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## Director's Letter



*Shalom from Jerusalem*

### Dear Friends of Israel,

With the beginning of the "Arab Spring" two and one-half years ago, the Middle East and North Africa continue to be engulfed in turbulence and bloodshed. Muslim extremists are seeking to impose Sharia law across these nations and are being met with fierce opposition from non-religious Muslims. In Syria, President Bashar Assad has been accused of using sarin gas against his own citizens killing more than 1,400 people, of which 400 were children. Assad has vigorously denied using such weapons, but under enormous international pressure has agreed to relinquish his stockpile of chemical weapons for destruction by the international community. Apparently, the threat of a US military attack was sufficient for him to rethink his obstinate position. Assad has been given nine months to surrender his weapons stockpile for elimination, which could take up to one year by some estimates.

With the immediate threat of Syria using its chemical weapons on its citizens being minimized, the focal point returns to the nuclear goals of Iran and the decades old Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In his recent speech before the UN General Assembly, US President Barack Obama gave special attention to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. According to Obama, this conflict—along with Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons—is central to peace and stability in the region. Several times during his speech he returned to this mantra.

### Looking for a Broader Solution

In the opening to the central, major section of his speech, Obama declared, "While these issues [Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict] are not the cause of all the region's problems, they've been a major source of instability for far too long, and resolving them can help serve as a foundation for a broader peace." Later he returned to this "linkage" theme: "Real breakthroughs on these two issues – Iran's nuclear program, and Israeli-Palestinian peace – would have a profound and positive impact on the entire Middle East and North Africa." Obama is correct about Iran. It is indisputable that an Islamic Republic ruled by mullahs with nuclear weapons capability would be exceedingly destabilizing. The Islamic Republic, either directly or through its proxies, is involved in numerous conflicts in the region from Syria and various



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**“But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham My friend. You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest regions, and said to you, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’ Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing. And those who strive with you shall perish. You shall seek them and not find them – those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a non-existent thing. For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you’...”** Isaiah 41:8-13.

Gulf states to Iraq and Afghanistan. Tehran arms, trains and supports Hizbullah on Israel’s northern border. According to a recent report by the pro-Hizbullah Lebanese newspaper, it has resumed its support for Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip.

Obama is wrong about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Arab Spring that began in Tunisia, spread to Egypt and sparked sectarian violence in Syria had absolutely nothing to do with Israel’s “occupation” of Judea and Samaria. In each of these countries, and elsewhere, popular uprisings unfolded on the backdrop of socio-economic inequalities and a rejection of old and corrupt autocratic regimes. Even if Israel and the Palestinians settled all of their disputes today, the civil war tearing Syria apart would continue to rage. The violent standoff between the Muslim Brotherhood and Egypt’s military junta, and other conflicts and terrorist activity from Iraq and Afghanistan and Pakistan to Mali and Kenya, would no doubt continue.

### **Will Israel Ever Reach a Peace Agreement**

Even if Israel managed, somehow, to reach a peace agreement with the PLO, led by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, over Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem and the refugees, Israel’s conflict with the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip would continue. Israel’s conflict with Hizbullah forces in South Lebanon and with additional Islamic groups in Jordan, Egypt, Syria and elsewhere would also continue. That is because it is Islamic extremism in its various forms—not the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or even just Iran—that is the driving force behind the terrorism, violence and bloodshed throughout the region. *The Israeli-Palestinian conflict itself has been perpetuated by Islamic extremism more than any other factor.*

Despite the Obama government’s claims to the contrary, solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is not a solution to the region’s instability. Even the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will not be solved until Obama and other world

leaders realize that it is Islamic extremism that is perpetuating the conflict and fuelling violence throughout the Middle East and elsewhere. Until this reality is faced and addressed, Islamic extremism will continue to be a scourge in our societies today.

Another sobering issue that impacts the efforts of making peace in the Middle East is the willful surrender by President Obama of the role the US has historically played as leader of the “free world.” The question being asked is: “Why has Obama so wantonly allowed America’s international reputation and awesome global power to waste away?” The answer is that Obama is clearly out to emasculate America; to doggedly drag it down, purposely so. He seeks the weakening of the United States on the global stage as a good and necessary outcome. He has set this as one of the key goals of his presidency—and he is doing a very good, skilful job of hitting his target. In short, the nonchalance of Obama as America decays is doctrinaire. He ideologically intends it. He leaves America’s reputation in the world “unbelievably small.” Don’t assume that this erosion bothers Obama, or is the result of any failing. It is exactly where Obama is leading America, brilliantly so from his perspective – on principle, on target and on plan.

In closing, we need to remind ourselves of the promises above recorded in Isaiah, chapter 41. No matter what Israel or the Jewish people may face, they have the Lord’s assurance of His overriding protection and grace.

Sincerely in the Lord’s service,

*Ray Sanders*

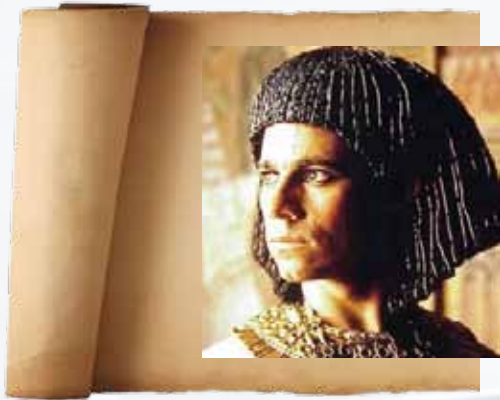
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# JOSEPH And His Brothers

## The Final Meeting

"I think history is...linked to identity. If you don't know your history...don't know your family—who are you?" (Mary Pipher)



Our Jewish roots are linked to Bible history and it is impossible to escape our Jewish foundations, because they are tied to the Jewish Messiah. I would add a thought to Mary Pipher's quote above: **if the Church does not know her history, then she does not know the spiritual family to which she belongs.** Who then is she? Today's Church needs a revelation of her bridegroom's family.

Throughout history, the Church, like the story we are about to study, speaks of rejection, betrayal and reconciliation. It is a perfect portrait of Yeshua and His People as well as the Church and Israel. Sit back and thoughtfully review the beautiful imagery that has been drawn for us by a Heavenly pen held by the Hand of God. No other story

in Scripture illustrates as fully the life and work of the Messiah who wrought salvation for those who would believe. He went down into humiliation as the way to exaltation; forgave those who thought they had gotten rid of Him, and came to the aid of those who were perishing. The story of Joseph's life foreshadowing the life of Yeshua is in no way a theological typology comparable with Supersessionism. This theory in Christian history was most influential in the High Middle Ages and is still common in the Eastern Orthodox churches. This illustration (or allegorical symbiology) is more of a portrait of the likeness between two Biblical figures. It is not to take away from the Hebrew Scriptures the power of God that was at work in the life of Joseph or Yeshua. Joseph's story is a true story of deliverance, and should be seen as an illustration of the prophesied future world Deliverer.

