Encouragement is something that is needed in this dry and thirsty as well as tense society.

Thank you for undergirding our First Fruits program that helps the spiritual side of Israel—those Israelis who are Orthodox, traditional and conservative, who also believe in God’s Word and have faith (emunah). With your help, we have been able to be pillars in many people’s lives, encouraging them always to “look up” to HaShem above for their very existence. Whenever First Fruits’ funds get low, the Spirit of the Lord carries a message to people all over the world, so we can continue to meet the many needs of those who walk with God.

By **Ray Sanders**, First Fruits Coordinator



Strengthening those in the faith

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christian Friends of Israel:

“I’m M. V., thank you for this significant assistance which you have provided for me (my family) in paying our rent. I praise God and I pray for abundant blessings upon you and upon all those brothers and sisters who are donating their finances.” *With great respect and gratitude, M. V.*

“Thank you for your financial assistance...you helped me and my son very much! Thank you very much! May God bless you in all your ways.” *Gratefully, C. N.*

“I would like to thank God, for He provided our children school needs through Christian Friends of Israel. We appreciate the help and we thank you a lot.” *T. and family.*

“Thank you from all of our hearts for the help received. You are doing a wonderful and helpful work. May God bless you in this great endeavor.” *Kim V.*

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FocalPoint

– Where Israel IS the Point of Focus

Dear Friends of Israel:

After a successful launch in December, Christian Friends of Israel–Jerusalem’s brand new 30-minute program **FocalPoint** is beginning to take root around the globe. Already airing in the U.K., Spain, France and the United States, **FocalPoint** is now being sought after in South Africa, Canada, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. Complementing the television networks, **FocalPoint** is also available across Digital Media on its own YouTube channel, the highly viewed CFI–Jerusalem website, connecting through Facebook, and other digital outlets.

Hosts Stacey and Kevin Howard bring viewers in-depth interviews from seasoned teachers and Biblical scholars, Israeli officials and experts on Middle East culture, as well as unique individual stories from real life situations that you won’t find anywhere else. To present multiple facets of the story, **FocalPoint** stretches across the globe by adding the talents of Dan Tracy, Geoffrey Smith and Sam Hailes, as well as many others to bring you exceptional viewpoints and analysis. **FocalPoint** has already engaged in such topics as Intercession for Israel, Emergency Preparedness and First Responders, Global Anti-Semitism today, the Ethiopian and Christian Arab populations and so much more.

If you’ve not yet found **FocalPoint** on your favorite Christian Network, then please let them know you’d like to see **FocalPoint** added to their program line-up. You can always email us directly and we’ll be happy to let you know the best way to currently view **FocalPoint** in your immediate area. Know that we greatly value your partnership with CFI in this tremendous new endeavor and we appreciate your support through prayer, feedback and financial gifts all of which keep the program available to you. Thank you for helping us spread the word to your friends and family, as we feel this is a vital program for the days ahead. **Your financial support of this project will make all the efforts to produce this program of excellence worth it all.** May the Lord bless you as you bless the people of Israel!



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The Parable of the Lost Coin

After contemplating the words in my mother's article, "Finding Our Way Home" I was reminded of the Parable of the Lost Coin in the New Testament.

"Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin'" Luke 15:8-9. The woman in this story was not going to give up until she found that one silver coin; once it was found, she felt complete and rejoiced. I assure you that the Bride of Christ will never be able to rejoice in the same way this woman rejoiced, and she will forever feel incomplete, as long as she continues to allow herself to be separated from her Bridegroom's family.

Do you remember when Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and he told the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son (see Luke 15:3-32)? The Pharisees also made it a point to be a part of that crowd. Now, the Pharisees felt they were more righteous than others due to the fact that they painstakingly followed the laws and by doing so they placed themselves above the common people of the land. Consider for a moment Acts 10:34-36: Peter opened his mouth and said, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ - He is - Lord of all." The Church needs to be careful not to become like the Pharisees. It must not allow a false sense of superiority to overcome it due to its

particular understanding of the Word of God. What does Romans 11:18 say? "Boast not against the branches...." We may believe we have worked out our salvation, but we must also take into account the words of advice from the late Rabbi Yaakov Youlus who would often say, "Words are nothing unless you know the meaning behind the words."

For far too long the Church has allowed itself to become disconnected from its ancestral family. It's time for the Bride of Christ to eagerly search the Scriptures in order to uncover the hidden truths about her Bridegroom's family. It's a factual reality that when we accept Yeshua as our Savior, His people become our people.

Don't delay your search for the truth for no one knows what a day may bring. Just as in the story of the Ten Virgins do not be foolish and fall asleep, for the Lord's desire is to never have to speak the words, "*I tell you the truth, I do not know you!*" (Matthew 25:12). Finding your way home may not be an easy journey, but when your Bridegroom comes it's His desire that His Bride not miss the celebration.

