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And the Falling Away from Truth



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Ray Sanders

Dear Friends of Israel,

"Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. Qur'an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope." Motto of the Muslim Brotherhood.

As Christians, I believe we are woefully ignorant of the plans the Islamic world has in mind for the future and how it may possibly impact negatively both Christians and Jews. The Muslim Brotherhood, the world's largest Islamist movement, is an example of just such a threat. Their goal is nothing less ambitious than the downfall of the West and the establishment of a medieval dystopia known as the worldwide caliphate. Internal Brotherhood documents themselves reveal that the "elimination of Western civilization" is the Muslim Brotherhood's endgame.

In this Letter I want to quote from an article by Mark Tapson that appeared in the June 28th issue of *Daily Mailer, Front Page*, entitled, "George Soros and the Muslim Brotherhood." This article explores the depth of deception at work among certain individuals who "would feel perfectly comfortable inviting the Brotherhood into the political mix of the Arab world's current turmoil. A recent report praised the revolutions rocking the region and has called for the inclusion of Islamist groups in any pluralistic, fledgling democracies that may emerge. The ostensible reasoning is that Muslim fundamentalists like the Brotherhood have a legitimate role to play and deserve to be allowed to compete on the supposedly level playing field of the marketplace of ideas. It might even temper their radicalism.

"That all sounds very fair minded and inclusive. But as with most theories, this one doesn't mesh especially well with reality – in this case, the reality that Islamists tend to be more ruthless, organized and effective than their political opponents in the Arab world, that are currently well-positioned to seize power. They will tolerate pluralism and democracy only as long as it takes to acquire that power. After that, well, welcome to the caliphate.

“The Muslim Brotherhood identifies America and Israel as the “Great Satan” and “Little Satan” respectively, who must be demolished to pave the way for a purifying, redemptive utopia. These common enemies unite progressives and Islamic fundamentalists in what David Horowitz has coined an “unholy alliance.” By calling for the Muslim Brotherhood to be given a seat at the table and a hand in fashioning the future of the Arab world, George Soros may be biting off more than he can chew with this alliance of convenience. Whatever nasty surprise awaits Soros and the radical left in the long-run, at the present time they and the Muslim Brotherhood are solidifying a formidable alliance that threatens American capitalism, sovereignty and security at home and abroad.”

Benefits of the “Arab Spring”

It was seven months ago that Mohammed Bouazizi, a vegetable peddler in Tunisia, set himself and the Arab world on fire. The 26 year old staged his suicidal protest on the steps of the local city hall after a municipal inspector took away his unlicensed vegetable cart, thus denying him the ability to feed his family of eight.

Most depictions of the Arab revolutions that followed his act have cast them as struggles for freedom and good government. These depictions miss the main point of these political upheavals. No doubt millions of Arabs are upset about the freedom deficit in Arab lands. But the fact is that economics has played a decisive role in all of them.

In Bouazizi’s case, his self-immolation was provoked by financial desperation. If current trends continue, the revolutionary ferment we have seen so far is only *the tip of the iceberg*. Moreover, the political whirlwind will not be contained in the Middle East.

What this means is we can expect continued political turmoil in both Egypt and Syria as these countries are consumed by debt and tens of millions of people face the prospect of starvation. This political turmoil can be expected to give rise to dangerous and unknowable military developments.

Poor Arab nations like Egypt and Syria are far from the only ones facing economic disaster. The \$3b. loan the IMF offered Egypt may be among the last loans of that magnitude they are able to offer because European lenders are themselves staring into an economic abyss.

The Curses of Chrislam

While the Muslim Brotherhood is working quietly and with stealth determination in North Africa and the Middle East, it is making significant inroads among Evangelical Christians in the United States and some

European countries. The implications of this mixture of Christian/Islam interfaith movement are deeply troubling and whose consequences bode ill for the Church of Jesus Christ. It is shocking to read the list of well-known and highly respected Pastors who are involved in this major deception. Clearly, as Christians, we are warned to avoid “*unholy alliances*” with nonbelievers (Islamic leaders) who are commanded in the Qur’an to curse Jews and Christians privately.

Israel is at the very heart of the issue, especially with the upcoming United Nations vote for a Palestinian State in September 2011. God says He gives us a clear choice and that our own actions will either bring blessings or curses. Genesis 12:3 clearly shows the power of God’s promise to Abraham: “*I will bless them that bless you, and curse them that curse you.*” God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham and promises to bless everyone who blesses Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) and their descendants, the Jewish people. Could it be any clearer? He promises to *curse* anyone who curses them.

Now, we are seeing something even more disturbing in the Church.....American Christian pastors and media leaders censoring their Christian brothers denying them their constitutional right to speak out about false teachers, bad fruit



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and unholy alliances. The great spiritual fathers of the Bible including the Apostles Paul and Peter clearly predicted a great falling away that will be the prelude to a One-World Religious movement made of compromise.

These are momentous and challenging times for followers of Yeshua who are standing with the Jewish people and supporting the Lord’s purposes for the nation of Israel. We must rely upon the Holy Spirit to lead us daily as we prepare for the soon coming of Israel’s Messiah.

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...” (1 Timothy 4:1, 2).

Sincerely in the Lord’s service,

Ray Sanders

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By Sharon Sanders

The Rise of SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

“In the physical world in which we live darkness is passive...but this is not so with spiritual darkness. Spiritual darkness is not passive, but active, and it is active on two levels.”

Where is the wisdom of our leaders?



The Apostate Church is growing



On one level, darkness is promoted by spiritual forces under the leadership of satan. The world may sometimes doubt whether satan exists, but neither Scripture nor Jesus express any such doubt...**on a human level**, darkness is...active opposition to the...rule and truth of God... a stubborn “*don’t bother me with the facts*”...Satan lies and twists the Word of God to prevent people from coming to the knowledge of the truth (John 8:44)...**the growing spiritual darkness of our time makes it as important for us to recognize as it was in Jesus’ day and to lean on God’s Unchanging Word.** We are a spiritual people, but unfortunately, we [can be] an...undiscerning people... *if shepherds continue to walk with blurred vision* (of God’s Word) God could take away the ‘light,’ the ‘wisdom’ of the leaders...as God warned in Isaiah 29:14” (Rev. Sterling Durgy).

It *appears* that the wisdom of some of our wise men has perished. With all the distorted facts and spiritual blindness I am not surprised at the *alliances with darkness* in today’s Church. I am absolutely convinced that the issues we are facing can be marshaled under the banner of “*spiritual darkness*”—and our shepherds have allowed it in.

Getting Facts Straight

It is shocking to witness branches of Christendom moving from bad to worse. The Apostate Church is growing. With an alarming degree of superficial commitment to the Scriptures deceptive teachings have crept in and have universally influenced many sheep. In this article I attempt to cover a few errors that *pertain particularly to Israel and the Church.*

“Absolute Rubbish?”

In an article “*Waking People Up to Reality*,” Reverend Dr. Stephen Sizer, senior pastor of Christ Church in Surrey, UK, says “*absolute rubbish*” when asked about the popular Christian view that Jews are the Chosen People or that Israel is the Holy Land which gives them the right to return.” Rubbish is usually waste material, garbage or something of little value – definitely material that is unimportant. Reverend Sizer’s statement concerning God’s Chosen People is tantamount to saying: “*I’ve sifted through the rubbish in the Word of God and the “chosen” part about the Jews doesn’t apply!*” How can someone with clergy status make this statement? **Deception.**

The Bible is God’s inerrant truth. Scores of Christian articles against Israel and the Chosen People clearly reflect a hardcore pro-Palestinian agenda. Instead



Reverend Dr. Stephen Sizer, senior pastor of Christ Church in Surrey, UK

of “*Waking People up to Reality*”—we could more accurately re-write the headline as “*Putting People to Sleep with Lies*.”