It was nearing the time when famine struck Egypt. Being a very dry region, there was plenty of pasture for flocks and herds of sheep, goats and cattle. Caring for sheep was an important task for 17-year-old Joseph. Being Rachel's firstborn and Israel's eleventh son, he still was the youngest. He was most likely told what to do and how to do it by his older brothers. Right away we see a special relationship between the father and the son. Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons (Genesis 37:3). The Lord God of Israel said, "*This is my Beloved Son...*" (Matthew 3:17). Joseph brought a critical report to his father about his brothers. Likewise, Yeshua in several discussions with His brothers brought before them the issue of their sin. Both Joseph and Yeshua's words elicited strong reactions.

One can only imagine that when the "long coat of many colors" was given to Joseph, it was a sign to his brothers that Jacob intended to pass them by and make Joseph his heir. It caused jealousy to rise to the surface of their hearts and they plotted his demise. Who did he think he was anyway? The family bowing down to him? Taking the coat from him (as Jesus' robe was taken from Him), from then on, they hated him. Jesus received the same response from the religious... "*they hated me without a cause*" (John 15:25).

**By Sharon Sanders**



Joseph sharing his dream with his brothers

## Prophetic Dreams

Joseph was blessed by prophetic dreams—dreams that elicited jealousy. The Egyptians of that time put so much emphasis on dreams that they had “dream manuals” to help them interpret their dreams but Joseph depended upon God for his. In Genesis 37:12-17 Joseph’s father sent him to his brothers to check on them while they were tending sheep in Shechem. Yeshua also said “*I have been sent (by My Father) to the lost sheep of the House of Israel (Matthew 15:24).*”

When his brothers saw him coming in Dothan, they said “*here comes that dreamer*”...mocked him and plotted to kill their brother. In the same way in Matthew 27:41-42 the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked Yeshua. As Reuben rose to Joseph’s defense (Genesis 37:21), Nicodemus came to Yeshua’s defense (John 7:51). The brothers conspired to cast Joseph into a pit or large hole in the ground, most likely a dried up cistern. They then sat down and ate a meal but surely could hear his cries from below. We know it was God who brought Joseph out of the pit. The New Testament tells us that on the third day after the crucifixion, God raised up Jesus from the dead and brought Him forth out of the grave (or pit). The hatred for Joseph had gone so deep that his brothers betrayed him and sold him to the Gentiles. When they did that, he no longer lived in his Jewish world, but entered into a non-Jewish environment. Jesus was also betrayed and delivered over to Pilate who gave Jesus over to the Roman government.

I find it interesting that the Midrash (commentary on the Hebrew Scriptures) tells us that the selling of Joseph was part of God’s Divine plan behind the scenes for him to save the tribes...it got them into Egypt. God also had a Divine plan for the life of Yeshua to save many lives which we’ll cover later on in the story. Maimonides (a Jewish scholar) comments that even the villager in Shechem, when Joseph inquired about his brother’s whereabouts, was a “divine messenger” working behind the scenes.

When Jesus was arrested and imprisoned it was at the time of the Passover when Israel was getting ready to sit down to eat the Seder meal. Judah suggested selling Joseph for money

and we remember also that Judas turned Jesus over to the Romans for money. Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites for 20 pieces of silver and Jesus was sold for 30 pieces. In Genesis 37:32-35 we learn that the brothers reported Joseph dead. Joseph would remain that way to his people until a later revelation. Jesus has been considered dead and separated from His People for 2000 years. As Joseph ended up in the house of Potiphar, an Egyptian, he took on a different appearance. He became disguised so to speak, and his real identity was hidden from that point on, hidden and concealed. He appears clean shaven, without his beard and dressed according to Egyptian fashion with a gold chain about his neck as a reward for his services.

## Cast Into Prison

After the 1st century and definitely by the end of the 2nd and 3rd centuries, Jesus was depicted as “King of the Gentiles” and yet above His cross was written “King of the Jews.” He was portrayed in ways that helped mask Him from His own people. Sometimes depicted in paintings, He was surrounded by metallic crucifixes, looking like a gentile god with blue eyes and blond hair. His real identity as a Jew was hidden. After 13 years as a slave, Joseph had become Governor of Egypt. He accomplished a lot of good works before his arrest; likewise, Yeshua, before His arrest did many good works. As Potiphar’s wife allowed the devil to tempt her to entice Joseph, the devil also tried to tempt Jesus, but Jesus resisted him on every point. Potiphar’s wife made a false claim against Joseph by charging that he tried to rape her. Thus he was cast into prison. Joseph had not wanted to abuse his Master’s trust, so he resisted her. His father Jacob had taught him well. It is interesting that Potiphar sent Joseph to jail instead of executing him on the spot. One commentary explains that she had accused other servants of the same immoral act before. Jesus was also falsely accused and taken to a holding place before his trial.

Reading in Genesis 40:1-22 the account of the butler and the baker’s dreams are interpreted by Joseph—the butler was saved from death through Joseph—but he forgot

he had been in prison with Joseph and left him imprisoned. Likewise, Simon Peter denied Jesus three times and left Jesus abandoned.

When Joseph became the Vizier of Egypt, people “bowed the knee.” When King Yeshua reigns, all the earth will also bow. A further point: Joseph received a new name in the Egyptian gentile world. Jesus received a new name also. His real name which God gave to Him was Yeshua. It was first translated into “Iesous” in Greek and then it became “Jesus” in English. To some degree, the name lost the original meaning of SALVATION. (Matthew 1:21). Of course it is fine to call Him Jesus...but do not be afraid to call Him by His real name; it is beautiful and so meaningful...the power behind the name is important.

Joseph became a high ranking government officer, appointed second-in-command (Genesis 41:41). Yeshua was 30 when He began his public ministry (Luke 3:23) and became an established Rabbi. In Genesis 41:50-52 two sons were born to Joseph, Menashe and Ephraim, later to become half-tribes numbering among the 12 tribes. Jesus chose 12 intimate disciples according to the number of the tribes of Israel (Matthew 10:1-4).

As Joseph saved many Egyptians from starving for lack of bread, among Yeshua’s miracles was the account of the 5000 loaves that fed many people. Genesis 42:8 says, “And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew him not.” Yeshua’s identity would be hidden from Israel, yet they would be known of Him, as written in John 4:19. Back to the brothers: at one point the brothers spoke about their predicament and thought maybe God was punishing them for what they had done to Joseph, but still didn’t recognize him. Many in Israel today are writing about Jesus in one way or another, as they search, but for the most part they have not recognized Him as the Promised Messiah.

In Genesis 42:23-24 we see a family reunion forming. We know that Joseph wept upon hearing his brother’s conversations between themselves. In Luke 19:41-44 Yeshua wept over Jerusalem and His brethren who did not know Him. Genesis 43:1-7 reveals that Joseph told his brethren, “You shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.” He would eventually gather all of his brothers together while his identity was still unknown. Today God is gathering Jewish people from all over the world and more will be coming in a greater aliyah. It will be when they are gathered in a great number that the revelation will come. As the elderly father called for God’s mercy in the family situation they faced, Joseph became an instrument of mercy. Romans 11:32 says “For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all.”

