

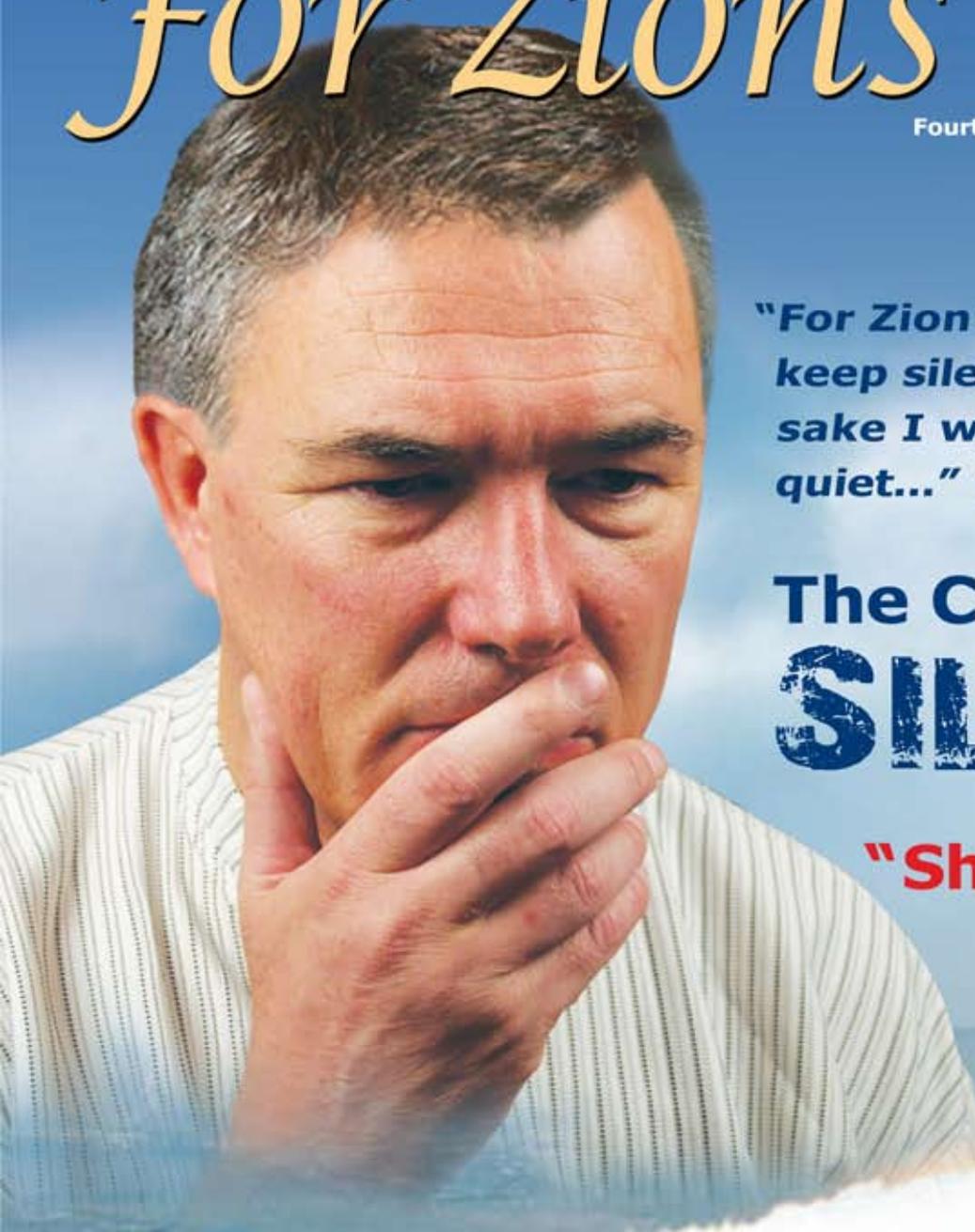
For Zion's Sake

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"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet..." (Isaiah 62:1 NIV).

The Complicity of **SILENCE**

"Should I Speak Up or Not?"



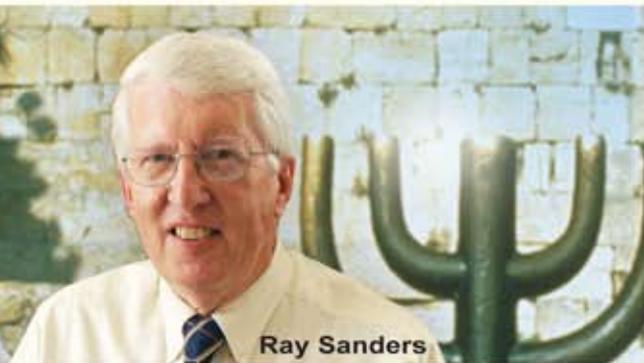
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Director's Letter

Shalom from Jerusalem



Ray Sanders

*"How shall I curse, **whom God has not cursed?** Or how shall I defy, **whom the Lord hath not defiled?** From the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, **and shall not be reckoned among the nations**" (Numbers 23:8, 9.)*

We, as Christian friends of Israel, must never forget the Lord's prophetic call upon the Nation of Israel and the Jewish people. We are living at a time when the community of nations is seeking to impose upon Israel a "peace process" that is contrary to God's will and purpose, resulting in her further isolation and, ironically, a fulfillment of Balaam's prophetic word. As Balak sought to curse the Jewish people, God would only allow Balaam to pronounce blessings upon her. I believe the same will be true today if Israel conducts herself righteously in her behavior toward those who would seek to bring a curse upon her (by dividing the Land and scattering the People.)

From the conclusion of the Six Day War in June 1967 until today, we are told that Israel has no legal claim to Judea and Samaria—the very heartland of Israel. However, a recent article by Daniel Doron in the September 2nd issue of the Jerusalem Post entitled, "Alchemists of Peace" is very enlightening on this crucial subject. I quote from a part of this extensive article:

"There is also the claim by peace advocates that settlements in the West Bank are illegal. The last legal dispensation of the former Middle Eastern Ottoman territories was determined in the 1922 San Remo League of Nations peace conclave. The territories of what was to become Palestine (...which included what are now Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan) were allotted to Britain as a mandate, to establish in them a Jewish national home. The Arabs accepted this division eagerly, since by ceding their claim to less than 1% of former Ottoman territories (that became the British Mandate of Palestine) they were granted 99% of these territories in the Middle East and North Africa, without lifting a finger.

Under international law, the Arabs have relinquished any claim to the territories included in the British Mandate. The 1947 UN recommendation to divide the Mandate territory between a Jewish and an Arab state was just that, a "recommendation," dependent on acceptance by the two parties, Israel and the Arabs. Once the Arabs rejected it categorically, the recommendation became null and void, and the territories resumed their mandatory legal status as territories on which a Jewish state was to be established. Hence by international law Jewish settlements in the disputed areas of former Palestine are perfectly legal, even if some may consider them politically unhelpful.

One must also remember that despite the oft-repeated false Arab claim that they are fighting to regain former "Palestinian lands," no "Palestinian" lands ever existed. The lands in dispute belonged for centuries to the

Ottomans and were later allotted by the League of Nations to the British. "Palestinian" Arabs considered themselves, until recently, Syrians. Their separate "Palestinian" identity is a recent political invention, a reaction to Zionism.

As importantly, the Jewish settlements in the West Bank...do not violate any private Palestinian Arab property rights. To date over 94% of the territories in dispute are government-owned land. Most Jewish settlements were established on such deserted "government lands" to which no private claim was ever made, because they were so desolate and useless for private cultivation." *While we sympathize with the Arab people, love and try to minister to them wherever we can, we cannot overlook the facts of history.*

If indeed the contents of this article are correct, then Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the Israeli government cannot be pressured to reach a peace settlement with the Palestinians—an agreement that will in all likelihood leave Israel vulnerable and insecure. As "Watchmen for Israel," let us remind the Lord of His Word to never forsake His people, especially in these times of great testing!

"For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her" (Zechariah 2:5).