Sizer also says, “...if one race gets the Land and everyone else does not, this is *contrary to what the Scripture says*.” Is it? I could not find one reference to back that statement up. I did, however, find many references contrary to it. He also stated: “*Jesus’ apostles were told to go out of the Land and take the message to the world, but they were never told to come back.*”

He then stressed that “*the New Testament never once mentions that the Jews are the “chosen people” nor does it say that the Land belongs to the Jews.*” Turning to the pages of the New

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Testament I found the following proclamations. *Are these sacred texts to be ignored?* We ourselves must bear the responsibility of confirming the accuracy of the handling of God’s Word.

“*Then Paul stood up...men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: The God of this people Israel chose our fathers...and He, (God) distributed their land to them (the Jews) by allotment*” (Acts 13:16-19).

“*And he gave him (Abraham) no inheritance in it...yet he promised that He would give it to Him...and to His seed after him...*” (Acts 7:5).

“*The God of this People of Israel, chose our fathers...*” (Acts 13:17).

(Israel) “*...who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth...the service of God, and the promises*” (Romans 9:4).

“*And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham...and said...‘come into the Land which I shall show thee’*” (Acts 7:1-3).

“*Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers...and in thy seed shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed*” (Acts 3:25).

“*I Jesus...testify unto you...I am the root and the offspring of David ...*” (Revelation 21:20).

“*God has not cast away His People which He foreknew...*” (Romans 11:2).

Speaking of the Heavenly New Jerusalem: “*...and had a wall great and high...and at the gates...are written thereon...the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*” (Ezekiel 48:31; Revelation 21:19).

Being chosen does imply a uniqueness and with it comes **responsibility**. By taking the Gospel out of Israel to the world, Jewish apostles were a “*light to the nations*” and responsible for billions of non-Jews around the world to have heard about the One True God and the Messiah, Jesus (Yeshua). **They did not fail—12 Jewish men died violent deaths to take the message outside of Israel.** Then, the followers of Jesus, the Early Church—later made up of both Jews and Gentiles—took the torch and lit the lives of many by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God could have chosen anyone He desired to become the Father of a new nation. If He had not chosen someone, somewhere, sometime, then no one could ever have been the benefactor of salvation. As Christians, we know that Messiah Yeshua is the only means of peace with God. When God chose Israel, in essence the devil chose them too—as his main target, *for through them would come a King above all others.*

Israel’s unique call began some 4,000 years ago when God called *Abraham...Moses* led the Jews out of exile...*Joshua* conquered Canaan (Israel)...*King David* ruled from Jerusalem...*Solomon* built the temple...and *Jesus* fulfilled all the Biblical prophecies of the Coming One.

The Church as Chosen People

The Lord has also chosen us “*... before the foundation of the world...*” (Ephesians 1:3-6). However, what kind of a spiritual people would receive the blessings of being **included** in the *chosen people* and then tell them they have now been “*replaced*” by the **only true chosen people!** Much of the Church has forgotten the warning given by the Apostle Paul “*...do not boast against the branches...*” (Romans 11:18).

Perhaps it is the exclusiveness or the mysteriousness about being “*chosen*” that worries people. When one diminishes the Jews to a relegated place of dishonor and states that her chosenness is *rubbish*,” it makes a liar out of God. With the restoration of Israel as a nation one does not have to be a cleric

to see God is with this people. Israel is not a dead ancient civilization but a living nation and testimony that God is a covenant keeping God. "The nations are afflicted with a demonic madness that hates the (reality) that God has chosen a nation to demonstrate His omnipotence." (*Focus on Jerusalem*, 6/15/2011).

I believe some of our clergy have engaged too long in conversation with those who oppose Israel. Eve engaged in a conversation with the enemy of God long enough to make a huge mistake. Moslems who follow the Quran despise the authority of Israel's God at its highest level. Christian pastors can be drawn into chatting as long as they want but in the end, every good Moslem will want every good Christian to convert to Islam... and if they will not, they risk beheading. "

"Let no man deceive you...for (that day shall not come) except there come a falling away first..." (2 Thessalonians 2:3). To fall away one usually moves downward, a moving away from solid ground. Sadly to report, this is *where many have descended*.

Churches Promoting "Chrislam"

"Dozens of churches in the United States...sent 'a message both at home and to the Arab and Muslim world about our respect for Islam,' when time was given to read the Quran during Sunday worship services (June 26th). The spirit of deception again made its rounds and many fell into the shadows of darkness. *What does light have to do with darkness?*

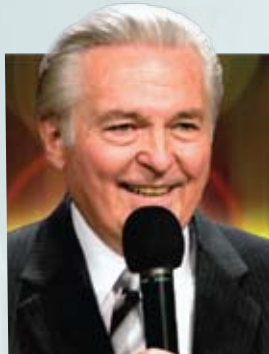
Brannon Howse recently stated, "I expect this of...churches, who have denied essential Christian doctrines...but a word of caution for evangelical Christians. *If you are an evangelical, you [had] better defend the exclusivity of Jesus Christ and the Deity of Jesus Christ, the inspiration of Scripture and the inerrancy of Scripture. If you are not willing to defend that, then you really should not be calling yourself a Christian*" (*Worldview Weekend*, June 2011).

Religious trends analyst Ken Silva believes "the real reason for the shared faith events is *spiritual emptiness...there is a real move...for an ecumenism and a syncretism trying to bring everyone together...some of this deception is going to be so deceitful, so camouflaged, that we are going to be shocked at the Christian leaders who will follow it*" (*World Net Daily*, 6/24/11).

Scripture was totally ignored by national church leaders on that day and *light and darkness convened together* in many Christian sanctuaries. Yes, we are witnessing a certain "*falling away*" and "*lukewarmness*" in churches around the world.

Christian Television Loses Bible Teacher

A dispute recently arose on a Christian television network in America (TBN) over advocating "Chrislam" and finding "common ground" between Christians and Muslims. Chrislam, being anti-Semitic at its roots, poses a grave danger carrying a curse with it for those who embrace its theology. Pastor Jack Van Impe (see photo right) exposed Christian leaders on the air (by name) who decided to "reach out" by incorporating Islamic beliefs and practices into their Christian organizations. His concern focused on everyone coming together, thereby bringing in a "*tsunami of compromise*" which would flood Christendom. He also noted Christian mission-



aries overseas who "*eliminated 91 verses in God's Holy Word because they wanted to please Islam and the Muslims.*"

As Yeshua said "*Be careful that no one misleads you (deceives) and leads you into error: for many will come in (on the strength of) My Name (appropriating the name and attributes which belong to Me) saying I am the Christ (the Messiah or acting as if they have His authorization) and they will lead many astray...*" (Matthew 24:4-5).

Yahweh and Allah: Same God?

"Even *more chilling* is the fact that over 300 Christian leaders in America signed a letter issued by the *Yale Center for Faith and Culture* claiming that world peace is dependent on Muslims and Christians recognizing '**Allah**' and '**Yahweh**' as the same God. This letter, titled '*Loving God and Neighbor Together*,' was written in response to a document by 138 Muslim leaders entitled "*A Common Word Between Us and You*." This signing only pushed the Church further onto a dangerous and mistaken path.

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Christian Research Report:

"Less than 1% of the 18 million Christians who belong to the Church of England attend Sunday services." *Christian Research* has estimated that church closures will "accelerate from their present rate of 30 to 200 a year... making the cost of keeping them open too great. While 30 Anglican parishes close every year, seventy new (Islamic) mosques sprout up throughout the United Kingdom" (*Daily Mail*, quotes by Paul Richardson, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle).

The World Council of Churches, an ecumenical Christian body based in Geneva boasting 590 million worshippers, recently ended a conference in Greece declaring the Jewish State "a sin" and "occupying power," accused Israelis of "dehumanizing" the Palestinians, theologically dismantled the "chosenness" of the Jewish people and called for "resistance" as a Christian duty. (The Church and Israel, Google alerts).