Genesis 43:15-16 tells how the brothers appeared before Joseph, again, a second time. He commanded: “Bring these men home...they shall dine with me at noon.” Yeshua also dined with his brethren at the Passover meal (Luke 22:15) before He suffered. As Joseph fed his brothers, we know that Yeshua said “I am the bread of life...” and feeds His Sheep (John 6:35). We also read that Joseph’s brothers were afraid as they very carefully walked into Joseph’s house. They were



most likely experiencing guilt because of what they knew they had done twenty years before. Likewise, a similar scene comes forth in Zechariah 12:10-13:1.

## He Wept

By the time we get to Genesis 43:30-31, we witness Joseph’s deeply intense feelings for his brothers and behind the tears was still a hidden identity. Yeshua wept over Jerusalem because his brothers (or people) could also not see who He was. The brothers were then fed and departed. Joseph provided them with supplies and unknown to them, returned their money. By Genesis 44:13-34 the sons of Israel had torn their garments because of their worst fears. It was Judah’s broken-hearted confession that finally broke the ice as tears came. Joseph could no longer contain his emotions and he cries out loud.

There will come a time in the near future when Yeshua will wait no longer but will be given the command by His Father to return, with a shout! Of course, the Egyptians in the household heard Joseph and I’m sure looked at each other with puzzled faces...what was happening? Joseph sent all the non-Jews out. I’m sure it was because it was a family matter, and Joseph wanted to reveal his true identity to his brothers in a private way most likely speaking to them for the first time in Hebrew. When Yeshua reveals His true identity, I believe the Gentile “Christ” will be gone and we will “see Him as He is”... the Jewish Messiah standing in front of everyone. In Genesis 45:3 he then revealed his identity and asked a question: “I am Joseph, does my father yet live?” Everyone was speechless! They were probably also breathless and could not find the words to quickly answer. Will they not also be breathless when they “look upon me” and mourn? (Zechariah 12:10-11).



Joseph finally reveals his true identity

As the tribes of Israel shall mourn (Zechariah 12) husbands and wives will not be able to look into each other's eyes, or speak, as they look at their Messiah. Joseph called his brothers to come close and then closer...they must have started to cry because he tenderly beckoned them toward him and said "don't blame yourselves, it was all the work of God" for the salvation of many lives. The veil was finally lifting and all of a sudden, they saw who He was! The parallel here is of course with Yeshua's work on the Cross, countless non-Jewish lives have been saved through the Gospel and have come into the Commonwealth of Israel through Him (Ephesians 2:12). This becomes a clear picture of how the Lord may reveal Himself to the family He loves so much.

Oh how they must have missed one another after such a long time. I remember well when my sister and I were apart for so many years and right before her passing from cancer a year ago, I arrived at her door, her arms were open to me and we wept on one another's shoulders as it had been such a long time since we had been together. It was so healing to both of us.

## The Revealing

Multitudes had received Yeshua when He had walked the Land before His crucifixion...and although gone so long...He is coming back. When Joseph revealed his secret "the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house." When Yeshua comes, all the world shall know! Joseph assures his brothers that it had all been the outworking of God's plan. After centuries of rejecting Him, He tells them not to blame themselves. They are saying "How could we have missed it?" But He comforts them and tells his brothers to go tell his father. The embracing of their brother must have gone on for a long, long time as they had

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"found one another again." As mentioned, according to the prophet Zechariah, in chapter 12, repentance comes (when Israel mourns) at the Coming of Messiah, and the same joy will be found in Israel at the revelation of their brother. As Israel (Jacob) heard the news his spirit was revived within him—life returned to him. Paul tells us regarding Israel's return and their future relationship with the Messiah, that it will be like "life from the dead" (Romans 11:15). Joseph lived to the age of 110, living to see his great-grandchildren. Before he died, he made the children swear that when they left the land of Egypt they would take his bones with them back to Israel's land. Likewise, the Second Coming of Yeshua will bring Him back to the Land.

## My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Finally, as Jacob said to Joseph, now "...let me die, because I have seen your face, because you are yet alive..." (Genesis 46:30) we remember dear Simeon in the Temple at the time of the presentation of Yeshua (Luke 2:28-32). He took the baby in his arms and said, "Lord, let now your servant depart in peace according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation (Yeshua)." This beautiful portrait was given as a foreshadowing of the wonderful revelation that will come to the Land of Israel.

When the 144,000 of the twelve tribes of Israel embrace this revelation, the Scriptures will be taught as never before. Even the greatest of gentile evangelists may not be able to hold a candle to what is coming. As the Jewish people return from all the nations of the world and have all languages under their belts, they will be able to teach the nations in many tongues and languages. The Jewish Scriptures that prophesied the Coming Messiah will be opened as never before to Jew and Gentile, and they will most likely outshine the original disciples who went to the world the first time teaching of righteousness just like their Master. Just remember, Israel will not become a "Christian" nation and join the "Church" but revelation will come as to the identity of their Messiah, and they will be grafted into "their own olive tree" (Romans 11:24).

Yes, I too, like Mary Pipher, think our history is linked to identity and just as the Church committed the unrighteous act of throwing their Jewish brothers into a pit of hatred, boasting against them, and spiritual pride, it must be revealed (to the Church) that not only was this wrong in the eyes of God, but that the Church's eyes also need opening. If we are part of the Bride, shouldn't we be getting to know the Groom's family? If we do not, when we see Him "as He is"—we may not recognize Him. It is good to be part of a love story that is unfolding and beginning to be understood by Israel and the Church. **Let's remember there is still an appointed time for all for an upcoming final meeting.**

# Dear Friends and Supporters...

October 1st, 2013

After a ministry of almost 30 years in the Land, CFI Jerusalem needs your help to continue its vision for generations to come.

When CFI Jerusalem moved to its present location in 2004 we were assured the owners would never sell. In 2012 we were informed differently. The number eight means *New Beginnings* so this move cannot be seen negatively. The CFI Jerusalem Board decided that now is the time for CFI to have a **permanent home in Jerusalem**.

We come with this appeal to you, our partners-in-ministry. We hope that you will pray how the Lord might use you in being an instrument in His Hands in helping this ministry to continue **taking the love of the Messiah back to the people who first brought Him to us**.

Our outreaches to the Jewish people have made a huge impact over the years and Jewish-Christian relationships are at an all time high. The followers of Jesus are indeed Israel's best friends! The work of CFI which was established in 1985 will always strive to remain on a path that will bring **comfort and reconciliation between the Church and the Jewish people**.

In 2015, CFI will celebrate its 30th anniversary May 13-15 at our annual Conference. It is our desire to continue to advance God's Kingdom on earth and to give Christians around the world a strong spiritual connection to the City of the Great King.

Thank you, ahead of time, for your prayers, friendship and financial support. May the Lord bless you and keep you always!