Sincerely in The Messiah,

Ray Sanders

Ray Sanders
Executive/International Director

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Much of the Church apathetic toward Israel

We are called to speak...a time comes when silence is betrayal..." (Martin Luther King)

Other parallel translations of Isaiah 62:1 render: "Because I love Zion, I will not keep still...I cannot remain silent." (NLT); "For Zion's sake...and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not be quiet..." (ESV); "For Zion's sake I will not remain silent. For Jerusalem's sake I will not rest..." (GW); "Because of Zion I will not keep quiet, and because of Jerusalem I will take no rest..." (BE); "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be still..." (DB); "For Zion's sake I am not silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I do not rest..." (YLT). (NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; ESV=English Standard Version; GW=God's Word; BE=Bible in Basic English; DB=Darby Bible Translation; "Young's Literal Translation).

Media Abuse

Newspapers, international radio, television, worldwide web, Internet, and digital audio are a few of the various means of mass communication in our modern world of broadcasting. The airwaves pump out headlines and news worthy stories twenty-four hours a day. News never stops. In 2010, the BBC is translating into 49 languages and dialects, International Broadcasters and Feba International broadcasts into 150 languages to Asia and the list continues.

In the Christian world, according to Christianity Today (July 6, 2010) there are "a total of 6,905 spoken languages in the world." Wycliffe Bible Translators, the world's largest Scripture translation organization, believes Bible translation into all of the remaining 2,200 languages used by some 350 million people is possible by 2025. **With all of the mass communication corridors available today for both secular and spiritual news, how many of us actually do anything with the information we receive?** How active are we in clearing up dishonest reporting, biased news and blatant propaganda when we hear or read it? It troubles me that most of us are inclined not only to do nothing but we add to the transgression by being apathetic.

BY SHARON SANDERS

“There is a shocking silence in the Church today in regard to worldwide castigation of the Chosen People.”

“...the greatest sin may be the new twentieth century sin of indifference.” (Peter Drucker). Church leaders often end up being passive when false information and all-too-often anti-Semitic propaganda reports are broadcast over air waves. Many Christians end up accepting what they hear as truth instead of checking the sources of information with those of high standards in journalism and media coverage.

Examining Silence

Silence, the absence of anyone speaking up, is shocking in the Church today in regard to worldwide castigation of the Chosen People. Christendom has a history of passive silence when crimes were committed against them. If we follow Isaiah's proclamation (Isaiah 62:1) we must act on the Lord's commands. When we neglect or abandon our role as a spiritual “shield” for Israel because of fear of reprisals, then we do not understand our past mistakes.

We must also realize that we send messages to the enemy when we remain mute in the face of lies and distorted facts.

By active involvement in Israel rallies, solidarity marches, and challenging false reporting regarding the Jewish people, we put cold water on the fires of anti-Semitism. We can help to extinguish fabrication and negative propaganda aimed at the State of Israel and Jews around the world but time and again we lack courage.

Ramifications of Silence

From a legal standpoint when a person is charged with a crime and it is not denied, in general, the presumption is very strong that the charge is correct. The person on trial would then be condemned by the silence. Daniel Juster states, “...Courage in the face of evil is not a right or left matter...failure to stand up...is the real evil.” Juster also says, “...Evil done as a result of cowardice is grave and terrible... It is easy to stand up for human rights, the oppression of women, the withholding of equal rights, when those who are the object of the protest are not vicious and violent.

People can protest against the Baptists for believing in male leadership in the home! Standing up for human rights in France is much easier than in Myanmar (Burma)... being against the war in Afghanistan is easy; it takes no great courage.

However, it takes great courage for the Afghans to stand up for human rights, to denounce the oppression of women and Taliban barbarism in the face of the very real chance of retribution from Islamic extremists ...belief and courage go together and are the two crucial characteristics of people who stand up for right at the risk of their lives.”

The Results of Speaking Up

The more comprehensive facts that can be brought into a situation, the clearer it will become. In the case of biased reporting about Israel, those who love her must be willing to challenge some of the coverage that comes across the airwaves. We must be more proactive. The problem is that sometimes we try to bring the “whole picture” into focus to shed light on the report and someone has been “indoctrinated” in a fixed way of thinking. However, if we never try to share the truth, then we can become a participant in that the evil that is done through our fearfulness. We can actually end up encouraging media bias and a distorted picture of Israel. It is our responsibility to stand up! Our voices may help to bring better media representations. *“To the wrongs that need resistance, to the right that needs assistance... give yourselves.”* (Carrie Chapman Catt).



Speaking out on behalf of Israel in Rallies

Not Only in Media

Lack of education is at times a problem in Christian circles when it comes to Biblically understanding Israel. A deficit in knowing God's Word is unfortunately prevalent in too many churches. Christian Friends of Israel around the world has been working in the field of Christian education in regard to Israel for years and much labor has made a difference. We must be

cognizant that certain actions or lack of actions have consequences – so it is with being silent when we have the opportunities to speak out.

Sometimes we will find ourselves face-to-face with shocking responses to our proclamations even in theology. For instance,

a friend of mine in Jerusalem told me that someone once said to her “My Jesus, a Jew?” “Never!!” She had heard the truth but refused to believe it. Had my friend not spoken up, her Christian friend would have gone through life not knowing the truth of who Jesus actually was in the flesh. It doesn’t always have to be a big revelation that we share with others but it has been said *“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little”* (Edmund Burke).

A few years ago deliberately misleading media propaganda was spread that “Jesus was a Palestinian.” Jewish people do not readily speak about Jesus as being one of their own, but this outright lie left a bad taste in one Jewish man’s mouth. He corrected the statement with “Jesus was not a Palestinian, He was a Jew!” If this false information had not been stopped, it might have spread across a whole world of unbelievers. This misrepresentation of the King of the Jews and the Savior of the world would have added to the already warped image the Messiah has in the world today. These are only a couple of small examples of incorrect statements such as we find in a crossfire of airwaves today.

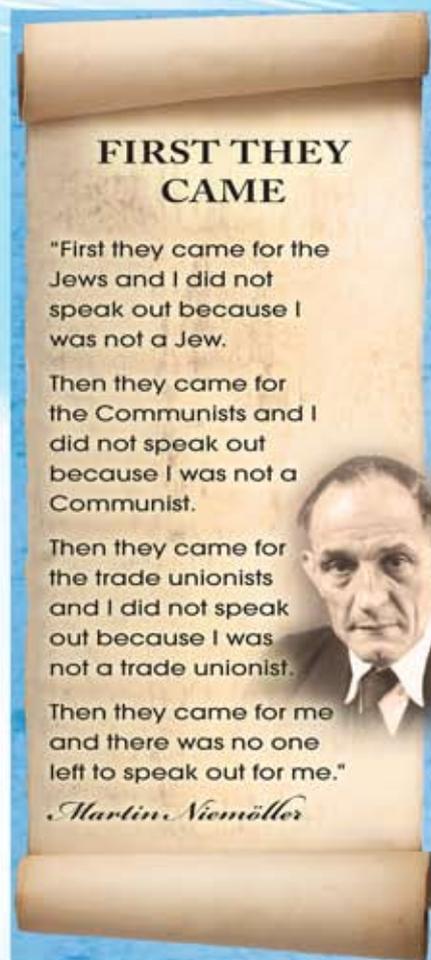
It Happened During the Holocaust

Martin Niemöller was a German, an anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran Pastor. He is best known as the author of the poem “First They Came.” Before being imprisoned by the Nazi regime in Germany he said:

“It is for the Lord’s Name Sake that we obey His command to speak up and not remain silent on behalf of Israel.”

“...no more are we ready to keep silent at man’s behest when God commands us to speak. For it is, and must remain, the case that we must obey God rather than man.”

Niemöller’s famous poem has been traced to a speech given on 6 January, 1946, to the representatives of the Confessing Church in Frankfurt. According to the research by Harold Marcuse, the original groups mentioned in the speech were Communists, the incurably sick, Jews, and people in occupied countries. The most well known version goes like this:



His point? Speak up when necessary! When we see someone portrayed wrongly, speak! There may come the time when we need someone to speak up for us! Niemöller also said about

the Holocaust, “We must openly declare that we are not innocent... guilt lies heavily... upon Christendom for in our world and in our name have these things been done.” (A sermon given in January, 1946).

The Silence Is Disturbing

There were the courageous ones but because of cowardice, it is incalculable how many lost their lives when something could have been done to save them. The greatest number of people in Nazi allied (and conquered countries) were silent or cooperative.