By **Stacey Howard**,
Director of Administration/CFI—Jerusalem
North American Development Division



CFI Distribution Center



We are blessed to be a blessing



New Immigrants experiencing Christian love

Aliyah Update!

“...I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion...” (Jeremiah 3:14).

It was during the Gulf War of 1991—a daunting time of missiles being fired on Israel from Iraq during Saddam Hussein’s sword of terror days—that I want to write about. Ironically, as some Israelis left the country to travel abroad during that time (as well as some Christians) there was one group of people who came en masse from the frozen and icy land of the north, the former Soviet Union: newcomers arriving home from the diaspora. They left their villages and towns and followed the leading of the Lord (even if they weren’t aware of it) to arrive in Israel in the midst of an attack and to be handed a gas mask and an Israeli flag at the Ben Gurion Airport. It was at that time that thousands flocked to the CFI Distribution Center and we experienced our first real wave of *aliyah* by the Hand of the Lord.

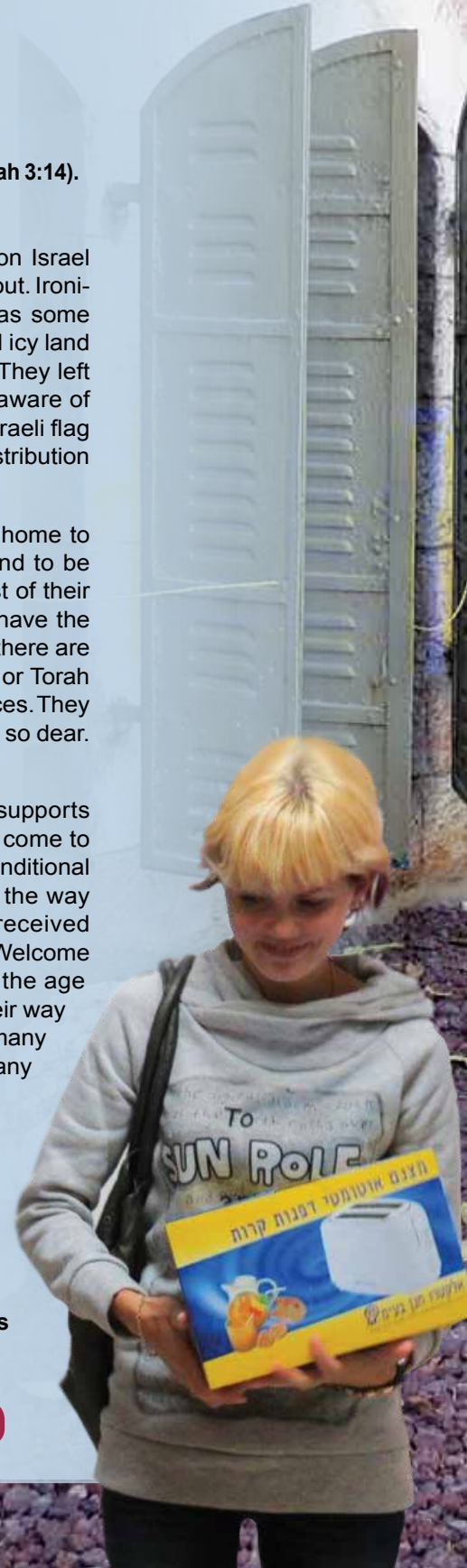
Aliyah is a Hebrew word meaning that a Jewish person is “going up” or returning home to their Land, Israel. Many move back to Israel to be on their own soil or ground, and to be close to and live in the center of other Jewish people. They want to live out the rest of their lives as a Jew living among other Jews, having daily integration with others who have the same belief in the One True God. It takes months of preparation. Once in the Land, there are language classes available to learn Hebrew. Many, who have not been observant or Torah loving people, learn more about the Jewish faith and begin attending special services. They join in with others for all the Holy Days and celebrations that the Jewish people hold so dear. Making *aliyah* is the life-long dream of many Jews!

CFI—Jerusalem wants to thank each and every Christian partner in ministry who supports the work of our International Distribution Center for *aliyah*. Every day new people come to us for the first time, and experience true followers of the Lord Jesus and His unconditional love through us. Thank God we have a center in which we can represent Him in the way the Church should have always done. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants have received many tons of high quality garments from the nations, as well as financial help and Welcome Baskets—filled to the brim with household items to help begin life over again. From the age of toddlers to the elderly who are both barely able to walk, they all seem to find their way to the CFI Distribution Center. It is because of the generosity and faithful service of many in England, the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, Europe and many other nations that we are able to keep this unique meeting place well stocked.