Shalom from Jerusalem,  
**Ray and Sharon Sanders**  
Co-founders/Directors CFI Jerusalem



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# Rosh Hashanah Miracle Near Vinnitsa

## Arkady's Personal Story

What a blessing it is to hear stories of God's miraculous salvation for His precious people during WW2. Arkady and Milia recently recounted to us their story of how Christians risked their lives on more than one occasion to protect and intercede for Jews in their village during the German occupation. Arkady and Milia grew up together on the same street, in the same small village near Vinnitsa in Ukraine. As ten-year-old children, they both experienced the same horrors.

Soon after War was declared, on one very unhappy day, the German army arrived on their motorbikes shouting cruelly, "Juden, Juden!" A Ghetto was quickly formed and life became unbearable. Hunger prevailed and bodies became distended. On market day Arkady managed to get some food for his family in exchange for drinking water.

### The Cross Saved Their Lives

Spontaneous killing raids were unexpectedly carried out. "When we heard the Germans coming, we lifted the flooring and ran down to the underground cellar. We could hear a lot of shooting and German voices above shouting, "Juden, Juden." "We were frightened to death," Milia said. When Christian neighbors heard a rumor that a killing raid was planned they hid their Jewish friends, including all the little children, in their own underground cellar, where beds had been prepared for that reason. Sometimes killing raids lasted for 2 or 3 weeks and then the Christians provided the food and looked after them. "We were living, but expected to be killed at any time. It was very hard," shared Arkady as tears ran freely down his cheeks and he could not continue. Milia proceeded to tell about the Rosh Hashanah miracle that happened. "We had 2 synagogues in the village and at Rosh Hashanah more than **two thousand**

**people** had gathered for the usual service. Suddenly the Germans locked the doors and no one was allowed to leave! Then they took us all out, formed columns, and proceeded to march us towards the forest, where a huge grave had been dug. They were planning to kill us all that day! Suddenly one Christian man lay down in the middle of the road in the form of the cross, and wouldn't let us continue walking. He cried and pleaded with the Germans not to kill us, but to spare our lives! Then a miracle happened, the Germans suddenly, without explanation, let us all go! We still remember and honor that brave man who could easily have lost his life that day."

Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts which remind survivors of your love and support for them as they grow older. *"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing..."* Proverbs 28:27.

**Dearest Christians from many nations!** Thank you very much for your help, which is so necessary for the elderly and sick people who survived the Holocaust..... **THANK YOU!** May you all be healthy and prosper in all that you are doing. May God keep you safe from all evil! Once again - Thank you very much all Christians. May the Lord keep us all safe. Sincerely yours, **Malka – Kiryat Ata**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,** I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your Birthday wishes to me. Faith and your warm words carried me through my sickness.

Yours sincerely, **Leonid – Haifa**

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

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Holocaust team member, Olga, with Milia and Arkady



**"One Christian man lay down in the middle of the road in the form of the cross, and wouldn't let us continue walking."**

# Signs and Wonders

**PROJECT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE'S** (HFF) primary focus is to reach out to poor and needy Jews that have immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia. One such effort involves partnering financially with an afterschool program in a high crime, low income neighborhood of Bnei Brak, a city near Tel Aviv. Rachel, Founding Director of the afterschool program, invested her own money and later sought funding from the City Council to keep the doors of the center open—but, they turned her down. In 2007, having heard about CFI, she came to Jerusalem looking for help and found it.

In speaking to Rachel about the children, she fondly echoes the essence of Isaiah 8:18 truly seeing the children as “signs and wonders in Israel, from the LORD of hosts” who will accomplish many great and mighty things. She knows that education and mentoring are two important keys that will equip the children to stand against the many temptations to get involved with gangs, drugs, alcohol and prostitution. The afterschool facility is the answer to Rachel’s deep-seated desire and determination to provide a place where the children can go for protection, encouragement and wholesome social interaction. Additionally, since many parents work until 9:00 p.m., or later, the center provides nutritious snacks—the only meal some children may get in the evening—and, is open until the last child is picked up, regardless of the hour.

Rachel has chosen to live in the neighborhood where the center is located. Her unrelenting resolve to make a difference in the lives of the children—amazingly—also includes the children’s parents. In addition to holding down a regular job and volunteering her time as Director of the afterschool program, she uses her personal time to fight injustice and discrimination against Ethiopians with the municipality and State government. Likewise, with a Master’s Degree in Public Policy, she often serves as translator and advocate or liaison between parents and teachers as well as doctors treating medical concerns of individual family members. She also helps families resolve disputes involving other services or issues neither the parents nor the children are equipped to handle on their own.

The afterschool program is currently in need of financial assistance to pay the salary of one of the two current part-time workers so that the center can remain open five days per week instead of two. Local college/university students are also part of the staff as volunteers. During Sukkot, HFF visited Rachel at the afterschool site. Although the facility



*“Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for **signs and wonders in Israel**, from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion” Isaiah 8:18.*

was closed for the holiday, Rachel called everyone to let them know that someone was coming to meet them—and, to see what could be done to help raise support to keep the center open. Nearly 20 children of varying ages and the most tenured employee came to greet us expressing their hope that the center will remain open.

We also learned that, in addition to the salary for the worker, there is an urgent need to purchase at least seven pairs of sports shoes, and finances to sponsor a party for 6 of the boys and girls who are of age (13 for boys and 12 for girls) and, no longer considered children. The ultimate hope for every parent, boy or girl is to have their coming of age ceremony, a Bar Mitzvah (for a boy) or Bat Mitzvah (for a girl), at the Kotel or Western Wall, in Jerusalem. Even though HFF was not prepared to meet the immediate needs of the center at the time of the visit, we were able to leave Rachel and the children with school supplies, two soccer balls, a basketball and an air pump that a group, from Colorado donated to us.

Rachel is doing amazing work with the children and their families. Several times Rachel mentioned how smart the children are—“they just need an opportunity to succeed.” She is also touched by the fact that her work would not have started or continued without Christians from around the world, who “love” without limits. **“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and his steadfast love endures forever” Psalm 136:1.**

By **Linda Edwards**, Hope for the Future Coordinator



## A Supply for Their Needs



Ray encouraging many who come through our doors

*"...now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want..." 2 Corinthians 8:14.*

Project First Fruits is a ministry of blessing to believers from many walks of life in Israel today. The Bible says *"...by equalizing matters... what you can spare may supply their need..."* (The 20th Century New Testament) and *"... by way of reciprocity, your surplus should at the present juncture contribute to their deficiency..."* (Wey).

Many of our brothers and sisters need help and assistance because of debt, health and emotional problems as well as practical needs. CFI has no shortage of applications to help those who are believers in the God of Israel and Messiah Yeshua. How they find us we are not certain, but they are our brothers and sisters, and we wish them to know we stand with them in their times of distress. They have come to us from the far north, deep into the south as well as in surrounding congregations around the country. **Each of us are responsible as servants of God to care for others who are in need and we serve Him by sharing our gifts with those with tremendous needs.** Reflecting His Image to them boosts their faith and courage to move forward in their love for God. It is because of your generosity that they can serve and be witnesses of the Lord.