Many Christians simply embraced cowardice. Hitler’s terrible demonic rule strengthened with this cowardice. **Does today’s Church have the will and the courage to speak up?** Dan Juster also says, “How much anti-Semitism is rooted in human cowardice?...in times of terrible challenge, those who respond with courage are often people...who are meek and humble...like the famous Dutch Ten Boom family...our moral character is often not revealed until a time of trial...”. Will we now and in the future try to “save our own skin” at the expense of the slaughter of many Jewish people? If so, it will be a grievous sin against God and His Chosen People.

Our faith must give us courage in the face of the most profound moral choices. Our example is Yeshua. In “The Jews and Their Lies” obviously no one challenged what was written by Martin Luther. In Paris in 1241 it was clear that no one stopped the burning of 24 wagons of Hebrew books as ordered by Pope Gregory IX. Did anyone speak out about the painting of an obscene image called the “Judensau” (Jew pig) displayed in numerous German churches from the 14th century up until modern times? Why didn’t someone stop the singing when cattle cars filled with Jewish people rolled past churches in Nazi Germany? I’ve been told that the Christians only sang louder.

When Jewish people were rounded up and driven from their homes what if their Christian neighbors would have stepped outside their own door and gone up to the Nazis and said "What is going on here? This is my neighbor!" If more Christians had spoken up, instead of standing apathetically by, indifferent to their neighbor's impending doom, many more would have lived and things might have turned out differently!

What Shall We Do Then?

It is for the Lord's Name's sake that we must hear God's Voice speaking through the Prophet Isaiah. It seems to me that His proclamation was more than a "suggestion" which He made for all generations. It was a direct instruction to all who call upon His Name to seek the welfare of the Jewish State and to always speak up on behalf of the Chosen People. Through the grace of God and the shed blood of Jesus, we have been "grafted in" to this mighty nation and it is for the sake of His Name, His Land, and His beloved People we raise our voices, stepping into the gap. We must try to rectify biased news reports, television documentaries, lectures or sermons when presented incorrectly. This helps people to be accountable.

Demonstrating support of Israel

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Those who love and understand God's plans and purposes for Israel and the Jewish people carry a revelation that not everyone else understands. We must be willing to educate others wherever we find misinformation. We must also utilize every form of media and communication within our sphere of influence. Be brave. Be strong for the Lord Our God is with us!

CFI's Forward Vision

CFI Jerusalem and in the nations desire for God to pull us into the future. We wish to move forward with new vision and prophetic

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initiatives to present the *"whole story."*

Our love is strong for the nation that has given so much to us. **Our projects and outreaches continue and new information will be**

forthcoming on how you can help us expand. A new Media venture and CFI Immigrant Supply Center in Jerusalem is being developed. Watch for forthcoming details. Your prayers are needed at this time.

CFI has been challenged by Israeli government officials to be a voice from Israel to help shield the Jewish state from unfair media reporting. We are working to develop a Pilot media program which will give facts and information to the Church on Christian television.

Will you please pray for Kevin Howard, CFI Director of Media & Technical Operations, Geoffrey Smith, former CFI-UK Director and the Jerusalem headquarters as we move forward? We also want to produce more Biblical Resources for the Church in the area of Christian education which will address many pertinent topics on Israel and the Church. **We need your prayers and financial partnership with us for the future.**

"As we must account for every idle word, so must we account for every idle silence." (B. Franklin).

Come with us on a journey...a journey in solidarity with God and His Chosen People. Get involved with reprinting our materials, emailing our monthly electronic information to others, distribute our audio CD's and DVD's, or organize a pro-Israel rally in conjunction with a CFI Representative in your nation.

Contact your local Israeli Embassy and introduce yourself as a Christian Friend of Israel. Tell them you are standing with them and intend to be available if they need you. **Now is the time to favor Zion... now always means the present time.** Remember a time comes when enough is enough...and our silence could become betrayal.

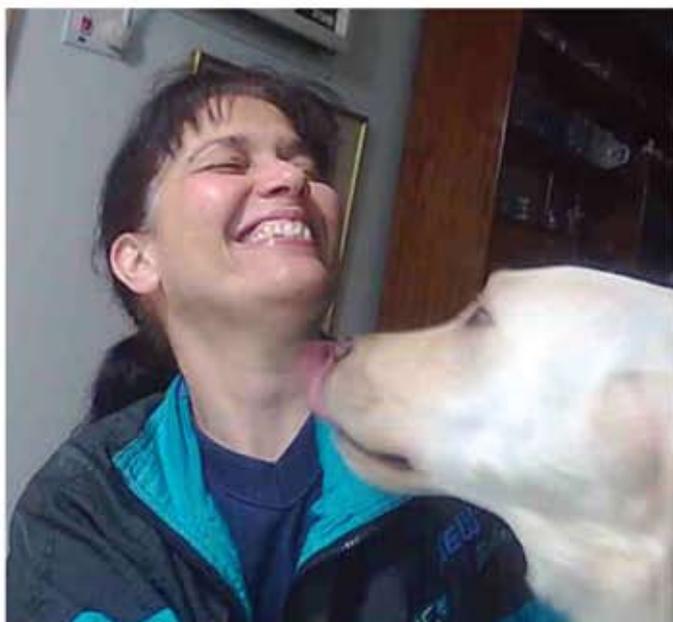
The question is: what would God have you to do?

Speaking for Israel at public events

Sharon Sanders

Touching Lives

"...Laboring you ought to support the weak and to remember the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." -Acts 20:35



Yael with her wonderful, highly-trained assistance dog, Sol

"Now concerning the collection for the saints..."
(1 Corinthians 16:1).

CFI's First Fruits program touches many, many lives among the Household of Faith in Israel today—from mainline churches and local congregational members, to one of our newest applicants who needs help with important work. "Sol" is one of seven guide dogs for the deaf-blind that give invaluable help to their owners. Those who have no sight can only tell us how important a guide dog can be to them when they open up and share their hearts. Below are some touching stories that were shared with CFI, regarding the Ali Hope Foundation in Israel that trains guide dogs for the blind.

"I was a very shy teenager and later in the year 2007, I found my eye condition weakening very fast and I was told I was going blind. It truly was very challenging for me to have to give up my driver's license and it felt like my independence had been taken away from me," explains Yael, "and I became even more insecure. But, when I received a highly-trained assistance dog, Sol, from the Ali Hope Foundation – Israel, I also received the independence, confidence, courage and determination that I needed to change my life. Sol my assistance dog even

shook me by my shirt collar after I had fainted from shock from [bearing] traumatic news of my family, and that shows how alert she is to me, on top of assisting me with dual handicaps—deaf-blindness issues." "We knew that Sol would help Yael with picking up dropped items and alerting her to necessary sounds, but we didn't realize she'd really become an extension of her," shares Yael's mother. Yael explained, "Having an assistance dog means I'm able to live my life."

Tamara and the Ali Hope Foundation Team struggle with enough resources to cover their needs to help others. It is their mission to pursue the empowerment of deaf-blind people, to promote their independence, to strengthen their confidence and to encourage them to achieve their full potential as members of society in Israel.

CFI's "First Fruits" program was able to bless this wonderful ministry and encourage them to push on. Won't you please pray about helping First Fruits bring more blessings to this wonderful and Godly organization? Yael and Sol will be very glad! Make checks payable to Christian Friends of Israel, designated: **Ali Hope Foundation for the Blind and Deaf. THANK YOU!**

— By Ray Sanders
First Fruits Coordinator



The Last of the Holocaust Survivors

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." (James 1:27)

In this article, we want to bring to your attention the reality that Israel indeed is a nation of survivors. There are not only those who survived the concentration camps and ghettos of Europe, but also those who have survived severe persecution among the Nations. They had few—or no comforters. **"There is no one to comfort me"** (Lamentations 1:21).