The New Testament clearly teaches "*Yes, He will pay back misery and anguish to every human being who does evil, TO THE JEW FIRST, then to the Gentile; but glory and honor and shalom to everyone who keeps doing what is good, TO THE JEW FIRST, then to the Gentile*" (Acts 2:6-10 JNT). We can bless the Jewish people as commanded to do in Genesis 12:3 (a principle that is being erased from the blackboard of Christian education in the West), and bring the blessings back to the Church.

The weight of correct literal interpretation of God's Words lies at the heart of the struggle between light and darkness. Christians need to stop listening to teaching that contradicts what we know to be right. (Proverbs 19:27, LB). The Bride will be a people who know and honor God's Word! Let us discern deception and shine the light of truth into its shadows to dispel its destructive goals during this rise of spiritual darkness. ■



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Karen Lewis visiting army bases and units in Israel

“He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved” (Psalm 62:6).

As you know the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) faces numerous challenges on all her borders. The Israeli security threat has increased from many directions, including threats from Iran and beyond. Israel also faces enemies who do not follow the rules of war. They are now fighting against enemies that maintain their offensive in the heart of residential areas, firing rockets into Israel’s neighboring communities. Israel’s enemies have become more ruthless than in the past; therefore the IDF must protect themselves in smarter and different ways, but also according to the standards that the IDF ethics have set—respecting human life and dignity.

What a police officer does if he sees a robber at a bank could be considered a microcosm of the challenges that the IDF faces daily. If the policeman sees that the robber is holding a toy gun he won’t shoot him—instead he will simply catch him. But if he has a real gun and the robber has already killed hostages and he’s about to kill more, then the only way to stop him and save others is for the policeman to shoot him. The robber’s actions have required the policeman to protect himself and others from the robber by using harsher measures. Truth is, the robber doesn’t care if he kills hostages, but the policeman *does* care. The policeman does not want to kill the robber unless there’s truly no alternative. In a broad sense that is *exactly* what is happening with Israel’s war on terror.

Hidden Media Agenda

The Palestinians and Hizbullah are playing a “win-win” game. If Israel doesn’t fire at them, they’re very happy and if Israel does fire on them and children get hurt, they are also happy. They celebrate because they have something to say against Israel. Both Hamas and Hizbullah are experts at driving the media agenda, blaming Israel for “war crimes” through distorting the truth.

Based on personal experience with the IDF army, during Operation Cast Lead in 2009, the IDF did more to defend the rights of civilians in a combat zone than probably any other army in the history of warfare. The IDF had to face

an enemy that deliberately positioned its military capabilities behind the human shield of their civilian population. Earlier this year the author of the UN’s “Goldstone Report” concluded after two more years of study and evaluation that Israel *did not* target innocent civilians in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead. The retraction also mentioned that Israel had a reason for “justified self-defense” because terrorists had fired **thousands of rockets and mortars** from Gaza into Israel’s populated areas. Praise the Lord for Goldstone’s retraction, which is a dramatic vindication for Israel! However retractions given *after* an incident are not acknowledged and only the first reports are believed... The truth is, the Israeli Forces took **extraordinary measures** to give the Gaza population notice of targeted areas, dropping over two million leaflets and making over 100,000 phone calls. Many of the IDF operations were aborted that could have taken out Hamas’ military capabilities, in order to prevent civilian casualties. Bottom line: war is chaos and there are mistakes made, but *the IDF did not commit war crimes*. Hamas deliberately tried to sacrifice its own people, while **the IDF did more to safeguard the rights of the Gaza residents** in a combat zone than any other war in current history. ■

By Karen Lewis, David’s Shield Coordinator

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Trials in Israel

Yonatan's Accident

Yonatan, 27, served in the Israel army (IDF) in a tank unit and then studied to be an engineer. He received his engineering certificate and found work. He said that he loved his work and was making a good wage. Because he had a good income, he took out a loan and purchased a new car. Life was good for him.

Then he told us of the accident that changed his life. In November 2009, Yonatan and two other workers fell seven meters (almost 23 feet) at a construction site where he was working as an engineer. The other workers died and Yonatan is grateful to God for sparing his life. He landed on his stomach and the other two men landed on their heads. Yonatan injured three vertebrae in his back and his doctors tell him that surgery would be dangerous, so they are trying different therapies before resorting to surgery. Yonatan is receiving injections and they do help a little. He describes the pain he experiences as electricity running through his legs and up through his back. It is hard for him to sit, stand or walk for very long. He doesn't want to be on a walker or crutches the rest of his life as he wants to work and to live a normal life.

Yonatan's case is with a lawyer and it will take another year and a half to two years before it is settled. The court wants to see how much Yonatan will improve before they decide how much to award him. Meanwhile, Yonatan is trying to live on the welfare he is receiving, which is about 450 USD per month. This doesn't even cover his monthly rent. The only clothing he has is what he is wearing. He is unable to sleep at nights and recently his doctor put him in the hospital so he could get some sleep. Since then some of the kind nurses at one of the hospitals allow him to sleep in one of the beds when there is one available. He needs a special bed that is adjustable for his head and feet, but he doesn't have the 6,000 shekels (1,900 USD) to buy one.

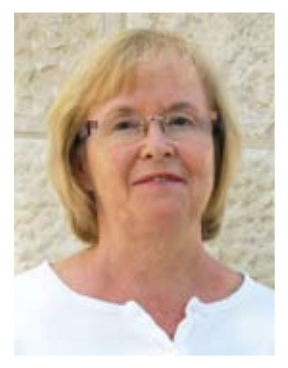
"...my bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint..." (Job 7:13)



Ethiopian Children

New Part-time Team Member

Prior to coming to Israel I lived on the beautiful Central Coast of NSW, which is about 1.5 hours north of Sydney. My background is initially in teaching, then in community resettlement with Cambodian refugee families and more recently in social work in both hospital as well as community health settings.



Ruth Bembrick

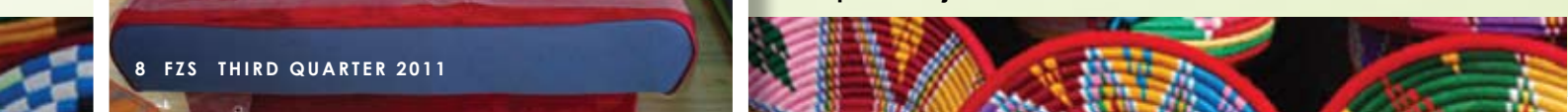
About 10 years ago the Lord began to reveal to me His deep love for Israel and the Jewish people. I also became more aware of the Hebrew roots of our Christian faith, and the huge debt we owe the Jewish people. My first visit was in 2001, a few days after the horrific events of September 11th. It is a wonderful privilege to now be in Israel and to be able to work with Ethiopian families who have suffered greatly prior to coming here, but who also experience many hardships in adjusting to a very different lifestyle following their arrival.

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By Donna Roberts, Hope for the Future Coordinator

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Fruit in Season

**“...yielding her fruit
in season” (Psalm 1:3)**

By Ray Sanders, First Fruits Coordinator

Gardening and farming are ongoing processes, involving constant reparation of previous damage, and preparation for future growth—cutting down what has died, turning under and planting anew. Given this cycle, it’s interesting that Israel still marks a time of “first fruits” right around Shavuot. The essential quality of soil describes its health and composition, which is built up over decades. Each first fruit is but a preparation for the next and the next. The faithful in Israel is like “fruit in season”—they need cultivating and care. CFI has always stood in the vanguard of “being there” for the many needs that come from different sectors across the Land. Thank you for your ongoing care and support.

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Meeting the Survivors

“WHEN YOU HELP THE POOR YOU ARE LENDING TO THE LORD...” (PROVERBS 19:17) LB



BLESSING

When are you coming to me?

A Promise to Return

Some years ago the families who were evacuated from Pe'at Sadeh in Gaza as part of the disengagement plan, received help from one of the CFI projects. These newcomers in Mavki'im not only built new homes for themselves but also renovated the former kibbutz. A few years ago the Forsake Them Not team was asked to come and visit the founders of the kibbutz. In 1949 demobilized soldiers who had emigrated from Hungary started a new life here. Now they are in their seventies and still live in the environment they cultivated with everything they could give.