*"Dear CFI: Here is my donation...use it to help (others). I, myself have been among the poorest in the United States, even homeless...I exist off of a very small disability check; however, my help comes from the Lord and family..... please pray for us."* M. A., Roanoke, VA

By Ray Sanders, First Fruits Coordinator

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# Letters of Deep Appreciation



## Very Thankful

"My name is Svetlana. I live in Ofakim with two children in a small apartment. I am very thankful to your organization and to each member of your staff who helped me to receive financial assistance for teeth treatment. Thank you very much for quick response to my request. May God bless you and your service."

## My Burden Lifted

"I would like to express my personal thanks for the support your ministry has given me in helping me close my student loan. You gave me more than financial help. You reminded me that I am not alone. That I am really part of the body of the Messiah. Yes it took a real burden away from me and I can feel less pressure now. The gift you gave me also gave me encouragement and strength." **Hadar**

## God Bless You

"We are deeply thankful for your support in paying expensive dental work for Calina. Through you, God helped us to get out of serious financial difficulties. Thank you dear brothers and sisters! May God truly bless you in your godly work." **M family.**

## Quote from Africa

"We are usually ten people who meet every day to pray for Israel and to raise money out of our poverty of African hot and desert land. We will bear the burden for the sons of Abraham with blessing." With love, **FK, Africa**

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# Comfort, Comfort Ye My People...

**AFTER THE FALL** of the Iron Curtain, more than one million Jewish people from the FSU have immigrated to Israel—part of the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies. For most of them, hoping that their children would have a better life here is what prompted them to come to Israel. However, for many, this dream was shattered by what happened on June 1, 2001, when one of the deadliest suicide bombings killed 21 and injured 132 Israelis in the **Dolphinarium terror attack**.

Recently Project UHW team had the privilege of visiting a terror victim named **Alexander Vasiliev** who was severely injured in this bombing—an attack that was seared into the Israeli consciousness as one of the most infamous of the second Intifada. It is heartbreaking to hear the details of this devastating terror attack and how it continues to impact the life of this fine young man and his family.

Alexander (now 34) made *aliyah* to Israel with his parents and his older brother from Tajikistan in the early 1990s, because of the civil war in Tajikistan in which 50,000 to 100,000 people were killed. Alexander's older brother was tortured by Taliban terrorists while he was serving in the Tajikistan army, and came home so changed he is no longer able to function as a normal person. Upon entering Alexander's living room, what greets you is the strong smell of the IV solution, and next to the wall on a shelf, is a huge quantity of more than 20 kinds of medicine that he has to take daily. He has already had **15 operations**, and still doesn't know how many more will be needed to take care of the open wounds that have not healed – the result of mistakes doctors made in initially treating his injuries. Alexander recalled what happened in this terror attack. The suicide bomber was standing in line in front of the Dolphinarium that evening, when the area was packed with youngsters waiting for admission (most of them Russian new immigrants). At 8:30 pm, the suicide bomber detonated his explosive device. Witnesses claimed that body parts lay all over the area, and that bodies were piled one above another on the sidewalk before being collected. The attack was so devastating that many civilians in the vicinity of the bombing rushed to assist emergency services.

## Devastating Suicide Bombing

Alexander's two friends were killed in the attack, and he himself was seriously injured. The degree of his injury was so grave that tragically, his father took his own life because he couldn't bear seeing his son suffer such horrible pain and trauma. Alexander's career ended, and this family now has a huge debt brought on by this terror attack. Thankfully, Alexander's mom, Svetlana, who though a small lady, has stood strong for her family. However, the responsibility and financial burden is very heavy, and she can only work part-time, as she frequently has to take Alexander to the hospital for treatment. She also looks after her older son. The open wounds in Alexander's stomach are seriously hindering his digestion and the doctors have scheduled another big operation for him in two weeks. His teeth were so severely damaged by the terror attack (see picture) that he is unable to eat solid food, and as a result, he is very thin. The cost for his dental work is NIS 157,690 - (approx. US \$45,050) but the national insurance could only help him with NIS 2,000. Our hearts go out to this family who has suffered severely because of this terror attack.

So far Project UHW has helped raise NIS 25,000 of financial support for Alexander's needed dental work, and we stand with them trusting God for the provision of finances. If you can help with Alexander's financial needs, please designate your gift to: **Project UHW for Alexander Vasiliev. Thank you for standing with us to comfort those who mourn in Zion. The Lord bless you.**

By **Maggie Huang**, Under His Wings Coordinator



Alexander needs ongoing hospital treatment



## “IT’S OUR HONOR—REALLY!”



Jim McKenzie speaking with the IDF soldiers

**SO OFTEN** during my amazing and humbling visits with the physical guardians of the Land of Israel, the soldiers will go out of their way to find me - just to say thank you. Although I appreciate this and understand their desire to thank us for providing equipment to their units, the more important aspect of the relationships being formed is the idea that they need to know that it's *our* honor! As Christians, we are well aware of the fact that if the tree falls – so will the branches.

Standing with Israel is not always popular – and so the mandate of Project David'sShield is to let these brave warriors know that it is an honor, a privilege, a duty, and recognition of God's plan to stand in solidarity with these men and women as they defend the Land promised to the Jewish people. The items we purchase are of both practical and spiritual benefit. Sometimes it's cold and some-

times it's hot here in this diverse country and climate. The items we bless the soldiers with provide physical comfort. The message of solidarity, and of love and prayers, provide equally as much comfort. The conversations will always turn to the fact that they want us to tell their story to as many as possible. They know many in the world view them through tainted and biased media – but they are asking us to spread the truth. The truth is, the IDF is facing many challenges given the international campaigns of delegitimization of the State of Israel, as well as the military and security threats which surround the Nation.

**“WHY ARE THE NATIONS IN AN UPROAR, THE PEOPLES GRUMBLING IN VAIN? THE EARTH’S KINGS ARE TAKING POSITIONS, LEADERS CONSPIRING TOGETHER, AGAINST ADONAI AND HIS ANOINTED” PSALM 2:1-2 (CJB).**

The Nations rage and are in an uproar because of their ever conspiring, evil motives against God's anointed. One of the first things I came to understand about the IDF, is that they know the Scriptures, and follow them. With your help, and the Word of God, we can remain confident that the soldiers will always want to say thank you, but we'll also know that because of our love of God and His perfect plan of restoration – we will always be able to say, “It's *our* honor – really!”

Thank you for your ongoing support of Project David's Shield, and please continue to pray for wisdom, strength and protection as they daily place themselves in harm's way to protect this Holy Land.