The following shocking quote recently appeared in a newsletter: "Anti-Semitism is not just our right, but it is the duty of every citizen who loves its country, and we must prepare for armed battle against the Jews." The CFI Forsake Them Not team has the desire to show the survivors that Christians are different. For many years, the CFI team has visited survivors in Jerusalem and in more than 50 cities throughout Israel. CFI team members have been their comforters. Countless survivors are visited on a regular basis. **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God"** (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Just above Haifa many survivors live in one of the Krayot cities. In the sixties and seventies many cheap apartments were built



A Holocaust survivor—a widow, receiving a gift from CFI

in this area. Presently many survivors of the Holocaust live in these towns in inexpensively constructed apartments. Many of them live on the top floor with no elevator available. Because of this, in combination with their poor health, it is nearly impossible for the survivors to leave their homes.



Future CFI Holocaust Events Planned

This year the Forsake Them Not team is planning special events for all of the survivors living in the Krayot area. In addition to an organized program we want everyone to receive a gift and a food voucher from Christians around the world.

Leaders and Representatives Event: Over the years the CFI Forsake Them Not team members have forged relationships with many Jewish committee leaders and representatives of former Nazi prisoners. It is a great privilege to work together with these leaders—who are themselves survivors. In appreciation of their work on behalf of thousands

of survivors, CFI wants to honor them in a special event. Your support of this special work can help us organize a beautiful excursion/outing for them. May this event be a great blessing for all. In doing so CFI represents genuine Christian friends of Israel around the world who cannot be here with us physically, but are here in Spirit.

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



Enough To Survive

"For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you will not always have Me." (Mark 14:7)

Avi's Plight

Avi made the dangerous journey from the Gondar area in Ethiopia to the Sudan when he was eighteen. He spent two years in the Sudan waiting, seven months of which he was in jail. Finally, he was able to fly to Israel in 1991, but he came without his parents. Avi is married now and says that he, his wife and their 2 and 3-year-old children were doing all right living on his wages from the factory until the triplets were born.

Avi says that providing the things needed for three babies at one time just overtaxed him financially and he had to take a 14,000 shekel loan. This put the family in a financial hole. The triplets are now three-years old and Avi is still trying to pay off the debts. His wife has taken a part-time job cleaning homes to help out, but life is still a struggle for this family. The family is living in a two-room apartment. With a total of six children (one more was born after the triplets), the family really needs a larger apartment, but they cannot afford it. In spite of all of his worries, **Avi has a big smile and looks to God for his strength.**



Madhen and her two girls say "Thank you"

New Computer

Madhen and her girls are so grateful to all of you who sent them gifts. With part of the gifts they received, we were able to purchase a computer, which fulfilled the girls' dream of having a computer at home so they could do their homework like the rest of their classmates. **They want to express their deep gratitude to all of you who helped them realize their dream and helped with their family expenses.**

Esther

In January of 2008 Esther's husband died within three months of being diagnosed with a blood infection. The story of Esther's husband's death and her house renovation appeared in the third quarter 2008 issue of *For Zion's Sake*. Now Esther has passed on. In the spring of 2010 she had surgery and the doctors discovered that she had cancer. She struggled to remain here with her children, but the chemo treatments weakened her so much that she lost that struggle in July of this year.

Esther leaves six children behind. The oldest has completed his IDF service and is working, the twins are currently serving in the IDF, another son has just finished high school, and the two younger daughters are in high school and grade school, respectively. In the Ethiopian culture, the oldest child is expected to take on the burden of the family if one or both of the parents cannot fulfill that role. Giving up any thoughts of a wife or children of his own, Mati, the oldest son, will shoulder the responsibility of seeing that his brothers and sisters are raised to adulthood. When he came to our office just before his mother died, his face reflected the weight of that responsibility. **Will you pray for comfort for Esther's children, for strength for Mati and for God's provision for this family that they might have enough to survive?**

Ongoing NEEDS

- Work teams to paint and repair Ethiopian homes
- Support for after-school programs
- Adoption of Ethiopian families
- Scholarship funds to help young Ethiopians study
- Financial help for Ethiopian families
- Computers for students
- Help to purchase school supplies and backpacks

To donate items or to support Project Hope for the Future financially, send these items to:
Project Hope for the Future, CFI, P.O. Box 1813, Jerusalem 91015, ISRAEL or you can e-mail Donna at:
donna@cfjjerusalem.org

— By Donna Roberts
Hope for the Future Coordinator



CFI supplying fleece jackets to the soldiers

Sayeret Matkal, "The Unit"

Sayeret Matkal, literally translated, "General Staff Reconnaissance Unit," is an elite Special Forces Unit in the IDF. Its main roles are deep reconnaissance, counter-terrorism and intelligence gathering. This Unit's first and foremost concentration is intelligence gathering behind enemy lines. Sayeret Matkal is also in charge of hostage rescue missions outside Israel's borders. Its IDF nickname is simply "The Unit."

The unit is best known for "Operation Thunderbolt," commonly known as "Operation Entebbe" that took place on July 4, 1976. A week earlier, on June 27th, an Air France plane with 300 passengers was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists and flown to Entebbe, Uganda. Shortly after landing, all non-Jewish passengers were released.

The PLO hijackers were making threats to kill the hostages if their prisoner release demands were not met. While the world was waiting, "The Unit" began making preparations. The operation took place under cover of darkness as Israeli transport planes flew low carrying 100 elite commandos over 2,500 miles to Uganda for the rescue operation. The operation took a week to plan and lasted a total of 90 minutes with 103 hostages rescued. Five Israeli commandos were wounded and one, the commander Yonatan Netanyahu, was killed. All the hijackers, 3 hostages and 45 Ugandan soldiers were killed and 11 Russian Mig fighters of Uganda's Air Force were destroyed.

CFI staff on the Frontlines with Israel's Soldiers



"The Unit" was kept top-secret during its early years. Fighters and commanders were selectively hand-picked, based on personal connections. By the 1970's it was still a secretive unit and later the unit opened up to voluntary recruits. Twice a year "the Unit" holds a grueling selection camp for potential recruits lasting several sleepless days. During the selection the recruits are being monitored by doctors and psychologists. Those who make it through to the end with passing evaluation marks are admitted. Once selected to "the Unit", recruits train for 20 months with emphasis on small arms, martial arts, navigation, camouflage, reconnaissance and other skills important for survival behind enemy lines. They also must complete a 75 mile march to receive their red beret. Although Sayeret Matkal has its own insignia, it is also one of the few units in the IDF whose soldiers are not allowed to wear it in public due to its classified nature.

In spite of being a top-secret army unit, many **former Sayeret Matkal veterans** have an influence on the army and are in public service today. This may partly be due to the fact that painstaking screening and training ensures that only the most capable and motivated Israeli youths are accepted by "The Unit" as fighters. For example, Ehud Barak was a unit commander and later became IDF Chief of Staff and Israeli Prime Minister. Today Barak is the Minister of Defense. In addition to Yonatan Netanyahu are his brothers, Iddo, who is a writer and a doctor today and Benjamin, who was a unit team leader and is now serving as Prime Minister of the nation of Israel for the second time!

Winter Weather

Can you believe it's already that time of the year again? Lord willing, with much prayer from around the world, we will have the *coldest, wettest winter* yet to fill the Sea of Galilee to overflowing and cover Mount Hermon with snow! We are preparing orders for fleece jackets, hats, gloves and thermal clothing for soldiers this winter. **Thank you ahead of time for your generous gift and helping us keep the soldiers warm this winter!**

— By Karen Lewis
David Shield Coordinator





Bringing comfort to Sophie

Life in Sderot is Difficult

“Redeem Israel, O God, Out of All Their Troubles”! (Psalm 25:22)

Sophie was one of the over 1,000,000 Jews that made aliyah to Israel from the “land of the north” in the decade of the 1990’s. Like many other *olim* from Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus, Sophie settled into her new home in Sderot. Life has been difficult for Sophie in Sderot. Even after many years in Israel, Sophie finds speaking Hebrew very difficult and prefers her native Russian. Since arriving in Israel, Sophie has lived a very meager but lonely—lifestyle on an Israeli pension.

One day as she was going to get her mail, Sophie fell and injured her hip, arm, and shoulder. Moving around became very difficult. When the warning sirens sounded in Sderot about incoming Qassam rockets from Gaza, Sophie was not able to move to a safer hiding place. Her accident caused her to have extra expenses for doctors and medicine. Sophie’s food supply dwindled down to almost nothing. Sophie’s desperate situation was compounded by fear with every sound of the incoming rocket siren.