It took a lot of effort for some of the new generation of the moshav to accept a visit from Christians. In September 2008 we were invited to bring every survivor of the Holocaust a gift basket. It was such an eye-opener for them and blessing for us to distribute the presents. We only had a quick encounter with the survivors, but they spontaneously opened their homes and started talking. **The promise to come back was answered with spontaneous invitations for another visit.** Now we have already visited some of them for the third time. Looking for the right home, we heard people who recognized us saying: “Are you from this Christian organization in Jerusalem? **When are you coming to me?**”

Heartbreaking Memories

The stories of the survivors in the moshav are all heartbreaking. Because they all survived the worst horrors of the Second World War, it is a great miracle they are still alive. Only at the end of WWII were Hungarian Jews taken to the death camps. The story of Rachel is an example:

On July 1, 1944 she arrived in Auschwitz. Here the much-feared doctor Mengele directed her family to one of the barracks. At 3 a.m. the prisoners were awakened, and they had to stand in rows of five until late afternoon. The Nazi guards had ways of entertaining themselves: on Sundays they would tie babies to the tops of high poles and use them as their targets in sharp shooting (her

eyes not only saw these things happen, but on the Christian Sabbath). There was not enough to drink and all who ran to get water were shot. After a few months Auschwitz was “emptied.” The prisoners from Rachel’s barrack were again standing in rows of five in the courtyard. One soldier took two rows aside and sent them to another place to work for one day. Rachel was one of those ten women. When they came back to the camp at the end of the day, they found out that all other prisoners from their barrack had been taken to the gas chamber.

At the end of the war the Germans wanted to get rid of the prisoners. The guards asked the prisoners: “Who wants to work less and have better food?” Two hundred of them lifted their hands and were sent for a three week long death march. They were not given anything to eat, but sometimes could quickly pick up something more or less edible from the ground. Rachel told us: **“You may not believe me, but somehow we managed to sleep while walking in the middle of the row.** We changed places all the time so that everybody could have a chance “to sleep.” When the Russians came, they thought the prisoners were Germans and so again they were taken to one of the camps, until the Russians were convinced that they were Hungarian Jews. Then they were finally liberated. Rachel returned to her home town, but she couldn’t find any relatives. In 1948 she moved to Israel. Like Rachel, all the other survivors survived by miracles.

The FTN team is privileged to visit and bring a blessing from Christians in the nations who support our project. In the coming weeks we will continue to visit survivors in Mavki'im. They are already looking forward to the next visit and assistance for them. **Thank you for partnering with our Holocaust Team in Jerusalem in being the comforters they all need at this time in their lives. ■**

*By Jacob van der Wal,
Forsake Them Not Coordinator*



VISITING

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Project STREAMS OF BLESSING

HELP FOR ISRAEL'S POOR AND NEEDY



Applying the Balm of Gilead



Answering a Call for Help

The balm of Gilead was a healing compound in Bible times ground from the resinous buds of the balsam poplar. It refers to the balm (or balsam) carried from Gilead by the caravan of merchants like the ones who bought Joseph when he was sold by his brothers (Genesis 37). Gilead was a well-known exporter of balm from the earliest of times. The question was asked in the Bible, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Genesis 31:21).

In the 1980's before departing for Israel, God placed two words on Sharon Sander's heart and they were engraved like stone. The words were "healing balm." Now we realize what God was trying to say—that when CFI would be raised up, that it was meant to be a "healing balm" to multitudes.

Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry and the "Streams of Blessing" team who meet a diverse number of Jewish people, coming to us for help. "Some 1.77 million people live in poverty in Israel." (*Latet*, December 2010).

Without you, we could not be the salve and healing ointment required to bandage up Jewish wounds all over Jerusalem—everyone from broken families, to individuals and even some close friends who run worthy institutions that help handicapped children and adults.

"...I was a constant example to you in helping the poor; for I remembered the words of the Lord Jesus, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35 LB). ■

HELPING



Medical needs of the elderly

STREAMS HOSPITAL PROJECT

When I was sick you visited me! Dr. Bill and his wife Cindi helped Streams start up this special Hospital Project in Jerusalem. After visiting a number of hospitals we found a great need for supplies for many of the departments in the hospitals. If you would like to be involved in our hospital ministry please designate your gifts to Streams/Hospitals.

Last month I visited an organization called **Lev Malka**. During that visit I found out that they were preparing to leave on a trip to London, England where 31 children would receive special cancer treatment which is not available in Israel. I was told that three of the children who would be going with them had been given only two to three weeks to live, but they were included in the trip to try to give them hope. Just a week before the trip, sadly, one of these little ones lost the battle. Another girl, just 13 years old, who had lost a leg to cancer just a year or so before, had her other leg amputated just a few weeks before the trip. It is heartbreaking to think what these precious children and families must face each day. **Because of your partnership Streams was able to give a special gift to help toward the trip** and we would love to do more to help in the future.

If you'd like to be involved with the work Lev Malka is doing, please designate your gift to Streams/Lev Malka. Your gift of love can make a difference in the lives of these little ones! ■

By Vered-Faye Wicks, Streams of Blessings Coordinator

Children with cancer

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CARING



Project
**UNDER HIS
WINGS**
COMFORTING TERROR VICTIMS



Suicide Attack on Ben Yehuda St.



Terror Attack rescue team at the scene

The 1st of December 2001 was a nightmare for Nir Ben-Zikri, when he was not only severely injured by a suicide bombing on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, but also lost three of his closest friends. Nir was taken to the hospital unconscious, and the doctors quickly removed a piece of shrapnel that went directly for his heart, but stopped a few centimeters away and didn't penetrate it. Although he was happy that he survived, the biggest trauma for him was the loss of three of his closest friends—one of them who was killed, functioned as a human shield for him. The emotional pain of thoughts—that if it weren't for his friend he wouldn't be alive today—will take years for him to work through.

Hardship Caused by Terror

Nir became so disabled after the terror attack that he is not able to find a job and thus lives on social security. Before this he was a strong and active young man who worked to provide the needs of his family. His mother, who took care of her own blind mother, had to also look after Nir after the bombing, so it was very hard for this family. Sometimes they didn't have any food in the house.

The first time the UHW team met with Nir, we gave him a copy of the Book of Psalms and he was amazed when he read Psalm 91. We also explained to him how God works and what He did for David—taking away the fear from his heart. With the financial support given to Project UHW by supporters of CFI, we were able to help him financially and emotionally, which he received with great gratitude. We said to him that in spite of this attack, God says He has plans for him, plans to give him a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11), and he was greatly comforted.

Terror attacks on Ben Yehuda St. in the early days of Israel and still taking place

“Hiding under the shelter of the most high...” PSALM 91

“The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit...”

PSALM 34:18

A Hope and a Future

Praise the Lord, on his second visit, he told us he wanted to invite us to his wedding. His girlfriend was willing to be the one to help him come out of his fear and trauma caused by the terror attack. After his previous visit with us, he proposed to her and she accepted. Nir and his fiancée were married and now they have three children. In April this year, Nir's wife gave birth to their third child, a baby girl, and they really needed financial assistance to help cover the expenses. UHW project was able to help them in their time of need. **We have no words to express how grateful we are, to all of you who have generously and even sacrificially given to the Under His Wings project,** so we may strengthen and comfort the victims whose lives have been shattered by terror attacks. May the Lord Himself bless you abundantly for the love and financial support you have given to His People. ■

By Helene Iedema, Director of Outreach

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Mark your calendar Now!

