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"This is the way..."

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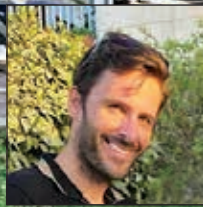
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Shalom *from* Jerusalem



Dear Christian Friends of Israel,

“Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,” says the LORD; “for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven,” says the LORD.

“Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.” For thus says the LORD of hosts: “He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.” Zechariah 2: 6-8

It is one of the greatest privileges of our lives to be your hands and feet in Israel at this very moment in history, in time of ongoing warfare, serving the Lord through serving His people, the regathered ones from the four corners of the world, whom He has restored to the land of Israel in these latter times. You make this possible through your kindness, through your prayers and supplications, through your giving and generosity, through your advocacy and solidarity, through your steadfast faithfulness to the Lord, to the Word of God, and to the place that He says is the apple of His eye (Zechariah 2:8).

During the course of the ministry of which you are an integral part, we are humbled to receive many expressions of gratitude and sincere thanks from the Israelis whom we are helping. I would like to share with you an extract from a recent letter of thanks we received from a Jewish lady who had received assistance from CFI through our Under His Wings project for terror victims. I think this letter expresses more about the difference you are helping to make than I could write.

“My name is Batya, and like many other Jews, I made Aliyah to Israel a long time ago. I always thought I am safe here, as this is the land of Almighty God. Little did I know that this land is one that has many different challenges, in order to shape us for the better; few stand these challenges well and often we break down, but He builds us back again, like honing the shape of a diamond. In such times as now, we are shown the madness of humanity, and we will always think in terms of “before October 7th” and “after October 7th” when our lives changed forever. Yet we know that you are standing with us here, where you feel God is asking you to remain, so that you will not let down the Jewish people.

Once more we see in front of our eyes the hatred against this nation, but in the middle of this painful and very dark pathway, He lets us see the light of His creation in our true friends. You all, every day, time after time, teach us that God loves all mankind, but that we will not be sufficient unless we are empty vessels, needing to fill our hearts with His energy, His light, His love. You show this to us, time after time. I want to thank you for the number of times you have helped me and gave me your time and understanding, although ‘thank you’ is a very tiny word to express the significance of your help. I hope this letter will be read in many churches in the world, because each person inside is a beautiful sparkle of the Almighty - and so are you. THANK YOU!”

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director



Hatred against Israel



Serving His People



Being hands and feet to Israel

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The Swords of Iron War

“So the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshipped.” Exodus 4:31

God has been appearing to many of our Israeli soldiers in so many ways since the beginning of the Gaza war and the people are thinking about God once again. I felt like sharing true stories, validated by reputable sources so that you can share with others. Not only do the People of Israel live but the God of Israel is on His Throne just as He was during the great Flood of ancient times. **(Psalm 29:10)**

In this issue of *For Zion's Sake* we speak of God's mighty acts among the Jewish people that have been evident in Israel since the most unthinkable and difficult-to-believe brutal massacre of 1,200 innocent Jewish victims on 7 October 2023 took place. The bloodthirsty barbarity of Hamas terrorists is hard to express. God began to appear among the Israeli army in unmistakable ways and no one has remained unchanged or denied the miracles. May your faith in the God of Israel soar to new heights to know that He is indeed on His Throne and watching over Israel. Everywhere the Jewish nation is talking about the unexpected encounters among the Israeli soldiers in Gaza. Divine Mercy has appeared again and again as God manifests in different ways at dangerous moments. In the book of **Romans 15:10** it says we are to “rejoice with His people.” Why? Because God is at work performing His Covenant Promises to Israel by sending angels to work on her behalf. These miraculous occur-

rences caught many by surprise; however, His Presence is so absolutely clear that it has altered not only the landscape but the common person on the street. As you relive the Swords of Iron war with us, listen with your heart to these inspiring stories of God's protection. These words “*I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the Land of the living*” **(Psalm 27:13-14)** are most appropriate. May Christians everywhere awaken. “*Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘In those days ten men from all nations will grasp the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’*” **(Zechariah 8:23)** Hold onto this magazine – for what you are about to learn is God's Faithfulness to His Chosen People.

