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# THE ONE TRUE GOD

**“...the Lord of the  
whole earth” (Micah 4:13).**



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## DEAR FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

The prophetic verses to the right are known to all who observe events in Israel and the Middle East. What began in Tunisia has rapidly spread throughout the region and presently is focused on Syria as discontent among the population of Bashar Assad's regime continues to manifest. He realizes his fate may be the same as Muammar Gaddafi if the rebellion continues to fester and he loses control of his grip on power. I personally believe that the Muslim Brotherhood is behind much of the turmoil taking place in the Middle East. They have been quietly and steadily gaining strength and support among the general population promising freedom from the dictatorships, but in fact, are setting themselves up to usher in radical Islam under the guise of "democracy." I believe the Muslim Brotherhood will be a part of the "confederacy" spoken about in Psalm 83.

### The Greatest Threat

Presently, the greatest threat to peace and security in the Middle East is the prospect of a nuclear Iran that has threatened the destruction of Israel. In the midst of the current regional turmoil and upheaval the leadership of Iran continues to steadily make progress toward an atomic bomb. Unfortunately, other than sanctions and boycotts, there has not been a serious threat to dissuade the Iranian government from progressing toward its nuclear goals. This leaves Israel in the very precarious position of having to actively respond to this impending threat through a potential military attack. The ramifications of such an attack would be enormous, not only for Israel, but the entire Middle East and possibly, the world. However, left unchecked, inaction will be an obvious sign of weakness to the Iranian government.

In a recent Jerusalem Post article by Caroline Glick entitled, "Waiting out Obama," she makes the following observations: "... Israel is not the US's only Middle Eastern ally that has suffered from its strategic myopia. Iran's pro-American Green Movement was betrayed by Obama's Arab ally when it called for a decision to side with the regime against the Green Movement in 2009. Iraq's pro-American political forces will be harmed if not destroyed in the aftermath of the Administration's planned withdrawal of US forces from Iraq. Then there are the Sunnis. Under Obama, the US betrayed its most important Arab ally when it called for the then-Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak to resign in response to

the anti-regime demonstrations in Cairo. America is supporting the Muslim Brotherhood takeover of Tunisia, Libya and Egypt. It supports the Muslim Brotherhood-dominated Turkish-organized Syrian opposition to Assad's regime. It upholds Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Islamist, anti-Semitic and anti-Western regime as the US's greatest ally" (*JPost*, Caroline Glick).

## Arabs Abhor Weakness

In my 26 years of living in Israel there is one observation that is abundantly clear: the Arab world respects strength but abhors weakness. The US government continues to reflect weakness in its role as leader of "the free world." President Barack Obama believes he can negotiate and compromise with the Iranian leaders to secure their willingness to discontinue their quest for nuclear supremacy. As a US citizen and a strong supporter of Israel, I was deeply perturbed by this seemingly naïve position being held by someone of Obama's stature. While pondering this inconsistency, I was given a book written by Aaron Klein and Brenda J. Elliott entitled "The Manchurian President" (WND Books 2010). Quoting from the book's introduction: "The book title is taken from *The Manchurian Candidate*, a 1959 spy thriller by Richard Condon, who depicted the son of a prominent political family in America who has been brainwashed into becoming an unwitting assassin for the Communist Party. The authors are by no means arguing that President Obama has been brainwashed by anyone, or that he is a sleeper agent for an international party or weapons conglomerate as depicted in the movies. However, the main theme of *The Manchurian Candidate's* various incarnations—that of a powerful politician whose true past has been intentionally obscured, and who has become the vehicle for implementing a hidden radical agenda—absolutely fits with the theme of this book and with the facts that are carefully documented within its pages.

While on a ministry tour in the United States this fall, I was given another book which provided further insights to the Obama presidency. The book is entitled *The Roots of Obama's Rage* by Dinesh D'Souza, (Regnery Publishing, Inc. 2010) I would like to quote from the cover flap of this book: "He has been called many things: a socialist, a radical fellow traveler, a Chicago machine politician, a prince of the civil rights movement, a virtual second coming of Christ, or even a covert Muslim. But as *New York Times* bestselling author Dinesh D'Souza points out in this shockingly revealing book, these labels merely slap our own preconceived notions on Barack Obama.

"The real Obama is a man shaped by experiences far different from those of most Americans; he is much stranger, more determined, and exponentially a more dangerous man than you'd ever imagined. He is not motivated by the struggles of African Americans in the 1960's—those battles leave him wholly untouched. He is not motivated by the socialist or Marxist propaganda—those concepts also leave him cold. What really motivates Barack Obama is an inherited rage – an often masked, but profound rage that comes from his African father; an anti-colonialist rage against Western dominance, and most especially against the wealth and power of the very nation Barack Obama now leads. It is this rage that explains the previously inexplicable, and that gives us a startling look at what lies ahead." I do not make it a practice of endorsing books when writing these quarterly Director's Letters. However, I believe there are tens of millions of Americans who sense there is something terribly askew with the President, but they don't know exactly what the problem is. These books, among countless others, seek to definitively expose just how dangerous Barack Obama is as America's president and Commander-in-Chief. **It is a call for serious prayer for the President.** Please give serious consideration to reading such books and draw your own conclusions. One thing I am certain of in these last days: the spirit of deception is openly manifested in the earth today. As followers of the Lord Jesus, we must lead circumspect and transparent lives, being on guard at all times against deception in our own lives. I believe Paul's warning to Timothy is most relevant today: **"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived"** 2 Timothy 3:13.

With regard to Israel and the Jewish people, they are in need of our verbal, material, financial and spiritual support. *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"* is never more relevant than the days in which we are living. The leaders of Israel need wisdom from on High as they face the enormous challenges before them each day. May the Lord grant them a full measure of His Spirit in these unpredictably challenging times. ■

Sincerely in the Lord's service,

*Ray Sanders*

Ray Sanders, Executive/International Director

**"Keep not thou silence, O God; hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee." Psalm 83:1-5**



**Nations trying to give the Land of Israel away**



**President Obama**



# THE ONE TRUE GOD

**“The root problem of humanity is rebellion against GOD...the problem is universal.” Derek Prince**

Rebellion against God is giving tribute, praise, honor, glory, grandeur, worship, veneration or deification to any so-called deity other than the One True God. He is unquestionably the incomparable, matchless, and unequalled Creator and Almighty Host of Heaven and “...*the Lord of the whole earth*” (Micah 4:13). He is greater than all other gods (Exodus 18:11) and should be exalted as the all powerful and yet tender loving God. In a world where many worship false gods and fallen angels, Christians should be certain of whom we worship. His identity was revealed to holy Jewish prophets and apostles and handed down through the Jewish Scriptures. Their words to us today and their insight about the God of Scripture through the sacred words He gave to us continue to remain unchanged through the corridors of time.

Journey with us as we walk the road of exploration and discover treasures relating to who this “*Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, and Everlasting Father*” (Isaiah 9:6) really is. In our first steps we must face the reality that other deities are worshipped and followed and are in competition with this One God. We will stop to take a look at what they claim to be and how their followers are deceived.

God cannot be described fully in one article such as this; however, since He is the God of Truth we must tell the world. He is the God of Israel and I for one, am not ashamed. Israel’s God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, the originator and Ruler of the Universe, the most exalted being, greatest in power, authority, rank, and paramount over all. He is The Greatest in importance, significance, character and achievement. He is the Ultimate and final Supreme Being no matter what other religions proclaim! Indeed, the universal voices of the world and of false religions shout in rebellion against Him.

**BY SHARON SANDERS**



Jewish people praying to the God of Israel



Jesus will rule over an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem soon

## What God Do Christians Worship?

I personally was challenged once by a Jewish Russian immigrant about God. An immigrant who had visited CFI's Distribution Center, and had become a good friend of ours, asked me a simple but disconcerting question: "Sharon, what God do the Christians worship?" At that time, I was startled that someone I had come to know quite well would ever ask me such a question...I took it for granted that he knew. I answered quite assuredly, "Why, of course, we worship the God of Israel!" He then humbly said, "I didn't know because I hear Christians say 'we worship God,' 'we love God' and 'we sing to God' but they did not say which God." This question forever changed my perspective on how Jewish people look at Christianity. He brought home to me something I had given little thought about before but since that encounter I have had time to ponder "how many other Jewish people think the same thing?"

said He is the "*God of Our Fathers*" (Acts 5:30), the patriarchs of the Jewish Chosen People. He was called "*the Lord God of Shem*" (Genesis 9:26), one of the three sons of Noah, from whom the whole world was re-populated (see Genesis 35:7 and Psalm 16:4). Shem was the father of the Shemites (Semites) from which come the Jewish people.