Christian Friends of Israel Annual Conference

June, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2012 Jerusalem, Israel

“Multitudes, Multitudes in the Valley of Decision”

Joel 3:14

(God's Word Coming to Pass In Our Day)

Understanding the Times Israel and the Church

The entire conference and post conference tour will be dedicated to the current issues of our day and time. May a new spirit of intercession be birthed in all delegates from the nations that we might burn with a passion for prayer to pray for His Kingdom to come and will to be done here on earth, right in the spiritual center of the world. Israel's restoration is a key that unlocks untold blessings upon the earth. We must learn how to stand on the unchanging Word of the Living God and against the spiritual darkness in our days. Both Christian and Jewish speakers will inspire us!

Come and be fed with in-depth teaching on the Church and Israel.

Timely and enlightening messages for the days ahead will renew your vision to stand for truth.

We will be challenged to lay hold of God's principles and promises in events that lie ahead.

**Special Package: “Meet the People/Understanding the Times
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Further details to be forthcoming soon!
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WATCHING AND PRAYING
THE SOUND OF AN ALERT

“O Lord hear me praying...I will never pray to anyone but you...I will look to you in Heaven and lay my requests before you, praying earnestly.” (Psalm 5:1-3) LB

Dear Watchmen on the Wall for Israel:

I encourage you to make copies of this page in this edition of FZS, for prayer groups everywhere who love this nation because of the importance of an alarming matter. **There is a proposed General Assembly resolution to recognize a Palestinian State “within 1967 borders” –which is an illegal action—on the UN General Assembly Agenda for September 2011.** We must appeal to the authority of God in prayer to overturn this resolution, as by all standards, if adopted, would be in stark violation of all agreements between Israel and the Palestinians, as well as contravening UN Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973).

God Rules

God has given this Land to His People and this is an eternal covenant He has with them. All of the forces of hell, who do not wish to see God’s Kingdom come to this earth, are marshalling against the small but mighty nation. The audacity of the nations behind this “suicidal plan” is brashness in the face of God. Nothing is more illegal than this proposed action against God and His Plans and Purposes for Israel. **Please remember as you pray:**

- The nation of Israel was established by the Hand of God in the historical area of the Land of Israel including Judea (Jerusalem), Samaria and the Galilee. Pray that the enemies of Israel will not succeed in trying to undo what God has Himself established and planted. (Amos 9:15)
- 650,000 Jewish people legitimately presently reside in the areas listed above, including eastern Jerusalem. Pray that God will be their “shield and buckler” according to His Word. (Psalm 91)

Letter from a Watchman: *“...Thank you for the Watchman’s Prayer Letter you send me monthly as a new member. As a Watchman over Israel and involved with prayer over Israel, I am responding...God spoke to me and said, “My wrath is just on all those who do not profess my name”...All I could cry out to Him was mercy...I am an international watchman and...my mission was for Israel before I got involved with CFI. Now that I am with CFI, I may give you what I receive...”* **If others have a word to share from the Lord that has come through your prayer times, please feel free to email me at: prayer@cfjjerusalem.org**

- 1967 borders do not exist and have never existed. The 1949 armistice agreements entered into by Israel and its Arab neighbors, established the armistice demarcation lines. God will judge those nations who try to change the borders God gave to Israel. (Joel 3:1,2)
- The UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 called upon the parties to achieve a just and lasting peace and stressed the need to negotiate “secure and recognized boundaries.” Pray for the integrity of the nations to adhere to what was put forth.
- Hypocrisy, double standards and discrimination as well as an utter disregard of the rights of the Jewish people is being dealt out like a deck of cards to Israel. Pray that God’s Name will be exalted and that He will intervene to halt the progress of any such resolution from even coming to the table in September.

Any Bible believing Christian, who loves Israel, can discern the clearness of the cynical abuse of the UN organization and of the members of the General Assembly. This abuse according to international lawyers in their letter to Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, as reported above, has been brought to the attention of the UN in a detailed letter (the contents of which were used here)

to protect the dignity and the integrity of the Jewish State as set forth in God’s Word. God says He is the “*founder of Zion*” (Isaiah 14:32) and He has “*planted them with all of his heart*” on the Land (Jeremiah 32:41). Who has given the world or the Palestinians the authority to change His Will? It is **clearly deception**. **Now is the time to pray, now, up to September-October and through the days of deliberation. International Watchmen, please...take up your posts! ■**

BE SURE TO SIGN UP for the **free online** Watchman’s Prayer Letter, Israel News Digest, OnWatch Topical Teaching /Prayer Letter and Emergency Alerts at: cfi@cfjjerusalem.org





ON THE FRONTLINES of Israel's History

Dear friends,

The 2012 Christian Friends of Israel Conference in Jerusalem will include a **special friend of this ministry, General Shimon Erem**. General Erem has been a speaker before in our conferences and this year we are working together with the Israeli Government to provide a special one-day event with high-ranking Israeli Government officials and IDF personnel on Sunday, June 3, 2012. **Those Pastors, leaders and conference participants who register early enough will be able to attend this event right at our conference venue.** This will be a historical meeting and we ask all of you who want to be a part of the next Jerusalem CFI Conference to sign up with your local CFI Representative and travel agent now. The dates again are June 4, 5, 6, 7, 2012. **SIGN UP FOR THE CONFERENCE NOW!** Email: Sharon@cfijerusalem.org. Our Conference Coordinator is on her way!


Shimon Erem is the founder and chairman of Israel Christian Nexus and has lived his life and has played a major role in virtually every war in the nation's history, including the Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Born in Lithuania but raised in Israel since the age of three, he served in World War II in both Italy and France. As a young officer he learned about the horrors of the Nazi death camps and even led a group of clandestine Nazi hunters. As a key figure in Israel's War of Independence, he served on the "Mercaz Lagola" and commanded all Jewish underground operations in Europe, including the smuggling of Jews into their hoped-for homeland.

In 1948, he was named by David Ben-Gurion to be part of the first official officers' school of the IDF. He served six years in Western Africa as an advisor to the government and became close friends with African hierarchy. He has lived in the United States since 1970 with his wife Danielle, always promoting the welfare of Israel and building bridges between the Jewish state and the Jewish and Christian communities in the US and around the world. He is a graduate of Hebrew University, Columbia University, and National Security College. He served as past chairman of the CIO (Council of Israeli Organizations) and on executive boards of AIPAC and JINSA (Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs). He is past President of B'nai B'rith in Western US and Canada and former Chairman of the B'nai B'rith Political Action Network and the Friends of the IDF. He is a frequent speaker at Christian churches and conferences, and can be heard on Christian radio station KBRT's "Talk from the Heart." He indeed is a one-of-a-kind world changer! **You will get to meet him if you attend the upcoming CFI conference in June 2012.**

The Lord has been so gracious in starting CFI with a Colonel from the British Army, Orde Dobbie, the cousin of the legendary Orde Wingate, Israel's hero, was one of our founding members. He then gave us an Orthodox Rabbi Yaacov Youlis who became CFI's best friend in Israel. He further brought us a retired General, Zvi Givati to care for and now General Shimon Erem, one of Israel's most decorated war heroes has come into our lives. We are honored to have such distinguished and honored friends associated with the ministry. ■

Sharon Sanders

If you would like to receive General Erem's "Israel/Middle East Report" weekly by email, please go to his website at: www.icnexus.org or write to Israel Christian Nexus, 4629 Van Nuys Blvd., #E, Sherman Oaks, California, USA, 91403. Tele: (818) 503-0300. Email: patricia@johnsongrouppr.com. Sign up for General Erem's UpComing Tour to Israel and join the CFI Annual Conference. Don't miss the wonderful experience ahead!



**General Shimon Erem
played a chief role in
Israel's historic wars**



A Man Who *Changed* History

This issue of *For Zion's Sake* is dedicated to a Jewish Orthodox rabbi who was one of the greatest men CFI could ever know. He was born October 17, 1931 and died May 30, 2011.