By **Jim McKenzie**, Project David's Shield Coordinator

**“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 (CJB).**

# Fools Despise *Wisdom*

**AROUND 1:30 PM** on a very hot day in Israel I decided to set out on a long afternoon walk. I planned my route with my halfway point being at the bottom of the mountain I was about to ascend. As I prepared for the second half of my climb I got a very different perspective of the task ahead. A sense of anxiety came upon me as my shoes had begun rubbing blisters on my toes. My fingers were beginning to swell, and ache, due to dehydration. As if that weren't bad enough, I realized that there would be very little shade as I ascended the mountain, I had no sunscreen and, you guessed it—NO WATER.

Resisting the feeling of fear I began to walk forward reminding myself that I am more than a conqueror through Christ who strengthens me. I trudged up that mountain moving at what seemed to be a turtle's pace, when I began to commune with that still small voice within. As I progressed I surmised that the Lord wanted to use this opportunity to teach me a lesson. Upon the completion of my walk I felt accomplished, yet disturbed by the fact that I knew better than not to have made better preparations for such an endeavor.

Days later I set out again on the same trek. This time, however, I was properly prepared for the challenge. With Band-Aids on my toes, sunscreen slathered on from head to toe and a large bottle of ice water in hand I was determined to, again, conquer this mountain. This time, however, my journey went so much more smoothly. I returned with a sense of peace and a deeper love for my Father in heaven. Why? Because He was willing to take the time to listen to me in my time of need and use the situation to remind me of a very simple lesson. Fact is...the enemy hates it when we're trying to improve upon (and deepen) our relationship with the Lord, so he'll put obstacles before us, which with the human eye might at times seem insurmountable. The Lord, however, enjoys using these as a

time of teaching, for He promises in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that He won't allow any adversity or test to come our way that we're not capable of overcoming.

In Proverbs 24:5-6 we read, "The wise prevail through great power, and those who have knowledge muster their strength...." The wise prevail. Webster's defines the word wise as "having or showing wisdom or knowledge; usually from learning or experiencing many things." When you see mountains standing before you, whether it be your finances, your job, your children or spouse—maybe it's an illness or even a past sin come to raise its ugly head—your approach to the situation should be thought through wisely before ever making a move.

Take a look at Proverbs 1:2-7, these are the proverbs of Solomon the son of David who was king over Israel. "To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom... A wise man will hear and increase learning and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel... The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Men and women of God, we can no longer use excuses for not being able to overcome the mountains, obstacles and/or challenges set before us. No matter what you call them, God wants to use these things to teach us and to deepen our walk with Him, but we must be teachable. We need to listen for that voice of the One Who Gives Us Strength.

In closing, fear the Lord, know wisdom, perceive (or become aware or conscious) that God is speaking and receive (or accept or take delivery of) His instruction. And why complain about the situation? Your Father in Heaven is waiting for you to ask Him for help and He promises to deliver you from the situation if you're just willing to follow a few simple rules.

Finding My Purpose in Him,  
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FocalPoint's main goal is to not remain silent as "untruths" are often being heard in the secular media.

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# Gifts From the Nations



**Olim leaving with their gift bags**

for frying. We often include a bandana which represents the different tribes of Israel. Families are provided with a new electric mixer or electric kettle.

Our gift bag is immediately useful for new immigrants who are settling in to Israel and is a sign of Christian support from around the world. It is a way of saying, because of what the Bible commands us, we love you and want you to be blessed in the Land of your forefathers. Over the last few months we have welcomed new immigrants mostly from Russia-37.2%, Ukraine-26.3%, Belarus-3.5%, Peru-2.7%, Uzbekistan-2.7%, Georgia-2.4%, Argentina-2.1%, Kazakstan-2.1%.

The gift of a Tanach (Hebrew Scriptures) in their language shows that we value their spiritual lives as well. It is always received with much gratitude. We have been able to provide Tanachs in English/Hebrew, Spanish/Hebrew, French/Hebrew and Russian/Hebrew. We even have copies in Yiddish available.

## Keeping Shelves Stocked

The high quality garments we receive mainly come from Christian supporters in Britain and the U.S.A., in large 20-40 foot containers at the Port of Ashdod, and are scheduled shipments in order to keep our shelves stocked. Our guest families have the opportunity of choosing from our display racks. Multitudes have left us very happy and satisfied. The amount of work involved is huge and we heartily appreciate all the work that is being done by our supporters.

**Jewish immigrants finding their way to the Distribution Center**

## Giving Gifts Is Our Job!

Every day we give gifts of clothing, household items, Tanachs (Jewish Scriptures), and baskets of fruit. Everything we give out is wrapped in a blanket of encouragement and compassion. We can only do this when you, our supporters, enable us by giving to Project Open Gates.

Every *Olim*, (new Immigrant) receives a special gift bag of a set of new double bed sheets, a towel, a candle stick holder for the Shabbat candles, a bread cover for the Shabbat, a cooking pot and a new pan





Shipments scheduled to arrive for CFI from USA

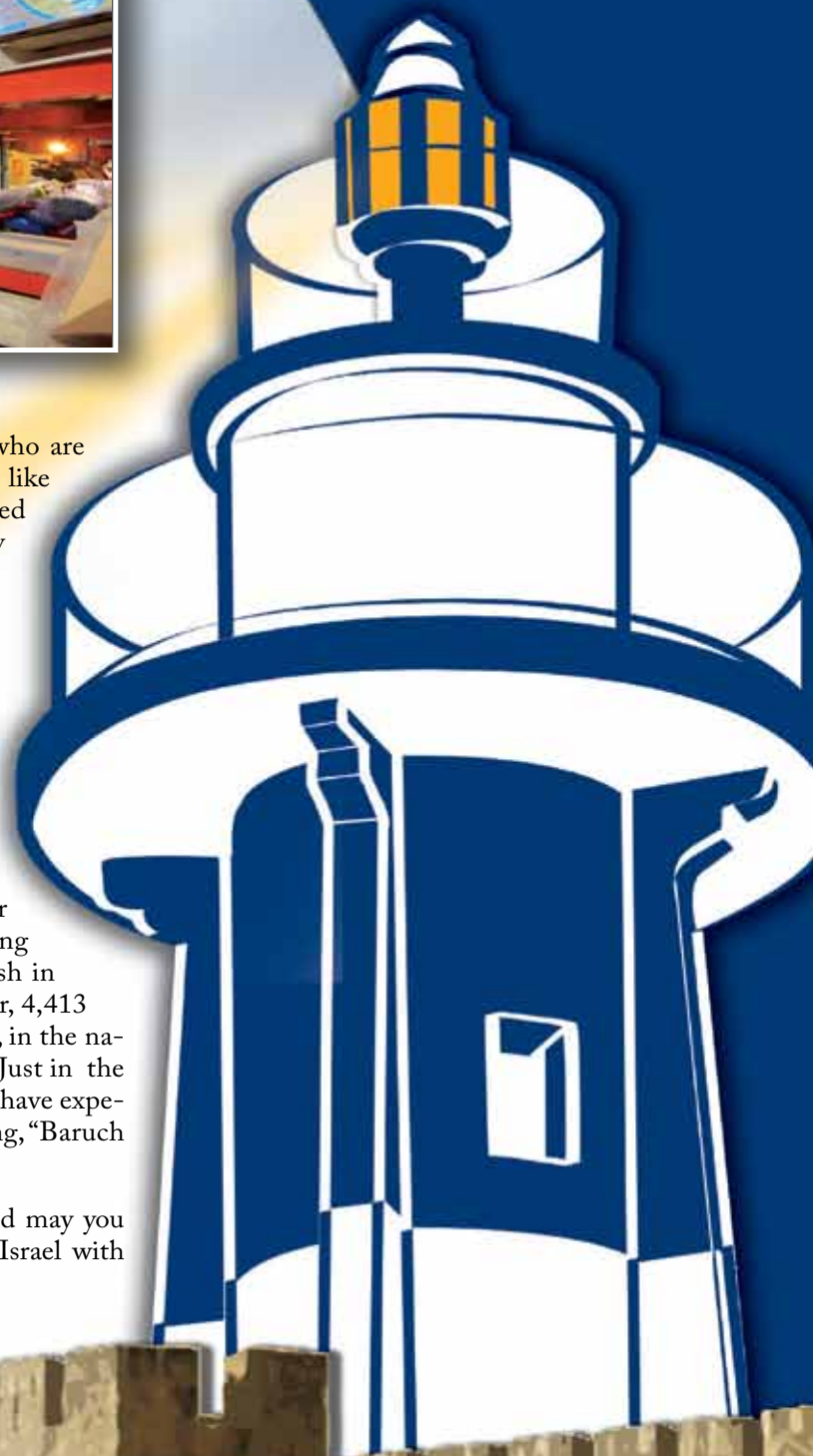
From donations we are able to assist many families who are struggling with their monthly bills. We all know what it is like to feel overwhelmed by a sudden arrival of large unexpected bills. For many poorer families in Israel, this is how they live from day to day. They find it difficult to think logically of ways that they can get out from under the heavy financial burdens that they carry. Through prayer and asking the Lord where we can help relieve their anguish, by your gifts of support, we continue to build Jewish-Christian relationships. Funds directed to Project Open Gates will help in a great practical way to support these struggling families.