Thank you for your support of this relationship-building program between Christians and Jews. You help us represent the Lord by undoing damage done in His Name over the past centuries. With you we can go on “*making a difference*” for His Glory, in the great City of Jerusalem. As anti-Semitism has doubled in Europe and throughout the world, we can only expect more Jewish people to find their way home to Jerusalem. Will you help us continue our work? God bless you.

By **Sharon Sanders**

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Recent recruits into the Israeli army visit CFI

We are making a Difference!

Thank you for partnering with us in ministry so we can reach out and help families we serve who say, **“Please help me.”** Your financial love gifts directed to our **“Open Gates Project”** enables CFI to bless countless needy people. We, the Distribution Center Staff of CFI, are your hands and feet and you are the heart of love that gives and keeps on giving. It is a difficult pathway that poorer families in Israel walk, with many challenges and demands. Thank God others tell them where they can receive much needed help.

Who are our Visitors?

A typical new immigrant family who applies for financial assistance has the following situations:

- Lack of support from others and often isolated from family.
- Single parent families.
- High stress level situations.
- Emotionally exhausted from trying to work out an overwhelmingly impossible solution.
- Physical health: many suffer from a lack of nourishment and medical support.
- Additional emotional struggles from juggling the many demands they face.
- Many needs in families weigh them down.
- Often family members, who would like to help, are in the same difficult situation.
- Unpaid debts snowball into large amounts and they feel like giving up.
- Many struggle with social welfare to receive adequate assistance.
- Price increases and low wages make life challenging.

Below are examples of our Jewish guests whom we have helped through Project Open Gates. (Most earn between \$1163-1422 USD a month).

Married Couple: They both work part-time, in low paying jobs. They have problems with large debts for Council rates of \$4,176 USD which they haven't paid for three years. The debts have forced them to look elsewhere and so they have borrowed \$12,929 USD from friends. They have been before the court and are required to pay \$142 USD a month to pay off their debts. Unfortunately, they are not allowed to have a bank account because of the large debt. **They came to us for help with their rent.**

Single Mother: This lady is 25 years old. She has three young children. She works part time as a caregiver at a young person's detention center, two nights a week just to help provide some relief. She receives some child support. She has been taken to court because of her debts and the court now requires her to pay \$285 USD each month.

She asked for help with rent and food for the children.



Finding what they need

“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good...”
(Mark 14:7).



A bus load of grateful *olim* from Haifa

Married with Four Boys: Here is a married couple with four boys in the family. The two oldest boys are in the army. They have a large deficit in the bank. The wife has a 75% physical and mental disability. Their ten-year-old son is on medication and for this they have to pay \$90.52 USD a month. The husband works as a gardener and is paid by the hour. **They required help with rent and other bills.**

Single Mother Alone: This lady is a single mother with a five-year-old son. Her mother died when she was eight-year-old and her father abandoned them. She works as a caregiver for older people. She has large debts and has been taken to court and is now paying off these debts from her Child Allowance payment. Her bank accounts are closed because of all her debt. She has two loans with her bank. **She sought help to pay off her loan at the Bank.**

Abused Women: This lady is separated from her husband who is an alcoholic. He had abused the family and was separated from her by the police. She has two children and one is autistic. **She asked CFI to help her purchase a refrigerator.**

Everyone is Helped By God's Love from the Nations

Whether your gift is small or large it helps to change lives. We pass back to all of our supporters the gratitude we are blessed to receive on your behalf. God bless each of you richly for your support. As God brings back His Chosen People to their Land, they bring many problems with them from the nations. Most have never before experienced genuine Christian love and we cannot tell you how much God's love through us means to them and the lasting effect it has upon their lives.

By **Gordon Milmine**, Open Gates Coordinator

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Bridal Salon

All Because of God

The CFI Bridal Salon continues to assist families with wedding attire and clothing for special occasions. Recently we received from Britain lovely wedding dresses and clothing for children for special occasions. Also, a young Israeli donated her wedding dress recently, which was a special blessing. The Bridal Salon is looking amazing and we invite tour groups and individuals to make the CFI Bridal Salon and Center a part of your next tour to Israel. You too will be amazed at what God has done. Often the first word people use when they enter the Salon is, WOW! It is all because of the Lord!



Marriages made in heaven





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Rallying for **Israel**

CFI Representative, Dennis McLeod, represented CFI New Zealand at its recent Parachute Christian Musical Festival. This event was attended by 18,000 people over three days.

Dennis and the team distributed many CFI information packets as well as wristbands with the CFI website on them. Praise God for those who love Israel in New Zealand and demonstrated it continually.

For more information please email Dennis McLeod at: cfi@ihug.co.nz



CFI New Zealand



Dennis McLeod, Paul Jensen, Pam Neilson and Gary Woodward outside CFI booth



CFI Representative Mohan Weerakoon blowing the shofar to crowds in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Poor Sow **Their Seed**

EVEN AFTER THE WAR ENDED in Sri Lanka, after 30 years, these people are like refugees and they feel the hearts of the Holocaust survivors, as they are also like refugees in their own land.