It was a neighbor of Sophie’s, (previously visited by CFI), who suggested that she call “the Christians in Jerusalem” to ask for help. CFI visited Sophie and blessed her with enough shekels to fill her cabinets with food and pay a few outstanding medical bills. CFI also blessed Sophie with a Hebrew / Russian Tanach, which made her cry. She had never owned a Bible. CFI prayed

for Sophie’s health and protection living in Sderot. One of the CFI staff members visiting with Sophie for over two hours was a Russian translator. To be able to speak in Russian added to Sophie’s comfort. After two hours of listening, visiting, laughing, and crying, Sophie said, “I never knew there were people as kind as you are.”

Today Sophie continues to call CFI about once a month just to visit with our receptionist who speaks Russian. They have become “telephone friends.” She still has fond memories of when the “Christians came to see her in her home.”

“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:8).

Although the number of Qassam rockets that were launched was less the past year, the firing continues. It only takes one rocket to destroy your house, but the same rocket can destroy an irreplaceable life. That is why the municipality of Sderot is doing their best to build a bomb shelter for each household, to protect its citizens. Your support continues to make this outreach a very significant ministry of the Lord. **Thank you for making it possible.**

— **By Helene Iedema**
Director of Outreach



Rockets into Roses

“For years Israelis have been plagued by rockets fired from the Gaza strip. But now, one Israeli artist is working to turn that suffering into beauty. Bob Yaron is an art teacher and blacksmith who lives in Yated, a small Israeli community near the border with the Gaza Strip.” He decided to take the metal from spent Qassam rockets and turn them into objects of beauty.

“I needed to make something that will say growth and prosperity and to make something out of the destruction...of the Qassam,” Bob said. ‘It struck me that I need to make a rose from the Qassam.’ Part of the proceeds from the sale of the roses is used to purchase shelters against rocket attacks in southern Israel.” Please visit the website below. (Quoted material - CBN article by Julie Stahl, January 22, 2010.)

www.rocketsintoroses.com

Patrolling the Walls of Jerusalem

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night..."

(Isaiah 62:6)

Thousands of praying Christian friends are enlisted on the Wall of Prayer. We apologize for the break which has taken so long to repair on the wall; however, we now have a new WOP database and have gone completely electronic. Where previously it required four people to gather information and to research, type, proof, edit and mail out, we now are able to electronically post Wall of Prayer bulletins, information on various towns and cities throughout Israel,

and also offer guidance for prayer points for our committed intercessors. We want to personally thank many stalwart men and women who are stationed and on alert in the Spirit, ever watching and looking out and monitoring the horizon here in Israel. These are the guardians of Israel employed by the Lord to patrol the Walls—not only of Jerusalem—but of all Israel. Thank you, Watchmen on the Walls!

Beginning January, 2011

Each month I will be sending you specific information on a town, city or village in Israel (in conjunction with Sondra Baras of Christian Friends of Israeli Communities, who is on the frontlines among the people of these villages every day. (Their website: www.cfoic.com) This will give "fuel increase" to the information you need to go to the throne room in prayer, and hopefully will stimulate, energize and rejuvenate everyone who is watching! If you have sent us a blue card informing us that you are a member of the CFI Wall of Prayer, you will be receiving this information free of charge each month. **Where it is possible, please forward it to others who pray for Israel.** If you wish to write to me, please do so at this e-mail address: prayer@cfijerusalem.org.

Thank you for strengthening the wall and helping us rebuild and expand.
Yours from Jerusalem, Sharon Sanders



Our Most Valuable Resource

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7

CFI is a tangible, "touchable" ministry working the will of the Father to touch His Chosen People, Israel. CFI staff members are Christians called from different nations, working together in one accord for the purposes of God in relation to Israel and the Church. CFI Jerusalem is looking for people of faith to answer the call to serve the Lord on our international staff of Christians who have dedicated their lives to God's Call among the Jewish people. Open positions are listed in the column to the right. Visit our website at www.cfijerusalem.org to learn more about how you can join a wonderful team serving God in Israel. Contact us today by emailing personnel@cfijerusalem.org to begin the application process.

Currently Seeking the Following:

- Director of Administration**
- New Project Coordinators**
- Under His Wings/CUA Coordinator**
- Bridal Salon Coordinator**
- Human Resources Coordinator**
- Human Resources Assistant**
- Graphic Designer**
- Accounts Receivable/Database Clerk**
- Finance Coordinator Assistant**
- Administrative Assistant**
- Head Cook—HQ**
- Cook Assistant—HQ**

A Call to Provoke to Jealousy:

Did the Church miss her calling?

PART 1

We were in the home of a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz when she asked the awkward and uncomfortable question: *"Sharon, why didn't the Christians help us?"* A sudden unexpected question like this can lay you open and I knew I had to answer. Most probably the same question many Jewish people asked themselves when they were rounded up and driven from their homes during the Holocaust while Christian neighbors stood apathetically by, indifferent to their impending doom. I answered, treading very carefully, *"Well, I don't have all the answers, but I think that the Church pulled so far away from its Jewish roots that they forgot Jesus was a Jew."* Then I wondered, did I provide her with a sufficient answer? I still hear that question and it troubles me today, because if she were alive, she probably would ask the same question, only in the present tense: *"Sharon, why don't Christians help us?"*

The question would be just as hard to answer because what we're witnessing right now is passivity and apathy in the Church, reminiscent of the past.

The Jewish People have always, always been portrayed as "Christ-killers," a people guilty of decide, "children of the devil" and so forth. Today we see the delegitimizing and the demonizing of Israel by Islam and the world. But anti-Semitism really grew in the incubator of Christianity and that question just kept surfacing: *"Why didn't the Christians help us?"*

Some of the Jewish people thought that they would be protected by us because of our belief in Jesus, but the Messiah's name "got caught in the corruption" of the historical Church. Those whom the Jewish people thought were their friends betrayed them. Yes, the Church marred the face of Jesus to his own people. Now I believe, as a born-again and Spirit-filled Christian, that Jesus, Yeshua, is the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the world. That will never change!

CFI doesn't believe in Dual-Covenant theology, nor have we compromised our beliefs, but today I address the subject that's rarely brought up in the pulpits of our Churches and this time I ask the question: *"Church, did we miss our calling? According to Romans 10:19, we were supposed to provoke the Jewish people to jealousy."* Well what would have happened during the Holocaust

if the Christian neighbors would have said, *"What's going on here?"* and blocked the door to their Jewish neighbors' homes, standing in the way between them and the Nazis? Did everyone forget the words of Jesus, *"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"*? What if more would have stood up and laid down their lives for the Jewish people, because Jesus told us, *"No greater love has any man than to lay down his life for his friends."* Immanuel Ringlebaum recorded in his diary during the Holocaust, this memorial to a real friend: *"A Christian died today while throwing a loaf of bread over the Warsaw Ghetto wall to us."* This Christian man paid

Greater Love
has no one
than this, that he
lay down his life
for his friends.
John 15:13



the ultimate price to make sure his Jewish friends had food. But most of the Church behaved strangely, in a manner unbecoming the saved and redeemed.

My husband Ray and I have been living in Israel for over 25 years, and in that period of time, we've been living between two worlds. Born, raised and educated in the Christian world, we were divinely uprooted by God to live in community with the Jewish people in their land. Understanding both worlds hasn't been easy and a Jewish man once told me, *"If you're going to live among my people, then learn to think like my people."* It was the best advice I ever received. An Orthodox Jewish rabbi said to me, *"Growing up, I didn't know there was a Gentile world."* Well, growing up for me, in my Gentile world, I didn't know there was a Jewish one. But when I met the Lord and I sensed his presence,

and I knew He was alive, my whole life was transformed, and a deep love for the God of Israel and for the Jewish people came into my heart. I attribute faith in Jesus, not the Church, as the reason for my love for Israel – it's Jesus.

Some people say Evangelical Christians study Romans 9, 10 and 11 way too much, but I happen to believe that they're not

taught enough from our church pulpits. Our Church Fathers exhibited an unwillingness to teach on these chapters until the last 20-25 years since Bible prophecy has come to the fore. And since the teaching of these Scriptures, many "cataracts" have fallen from the Church's eyes when they began to see the wounds of 2,000 years that were heaped on the Jewish people by Gentile Christendom.