## Praise God for His Faithfulness

Thank you once again for your support. Because of your generosity and caring hearts we have the privilege of seeing the wonderful effects of what giving can really accomplish in the lives of so many Jewish people. During this past year, 4,413 people received practical help because Christian believers, in the nations who love Israel, gave generously to provide support. Just in the last two months over 342 families have been helped. They have experienced Christian love in action and have often left saying, “Baruch Hashem”—Praise God!

**Thank you very much for your continued support** and may you continue to know that God sees the blessings you bless Israel with from the abundance (and sacrifices) of your lives.

**“The LORD says: ‘My people, I promise to give you my Spirit and my message. These will be my gifts to you and your families forever. I, the LORD, have spoken’” (Isaiah 59:21).**



By **Gordon Milmine**, Open Gates Coordinator

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# Bridal Salon

*"...thou shalt surely clothe thee with them...as a bride..."* Isaiah 49:18.



Looking for the perfect bridal dress

"Recently God has given me the opportunity to serve more people with whom I can build relationships—brides, grooms, bar/bat mitzvahs and family members from the varied backgrounds. For this I praise the Lord."

By **Patty Cuervo**, Bridal Coordinator



Patty with a lovely bride

## Wall of Prayer for Israel

### Join Our Worldwide Wall of Prayer

**Our ongoing commitment** of the Wall of Prayer to intercessors around the world is to be your eyes and ears supplying whatever information we can, relative to the community for which intercessors need to be praying.

**What is being built** cannot be seen in the natural, but, we believe, is very powerful in the spiritual realm. Now more than ever we need to mobilize more intercessors around the world. Will you join many others in the family of nations?

**Wall of Prayer Newsletter** is sent out electronically every two months. To subscribe email at: [cfi@cfijerusalem.org](mailto:cfi@cfijerusalem.org).

*"Thank you for your wonderful reports online and prayer requests, they are so anointed, and always touch my heart."* —from Nancy, USA

“They have many testimonies of miracles in their lives and live each day knowing that the Almighty’s hand is upon them.”

# The Loving Hand of God



Mira and Anatoly

“**GOD** uses lives given over to Him that are a demonstration of the message we carry within us.” (Joe Focht).

For over 20 centuries, Christendom painted a horrible picture of the Messiah. In this new day we live in, when a new chapter is being written between Christians and Jews, we are “changing history.” **We are living proof that He lives in our hearts** and we demonstrate that proof through actions of unconditional love, mercy and kindness —**the way it should always have been.** We rub shoulders every day in Streams of Blessing with elderly Jewish people who have suffered so much at the hands of the oppressors that they were under in many nations.

## Where Was Christian Help?

They have asked, “Why didn’t the Christians help us?” They saw Christians in the past turn and walk away from them and their difficult situations. We are not just talk—we are real! Leonard Ravenhill said, “The world out there is not waiting for a new definition of Christianity, but a new demonstration.” We are able to show the existence of truth in our lives instead of hypocrisy. Unconditional love is the greatest demonstration of power there is and we do all we do in His love. Many we visit virtually have no friends, families, or minimal family support. One such person we visited said, “...I’m trying to return to the Lord...and to observe Shabbat...and I pray much about my situation.” They then said, “...your coming was the answer!” We could not continue without support from you—our friends in the nations.

## Touching the Lives of the Aged

Some of the elderly we help are Jerusalem and Petah Tikva war veterans, or Leningrad blockade survivors who were not in ghettos or concentration camps. We help an orphanage, widows and widowers, hospitals, Christian Arab pastors friendly to Israel, cancer victims, and local Israelis who feed the underprivileged. We touch the lives of the aged through various municipal organizations and existing work here. Our sphere of outreach is endless and your help has been so welcome. “*One who sows in righteousness gets a sure reward*” (Proverbs 11:18b).

When we visit the people in their homes, we sit where they sit and hear their stories. Here are just two of the recent precious ones we visited. This precious older couple made aliyah to Israel in 2001 from Vladivostok. He is a veteran of WWII having gone off to war at the age of 17 years old. During the war, he was wounded in his stomach and bruised. He lost two ribs and one of his kidneys had to be removed. The doctors told him he had about twenty years to live, but through a miracle of God he has been through a series of operations and is still alive at 88 years old. He also suffers from cancer and spends much time in excruciating pain and is on pain killing medication. But through all this, Anatoly and Mira trust God. They have many testimonies of miracles in their lives and live each day knowing that **the Almighty’s hand is upon them.**

## Calling Out To God

Living in Beersheva, two girls, Ilona and Dana made aliyah in 2008 from Uzbekistan. They lost their mother to cancer. They were referred to Streams because Ilona had been given custody of her younger sister and is unable to take care of all the needs they have. Their grandmother, Furuza, came to live with the girls before her daughter’s death in 2012. Since their mother’s passing, they have encountered deep financial difficulty. Ilona had been working double shifts in a nursing home and then caring for her younger sister in the off hours. Now she works in a clothing store, but her wages are not enough to cover all the expenses. Openly sharing their grief and loss, they also shared the additional stress they encountered having been fired upon from Gaza. Sirens were sounding as many as 10 times per day. During this stressful time Furuza called out to God. Her prayer life has increased because God heard her cries. This family needs our help practically. Will you pray about helping? **Thank you for helping us be a demonstration of His love!**