These poor people are so blessed when they sow to Eretz Israel, and they have seen the Hand of God favoring them before their own eyes. The farm crops they received were the largest and the best they have harvested in their lifetimes. They have given from their hearts and they sincerely love Israel and the Jewish people as commanded in the Word. They have learned the principle and the promise of Genesis 12:3.

For more information please email Mohan at: mohanwg@sltnet.lk



CFI Sri Lanka

New CFI China Representative



BEIJING, China's CFI Representative is a dynamic young market place Christian woman who has a strong love for Israel and desires to help CFI spread the Word of God regarding Israel and the Church. Ms. Lois Yun and team from Beijing have the vision to reach her vast nation with timely prophetic word of God through CFI-Jerusalem. Please pray for Lois as she builds her team and network across China.

Email Lois (Yun Wang) at: cfi.chinajerusalem@gmail.com



CFI China



Teaching in Bible Colleges



Singapore



Hong Kong Conference



A church in **Kuala Lumpur, Indonesia** hosted former Iranian Muslims who heard God's Word about Israel. As Christians, they now love Israel and asked if they could serve in the Israeli Army. Pray for the believers in Iran.



School children learn about the Holocaust



Book on Erika's story



David Soakell at CFI booth

CFI UK Holocaust Exhibition

DAVID SOAKELL REPORTS on the CFI Holocaust Exhibition recently held at South Bank Library. He lectured on significant photos in the CFI exhibition regarding the Holocaust and CFI Jerusalem's Project Forsake Them Not outreach program. A Question and Answer session was held with a number of St. Peter's Catholic students. Good discussion ensued with the young people who came and learned a great deal of information.

The CFI Holocaust Exhibition is touring many Libraries in Northeast England (RedCar, South Bank and Ormesby in North Yorkshire). Plans are to take the exhibition on into Teesside University, Stockton, Sunderland and Gateshead, all areas in North East England.

New CFI UK Area Representatives: Over the past year, CFI UK has added five new Area Representatives in Scotland, Inverness, Perth, Edinburgh, the Scottish Borders and Glasgow. The Midlands Area has been reorganized in the East Midlands, West Midlands, Central Birmingham as well as West Bromwich. Young Adult CFI Website: www.isrelate.com and CFI UK website at: www.cfi.org.uk.



CFI UK For more information please email: jacob@cfi.org.uk or david@cfi.org.uk

South America Embraces Israel



Fire of the Holy Spirit touches Latin America for Israel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS THE KEY: In February, Ruth Carlson and I travelled and taught classes and conferences through areas of Bogota, Columbia and Lima, Peru. Much of our teaching revealed the connection that Christianity needed to **return to her Jewish roots**. I taught on the Prodigal Son with a little different twist. We looked at the younger son as a type of the Church and the elder son as a type of the Jewish root system.

This message was well accepted and brought forth repentance. Much prayer was simply asking God to teach them His plans to now involve the natural branch (Israel) into their spiritual growth. When the Spanish communities learned these lessons, they vowed to never disrespect the "Apple of His eye" again. Presently, we are getting invitations from Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and others. Many developing countries are rejoicing to learn of their elder brother: Israel. **CFI is in the early stage of developing a Spanish Congress to be held in Jerusalem in 2014.** Please write to us for more information. By **Robbie Coleman**, International Director of Development.

Contact Ruth Carlson, CFI International Spanish Representative at: cfimundohispano@hotmail.com



CFI South America

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

“Dear Ray and Sharon Sanders: I’ve prayed for Israel every day since going there...then heard of CFI about 10 years ago...may you both be given guidance and wisdom in all you do and be empowered by God in all of your speaking and teaching in other countries so that those hearing will want to pray and be givers if they can – and spread the news.” Every blessing in the Lord, B.D.

“Thank you for the power of your For Zion’s Sake articles and the great encouragement they are.” D & JA.



“Is God Calling You?”



The Bible teaches us about diverse people from many nations who are gifted and equipped with many talents. Paul speaks to us in the book of Corinthians about the different gifts and callings to serve. CFI–Jerusalem is a CHRISTIAN TEAM pulling together in the same direction to accomplish God’s work. As we place people, we try to place them in their calling. The need for administrative, secretarial and high-tech personnel is particularly needed.

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- International Representative Assistant • Tour and Conference Coordinator

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COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you change your address, please notify us promptly, giving us both your old and your new address. E-mail: cfi@cfijerusalem.org or write to the CFI address below. Send all communication relating to *For Zion’s Sake* to: **CFI, PO Box 1813, Jerusalem 91015, ISRAEL.**

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