GOD SPREADING WINGS OVER ISRAEL

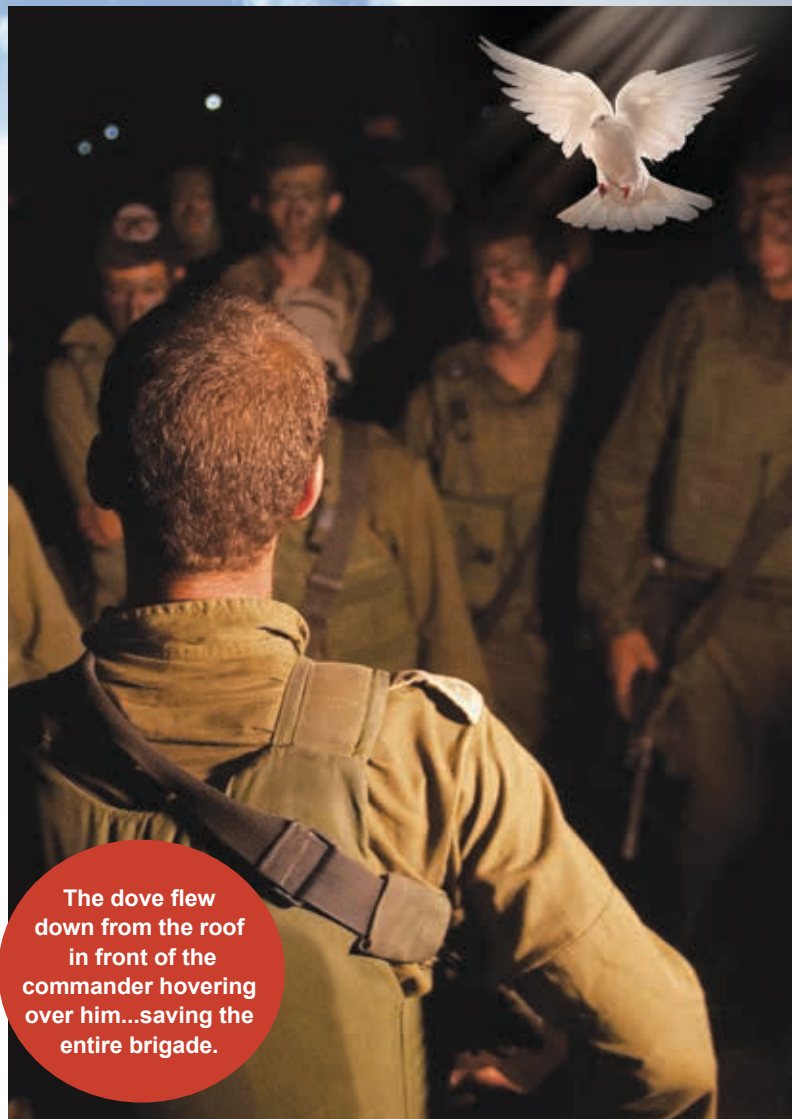
(Personal Testimonies)

STORY 1. “My unit was called in on a Shabbat morning... weapons had been handed to us ... we had never shot them; we had no idea if they worked ... we were immediately engaged by terrorists ... my rifle worked perfectly, firing every shot, hitting what I was aiming at ... not a single jam ... I thanked HaShem (the Lord) for giving me a rifle that worked ... then we switched to another battalion, after resting, we went to the range to practice ... immediately the rifle jammed ... again and again ... it was a broken rifle ... it had been broken from the moment it was handed to me the first time but on those first days of the attack it had worked to perfection.”

STORY 2. "It was a dark Gaza city at night ... it was a virtual minefield...no one was around ... just as the platoon of Israeli soldiers entered an empty city block knowing that explosives lay in their path ... where they did not know ... it was a life and death mission. The commander had not slept for close to thirty-six hours ... he could barely see in front of him ... they had entered into the blackness of night ... every hand on a shoulder in a straight line ... they quietly walked... all of a sudden the commander saw a white dove flying off the roof of a building ... and the dove flew down in front of the commander ... the dove landed in midair in front of his face, hovered in the air and he is looking at the bird. He realizes he has not slept, and he thinks maybe he is imagining this – but the dove continues to float in midair right before him ... so he leans forward – as he was about to touch the bird the soldier behind him pulls him back ... when he saw the dove was not hovering but had landed on a very thin trip wire going across the entire street. One more step and the entire block would have blown up killing all the soldiers. The dove looked back at him and flew off saving the entire brigade ..." (IDF Commander of Elite unit)

STORY 3. "They were seen storming the heavens calling out to God ... they had brought a Torah to the home and were reading God's Word, crying out for the mother's daughter, a hostage. "Ori, come back in peace." Israeli mothers were crying out to God for Ori. It was Shabbat and when the mother separated the challah bread the prayer "Oh God, you have commanded us to separate the challah ... may it be counted by you as if I performed this prayer exactly as you would have it upon your altar as in the day of the Holy Temple – Holy One be awakened and bring back our captives." Not long after this prayer her daughter was saved in a miraculous attempt to rescue the hostages. God had heard this mother's cry! Ori walked in the door of her home, and the cry was heard loudly as the mother cried "Oh Creator of the World, I love you! I love you, Amen. Amen." **(A mother's heart was heard by God – a video from a Sephardic Jewish home).**

STORY 4. "My brother is in the Golani Brigade. He has to go into the tunnels. Soldiers had to enter a house to get to a tunnel which was underground in one room ... in the IDF the officers go in first, then we follow (as our ancestors did in the Bible) the unit goes in ... twenty-five soldiers ... the others stay behind and surround



The dove flew down from the roof in front of the commander hovering over him...saving the entire brigade.