Napoleon said "the Bible has a power that conquers all that oppose it." God reveals Himself through His Written Word and is the True Power that keeps the Bible relevant at any time in history. He is the God of our salvation (Isaiah 7:17) and it is His gift to mankind that communicates the way. He tells us about who He chose as a People (Israel) for Himself. He speaks about the Land (Israel) He chose for His People. He relates to a City (Jerusalem) from which He will rule over an earthly kingdom. The world does not accept God's Word

**"Before me no god was formed, neither shall there be any after me." Without a shadow of a doubt, there is only ONE True God.**

"The first Christians, like the Jews before them, were fiercely monotheistic, willing to die horrible martyrs' deaths in an arena [later, the Coliseum], devoured by wild animals, crucified, or tied to a stake and turned into human torches, rather than concede the existence of any other gods." This adamant insistence on monotheism is taken directly from the teaching of the Bible. In John 17:3 Yeshua addresses His Father, saying "*And this is eternal life that they may know you...the Only True God*" (John 17:3). However, I continue to be amazed at how little the Christian church has actually taught us about our connection with the Chosen People and their God.

I heard about a preacher who said he could not pray with the Jews because they worshipped a different God. In the movie *Chariots of Fire*, the deans of Cambridge spoke about Abrams, the Jewish runner, as also worshipping a "different God." My response is one of disbelief! Who was Yeshua worshipping if not the God of Israel? "Jews and Christians do worship the same God. Before the rise of Christianity, Jews were the only worshippers of the God of Israel. They believed in Him before we did. Through the spread of Christianity hundreds of millions of non-Jews around the world have entered into relationship with the God of Israel" (Christian Action for Israel). The spread of the Gospel took the Name of the God of Israel around the world. Yeshua said, "*And I have declared...thy Name*" (John 17:26).

## God Identifies Himself

God reveals Himself in the Torah and Tanach (Old Testament) as well as the Brit Hadasha (New Testament). He is the God of Abraham (Psalm 22:3, 4, 23-27 and Acts 3:13.) Israel

because they do not know Him. They are anti-God and anti-Messiah. He is also the Owner of the earth, the world, the universe, and cosmos. The people of the earth and everything that lives and breathes are the Lord's. He founded it (Psalm 24:1). He is called "*the Lord of Hosts*" (Psalm 24:8-10). Stephen called Him, "*the God of Glory*" (Acts 7:2) "*the Host of Heaven*" (Acts 7:42). Yes, He clearly identifies Himself with Israel as they were commanded to call Him "*...our God...*" (Psalm 20:5).

## His Nature

It has been said that God is love. From all eternity, He has always existed and is without any creation. Love only has meaning when it involves a relationship between persons. This implies that if He is love—in and of Himself—He must exist as a relationship. The relationship God has established between people (i.e., marriage partners, parents and children, kings and subjects) are all reflections of the relationship between God and man). Men and women in marriage are very different, but are one in the Lord. The oneness of marriage and the Body of Messiah are reflective of the nature of God Himself.

The Hebrew word for God as one is "*echad*" which can refer to "one" day or "one" stone, but it can also refer to a unity from plurality. In Numbers 13:23, *echad* refers to a cluster of grapes. In Genesis 11:6 those who built the tower of Babel were referred to as "one people." When we refer to a person, that person has different components such as emotions, thoughts, and a physical body, but we understand all of these parts to constitute "one person." The "oneness" we observe in marriage and other examples are shadows of the reality of the oneness of God.



Poster found in the Old City

## IS ALLAH THE SAME GOD?

Even though some will disagree, Allah is not the One True God! Enough evidence in any serious study of Islam will reveal he is incorrectly often proclaimed to be the same God that Israel and the Church worship. He is not. The Quran begins with "Allah is He, other than Whom there is no other god..." Islam proclaims five times a day into our earth's atmosphere that God is great. Moslems proclaim loudly the deity they follow. "Mormons also claim there is an innumerable multitude of gods and that new gods are being formed all the time. Some gods are supposed to be older than the Father..." But Isaiah 43:10 puts it very clearly: **"Before me no god was formed, neither shall there be any after me."** Without a shadow of a doubt, there is only ONE True God.

El is linguistically equivalent to the Moslem word "Allah"; however, the attributes of Allah in Islam are entirely different from those of the God of the Hebrews. In Judaism, the name should not be written out, so that it will not be discarded disrespectfully. The most important name is the four-letter name, Y-H-W-H. The pronunciation of the four-letter name is unknown, because the vowels are missing. Islam is attempting to deceive people as to the words of the Lord Jesus, even in the Old City of Jerusalem—the City chosen by the God of Israel. (see photo above right).

According to one Internet study there are roughly 2,500 gods being worshipped by the various known religions upon earth as well as other "gods" (such as Mother Nature). It is appropriate for Christians to take a look at the real world we live in and to comprehend that the god of this world has blinded the minds of many who do not believe (2 Corinthians 4:4). We must never lump God together with pagan gods. We also cannot just say, "I believe in God"...we must state clearly and without fear that "we are believers in the "One True God of Israel." All other gods are false gods."

### Quotes from Historical Church Leaders:

With all of the errors the Church Fathers made about Israel and the Jewish people throughout Church history some got it right about the Oneness of God (although few knew Him as the God of Israel).

**Ignatius of Antioch:** "There is then one God and Father and not two or three; one who is, and there is no other besides him, the only true God. For the Lord your God says there is One Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:4)—*Letter to the Philadelphians 2* (AD 110).

**Irenaeus:** "For the Church...has received from the apostles and from their disciples the faith in One God, Father Almighty..." *Against Heresies 1:10:1* (AD 189).

**Clement:** "Though there are many that are called gods, there is but One True God, according to the testimonies of the Scriptures" - *Recognitions of Clement, 3:75* (AD 221).

**Origen:** "...there is One God who created and arranged all things, and who, when nothing existed, called all things into existence..." - *The Fundamental Doctrines, 1:0:4* (AD 225).

**Novatian:** "We must therefore believe, according to the rule prescribed, on the Lord, the One True God..." - *Treatise on the Trinity 16* (AD 235).

### Our Sacred Duty

We must ground believers firmly in God's revelation of Himself and continually bring them back to the realization that there is a Holy Name attached to the One True God. He is not the God of the Hindus, or the Moslems, or the Buddhists. He is God over all the earth and one day everyone shall bow to Him, but for those of us who call ourselves Jews and Christians, He is God Almighty. One God, "Shema Israel."

It is hard to put into mere words all about this wonderful and awesome God that we worship and whose presence we approach, through the shed blood of the Messiah of Israel (Yeshua) and Savior of the World (Jesus). Those of us who are grafted into Israel, are likewise to obey His Voice, (Exodus 23:22). He said, make no covenants with false gods (Exodus 23:32), nor make any treaties with false deities (Exodus 34:12, 15) and we must serve no other gods (Exodus 23:30, 33). This also means that we should not try to make a graven image, or any likeness of God, because He cannot be compared with anything that has been created, except man, who is created in **"His Likeness"** (Exodus 20:4, 23). We also should not bow down to any graven images (Exodus 23:24) because God is a jealous God and will not accept competition (Exodus 23:5). We should respect His Holy Name and not take it in vain (Leviticus 19:12, Micah 6:11). We should respect the day He chose as the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2,3, Nehemiah 13:16-19) as He is a gracious God (Exodus 22:27). We are not even to talk about other gods nor mention their names (Exodus 23:13).