Jesus taught, "Salvation is of the Jews." There's no other way to get it! Paul then carried it another step further, in *Romans 11:11*, *"Salvation has come,"* (it's taken place) *"to provoke them to jealousy."* Salvation has come to whom? The Gentiles. To provoke whom? The Jewish people. And now we have a verse that raises the question, *"What did Paul mean 'to provoke to jealousy?'"* I was told by a friend that words are useless unless you know what's hiding behind the words. So what lies behind the words "provoke" and "jealousy?"

Generally, the word "jealousy" has a negative connotation, but a Jewish example of a godly jealousy would be like two Torah scholars studying the Word together. One scholar knows more than the other scholar and so, the one that knows more stirs the other, less knowledgeable person to want to know more about the Word of God. Paul refers to this positive jealousy – which is to be stirred up by us – that it will result in Israel deepening its love for God and coming to the knowledge of the Truth. It is thought that they might be ashamed when those not Jewish responded more positively toward their God than they. Throughout Church history though, to its discredit, Christendom not only did not stir the Jewish people to godly jealousy, but it created fear and repugnance for the Redeemer. The greater number of Jewish people today are either apathetic, or totally ignore Christianity's claims. But it was Jewish people who brought Him to us and

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
John 15:13



it hurts to know that He's hardly a consideration for most Jewish people today – due in large part to the offensive tragedy of the Holocaust. Proverbs 18:19 says, *“An offended brother is more resistant than the locked gate of a castle tower.”* He just locks you out, just pushes you away. Trying to get inside the gate of a fortress without a key is pretty hard to do, and it's very uncomfortable to admit that the historical Church offended our brothers, God's chosen people—and actually to say that the Church “offended” is to underestimate the damage done. Care wasn't taken to protect the name of the Lord and corrupt fruit began to grow on a good tree. The fruit became unpleasant and repulsive even, and I can tell you, the historical Church left a bitter taste in the mouths of the Jewish people.

I was once asked by a Russian immigrant, *“Sharon, what god do the Christians worship?”* I said, *“Well, Vladimir, we worship the God of Israel.”* And he said, *“Well I just ask because I hear them say ‘we sing to God, we pray to God, we love God’ but there's a lot of gods in the world and I didn't know which God the Christians worship.”* Are we afraid to publicly state, *“I believe in the God of Israel – the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?”* We have to make that distinction in these days, because there are so many “gods” being falsely worshipped throughout the world.

When the Church turns its face from the Jewish people, doesn't know it worships a Jewish God, or reads a Jewish book, or has embraced the Jewish Messiah, something's wrong! And the face of Jesus is not being shown properly. May we understand what it means to provoke and to get to work to undo the damage that was done. We've forgotten it, we want to go right on, but 2000 years have taken place; damage was done to the Chosen People by Gentile Christians and I believe for the Master's sake, that we need to be His face.

He loved until the end; He never condemned anyone on the cross, only asking the Father to forgive. And by the cross of God's grace, we too must learn to approach the Jewish people in humility and not spiritual pride.

It's pretty clear: the spiritual obscurity the Church slipped into at different points in time, the spiritual lukewarmness the Church is presently in, in some places, is more than likely attributed – at least partially – to its present treatment of Israel and the Jewish people. I had Christian friends tell me that during the Holocaust they heard cries when the cattle cars, with Jewish people in them, passed by their churches on their way to Auschwitz. I asked them, *“Well what did you do?”* and they said, *“We sang louder.”*

What about Christianity today? We have pastors who have seen the light about God's covenant with the Jewish people – and we thank God for them, but what about the current divestment from Israel by so many mainline denominations – the separating from Israel altogether, and condemning her every action? What the Church has provoked the Jewish people to is far, far from jealousy and I think we may have missed our calling.

Look for the continuation of “A Call to Provoke to Jealousy: Did the Church Miss Her Calling?” in the next edition of *For Zion's Sake*.



by Sharon Sanders

Director of Ministry and Teaching

THE LIGHTHOUSE

CFI Distribution and Supply Center

ALIYAH LEADS US INTO THE FUTURE

A lighthouse is a building designed to emit light. Historically, it was an aid to navigation and to pilots at sea. Lighthouses gave safe entry to harbors and to shores of freedom. CFI has led the way in Israel helping new immigrants once they are in the Land over the past 20 years. It is now a new season of aliyah. Our service to Israel must continue to flow with Godly blessings to the People.

AN ETERNAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

A new location in Jerusalem right in the “heart of Jerusalem” is being considered for our new Distribution and Supply Center which will be called, “*The Lighthouse*” in the “*city of our God...the joy of the whole earth...the City of the great King*” (Psalm 48:1, 2). If you are a Christian businessman or woman who is looking to make an investment in kingdom property, we invite you to participate in the securing of new Distribution Center premises. We are now preparing for the next wave of ingathering of the Jewish people to arrive on the shores of Israel.

Christians need to do all we can to help the Jewish people, using the resources we have available to bring great blessings from the Christian world. As waves of anti-Semitism wash up on the shores of Europe, the United States, North and South America, and other continents, we need to be ready for immigrant arrivals.

*“...that now at this time your abundance may be
a supply for their want...”*

(2 Corinthians 8:14)

For further information on how you can help us secure and construct the premises for The Lighthouse please contact:
ray@cfjjerusalem or *sharon@cfjjerusalem.org*



THE GALLERY (BRIDAL SALON): Our brides and grooms as well as their families will continue to come to receive the loveliest gowns and formal clothing in the Land sent from Christians around the world. Their wedding day will be made possible in great part through the generosity of Christians helping supply the best of gowns, veils, jewelry, rings and special event wear. We would also help the young people for their Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

THE LANTERN ROOM: In CFI's new facility our Reception Area will contain a miniature lighthouse. In the life of an immigrant it is the early days when they need our help the most. We need to listen to the stories of their hardships and try to bring light into their darkness.

THE WATCH ROOM: In this room we will teach English Classes free of charge.



THE SERVICE ROOM: This large room will serve guests of all ages and walks of life:

The Elderly – with blankets, linens, clothing, sleepwear, food coupons and medicinal needs

Babies – layettes for the mothers, prams or strollers, diapers and clothing for the newborns

New Immigrants – pots, pans, electric kettles, toasters, mixers, bedding and towels

Youth – school and university supplies, perhaps small calculators, electronic needs, classroom supplies, sleeping bags.

Funds received for the Lighthouse will be used for: Food coupons, electrical appliances, electronic needs, book fees, classroom supplies and operational costs. Many items can be purchased from local shops that deliver to our door. This will aid the Israeli economy and provide more opportunities to build relationships.

As Christian Friends of Israel from the nations, we want to add to the joy and happiness of the homecoming of the Jewish people. It is their ancestors who have bestowed so many blessings upon the Christian world. We wish to repay some of the debt we owe. We also want to be facilitators of undoing damage done by historical Christendom to the Jewish nation. It is in the "Spirit of Ruth" that we walk humbly, asking forgiveness for what was done in the name of Christ to the Jewish people in past centuries. We will bestow blessings, giving freely away – where in the past the historical Church only stole the blessings. We are looking for "hearts of compassion" to partner with us to show mercy to the Jewish people. God showed us mercy by grafting us into Israel. Let us now rise and build the Lighthouse in Jerusalem for a new era of *aliyah* about to dawn. We need you now! Let all of us strive to not only make a contribution, but strive to make a difference!

PROJECT *Streams of Blessing* Flowing In from the Nations and Out to the Needy

*“There is a place whose streams make glad the City of our God.”
Psalm 46:4*

Christian Friends of Israel (CFI) is pleased to present a new outreach project by which you may direct your blessings to those who are suffering great physical, emotional and financial trials and circumstances here in the Land of Israel. You can help us by becoming a living spring to supply the Streams of Blessing flowing into the City of God – Jerusalem and across the Land.

Streams carry steady currents of water and CFI needs the assistance and support of our partners in the nations help keep the streams flowing. Many come to our doors for help and we wish to turn no one away. You can help us leave a life-changing memory that will refresh their lives. After 2,000 years of anti-Semitism coming through the Church in the name of Christ, Jewish people are surprised to walk into our environment and see an example of true Christianity in action – people who are followers of Jesus pouring forth the love of God to their lives.