To say that God sent us a rabbi is to underestimate the contribution one Jewish man made to CFI. Without a doubt, he gave much more than anyone else we've met. It all began with a knock on the CFI door in the first office we established not far from the religious neighborhood of Geula in Jerusalem. Usually Orthodox Jews never step foot inside a "Christian" institution, but not Yaakov. He bravely stood at our door, read our sign and upon knocking said to us, "*Christian Friends of Israel? I didn't know we had any!*" Most Christians laugh when we relate this but it made us sad to think that so few Jewish people know they have Christian friends like us. From that moment on, we became "*true friends*" and he stayed with us over the course of the rest of his life. He knew he had a mission from God to tell his People about us!

CFI's Greatest Friend

Formerly an Optician he found his fulfillment in getting a daily dose of the reality of Christian love which he had never known existed. Near the end of his life in the hospital Yaakov reminded us that he could not wait to get back to get his daily Vitamin. Vitamin (C)... CFI. Yaakov had suffered from a liver disease for years and it eventually took his life in May, 2011. He always told us, "I owe everything to my father who taught me, 'Yaakov, don't be so narrow minded as not to see how God loves the rest of the world also!'" Yaakov followed his father's advice and if he had not done this, he would never have known who Israel's truest friends are. He lived an Orthodox life, loved to teach Torah and Tanach and also loved to teach the New Testament in the context of a rabbi living in that time period. His teachings were very valuable to all of us.

Yaakov always wanted to "*change history*" – the history between Jews and Christians. God had put this in his heart and one day he said to us, "*Do you think God sent me to you or not?*" He said "... *often the common man doing the uncommon is noted in the written pages of history... an uncommon man can arise whose vision goes beyond the norm adding a*

contribution which alters humanity." Yaakov was that man. He arose in Jerusalem as an Orthodox rabbi of uncommon character and vigor. Resisting the social and cultural barriers compounded over the centuries, Rabbi Yaakov Youlus had a mandate to change history—a history of anti-Semitism between Jews and Christians, mistrust and misunderstanding. History would have to be changed and could be: *he would do it.* Restoration between Jew and Gentile was his driving force.

A descendant from Avram Shag the Chief Rabbi of Hungary, and ordained as a Rabbi in 1958, he lectured extensively and offered a unique opportunity to learn about the insights and study tools of the Hebrew mindset. *What a man!* He offered quality teachings from the Biblical Hebrew (usually denied to non-Jews). He removed once impenetrable barriers and shared his life's work in understanding and deciphering the Torah. He authored several books, and right before his passing, he was working on another book about Jews and Christians. He loved his Skype calls from study groups around the world and always had his arms open extending an invitation to join him in the richness of fellowship. He wanted to "*make a difference*" in this generation. **Make a difference, he did!** CFI will carry Yaakov Youlus in their hearts for a long, long time, and we take this opportunity to thank G-d for bringing him our way—because our lives were made much, much richer for knowing this great man of G-d.

CFI will dedicate the newly renovated Distribution Center for Olim (immigrants) to Yaakov Youlus because of his many years of work with us to help newcomers coming back home. We have also been asked to dedicate an orphan's playground in his name where children are taken care of as if it were their real home. The people who run the orphanage would like us to dedicate in his name for he was loved in many places. **For donations in honor of Yaakov Youlus, designate your gift: Yaakov's orphanage when you contact us, check our website or email: cfi@cfjjerusalem.org.** ■

Sharon Sanders
Director of Ministry and Teaching

Yaakov singing during Torah studies at CFI



Foundational Truths



"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16).

The Battle is On and it's Time to Choose a Side



Time is running out for you to choose a side! When you stand before the Lord some day and He asks why you were "wishy-washy" on the issues - how will you respond? It is time for all of us to get a good healthy fear of the Lord! Psalm 19:9 says, *"The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous."* We ALL need to let this simple fact sink way down deep into our being: we can't hide ANYTHING or ANYWHERE from God. He is the ONLY ONE that can see our hearts, for He knows us better than we know ourselves.

Both of the verses above are very clear that (1) we need to choose a side on the issues, and (2) that we need to fear the Lord enough to believe HIS decree - that if we choose to stay lukewarm HE WILL spit us out of HIS MOUTH. I challenge you to take five minutes and read Psalm 139. This is David's cry to the Lord and it should be ours also. We need to pray that the Lord would search our very being and get our lives right with Him—"RIGHT NOW," because when we stand before HIM someday, the last thing any of us wants to hear resounding in our ears is - *"Depart from me, I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"* (Matthew 7:23). In his prayer, David describes the vastness of the Lord's love for each of us. How much do you really love Him? How devoted are you to Him? Are you willing to stand on His Side of the Battlefield when those

around you will not? We really need to be asking ourselves these questions. Are you mentally and physically prepared for the turbulent days ahead? Habakkuk 2:3 - *"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Be patient! They will not be overdue a single day."* *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away"* (Matthew 24:36-39). We must keep watch and be faithful wise servants as the Lord instructs us in HIS WORD.

Finally, **the Battle is the Lord's!** We who have chosen to be in HIS ARMY must be armed and ready because the truth is, the battle is already raging around us. Consider how you will spend the remainder of this year. You know the issues of the day. Will you spend the last half of this year on the Lord's side fighting for truth, for justice and for righteousness? Or will you spend it being complacent, passive and politically correct? The Lord rebukes fence riders, so it's time to choose a side! Proverbs 3:5-7 says, *"Trust me with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil."*

Please pray for the lost that we might ALL BE READY for the day of the Lord is near! And be of good cheer, for it says in John 16:33, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have PEACE. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."* Remember—when we are on the LORD'S side, we will be on Israel's side. ■

Until next time, may the God of Israel's Shalom be with you! (Suggested reading: Judges 7:1-25)



**"I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the lookout tower..."
Habakkuk 2:1**

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CFI Distribution Center Enters New Era



During Israel's previous wars they came....



They are still coming....

A Lighthouse from the Nations

If ever we had occasion to praise God (and we have had MANY) we thank Him as He confirmed His will to us clearly to remain in our strategic location near the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem. Over the past 20 years CFI has helped meet the needs of many newcomers to Israel as they settle down in their new Land. CFI's Distribution Center is for those who are adjusting to life in Israel in their earliest days, months and first years. Most need to learn the language of the Land, become skilled in the way of life, familiar with their surroundings for even basic needs, and then those young enough to work, search for jobs. The older new immigrants mostly come to settle or to die in the Land of their forefathers. Young couples come and raise their children here and young people attend local schools and universities.

All have needs for the re-shaping of their lives, and their experience with Christian Friends of Israel has been the highlight of their journey as many tell us. For most, this is the first time in their lives they have met genuine Christian friends (from the nations) whose mandate is to welcome them to "safe harbor." A Lighthouse draws people to itself to feel at peace and to a safe landing. This is what we have been and what we hope to continue to be as we say, "Baruch HaBa" (welcome). The Hand of the Lord indeed created the Center and has performed all of the miracles! It is because our partners-in-ministry from nations around the world have said, "Yes, we see the importance of this ongoing work and we want to be a regular partner with you. We cannot live and serve the People in Israel, but you can and we are here to support you both in prayer and with financial contributions." All of us working together for the Glory of God will launch us into the future new waves of *aliyah* that are beginning to beat upon the shores of Israel. We believe we are in God's Perfect Timing to re-open a brand new Center in the same location—in the heart of Jerusalem.



Far right: Dedication of the new D.C.
Right: New Hallway

"...they praised (God)...because the foundation... was laid" EZRA 3:11.

Aliyah Increasing

United States / Canada / Britain:

Recently, two hundred and forty-five new *olim* (Jewish immigrants) from the United States and Canada came on the summer's first flight, organized by the Jewish Agency and Nefesh B'Nefesh (Life to Life). Approximately 2,500 more *olim* from the USA, Canada and Britain are expected to make their way home this summer. The goal is 30,000 new immigrants this year.

More and more Jewish people from North America see *aliyah* as a preferred option than to remain in the Diaspora. "Every one of them makes a great contribution to the State of Israel and makes his mark in his own way." (Tony Gelbart, Founder-Chairman of Nefesh B'nefesh), *Arutz Sheva News*, 10/7/11).