God's voice rings with truth eternal, an ageless God, always the same, towering above the works of men. No one else could ever meet the needs of the human heart, as He can. He is the Great I Am and where He dwells is a Holy Place. He is a God that talks with man (Deuteronomy 5:24). God desires that we fear Him (Deuteronomy 10:20; 13:4; Deuteronomy 5:29; 6:13). He is faithful and keeps His covenants. (Deuteronomy 7:19). He is the overcomer's God (Revelation 21:7); He is Lord God Almighty (Revelation 21:22). He is Lord God of the holy Prophets (Revelation 22:6) and we are to worship Him alone (Revelation 22:9). He asks that we do not forget Him (Deuteronomy 8:11, 18). He says **"the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God..."** (Deuteronomy 10:17). There is **"none like the God of Israel...the eternal God"** (Deuteronomy 33:26-27). His name is Emmanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). According to Jesus (John 14:28), **"My father is greater than I."** He indeed is One and He is Spirit (Mark 12:32; John 4:24.) The root problem of humanity is rebellion against the Almighty but God will have the last word and in the end **"every knee will bow"** to the One True God! If you do not yet know Him He has provided a way through His Son, Yeshua. ■

# UNDOING DAMAGE

By Vered-Faye Wicks, Ray Sanders, Sharon Sanders

One of CFI's mandates is to undo damage done by the historical Christian Church toward the Jewish people through centuries of Christian anti-Semitism. Thank God that as Christians, we were able to bring a blessing to the ones who have lost so much. It was because of the love of God that was sent through your giving, that many lives ended up being touched in a way they never expected. Each seed we plant has a potential to grow and nothing is done in His Name that does not reflect His Love.

## Only Christians

We recently received a report from Susan, who is one of our team in Mount Carmel. She told us what a great blessing it was for them to participate in presenting the financial gifts given through our Mount Carmel Relief Fund to four families who lost their homes in the devastating fire last December. Susan said and I quote: "I must say, today's mission was one of the most delightful jobs I have ever done, and in my life here, of 35+ years, I've done quite a lot of jobs!"

Yossi and Tali were the first couple to receive their gift which was in a sealed envelope. Susan said that she handed the envelope to Yossi, and he, being very quiet and modest, thanked her and put the envelope on the table and continued in conversation. After chatting for a while, Susan said that she could hardly stand it so she gently urged them to open the envelope. Yossi picked it up and took the check out that was enclosed. He sat there speechless, nearly fainting, and almost falling off the bench he was sitting on. Tali looked at the check and when she saw the amount, her eyes filled with tears. They had not expected such a blessing and were both totally overwhelmed.

The Cohen's were next. They have three teenage sons at home. They said that after the fire there were not many reasonably-priced apartments or homes left to rent because of the many people who had been driven out of the homes by the fire. To find something within their budget was impossible and they did not know how they would ever make it! When they opened their envelope, they said, "This will pay eight months of our rent." God had provided a way, more than they imagined possible!

The third family, Niv and Anat, after receiving their check, told our team, "We will be sharing this gift with two other families. What an act of love and kindness!" It was amazing to think that although they could have kept it all for their own needs, they were moved with compassion to help friends who had also lost much in the fire.

Niv added: "You did not just bring us help—you brought a change to our future."

There was something else Susan found very touching, regarding Yossi, Tali and their young son Yuval. Yossi is an ex-drug addict who has been clean for 12 years. It's obvious to see that he loves his little family. After they had received their gift, Yossi said to his wife and son, "We can do something, we can go somewhere!" Apparently, in their seven years of marriage they've never taken any trip, even inside the country. There were a few suggestions made by the team but Yossi and Tali both chimed in: "No! Yuval wants to go to Jerusalem, where he has never been. He wants to see the Kotel, and see many other things." This came from a small boy, whose parents had just found a way to their future!

As I write this article, we have been notified about one more family who also lost their house in the fire. Mount Carmel Relief Fund needs your help to continue to lift the financial pressure from these families as they rebuild their lives. I cannot help but remember the words that came from each family when we first visited them to assess their needs. What we kept hearing still echoes in my thoughts, "The people we had thought would help us after the fire - did not! The only ones who came and offered help were Christians, only Christians." ■

## Thank you to Everyone Who Gave.



Ray with Ziv (middle) who was given a donation



Tali, Yossi and his son, Yuval



Charred ruins: Once a Home

# Project Streams of Blessing

Help for Israel's Poor and Needy

## BINDING UP THEIR WOUNDS

By Vered-Faye Wicks, Streams of Blessings Coordinator

**T**he Lord indeed is "...building Jerusalem, gathering together the outcasts of Israel, Healing broken hearts and binding up their wounds!" What a privilege to be fulfilling these Scriptures as the Streams team visits Jewish War Veterans and Survivors in their homes. Their stories are very moving and I want to share a few of them with you today.

Marlene is an 86-year-old-war survivor. Marlene was just sixteen when her small village of 50 people was taken over by the Nazis. She remembers that they were taken from their homes and rounded up like cattle into the town square. Marlene said, "I was very small for my age and I had to go to the bathroom, so I asked a guard for permission to go. He pointed and said "Go!" She remembers thinking – "I won't go back there—I'll hide out here! My mother will be fine without me and maybe the soldiers will forget about me." It wasn't long before she heard gunshots. Peeking through from behind some bushes she saw that her mother and 10-year-old brother and all her friends had been murdered.

Marlene said, "I ran for a long time, hoping they had forgotten me. When I came to a patrol station they asked me where I was going and I told them, 'I was going to my grandfather's house, but I lost my way.'" They motioned to her to move on and she did. It wasn't long before Marlene met a German family who took her into their home and treated her like their own family. Marlene looks back and says, "God gave me the miracle of life!" Today she is thankful to be living in Israel, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

### Born into War!

Elena was just a baby when the war broke out. Her father, who was serving in the Red Army, sent a warning to his wife that the Nazis were advancing toward their city. He told his wife to get ready to leave as quickly as possible. Her father returned home as Elena's mother was loading the horse-drawn cart. Her father showed up and said, "We have no time, let's go!" The only items her mother was able to take along were two sheets, a small alarm clock, a spoon and a bowl. These were for the baby Elena! They headed toward a bridge where they could cross over to freedom. However, when a short way from the bridge, one of the wheels fell off the cart! "My father was quickly trying to fix it when there was a huge explosion. A few minutes later, as they approached the river, they saw that the bridge had been blown up. Margaret said, "Had the wheel not fallen off the wagon we would have been on the bridge! God gave us a miracle that day!"

**Note to Our Supporters:** So as not to confuse anyone with our projects, Streams of Blessing visits survivors of the Holocaust who were not in concentration camps or ghettos. We distinguish between the projects in order to establish the degree of suffering of the Jewish people during WWII. Survivors from death camps usually suffered much more than others; however, the survivors we visit have also heart-breaking stories of their own. Thank you for your support. ■

**BABE IN ARMS**—It has been said: "when you save just one life you save the entire world."



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Giving a blanket to survivor



Sharon holding a "life saved!"





Wolf Galperin

# Project Forsake Them Not

Outreach to Holocaust Survivors

## A Look at a Miracle

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

**The Forsake Them Not team** steps into a miracle each time we enter the home of a survivor of the Holocaust. The wonder, small or big, is that this person is still alive—sometimes the only person who survived out of a whole family, school or village. Their stories tell us about these miraculous escapes from the Nazi death machine during the Second World War.

**Last month I visited Wolf Galperin.** You can easily Google his name and read his story full of wonders. Wolf's father worked as a painter for the Gestapo, because he was a skilled worker in plastering and decorating walls. This way he helped the family with food and they survived many roundups by the Germans. After two years the Kovno Ghetto was transferred to a labor camp. One day when Wolf and his brother Shlomo returned to the camp from work, it was deathly silent. When they entered they understood what the silence meant: the *Kinder Aktion* (Action on the Children) had taken place that day, and all the other children in the camp were murdered. The work had saved their lives. In those days Wolf's sister and mother were transported to Stutthof near Berlin. The men of the family were put on transport to Dachau and Landsberg.