Streams of Blessing ministers to Jewish people coming from many different walks of life each and every day. We are touching the lives of new immigrants, widows, orphans, and one-parent families as well as the poorest of the poor – often forced to live on the streets. We also help those who come to our doors who do not come under the guidelines of other outreach projects within CFI.

As we minister to these people, they are beginning to see that true Christians are their genuine friends. We CAN make a difference for the Glory of God and the Name we carry!

Choosing the Right Channel

From Scripture, we know that a cup of wrath will be given to the nations who turn against the Jewish people. God said He would recompense people according to their deeds. Let us not drink of the cup of wrath given the nations who curse Israel but let us be the Streams of Blessing. Then we will be blessed according to His Word. His blessing always rests on those who are faithful to His commands. The Lord gave a principle and a promise to the Gentile nations, that if they were a “blessing to Israel” He would command a blessing on them. When we bestow unconditional blessings on the Jewish people, we, as followers of Jesus, inherit God’s favor not only for ourselves but also for the lives of our families for generations.

He commands His blessing on us! Blessing is the opposite of cursing (Genesis 27:12; 33:11; Nehemiah 9:5). *Berekah* (the Hebrew word for blessing) is what today’s Church needs from God.

The Debt We Owe

Is it not a cause for us to show our gratitude (our debt) to the earthly vessels that carried life-giving water to our nations? Through the Jewish Scriptures (the whole Bible), the Prophets, Psalmists, the Apostles, and the example of those in the Early Church, our Biblical foundations are solid.

Our New Project

You can be life-giving “Streams of Blessing” to the precious Jewish people.

Many Jewish people have asked, “Should we receive help from Christians?” They carry memories of many years of persecution by those who called themselves “Christians.” By supporting Streams of Blessing you will help us change historically polluted streams of prejudice, arrogance, apathy and pride into life-giving streams for the Jewish State and for the many Jewish people who live in the Land and are returning from the nations with great needs. Will you help us change the historical “cup of cursing” into a life-flowing stream coming straight from the heart of God?

Will you help us be that life-giving stream to those who are in a place of desperation in Israel today? May immeasurable Streams of Blessing flow from the Heart of God to His people so that together we will become Streams of Blessing to the Nation of Israel!

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

Streams of Blessing Reaches Jewish People in Israel:

- **Single-parent families** - in desperate situations
- **Unemployed and Disabled** - victims of tragic circumstances
- **School children who have needs** - school supplies, clothing, backpacks, school fees
- **Food vouchers for the poor**
- **Those with health problems** - needing help for surgeries, dental emergencies, medications and other medical problems
- **Widows and orphans**
- **War survivors** - who were in forced labor camps and those who were in hiding
- **War veterans** - Red Army vets who fought against the Germans



“It was a true report that I heard in my own land...” 1 Kings 10:6

Christian Friends of Israel has been seeking the welfare of the People of Israel since 1985 and has been able to bless over a quarter of a million Jewish people during these 25 years.

The CFI Media Department is trying to bring the most accurate and truthful coverage about the world’s most fascinating country: Israel. We are here to encourage people to read the *real* stories, from the *right* sources and to show the work that has been done for His people.

Our vision is to teach the Church its Hebrew heritage and Biblical responsibility to the Jewish people. We provide thousands around the world with true-life stories of individuals who live in Israel. Above all, we want to express Christian love and gratitude to the nation of Israel.

Our Media Director Kevin Howard is helping us expand on new and different levels. We are now able to reach multitudes of people through *state-of-the-art digital media* production equipment, both on location and in our studio facility located right in the heart of Jerusalem.

Our Media team has worked diligently to produce the For Zion’s Sake maga-



Kevin Howard
Media Director

zine, to offer numerous audio teachings from Christian scholars and Bible teachers and to release an annual Ministry DVD. We also prepare multiple brochures, and publish video updates from our outreach projects. Our internationally joined teams abroad and in Jerusalem, do their utmost to provide Christians all over the world with latest information sent from the heart of His Holy City - Jerusalem.



Marita Brokenshaw
Senior Graphic Designer



Coral Mings
Editor

With the help of our CFI international representatives, we are now establishing Chinese and Spanish Electronic Resource Centers where CFI publications are translated and distributed throughout the world. These new additions complement our existing French and German resources.

As the world has moved toward Digital Media we have also been able to provide the best information possible electronically (i.e., website and email publications) by providing fresh video updates and messages from outreach projects, digital copies of our magazine and other publications which are available to download from our website.



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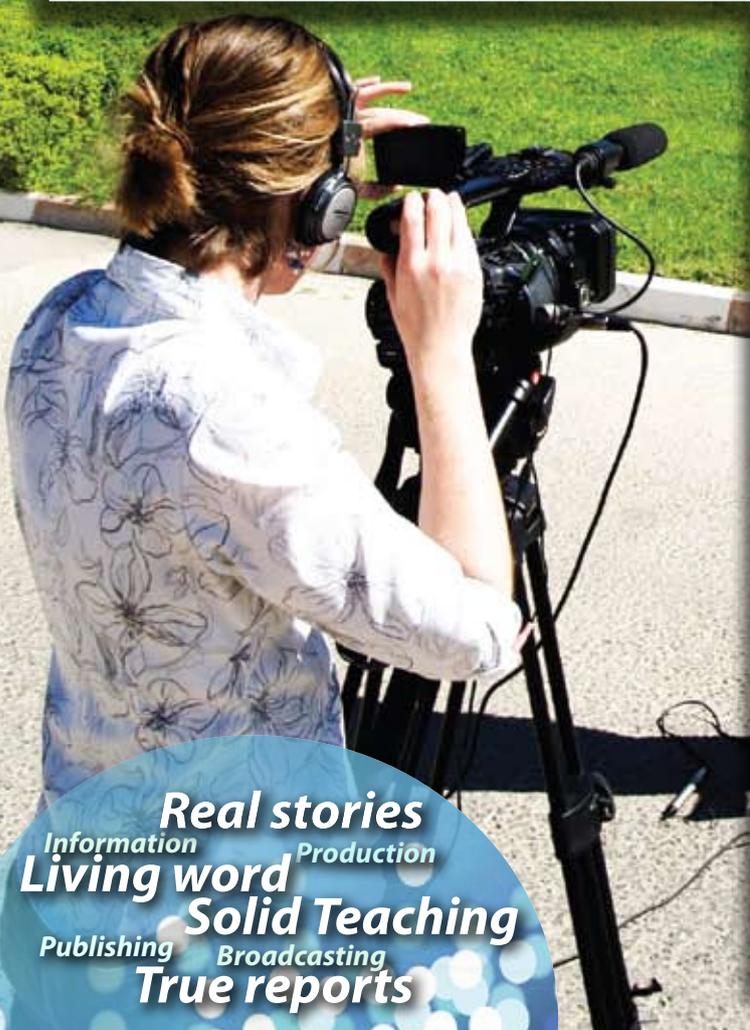
Under the direction of CFI – Jerusalem Media Director Kevin Howard a new pilot program video series is currently in production. Former CFI-UK director Geoffrey Smith has graciously joined the team by interviewing numerous people around the country utilizing the technical resources of the Jerusalem media team. The new pilot program’s goal is to focus multiple

viewpoints from around the world on current topics concerning Israel today. Recently Geoffrey Smith and our team have been traveling throughout Israel to videotape on location. From north to south we are interviewing Israelis from various walks of life, collecting honest, truthful reporting and commentary on pertinent topics. These productions are designed to be an inspiration and reference for those who love Israel and to bring clarity on topical situations as they focus on truth and honest reporting to counter secular media distortions. If you or your Christian or Public television station would like to partner in part or in whole with these programs, please contact Kevin at: media@cfi-jerusalem.org.



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CFI IN THE



CFI–New Zealand

Welcomes New Israeli Ambassador



In May of this year the Israeli Embassy was reopened in New Zealand. It had been closed due to economical reasons from the second Intifada. With the election of a new government the conditions were right with a warming of relations between New Zealand and Israel.