India:

Also on their way will be the remaining 7,232 members of a Lost Tribe of Israel. According to Michael Freund, Chairman, *Shavei Israel* (Israel Returns), www.shavei.org, Foreign Minister Lieberman and the Absorption Minister are fully supportive of another historic arrival. "**This is a miracle!** I could sense God's Hand guiding events, and I truly feel as if I stood at the banks of the Red Sea (recently)..." (Michael Freund).

China:

Michael Freund has also been very instrumental in the organizing of the Jews from China and helping them find their way back home to Israel. Michael shared about this at CFI's 25th Anniversary Conference held last year in Jerusalem. His CD is still available upon request.

Anti-Semitism On the Rise:

Ironically, as ugly as anti-Semitism is around the world, this hatred of the Jewish people in the nations seems to drive them home. They are looking for safety from the condemnation and hatred from gentile nations. Places like Holland, Belgium and Russia, which have been experiencing an upsurge in persecution of Jewish law—in regard to the slaughtering of kosher meat, circumcision, wearing a kippa (a man's head covering)—is making many Jewish people in their communities think, "what next"? God is turning their thoughts "toward Zion" and we shall see in the coming months and years a tremendous growth and increase as Israel in the Nations awakens out of their slumber and with open eyes and hearts asks the "way to Zion."

"They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces toward it, [saying], Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant [that] shall not be forgotten." (Jeremiah 50:5).



Left: Open Gates receiving Area. Right: Michael and Bracha Buford's team of helpers came to prepare the D.C. for our grand opening.

Visit Our New Center

On your next visit to Israel come and visit us! Email us at: cfi@cfijerusalem.org and request a date for scheduling your personal tour. If you are leading or visiting with a Tour Group, we welcome an extra piece of luggage or bag filled with new items needed for giving to the immigrants. Call us when you are in Jerusalem at 538-0928 (D.C.) or 623-3778 (CFI Headquarters) to arrange pickup of items. Lastly, we encourage every Tour Group leader to schedule a Group Visit to the D.C. when you are touring the Land. Learn how you and those in your group can be part-time, short-term volunteers and be involved with "hands on" work at the Center. For short-term service email: personnel@cfijerusalem.org.

Bridal Salon Reopening

Many people have asked us, "When will the Bridal Salon reopen?" One cannot imagine the beauty the Lord has given to us in the new Center for Brides. When our potential brides-to-be arrive at the new door that greets them, they see a beautiful gold and shiny hallway with bright lights. A pure white room, complete with white bow trimming on the ceiling meets the eye upon entering. Bright and glistening floor tiles complete the room's enhancement and ambience – and all coming from Christians! Our beautiful gowns will soon be hanging on the racks, along with all of the items that have been sent in for brides in Israel and for the grooms and their families as well.

If anyone sends us gowns, please make sure they are modern, like new (or new), and have no spots or stains. We wish to give the best. Wedding rings are also welcome as some people donate rings for those who cannot afford to purchase them. Our new Bridal Consultant will arrive soon and we will be reporting the news from the D.C.



Bridal Salon is already in great demand



OPEN GATES FUND: For all support for the ongoing work at the Distribution Center, please designate your gift: Open Gates/DC. We will be needing to keep our supply center continually stocked in Open Gates.

Thank God for the Reopening of the Center

Flowing in the

BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM

The world's greatest treasure is the Bible. Within its pages are fundamental truths essential to every nation on earth. Its contents should never be altered and it is forever established. **"Forever O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven"** (Psalm 119:89). As Christians we may freely choose the cover of our Bibles to be leather or paperback, but we should never attempt to negate the Holy Writings within, as **"...the Word of the Lord endures forever"** (1 Peter 1:25). There are numerous accounts of this principle woven throughout the Scriptures—a continuous pattern runs throughout the Bible. In other words, God brings about good when anyone treats His Chosen People well. Blessings come in spiritual, emotional, physical and sometimes material benefits. As my husband and I applied the Biblical principle of Genesis 12:3 to our lives, we found in God's Word many examples of others who had lived before us, who practiced blessing the Jews in their lives. I would like to cite a couple of examples from God's Holy Word and let you decide for yourself.

Potiphar Blessed (Genesis 39:1-41,57). Joseph was advanced and made an administrator in the house of the Egyptian, Potiphar. We are told that the Lord blessed Potiphar's house, **"for**

Joseph's sake." Potiphar had purchased Joseph from the Ishmaelites, but the Lord was with Joseph, and all that Joseph set his hand to do prospered. Because Potiphar, a high Egyptian officer and captain of Pharaoh's guard, favored Joseph (a child of Israel) and promoted him, the Lord blessed him in return.

"Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt...The Lord was with Joseph.... So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. So it was from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field..." (Genesis 39:1-5). **In recognizing that God was with Joseph—a son of Israel—Potiphar's favorable actions toward Joseph prompted blessings to enter his life and his household.**

Rahab Blessed (Hebrews 11:31; Joshua 2:1-22, 6:17; 6:22-25) Israel was about to enter the Promised Land. Rahab, the harlot, risked her life to help the Israelite spies. She assisted and hid them in her home. She helped save their lives (Hebrews 11:31). As a result, she and her fam-

ily were spared during the destruction of Jericho and Rahab ended up in the Hebrews chapter eleven "Hall of Fame." **"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace** (Hebrews 11:31). Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have showed you kindness, that you will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token" (Joshua 2:12). The courageous action of rescuing the Israelites reaped blessings for the life of a woman of ill repute.

However, instead of seeking to be a blessing, historically, the Church has exhausted much of its time stretching out hands, asking God to fill them. Moreover, the Church has used her hand **against** the Jew instead of **for** the **"apple of God's eye"** (Zechariah 2:8). "Thorns and thistles" have been allowed to grow in Christendom for centuries. The Church forfeited many spiritual blessings by ignoring God's promises. Which way will you go and if you are a spiritual leader, which direction will you take your congregation? **Will you be a blessing to Israel? ■**

By Sharon Sanders

When we bless others, we offer them refuge from an indifferent world."

—Rachel Naomi Remen

MEDIA PRODUCTION & DEVELOPMENT



Kevin Howard
Director of Media and Technical Operations

World Slanted Against Israel

We now live in a time when the world around us is constantly changing. Today's technologies are connecting our world more tightly together than we have ever seen before. Events that take place half a globe away are known by readers, viewers, and listeners within minutes of their happening. So much happens so quickly that the quantity of information can at times be almost overwhelming. Coupling that with the heavily slanted world viewpoint of much of the mainstream media outlets, it is easy to see how people can quickly get vast quantities of information that are heavily biased as well as deliberate misinformation.

While most are aware of this type of media "hype" and "slant" it is easy to see how information quickly becomes all about the popular, the politically correct, or even the "shock" and "sell" factor. Although there are still organizations today that endeavor to bring us fair, unbiased, and even morally correct information, their programs appear to be much fewer than ever before. While this trend is disturbing as a whole, it seems to be most prevalent when it comes to information about Israel and the Middle East.

True Reports Are Needed

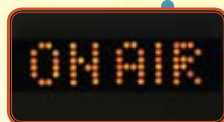
In light of the world's increased fondness of consistent bias, negativity, and Biblical incorrectness toward Israel, Christian Friends of Israel is more committed than ever to provide you, its partners, with a responsible, positive, and Biblically accurate understanding of what is happening in Israel and the Middle East. Not only is CFI committed to sending a "true report" from on the ground in Israel, but is also committed to sharing the testimony that those who stand with God in His Promises to Israel are not alone in the nations. It is our desire to begin to bring you a wider scope of information from around the globe, from people much like yourself, that also are Standing with Israel and her people in these very special days.