### Children Trained as Soldiers

One of the daily routines was to stand on "Appèl" [at attention] every day. After five days of standing on Appèl all the small children were taken out of the group: 130 children between 8 and 12 years old. Wolf's younger brother Shlomo was one of the group of 130. The group of children was billeted in two barracks surrounded with barbed wire. Wolf felt very guilty that he couldn't take care of his little brother. In this moment of life he could have left his brother to be murdered within days, but Wolf decided to join his brother. He crawled under the wire and ended up in one of the barracks where he found his brother Shlomo. Wolf was 17 years old and much taller than the other children. His brother cried: "You should not be here, you have to leave; they will murder you too!" But he stayed and because of his height he became the natural leader of the group. He was number 131 of the children of Kovno.

Wolf started to train the children to walk like soldiers, to salute like soldiers, to act like soldiers and he gave the children an exercise every day. When they had to stand on Appèl they could practice their new skills. Early one morning the children were unexpectedly put on two trucks to Dachau. When the soldiers took a break they discussed where to take the Jewish kids. In

Dachau they had to go to the showers for lice treatment, but the children under the leadership of Wolf told the soldiers that they do not want to enter, because they feared they would be gassed. The soldiers were surprised that these small children knew what was happening to the other Jews. The soldiers promised that they would not be killed and entered the showers with them. The second truckload of children got the same treatment and so all the children's lives were saved.

During the time in Dachau the children under the command of Wolf perfected their skills, standing on Appèl, marching and saluting. After 12 days in Dachau they had to go to Auschwitz. Here they jumped out of the wagons and marched in a row of two groups into the camp. The camp authorities were taken by surprise! Who are these children, and where did they learn the skills of a soldier? In honor of their salute, the camp commander sent the children to one of the empty barracks and later on to a part of the camp with Polish children. All the children survived and Wolf has been honored by them and by different organizations. This is the miracle Wolf Galperin recently shared with us when I visited his home in one of the small towns in Israel. ■

**The Forsake Them Not Project** organized an event with a group of survivors of Netanya on the first Monday in June. Around 280 survivors attend the event, an amazingly large group. It takes quite some organization to buy and make gift parcels for each survivor. Together with a book of Psalms, a Bible verse, a towel and some (sugar-free) sweets, the Project blesses each survivor with food vouchers. We always bring them your love and blessings during this special occasion. **Thank you for your blessings and prayers for the Survivors and for financial support for the Project.**





# Project David's Shield

Supporting Israel's Soldiers

## SPECIAL FORCES - DUVDEVAN

To become a Duvdevan Soldier takes many months of training to observe how the enemies of Israel operate.

In 1987 the first Palestinian uprising (Intifada) broke out and ushered in a new wave of terrorism in Judea and Samaria (also known as the West Bank). At that time the Palestinians organized a conflict that targeted all Israeli's, including civilians in cars, buses and suicide bombings that killed over 160 Israelis. In addition throughout the territories the Palestinians held boycotts, general strikes and refused to pay taxes. As a result of the first Intifada the IDF had to form a Special Forces Unit known today as Duvdevan.

Duvdevan is considered to be one of the best Army elite Counter Terrorism units in Israel. Their specialty involves infiltration, arrests and capturing wanted terrorists. Other Commando/Counter Terrorism Units in the IDF are known as "Katzevit" or "cream" for "the best" in English. In Duvdevan's 25-year history it has stood above and beyond the traditional Special Forces units and was thus nicknamed "cherry" (duvdevan is "Cherry" in Hebrew) on top of the cream!

Duvdevan was not originally designed for long term undercover infiltration like other counter-terrorism groups, but rather for quick surprise, hit and run raids against Palestinian militants in inner-city areas within the Palestinian controlled West Bank. During these operations, Duvdevan soldiers typically drive modified civilian vehicles and wear Arab civilian clothing as a disguise. To train to become a Duvdevan soldier is intensive, requiring seven months of basic combat training, five weeks of CT (Counter Terrorism) course, one month of advanced inner-unit CT training, guerilla warfare training, and four months of undercover training, learning Arabic traditions, language and thinking like an Arab.

Over the years the success of Duvdevan has been amazing! Thus far the unit has conducted thousands of operations and killed/captured hundreds of terrorists. Please bear in mind that the terrorists themselves that were killed were fanatics, deeply involved in Islam and preferred to fight until their death so they could become a martyr rather than to surrender themselves to the Israeli Forces. The Duvdevan motto is "Because by clever deception you wage war..."

This amazing unit does come with a price—many of the soldiers from Duvdevan and other Special Forces Units finish their three-year mandatory service with psychological and physical damage. Broken ribs, smashed noses, concussions and other injuries have become almost routine in the Units' contact combat training.

In the future, if you have time to read the online Jerusalem Post newsfeed and notice "Two wanted terrorists were arrested overnight," chances are it was a successful operation by Duvdevan.

**FLEECE JACKETS:** Please don't forget the Israeli soldiers this winter! Warm winter clothing continues to be in demand among the Israeli soldiers. Your gift to purchase Fleece Jackets, hats, gloves and thermal clothing will be greatly appreciated! The cost of the jackets is \$20 each. Thank you ahead of time for showing your support for Israeli soldiers and for helping keep them warm this winter! ■

By Karen Lewis,  
David's Shield Coordinator

**"We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children!" Golda Meir**

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# Project Communities Under Attack

Helping Jewish civilians  
under rocket attack

## Hear My Cry 'O Lord...

***“They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses” (Psalm 107:6).***

**HAVIVA KABESA** is a Moroccan Jewess who came to Israel during the big wave of *Aliyah* in 1956 in which approximately 200,000 Moroccan Jews made *aliyah* (immigrated) to Israel.

Most of the Moroccan Jews are the descendants of the Jews who fled from Spain to settle in Morocco during the Spanish Inquisition when countless Jews were murdered and the women were carried off into slavery. Haviva was married, and she and her husband had two sons and two daughters who are now grown up and married. A few years ago Haviva's husband left her for another woman living in Be'er Sheva (Beersheva), so she has to support herself, because none of her children are able to financially support her. They are all struggling with their own married lives as well as financial hardship, because it is difficult to find employment in Sderot, where they are under constant rocket attack from Gaza.

Haviva is a victim of rocket attacks. She also suffers from diabetes and cancer that need ongoing treatment. Even with sickness, she used to do cleaning work to support herself, but she only received NIS 800 (US\$230) a month from that work. Now she is unable to work, but she has to pay high monthly medication costs because of her sickness. All her teeth have fallen out and she is in great pain. It will cost NIS 10,800 (approximately US\$3,100 after discount) for the dental work, but she does not have the money for it. Haviva is a very devout Jewish lady who loves God with all her heart.

She lives in a government-owned apartment. We were very impressed that she keeps her home so clean and tidy. During our visit at her home, we found that she lives in poverty, and yet she is a very generous person. Even though she does not have much, she shares whatever she has with anyone. We told her that we are from CFI, and there are Christians from the nations who are praying for people in Sderot and who also give them financial support. She was very touched and grateful when she heard this.

**If you would like to financially help Haviva Kabesa with her dental work, please designate your donation to “Haviva Kabesa” at project “Communities Under Attack” (CUA ), thank you! ■**

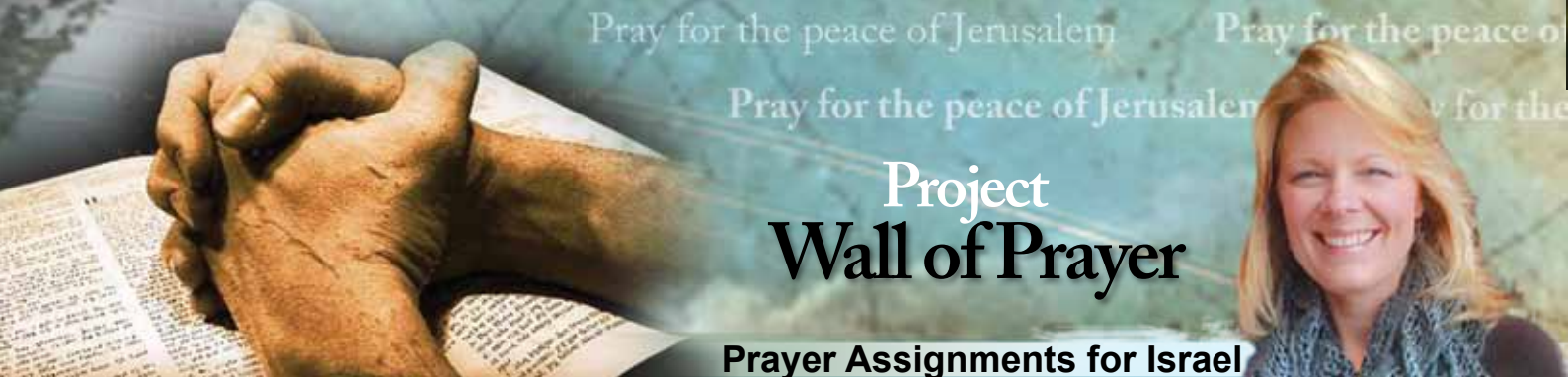
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Helene with attack victim





# Project Wall of Prayer

## Prayer Assignments for Israel

### If we do nothing else...

**Arise, cry out** in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. *“Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children...”* Lamentations 2:19.