The new Israeli Ambassador travelled to our city and CFI–New Zealand planned an "Evening for the Ambassador" to meet with Christians who support Israel from our area. Many turned out from a wide area to give Ambassador Shemi Tzur their total sup-

port and to show that Israel has many Christian friends in New Zealand. Over 200 attended and gave him a warm welcome. Dennis McLeod, CFI Representative in New Zealand, gave an overview of the work of CFI and other Christians in the nation in support of Israel. Ambassador Tzur seemed reluctant to leave us. This evening was a "night to remember" and we look forward to further contact with one another.

For more detailed information please email Dennis and Penny McLeod: cfi@ihug.co.nz



CFI–Australia

Watches on the Wall

Patrick Russell, CFI–Australia Representative (right) and Tony Hallo (left in back) continue to organize Watches in Intercession for Israel in Australia. Packed rooms of serious lovers of Israel report their steadfastness at their posts. If you live in Australia, contact Mr. Patrick Russell at: cfiaustralia@hotmail.com for more information on how you can be involved with CFI. For joining the Hallo group, contact: halloeujah@ozemail.com.au

Australian Director Patrick and Bernadette Russell with Tony and Eunice Hallo



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CFI-UK

Outstanding Contribution to Israel (see letter on pg.22)

The Israeli Ambassador Ron Prozor met with out-going Director of Christian Friends of Israel – Mr. Geoffrey Smith. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to Israel, the Ambassador presented Mr. Smith with a symbolic gift. He also welcomed our new Director, Mr. Jacob Vince, as the new CFI-UK Director. For more information please email: jacob@cfi.org.uk



Ambassador Prozor, Mr. Geoffrey Smith and Mr. Jacob Vince



CFI-Hong Kong

Welcome Maria and Amy



Amy Ip and Maria Tsang

Welcome to CFI's new Representatives in Hong Kong. Maria and Amy—two hard working and dedicated young women have quickly brought CFI to the forefront in this country. For more information please contact Maria at: myktsang@yahoo.com.hk and Amy at: dove1ami@yahoo.co.hk



CFI-Singapore

Faithful Servants



Jane Ng and Baby Goh

A double welcome to Baby Goh and Jane Ng, CFI's new Representatives in Singapore. Both Godly women are moving full steam ahead with the work of **Christian Friends of Israel** in this beautiful country of seven million people.

We appreciate all that they do for the Kingdom of God and for blessing Israel and the Jewish people. For more information about their work please email: babygoh@apac-im.com or janeng@apac-im.com



CFI-America

DISCOVERING OUR JEWISH ROOTS



Merlin Hampton, CFI America President is presently teaching Hebrew Roots classes which last for twelve weeks in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas, area. The classes are full and there is much interest and hunger to know more about the Feasts of the Lord and also to learn about the Jewishness of our faith and how to bless the "Apple of God's Eye." Contact: CFIAmerica@gmail.com

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Message from HE Ron Prosor, Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James's

I am delighted to congratulate Christian Friends of Israel on the occasion of your 25th anniversary. The State of Israel and the Jewish People cherish your warm support, which is as important now as it has ever been. On a daily basis, Israel continues to face challenges from extremist organisations opposed to our very existence and from the Islamic Republic of Iran as it pursues a nuclear weapon while threatening our destruction.

The work of our Christian friends is a source of great encouragement, reminding us that we do not face our challenges alone. This is vital in a time when Israel is increasingly demonised and delegitimised within sections of the press, on British campuses and elsewhere within society. Even our right to exist in the land of our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is questioned, belittled and undermined.

Alarming, even certain churches have allowed radical anti-Israel sentiments to flourish. Christian Friends of Israel is crucial in countering these damaging trends and reminding our communities of the values we share.

With courage, pride and moral conviction you have stood in solidarity with the State of Israel, despite it not being fashionable to do so. Your support does not waver with each negative headline, and you place principle above the ups and downs of the news cycle. You share with us a deep love of the Holy Land, an understanding of the eternal connection between the Jewish People and the Land of Israel, and a passionate desire for peace. We all keep in our hearts the words of Psalm 122 as we "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," the eternal capital of the Jewish People, built by King David 3000 years ago.

I congratulate you on this landmark anniversary, commend your principled support for Israel and thank you for standing with the People of Israel as we face the challenges of the future. Your friendship is an asset as together we strive for peace, security and prosperity in the Holy Land, Eretz Yisrael.

Shalom Aleichem – Peace be upon you.

With best wishes,

Ron Prosor
Ambassador of Israel



CFI-UK

celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the ministry at its annual meeting in October. Greetings were received from several special friends, among them Ron Prosor - Ambassador of Israel to the Court of St James's. Before taking up appointment as Ambassador, he was Director of the Foreign Ministry of Israel in Jerusalem.

Geoffrey Smith

LESSONS OF LIFE BY SHARON SANDERS

Never Give Up!

“IT IS GOD HIMSELF, IN HIS MERCY, WHO HAS GIVEN US THIS WONDERFUL WORK... AND SO WE NEVER GIVE UP!”



It was during World War II when Great Britain's back was against the wall defending herself against overwhelming odds with the onslaught of Hitler's military might, and the unyielding bombing by the German Luftwaffe. Winston Churchill was asked to address students at Harrow School. The following is an excerpt from a speech he gave that day: *“Never give in – never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.”* While reading about Winston Churchill's life and his powerful statement about “never give in, never, never, never”.....I was moved to apply the same principle in never giving up. When it came to never giving in or giving up, Churchill certainly practiced what he preached. His determined leadership helped win the war against Germany. And when it comes to God's work, maybe we need to be more like Paul who said, *“It is God Himself, in His mercy, who has given us this wonderful work...and so we never give up.”*

The tendency is to want to give up—or give in—because of tough times and moments which everyone goes through in their lives—discouraging times, and especially the days in which we live. Many of us are old enough to remember a much different world than we live in today. We must remember: *“Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance” (Samuel Johnson).*

Jack Dempsey, a famous boxer once said, *“A champion is someone who gets up, even when he can't!”* Rudy Ruettiger (who, against all odds, became a college football hero, and is presently a sought-after motivational speaker), says *“Never quit. Don't ever, ever quit. Recognize that stopping now, regrouping to try a new approach is not quitting. If you quit you will regret it forever.”*

These past two years, with the loss of many wonderful Christian volunteers on our staff in Jerusalem have made life a bit stressful, while the workload did not diminish. Seeking God for a new vision for the future CFI Distribution Center for new olim (immigrants) gave us every

reason to want to say, *“Enough!”* But our Jewish friends told us, *“...we are making progress (together)...don't give up, don't quit!”* So we've “plowed on” and look to a glorious future. Dale Carnegie once said, *“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”*

Many people, even Christians, are crumbling under the pressures of life and as a result they are bailing out...of leadership positions, family commitments and work. Job was a man who had every reason to lose his hope and forsake God. He had been showered with blessings. He lost more in one day than most of us could ever imagine, but after he lost it all, he fell to the ground and said, *“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, may the name of the Lord be praised” (Job 1:20).* What a testimony. Today you, one of our Christian friends of Israel, may be walking through the most desolate desert, a barren wasteland or a dark wilderness, but I encourage you to not lose hope and never give up!

When I was on the Black Sea years ago helping bring home Jewish people from Odessa (Ukraine) with Ebenezer Emergency Fund, and realizing the dark and total blackness we were surrounded by out on that body of water—no lights anywhere—I had to be reminded by God that it is only in the darkness that you can see the stars. When I looked up, I saw the most beautiful galaxy I had ever laid my eyes on – out in the middle of the Black Sea in total darkness. Today God wants to renew your hope. Look up!

Our trials and pressures along with the stresses of this modern world may only increase before it is all over. Jesus said, *“In this world you will have tribulation...and because you follow me...they will persecute you too” (John 16:33; 15:20b).* Anyone can give up. It is the easiest thing in the world to do. But holding together shows true strength. *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9 NIV).* Whatever we are doing, let us do it with all of our hearts.

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FRANCETTE'S DEPARTURE!!

WE WILL MISS YOU!

Our loyal and faithful servant and partner-in-ministry who has worked for CFI in Jerusalem for 19 years has returned to her native country, France. Francette will be continuing to serve CFI Jerusalem by doing translations into the French language, after she has gotten settled into her new place.



FRANCETTE VIDAL

We shall miss her but thank God for such a faithful servant!

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