By Sharon Sanders, Streams of Blessing Coordinator



“We are sending Jesus Christ’s money to bless the widows and the orphans of the Jewish people to bless them.” RZ-Burkino Faso, Africa

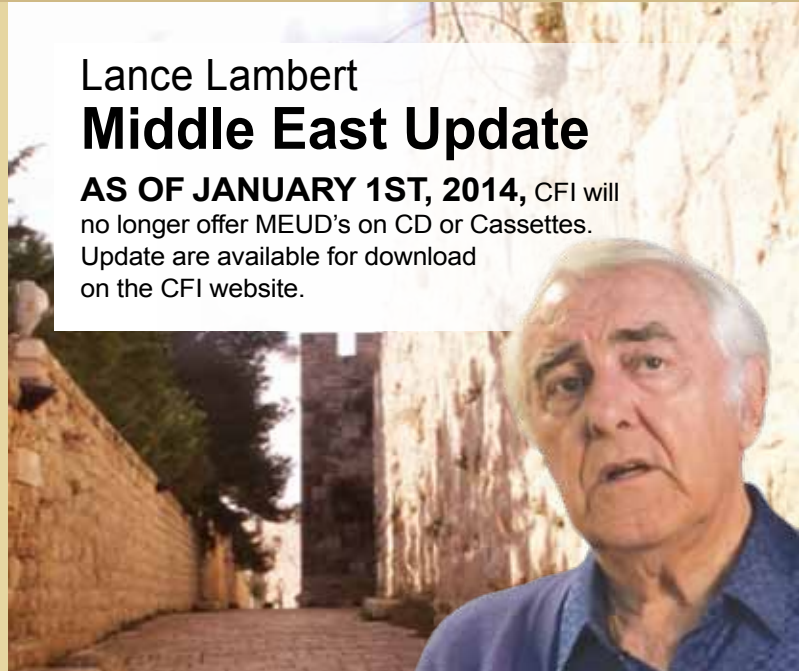
## Arise America And Stand for Israel

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## Lance Lambert Middle East Update

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## Fire for Israel Lights Up Latin America From Columbia to Mexico...



Yomara, Benjamin and Sharon receiving Certificates of Appreciation



**SHARON SANDERS** recent ministry trip to Columbia and Mexico brought forth many blessings from these two nations and also blessings were left behind for many pastors, leaders, Bible students and congregations. Everywhere the CFI and Keshet team went, a clear understanding that the Holy Spirit had gone before was there. Messages given from Sharon's and Benjamin's experience of living in Israel and theological understanding of Israelology was an eye opener for most leaders but one that all embraced well. We give God all the glory for such an amazing trip. Please contact Ruth Carlson at: [cfimundohispano@hotmail.com](mailto:cfimundohispano@hotmail.com)



**CFI South America**

# Congolese for Israel

## CFI PASTOR ROBBIE COLEMAN

recently visited the Congo to speak at a CFI Conference. CFI's new Representative, **Bishop Kalala**, has recently stepped up to represent the African spirit of God's love for Israel. The Bishop took Robbie to the buildings in Kinshasha where Sharon Sanders Uncle Archie Graber, a missionary to the Belgian Congo, spent so much of his life with the African Inland Mission preaching the gospel. It was a touching moment for Sharon when Robbie sent photographs of the buildings which Archie built still standing strong and well preserved.

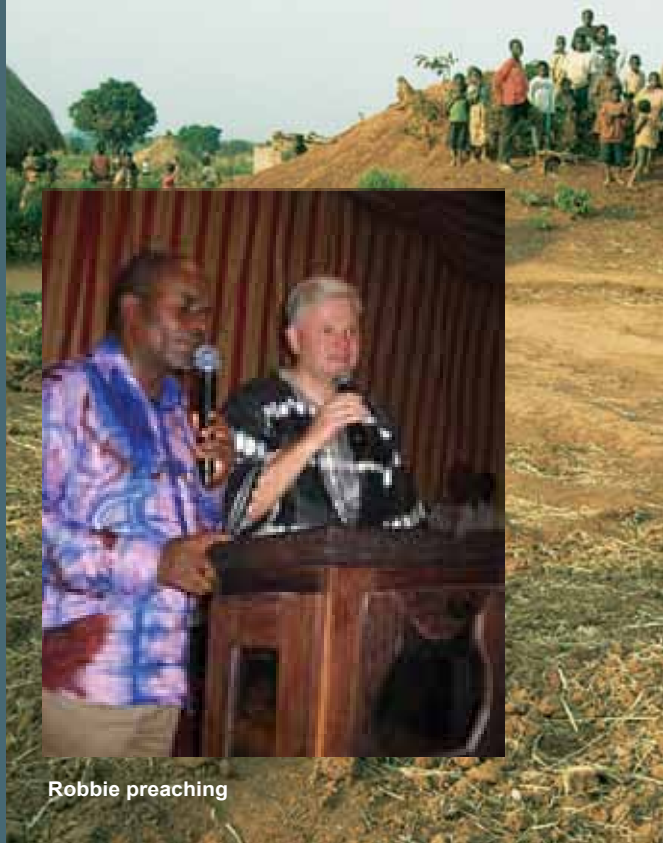


Chapel built by Archie in the Congo

Pastor Robbie told Sharon "Concerning your Uncle's ministry, I think the Body of Christ needs to know that when they sow their lives for the gospel, it is never in vain. Look how God has rewarded him with a great ministry and a family that is reaching out and blessing Israel." Praise the Lord for the wonderful financial help being sent to Jerusalem through Bishop Kalala's ministry partnership with CFI.



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Robbie preaching



CFI Bulgarian Team

## Israel My Beloved Festival in Bulgaria

**RECENTLY** the International Festival "Israel – My beloved" was held for the fifth time in the town of Pazardzhik, Bulgaria. CFI Bulgaria was one of the co-founders of the Festival in 2001. This year's Festival was dedicated to the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel and the 70th anniversary of the salvation of the Bulgarian Jewry during the time of the Holocaust in 1943. The Festival was held under the auspices of the Mayor of Pazardzhik and the Embassy of Israel in Bulgaria. One elderly Plovdiv Jewish lady who had been saved from the Holocaust in 1943 cried the whole time and said, "I couldn't stop crying because one rarely sees such love nowadays."



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Ken and Ilene Smith at CFI Booth

## Canada Mission Fests

Ken Smith and his wife Ilene are very busy attending conferences and mission fests across Canada. Our greatest prayer need at the moment is to get our Canadian charity status approved. Please join us in prayer for this important step for our beloved Canada. Contact Ken at: [revken.smith@telus.net](mailto:revken.smith@telus.net).



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