**To the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** we lift up our hands and plead for the lives of the young CHILDREN of ISRAEL. Lord, place a hedge of protection around them and defend them against all the cruel, corrupt, poisonous, deadly darts that the evil one uses against them. These young people need us, if for nothing more, than to be prayer warriors for them in this dangerous world.

**Hear our cries Lord!** We need Ruach HaKodesh—your Holy Spirit to guide us. We can see and have heard how the enemy’s presence has entered into the cities, homes, and schools of these children. These places were meant to be safe havens, yet many have turned a blind eye and accept small seeds of sin as normal. These youth, as with youth around the world, are being lured into drugs and alcohol. They are tempted by illicit relationships, the love of money, fashion, their own appearance and peer pressure at younger, and younger, ages. The enemy is stealing their innocence by using things that once seemed safe, like television, music, the Internet, and even other people they thought were friends. The lying and deceitful ways of the world tell them—they tell us—that this is the way the world is today. But Lord, that is contradictory to your Word. Help us to declare that we will no longer stand in silence as we see the souls of these children, as well as our own children, slowly being taken from them and families being destroyed. Their heritage and your spiritual heritage are teetering on the verge of non-existence. What will the future hold for any of us if we do not stand up



# We Can Pray!

NOW and cover in prayer these generations of youth in Israel?

**Father,** may you give all of us around the globe the hope, the strength and the security of knowing that we’re not praying alone. We stand secure knowing that victory is inevitable as long as we do our part by keeping our eyes, minds and hearts focused on YOU.

**Heavenly Father,** when these children go to their parents and say they can’t cope, so they do unthinkable things to help them, as they say, “deal with reality,” it is at those times we pray you would draw those parents close to you, so that their children will in turn draw close to them. It is during those times that we ask that you would sustain them and hold them close so they do not grow weary. Show them how to help fill the wounds in their children’s hearts from past hurts. Heal and erase those painful scars that they keep caged within. Fill the emptiness with your Holy Spirit and help them to be released from the bondage that would keep them from being ALL you have designed them to be. Put blinders on their eyes to the things of this world that would try to divert their attention or frighten them. Lord may their standards be built on the solid rock and not on the world’s standards, which are certain to shift like sinking sand.

**Father,** show us, both young and old, Christian and Jew how to walk in unity. Teach us how to fight the good fight alongside each other. We humble ourselves before you and pray that you would create a right spirit within us—commanding all that would come against us to be gone. May these children that hold the future of the Nation of Israel in their hands, carry on in the footsteps of their forefathers—for you entrusted your Holy Word to Your People who wrote it down and passed it on from generation to generation. May the Mighty name of the Messiah forever be on our lips, in whose Name we pray, Amen!

**By Stacey Howard**

Director of Administration/Christian Friends of Israel  
North American Development Division

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# Christian Friends of Israel Annual Conference

June, 4-7, 2012 Jerusalem, Israel

## “Multitudes, Multitudes in the Valley of Decision”

Joel 3:14

### Understanding the Times - Israel and the Church

Bible prophecy is key to the end times and the Church should be setting aside regular Sunday services and meetings during the week to inform everyone how to pray for Israel. All end time events center around the Epicenter (Jerusalem)—the signal for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus. We know that when the Lord builds up Jerusalem, He will appear in His Glory, according to Psalm 102:16.

Israel's restoration is also a key to unlocking untold blessings to the Church. The reestablishment of the nation of Israel should only serve to confirm to the worldwide Church that God's Plans and Purposes for the Jewish nation are yet to be completely fulfilled. One of the questions we shall address during the conference is should the Church be teaching Bible Prophecy in the days in which we live?

**Special Appearances:** Susie Sandager playing Corrie Ten Boom; Kay Wilson, Survivor of Terror Attack in Jerusalem; Ruth Fazal, Violinist; Representatives from the Israeli Government and others are being invited now. Plenary Speakers to be chosen.

**Special Package:** “Meet the People/Understanding the Times Post Conference Tour” (includes conference, hotel venue, meals, etc.). Make “next year in Jerusalem” your prayer for travel to Israel for a life-changing experience.

### Lance Lambert and Plenary Speakers

*(to be Announced)*

Further details to be forthcoming soon!

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# Project Hope for the Future

# Settling in ISRAEL

**“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”** Jeremiah 29:11.

When the families are ready to leave the absorption centers, they are free to choose where they will live. Many choose to live near other family members. If they apply within three years of coming to Israel, the government gives them an 80% mortgage leaving them only 20% to pay back in low payments. Many live in the less expensive, older neighborhoods where mostly other Ethiopian families live. They enjoy living together, but this also brings other problems, especially with the teens. The teens become very discouraged with the plight of their families and the discrimination they feel, and some of them form gangs or turn to drugs, alcohol or prostitution.

Life here is a hard adjustment especially for the Ethiopian men. Husbands have a hard time understanding that their wives have the same rights as they do and that they are not allowed to hit their wives or children. They are embarrassed that they can't speak the language and have to rely on the children to translate for them. Wives are working and earn money for their families. In Ethiopia, the men worked in the fields and provided for their families while the women stayed at home keeping the house and raising the children. Also, the women feel they should have a say in family matters. Ethiopian men's world is turned upside-down. A few of the men become so frustrated with this situation that they become violent with their wives. There are two Ethiopian social workers in Jerusalem who have set up programs to help with family problems and violence. More are needed to address these complex, traumatic issues.

With all these problems, you may wonder why the Ethiopian immigrants gave up everything to come to Israel. In Ethiopia some of them owned land and animals and were considered rich, but the dream to come to Jerusalem has been passed down for generations. They believe Israel to be the “land of milk and honey” as described in the Bible, but they found when they arrived here that life here is not as they had dreamed. Please pray for them.

## Update on Rachel

After a long struggle, Rachel has found a larger room to hold her after-school tutoring program for the children of new immigrants (see *For Zion's Sake* 2nd Quarter 2008). Her program has grown to over 100 children and she was trying to serve them in a small storefront. She found someone to rent the place for a year and also someone to renovate it for free, but she recently told us that the electrical wiring wasn't done properly and is not safe for the children, so she has moved the program back to the small room until it can be fixed. She has no money for these repairs so she is looking for someone who will volunteer to do them. **She needs school books** for these children as their parents are not able to buy them.

## Update on Yafit & Yoram

Yafit and Yoram have been so amazed by your response to their situation (*For Zion's Sake* 1st Quarter 2011). Thanks to your generous gifts their back bills and their back mortgage are almost paid. Yafit was speechless as we presented your gifts to her these past months. She gave thanks to God and she wanted to express her gratefulness to all of you who helped her and Yoram. It was good to see the smile on her face. We hadn't seen it in a long time. ■

By Donna Roberts



Please pray for financial blessings to come for this project.

Ruth Bembrick, Hope for the Future Coordinator on visits.





Ray giving encouragement



## Project First Fruits Strengthening the Household of Faith

“If one grain of evil seed produces such a great crop of godlessness, how vast a harvest will there be when good seeds beyond number have been sown!”