Reaching the Multitudes with Truth

Over the next few months, CFI will begin providing its partners-in-ministry with a fresh new 30-minute program series designed to do just that for Christian as well as secular broadcasting. Reaching across the globe to bring you positive, accurate, and Biblically-based information on Israel, the Middle East, and the world, CFI will provide viewers with the kind of information they need as fuel for prayer, current events in light of Scripture, and the positive encouragement that God is still on the throne and is working out His plans and purposes for us all.

How You Can Help

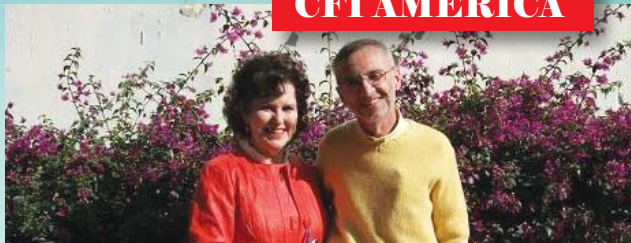
As we move boldly forward in this new endeavor in the ministry of Christian Friends of Israel, I would ask for your covering in prayer. I also look forward to hearing from you, our readers, about your comments, your story ideas, and your interest in partnering with us on this much needed project to bring a "true report" about Israel. While the pilot program is completed, there are still more equipment and funding needs to move the series forward. For more information on how you can get involved, or how you can see this new program in your area, please email anytime to: mediadirector@cfijerusalem.org.



CFI IN THE NATIONS



CFI AMERICA



Dr. Bill and Mrs Cindi Duerfeldt

NEW CHURCH LIAISON

Dr. Bill Duerfeldt, formerly a practicing physician in the United States has joined the CFI America board members and will also be serving as Church Liaison in the United States. His job will be to keep in touch with churches in various states who have a love for Israel and desire to be affiliated with Christian Friends of Israel-Jerusalem. Dr. Bill will work with our North American Development Division office in America.

If you are a Pastor or church member who would like to see your church involved in bringing a blessing to Israel and/or to include Israel and the Church as part of your Christian education in your church, please contact: Dr. Bill Duerfeldt at: cindi.bill@gmail.com or Stacey Howard, NADD Director of Administration at: stacey@cfjjerusalem.org. Stacey and Bill will be more than happy to serve and assist your needs. CFI America is a registered 503(c)3 Non-profit organization.

NEW CFI AMERICA BOARD MEMBER/REPRESENTATIVE



Carole Anderson

Carole Andersen, from Fort Collins, Colorado, is a long-time friend and supporter of CFI and brings years of experience in marketing/promotion, hospitality, teaching/training and organization skills to the Board, not to mention her years of experience in conducting tours of the Holy Land. Since traveling to Israel for the first time in 1988 and falling in love with Israel and the Jewish people, she and a friend established Hearts for Israel Tours in 2001. Their objective is to develop in the heart of each pilgrim a love for the Land, the people of Israel and a deeper understanding and love for Yeshua.



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CFI NADD

NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL



Kevin Howard speaking from the platform at the "Night to Honor Israel"



Stacey Howard interviewing key speaker: Steven Khoury

Kevin Howard, Director of Media and Technical Operations and Stacey Howard, Director of Administration of the NADD office in America, recently represented CFI-Jerusalem at a "Night to Honor Israel" conference in Alabama. The Florence Coliseum was the venue for the event sponsored by the "North Alabama Friends of Israel" team. The NADD office is responsible for speaking at or attending Israel conferences in America. Recruiting new volunteers and enlarging CFI is one of the objectives as well as being a bridge from America to CFI-Jerusalem.

Kevin and Stacey interviewed a key speaker for CFI's new Christian television program, prayed with the team and manned the CFI booth where approximately 500 lovers of Israel were in attendance. We welcome the North Alabama team for future involvement and work with CFI as NADD Area Representatives in the future. We pray for many more successful events such as this wonderful evening to honor the State of Israel.



Kevin and Stacey Howard
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BLESSING ISRAEL IN KAMPALA

CFI-Kampala hosted Israel friends and Israeli dignitaries in May for Israel's Independence Day. Held at the Imperial Royale Hotel located in the City center of Kampala.

**John Gudoi**

Israeli Ambassador Mr. Jacob Kedar was the Chief speaker along with 180 other invited guests. Other guests included Brigadier Charles Angina (Chief of Staff, Land Forces) and passionate Friend of Israel, Dr. Ezra Suruma, former Minister of Finance (presently Presidential Adviser on Finance and friend of Israel) Lieutenant Colonel Tengo Lubog (Advocate of the High Court of Uganda and intercessor for Israel). Mrs. Sharon Cameo, leader of the Jewish community in Uganda was part of the organizing team. Thirty members of the Jewish community were in attendance.

CFI Representative John Gudoi, as host spoke about CFI ministry in Uganda and how he caught the vision for the work of CFI. Various Pastors and Leaders from local churches spoke and there were many touching moments as everyone sang, danced and joined in the wonderful atmosphere.

Israeli Ambassador Kedar spoke of his love for Uganda and spoke of the excitement he and other Israelis felt about the love expressed to them as a Nation and People. (Final note from Representative Gudoi: "Oh, what an evening it was in the eyes of the 180 people who attended!")

"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1).



Above: Audience enjoys the Program
Right: Israeli Ambassador speaks to audience

**John Gudoi**

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Jacob Vince, Director of CFI-UK, represented CFI-UK and spoke during one of the seminars offered during a day conference in central London on May 15th called "We Believe in Israel." This was organized under the umbrella of a wide variety of Jewish organisations, with CFI-UK backing and support, and over 1,200 people attended...numbers which far exceeded the organisers expectations.

Jacob also represented CFI at a gathering in the Houses of Parliament on July 7th. This meeting was organised by Tomas Sandel and ECI, and Jacques Gauthier spoke there to Christian leaders and MPs on the legal legitimacy of Israel based on the post WWI treaties and agreements.

**Jacob Vince**

CFI-UK was also represented at a gathering in a church near the Embassy of Israel in support of Israel on July 11th. Up to 500 people were present during the day's meeting, and many of those stayed into the evening to demonstrate in support of Israel in the high street just around the corner from the Embassy.



Jacob Vince, Director
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Special Thank You!**A VERY BIG THANK YOU**

Once again we thank the nations of New Zealand, Australia and the United States for being the pillars who have supported the ongoing reconstruction of the new Center.

Without God leading them to support this new Center, it would not have been possible. All the new rooms and beauty which God has given is for the Glory of His Name.

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." – ALBERT PIKE

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." – MATTHEW 6:20

Mark Your Calendar

The Heart of Experience

2011 CFI Speaking Tours

With Ray and Sharon Sanders



Sharon speaking on tour

challenges of living among Jewish people, the amazing experiences they've had and the empowering advice they give to motivate others to "make a difference."

Sharon shares about the breakthroughs and the reconciliation God has brought about in so many new ways. Consider having them for your conference or meeting in your country. In "days of uncertainty" which we all face, when things are "out of our hands" and only in God's, there is a need to motivate our people to be players and not just spectators. The Sanders feel it is time to share their life experiences, having lived in one of the most difficult parts of the world. It is not what you will learn, but what you will be motivated to do with what you learn that will count in your life and church. Among many other teaching subjects and also a presentation on the "Master's Ministry," gather your friends to hear a refreshing topic: "The Heart of Experience." These are real life encounters, and nothing can replace the wisdom gained from firsthand training from people who have had experiences and encounters between two worlds: Judaism and Christianity.

Ray and Sharon Sanders have spent over 26 years living among the Jewish people. They are not just ordinary speakers, but they speak from the heart of experience. Sharon, one of CFI's key speakers, speaks about the "edge of life" experiences, the miracles over the years and extraordinary lives they have lived. Coming from ordinary backgrounds, with an undeniable call on their lives, they had the determination to "stay it out." They will captivate the attention of any congregation or conference with the

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DEAR CFI: "I'll never forget hearing you speak at Christ for the Nations at their first Israel in Prophecy Conference...you and the other speakers were used of God to change my life."

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