# TIMES and SEASONS

By **Ray Sanders**, First Fruits Coordinator

One of the most fulfilling roles God has assigned us in the Land today is to come alongside of our brothers and sisters in the Household of Faith. Living in a somewhat adverse and sometimes antagonistic society toward the stand for their faith, spiritual leaders, congregations and individuals often turn to us for assistance with personal needs. A wide range of problems are brought to us and when presented, it is our desire to bring a blessing to each one who comes to our doors. We try to turn no one away, no matter what community they are from.

Just like the four seasons of the year there are dry and rainy seasons spiritually in the Land of Israel. There are times during the year when we receive more requests for help from the neediest of believers than others. In 2011 many have told us that the help and care we have given to them came at just the right season of their lives—when they needed it the most; thus, their faith had been strengthened, understanding that God had heard their cries for help and their walk with God became stronger.

When a sister has a child who needs special emotional counseling, a single parent family head has no employment and has children to feed, when the head of a congregation is in need of a piece of equipment, when a Pastor needs beds for drug addicts, when a church in Jerusalem runs into trouble paying its bills, when someone who is an artist or singer and had no work to purchase groceries, someone in the body who is handicapped needs a vehicle and others simply need encouragement from the Lord – **CFI tries to be there for them. It is only because of the generous hearts who wish to stand with the Household of Faith through willing and sacrificial giving that we are able to sow continuously into what God has planted.** ■

## Because of His LOVE

Just a few short months ago, Gina, who is a single mother with four boys, came to CFI asking for some financial help. Being a single parent, the income Gina brings in is very small and covers only her family’s basic monthly needs. Gina has also been quite ill and raising four boys alone is not a small task. Gina’s eldest son has recently started to work in order to help the family, and is also studying. Her second son is married and supports his own family. Her third son has some challenges mentally, but has just started a little job which gives him a bit of spending money. Noam, her youngest son, is severely disabled.

Recently, the teacher at the school where Noam attends convinced Gina that it is in her son’s best interest to look at purchasing a special wheelchair for him as he was unable to participate with the other children in school trips and after-school special education programs. In the photo, Noam and Gina are outside waiting for a ride on the new “light train” in Jerusalem. In expressing her gratitude and appreciation for our help Gina said, “This would have been impossible without the wheelchair.”

First Fruits was happy to help Gina with the money she needed to purchase the wheelchair. We know that the ongoing work to help believers in the land is only possible because of your gifts of love. **Thank you for your partnership and for your love for the God of Israel and His people!** ■

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# Project Communities Under Attack

Helping Jewish Civilians Under Rocket Attacks



## BORN into ROCKET ATTACK

### Traumatized Sderot Children

According to statistics presented by the Sderot Mental Health Center, over 90 percent of Sderot residents have experienced a Palestinian Kassam rocket explosion at some point—be it in a neighborhood, home, school, playground, bus stop, shopping center, business or other residential area. Many rocket attack victims suffer from depression, sleepless nights, severe anxiety, and have trouble going back to a regular routine. These residents now suffer from symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They have to go to the Mental Health Center on a regular basis and have to take anti-depressants. One third of Sderot teenagers ages 13 to 18, have been diagnosed with trauma-related learning disorders.

Sometimes schools in Sderot and Southern Israel have been forced to close during periods of intensive rocket attacks, and there is a major problem manifesting itself in young Sderot children. Clinical psychologists working at the center discovered that many Sderot children are not developing speaking skills at a rate appropriate to their age, and the constant rocket fire upon Sderot has created a state of stress and panic that has dramatically impacted the development of young Sderot children. It is heartbreaking to hear one teenager say that the first words her five-year-old brother learned to say were *"tzeva adom"* ("red alert," a radar siren system to warn of incoming Palestinian missiles, and it only gives Sderot civilians 15 SECONDS to run to a bomb shelter).

### Children Suffer Sleeping Disorders

These children develop symptoms of PTSD early on, suffering from sleeping disorders, nightmares and anxiety attacks. Many experience regression, going back to wetting their beds. Younger children go back to the bottle, or to the pacifier, and have extreme difficulty separating from their parents. Children are scared to go to the bathroom or get in the shower by themselves, because of the fear of a rocket strike. The situation has created unhealthy relationships within the family unit; for example, children as old as 12, sleep with their parents because they are afraid. These children were born into the reality of constant rocket fire. The world appears to them as unsafe and scary, full of insecurity and chaos. Their sense of security has been shattered by the continuous attacks.

A heartfelt thank you to supporters of project "Communities Under Attack," for your ongoing financial help. Your support enables us to visit and speak the comforting word of God to these traumatized children, and minister to them through prayers, encouraging them to learn to take refuge in God at their young ages. **To help the traumatized children in Sderot or Southern Israel, please designate your financial support to "Communities Under Attack" (CUA). Thank you! ■**

**Helene Iedema, Director of Outreach and  
Maggie Huang, CUA Project Assistant**



Bomb shelter in playground



Born into constant rocket fire





# Blessings Flow to Israel from the U.K.

When it is ministry work for God and His People amazing things are accomplished for His Glory.

*“For Adonai will have compassion on Ya’akov—He will once again choose Isra’el and resettle them in their own land, where foreigners will join them, attaching themselves to the house of Ya’akov.” (Isaiah 14:1) JNT*

The photos on the right are CFI Luton faithful co-laborers on their CFI packing day held 13th August 2011. They packed approximately 80 boxes in Luton. The total number of boxes sent on our last shipment from the UK was 542 boxes on board the ship that was headed for Israel. The giving was from across the entire land of the United Kingdom.

A local Baptist Church welcomed the CFI working group to use their church where painting was in progress. After moving around the chairs and creating space, one can see the fruit being born from hard-working Christians wanting to be a blessing to the Jewish people. **A wide range of believers from different congregations were involved.** The fellowship is sweet as they bring a blessing to their nation through fulfilling the Biblical promises of touching the “apple of God’s eye” in a blessed way.

When God’s people work together to bless God’s people, we have a wonderful combination. In the next edition of *For Zion’s Sake* watch for our meeting with the Israel Foreign Affairs Department that has chosen CFI’s Distribution Center as a partner and recipient of clothing which they receive from around the world to give to their people. Thank God for such favor and for special people in the United Kingdom who have been patiently waiting for the Distribution Center to re-open. This work is not done by ourselves. It is accomplished through the hard work and busy hands of many who make it all possible. Thank you to all Project Olive Grove supporters. You are the best. *Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller*

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# H.E.L.P. International from the U.S.

A wonderful meeting was held at H.E.L.P. International Warehouse, Loveland, Colorado, USA, with its founders Don and Jean Kaye Wilson and a great staff who work together to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God. A portion of their huge warehouse is dedicated to blessing Israel through Christian Friends of Israel.

The relationship between the USA and Israel has always been strong and H.E.L.P. International works hard to keep it that way. For those who wish to send their clothing to Israel via our collection point for the US, contact H.E.L.P. International at the address to the right. These shipments are made possible because of the generous support from Resurrection Fellowship in Loveland, Colorado. Working together we all accomplish our

goals of keeping the blessings flowing to the People of Israel to undo damage done by historical Christianity. May the Lord’s love be seen through it all!

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From left: Terry Mabbitt, Kathy Mabbitt, Kay Schimpf, Sharon Sanders, Ray Sanders and Jay (standing behind Ray).

# CFI Distribution Center

**“Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up My hand to the Gentile nations and set up My standard and raise high My signal banner to the peoples; and they will bring your sons in the bosom of their garments, and your daughters will be carried upon their shoulders” (Isaiah 49:22).**

## 250 Immigrants Arrive at Our D.C. in One Day!

*“This Center was first dedicated in 1991 during the Gulf War. It has now been rededicated in July 2011. A lighthouse is a place of safety from the storms of life. All that is given freely from this Lighthouse has come as a token of love from Christians around the world who love Israel and the Jewish People.”* These words, in English, Russian and Spanish, are beautifully designed on a sign located in the Welcome Area of our newly remodeled CFI Distribution Center in the center of Jerusalem, greeting the people as they enter. As the graphics depict and the text defines, the CFI Distribution Center **Lighthouse** will continue in its purpose to provide the Jewish People with compassionate and practical support in order to undo damage done in the name of Jesus for centuries.



Unloading Shipments Together For His Glory

### Thank You Supporters

It is because of the faithfulness of our supporters in the nations that we can continue welcoming the Jewish People whom the God of Israel is bringing back to their homeland. We're quick to explain to all of our new friends who visit the Distribution Center **Lighthouse** the desire of Christians around the world to express their love and solidarity with each of them. They are amazed and sometimes surprised to see such love from all over



Crowds arrive at CFI's newly renovated D.C.

the world, but as they start their new lives in Israel, what could be better than to see the words of Isaiah being fulfilled before their very eyes.

**With over 1,000 people served in the first week of our reopening,** God confirmed and we fulfilled His commandments to love unconditionally. The **Lighthouse** staff was able to give them household gifts, clothing, smiles and words of encouragement, inspiring us all to continue to serve these beautiful people. For many the **Lighthouse** is an important and memorable stop on the journey in their new homeland; this was evident in the number of returning friends who attended our re-opening activities. The vision of the **Lighthouse** is to meet the needs of newcomers to Israel as they settle in their new Land and what a joy it was for us to hear so many “old” friends share about how important the Distribution Center was to them so many years ago. To all of you who have supported CFI through the years, may this testimony be personal for you. **You have made a difference in the lives of thousands of people, and for some of them a first memory of Israel included an experience with Christian Friends of Israel.** It is truly, and will always be, a divine opportunity to remove the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile.

As we look forward to our next shipment of (new and like-new) clothing from our friends in the United Kingdom and the US, we are organizing and training our **Lighthouse** Team to listen to, love and bless our visitors. We are also continuing to re-stock the storage rooms with items that have been purchased locally or donated by other organizations. The needs are diverse, so we are preparing by creating an organized and efficient operation, knowing that our God is looking for people to channel His blessings through—people with a heart to serve others, and not themselves, people with sincere hearts. As we coordinate our efforts with local contractors, suppliers and members of the business community, we are always mindful to consider the needs of the people we serve along with the knowledge of the Holy One we represent.

**By Jim McKenzie, Director of Administration**

# Bridal Salon...

## Here Come Our Brides!

*"I am so joyful in Adonai!...He has clothed me in salvation, dressed me with a robe of triumph, like a bridegroom wearing a festive turban, like a bride adorned with her jewels..." (Isaiah 61:10).*

Masha, originally from Russia, was excited to try on our wedding dresses. She was married in October. The D.C. opening date was scheduled for 24th August, but Masha knocked on the doors three weeks early to see if we could help her! **Praying for wisdom and guidance from God, it was decided that although the Distribution Center wasn't officially open, the Bridal Salon would help.** Although we did not advertise, the telephone lines began to ring and people began making appointments. Our first appointment was on August 8th and we have been able to help several brides and grooms prepare for their weddings.

Natalia and Roger were scheduled to marry on September 17th. Natalia already had in mind what she was looking for. **It was a wonder from God.** After praying and asking for His guidance, there it was: Natalia's beautiful dress, just as she wanted—lightweight, with sleeves and no train! How good and faithful is our Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We all had big smiles and Natalia expressed deep gratitude. She shared that they did not have enough money for the expense of their wedding, and now a big burden had been lifted from their hearts.

## Blessing Young Israelis

The CFI Bridal Salon is now a place where brides in Israel can come to find the most beautiful clothes and accessories for their wedding. It is well known that each wedding dress, wedding rings, jewelry, gowns, clothing for bar mitzvahs, elegant shoes, scarves, etc., are donated from Christian friends of Israel all around the world who love and support the people of Israel and the people of God.

Thanks to your donations and especially your prayers, the Bridal Salon was rebuilt and the ceiling was finished off with a beautiful decorative border which truly makes it look like a professional Bridal Salon. Thank you for your constant prayers and to the Tour Group that visited us last July at the Distribution Center. Their prayers ministered to our hearts. That day they said to us: "**Since we learned that the Distribution Center was closed, we have continued to pray daily for you.**" God had planned the rebuilding of the new D.C. and we give thanks and praise to Him. God deeply loves His chosen people and His plans for them are blessing and restoration. Please come and visit our new Distribution Center on your next trip to Jerusalem. Thank you for your support! ■

By Rocio Fordham CFI D.C. Team



A Perfect fit!



Letitia, our new Bridal Consultant  
New CFI Bridal Salon



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## Is Bible Prophecy Important for the Churches Today?

As we travelled across the United States recently, we discovered a situation that many church members find themselves in. It seems that many congregants want to know more about Bible prophecy. They would like to see more teaching on it in their churches; however, leadership never touches it; therefore, leaving the flock without *“meat in due season.”* Sometimes a Pastor may be very busy with other important activities that distract him and also he may just not be interested and therefore is apathetic towards it because to teach Bible prophecy one has to acknowledge the nation of Israel as the epicenter of the last days. Many leaders are unwilling to do that.

Avid students of the Bible are watching the restoration of the people God has returned to their ancient homeland. An orthodox Jewish man asked me a question a few months ago *“When will the Church recognize that we have been restored?”* I am bold enough to believe God’s Word and to know that the fig tree’s restoration signals the era of the Coming of the Lord.

In Matthew 24 Yeshua talks about His Coming again (vs. 3) and then speaks about the conditions of the end times (deception, wars, uprisings, days of rage, famines, pestilences and earthquakes), vs. 6-7. He speaks about endurance, false messiahs and then tells us He will come *“quickly”* (vs. 27). In verse 31 He tells us to watch the fig tree *“when you shall see all these things...”* He repeats His counsel about “watching” (i.e. watching our lives, having them in order, watching in prayer and I believe watching Israel) so that we will know the season of His Coming and be prepared.

Some folks would say *“if I watch Israel, I might take my eyes off the Lord.”* My reply is that watching Israel should prepare us further for the Coming of the Lord.

If someone is waiting at a train station for their loved one to arrive, they glance at their watch frequently. They are not in love with their watch but they are in love with the one who is coming and they want to be ready so they are watching the time. Since Israel is a time clock we need to observe to know the times of the season we are in, through seeing the fulfillment of many prophecies, we are going to sense the Lord’s Coming and order our lives accordingly. The people in Noah’s day were not interested in what Noah was saying, they were not ready and they missed the boat.

The days are approaching when Jerusalem will become a burdensome stone. *“A cataclysmic regional war is coming to the Middle East”* say Martin Gould and Kathleen Walter. The problems that Israel faces by being surrounded by enemies who are plotting her destruction will not go away. Conditions are ripe for war. The controversy of Zion is everywhere. We, as the Church, must be found standing on the right side and ready for His appearing. If your spiritual clock is like mine, it is telling us the arrival of Our Beloved Lord is not far off. I’m going to continue to study Bible prophecy and will keep myself up-to-date on what is happening in the Jewish nation and be identified with the Chosen People.

To acknowledge the Chosen People and their restoration as a nation to their historical homeland is to believe she has a purpose in God’s plan for the end times. Are we watching? Let’s not be found sleeping through the signals that tell us His Coming may be near! ■

**By Sharon Sanders**  
Director of Ministry and Teaching

# Media Production and Development



## Headed Your Way in 2012:

# FocalPoint

Christian Friends of Israel would like YOU to be on the lookout for its Brand New 30-minute program that will be debuting in 2012 that looks at Israel in a positive light. This new show entitled *FocalPoint* is designed to bring you a fresh look at the multitude of political issues, personal stories, and daily situations that happen all across Israel every month, with informed perspectives from around the globe.

*FocalPoint* has straightforward, Biblically-focused information from people who live “in the Land” and who deal with the issues of everyday life in Israel. It brings you exceptional analysis from seasoned teachers and scholars who have devoted years of study to Israel and the Middle East region, as well as knowledgeable experts on Israeli policies, Christian-Jewish relations, and the latest innovations in high tech and medicine.

### Familiar CFI faces bring you the story

Hosted by Kevin and Stacey Howard in America, *FocalPoint* is a well-paced, magazine-style show that engages the additional talents of Geoffrey Smith in Jerusalem, Dan Tracy covering Germany and Sam Hailes contributing from London. *FocalPoint* offers viewers 30 minutes of positive, relevant, and balanced information from around the globe about Israel and the many issues surrounding the Middle East. Plus, Ray and Sharon Sanders bring you the latest information on what’s happening with CFI’s many outreach projects in Israel.

Now more than ever the eyes of the world are looking at this tiny spot on the globe as the barometer of prophetic issues in these special days. That’s why we want to give you a focused look at this strategic point on the map, through a Biblical lens that is combined with knowledge and understanding from those that have concentrated study on Israel for years.



Ray and Sharon Sanders interviewed on location.



Hosted by  
*Stacey and Kevin Howard*



Geoffrey Smith



Dan Tracy



Sam Hailes

*International Correspondents*

### How You Can Become a Part!

As this new program enters into full production, it is more important than ever that those desiring to invest in quality, positive, and relevant information about Israel contact us for information on how they can become financially involved by e-mailing us at: [cfi@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:cfi@cfijerusalem.org) or going online to [www.cfijerusalem.org](http://www.cfijerusalem.org) and clicking on “Contribute” then choosing “FocalPoint TV.”

For program scheduling on networks in your area, or to add *FocalPoint* to your existing Christian network channel, e-mail: [info@focalpointtv.com](mailto:info@focalpointtv.com). Thank you!

We look forward to bringing you this exciting and vital new program and hearing from YOU! **Please pray about helping to make this a reality.**

Kevin Howard  
Director of Media and Technical Operations

## Wonderful CFI Team in Switzerland

**CFI Switzerland** met together in August under the direction of Philippe Rochat in the footsteps of *“The Righteous of the Nations”* on the border of Switzerland and France in a region called “Vallee de Joux.” The CFI Swiss team members met to encourage one another in loving God’s people and to thank each one for their work as team members and volunteers who help with administration, booths and mailing. They are the “unsung heroes” of Switzerland sowing many seeds in the Swiss Churches to bring a blessing to Switzerland for supporting and praying for the Jewish nation.

After a wonderful meal there was an excursion into the forest to explain about the Righteous of the Nations from Switzerland who helped save thousands of Jewish people in WWII. From August 13, 1942, the border of Switzerland was closed and as of the summer of 1942 the presence of the Nazis was increasing and the “no man’s land” was more and more under Nazi control, especially from November 11, 1942, onward. During this dark, dramatic period, thousands of Jewish children escaped, helped by a couple of people who took big risks to protect them from their persecutors. Through Philippe, they learned about the Swiss people in France and Switzerland implicated in this lifeline during WWII. On a rainy day in August they walked the trails which the Jewish refugees would have walked. It was not an easy road and there was even a very difficult and steep ascent in the rocks from France to the Swiss border followed by crossing the 15 km forest. One could very easily lose their way and get lost.

The “righteous” knew this place as well as their own pocket and made no errors. It took a long time before the Swiss authorities acknowledged these brave Swiss people as they were considered traitors acting against the law. Our Swiss CFI team believes we need to learn from the past, obtain God’s wisdom to know in what direction the world is going today in order to know how to act in the future. Standing together as a CFI family was much needed in a social climate where it is less and less acceptable to love God’s Chosen People, the Jews. **CFI Switzerland invites many to discover the righteous acts of their nation and to come and visit them in Switzerland where they are happy to share and show about this special place of “saving grace.” Thank you to our great Swiss team working hard for Israel and the Jewish people!**

CFI Switzerland excursion to the border of Switzerland and France

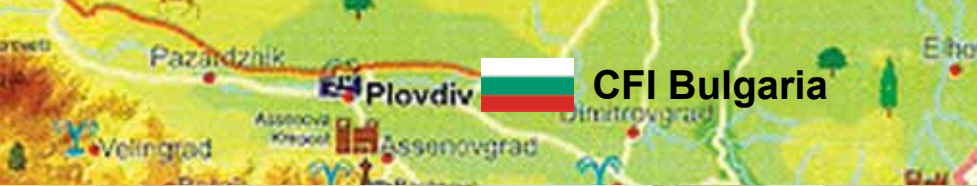


**“...that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified...and strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers” (Isaiah 61:10).**

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**CFI Switzerland**



## Reaching out to the Jewish Community



### Making a Difference

Mitka Atanasova with Denominational Leaders who signed the Petition

**Petitioning on Behalf of Israel** CFI Bulgaria was recently invited to take part in a National Conference in Plovdiv from September 2-4. One of the days traditionally is dedicated to Israel and our stand as Christians. CFI Bulgaria was asked to share with the participants in the conference about the current situation in Israel.

They also shared an update on the recent terror attacks in the previous months as well as the urgency for prayer and intercession regarding the UN session held on September 19th. Using Sharon Sander's OnWatch for up-to-date scriptural information, they were also able to distribute a Petition among the Evangelical churches in Bulgaria expressing their opposition to the Declaration of a Palestinian state. This Petition was also sent to the Bulgarian Prime Minister and government leaders. Praise God for the leaders of CFI Bulgaria who have put actions to their beliefs and have "made a difference." This is a model for many in the nations to follow—to get "involved."

For information email Mitka Atanasova at: [cfi\\_bg@yahoo.com](mailto:cfi_bg@yahoo.com)



**Above:** Building bridges with the Jewish Community

**Below:** Mitka Atanasova and pastor Ivan Nestorov whose church hosted the event with two of the leaders of the Jewish community in Plovdiv

## A Tribute to Christians in Australia

**"The idea to raise funds** for a special project for CFI Jerusalem was placed on my heart by the Lord early in 2011 in response to seeking him on how CFI Australia could be a special blessing to the people and nation of Israel through the ministry of CFI Jerusalem. After contacting Ray and Sharon in May 2011 and asking them if there were any special needs that CFI Jerusalem had which we could make as a special project for the Australian supporters, Sharon shared about the great need to replace the old CFI vehicle which was at its life's end and was costing money to repair. Plus there was extra cost in having to lease another vehicle to carry out ministry responsibilities. It was then that I believe the Lord placed it in my heart to set about raising extra funds to purchase a new vehicle for CFI Jerusalem.

I launched the appeal to supporters in Australia with the July mail-out from CFI Australia with a printed leaflet sharing the need and what it would cost to buy a new vehicle. The response from generous supporters was instant and at the end of July we had already raised \$15,000. Donations continued to be received throughout August and by the end of August we had reached around the \$25,000 mark. September saw the last remaining monies come in and so in three months we had reached our target of \$35,000. It is because of the generosity of the CFI supporters in Australia that we reached our target so quickly. Truly Aussie saints are generous and believe in blessing God's covenant people Israel. Some donations were large, some were small, some came from churches, most came from individuals, some were given anonymously, some were given sacrificially by pensioners, but all gifts were given from wonderful saints who just wanted to bless Israel. The most pleasing thing was many, many saints united together to bless Israel and now CFI Jerusalem can continue with their outreach without any care for their transport. It is a blessing to know that a



Pastor and Mrs. Russell

piece of Australia is driving around Israel blessing God's covenant people. May the Lord bless this vehicle for the comforting of his people and their needs so they can 'acknowledge Him as their God.'"

For information email Patrick Russell at: [cfiaustralia@hotmail.com](mailto:cfiaustralia@hotmail.com)



**CFI Australia**



Above: Ministering at Resurrection Fellowship, Loveland, Colorado  
Right: The Sanders Ministering God's Word about Israel and the Church



# Sanders Tour 2011



# Ministering in the USA

## Christ For The Nations Bible College in Dallas, Texas

Ray and Sharon will be ministering in Singapore and Hong Kong, November 16-December 15. Please pray for a fruitful and safe trip. Sharon will join with other Bible teachers in Hong Kong to minister God's Word and Hebrew exegesis to many Chinese brothers and sisters from mainland China. Pray that the Word of the Lord will go forth in wisdom and understanding of Israel and the Church.

The Sanders travelled to Illinois and Iowa and ministered in Colorado, Georgia, Florida and Texas. Many were hungry to hear the Word of the Lord in reference to Israel and the Church along with Bible Prophecy and Preparation for the coming of the Lord. If you would like to book the Sanders for the future, contact: [Sharon@cfjjerusalem.org](mailto:Sharon@cfjjerusalem.org)

### October 2011 CFI Middle East Update by Lance Lambert

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