the house ... the soldier with the radio calls the commanding officer to find out if they are going to stay or come out. He is not answering ... the soldiers outside guarding the house walk back in ... standing at the entrance was a Rabbi with a long beard ... black coat ... the Sergeant said to him "What are you doing In this house?" This "tsaddik" (a righteous being in Hebrew) said to him "You must get out of the house now!" (he spoke In Hebrew to them) – "If you do not get out now there will be many widows and orphans ... you have to leave now," The soldiers answered him saying "We cannot leave – we have to go into the tunnel first to find our brothers! We are not leaving without our commander." The Rabbi is blocking the door to the tunnel ... and puts his hand out to block them from entering. One soldier reached forward to move the Rabbi out of the way and his hand went right through him – there was nothing there ... everyone looked at each other and thought "What are we seeing here?" The soldiers are all in shock. The commanding officer then comes out of the tunnel. The Rabbi is still standing there. The officer asks, "Why do we have a Rabbi standing here?" He then

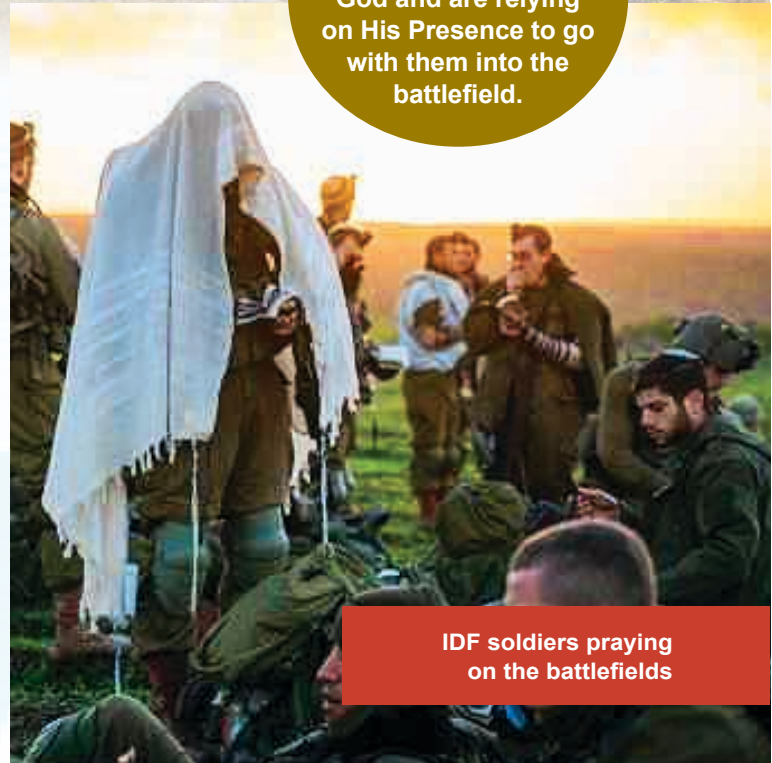


Thank God that many in Israel's army of soldiers fear God and are relying on His Presence to go with them into the battlefield.

tried to push him out and the Rabbi says one more final time “you must leave the house now.” While he was speaking—out of his mouth came fire...it totally freaked every soldier out... but as he said, “Get out now” we took about twenty steps out of the house – and the house blew sky high... we had seen a “malak” (an angel).

STORY 5. “There were eighteen Israeli soldiers in a house ready to rest for the night. Nine were religious so they asked another soldier to pray with them. (They needed 10 for a minyan, the number required for prayer). He asked first to excuse himself to go to the bathroom. After a period of time, he never came out... so they knocked at the door, and they heard groaning. They smashed the door down... and saw an Arab who had come from one of the tunnels underneath the bathroom floor... he pulled the Israeli soldier into the tunnel from the floor... the soldier was fighting for his life but the Arab has his hand around him...the soldiers shot the terrorist... they recognize that in this tunnel are monsters... they had been planning an attack... but the soldiers were able to wipe them out... all because the soldier went to the bathroom... one Jew who had decided to pray the evening prayers with the soldiers decided to go first to the bathroom.”

STORY 6. “Eight hundred students were learning Torah at a learning center. Arab terrorists had learned the student’s schedules. A terrorist was captured outside of the yeshiva. The IDF soldiers asked, “Why didn’t you attack this yeshiva?” He told them “We did not attack it, because when we came into the area and we looked and the building was burning, we saw the fire, we saw the smoke. We thought one of the missiles hit it already” There had been no smoke, no fire, it was untouched. They went for a different target which saved eight hundred



IDF soldiers praying on the battlefields

students by something they saw which cannot be explained. The deduction was that God runs His World and if He wants someone to see to save lives, they see it.” (An Israeli General related the above story)

FINAL WORDS

“I am writing this letter while on the way to my base... I am happy and grateful for the privilege of defending our beautiful country and people Israel. If something happens to me, I forbid you to mourn. I had the privilege of achieving my dream and destiny. You can be sure that I am looking down on you with a big smile... I left home without even being called up for reserve duty... I always said that if I have to die, it would be to defend other people and the nation. May my name never be forgotten... our soldiers fight like lions – and what lions! The Lions of Judah! *“Behold, the people rises up like a lioness and lifts itself up like a lion.” (Numbers 23:24)*

“What is happening on the battlefields of Gaza will change Israel’s society” (Rabbi Chaim Eisen). Many churches are continuing forward without recognizing Israel because of a theology that pushes Israel out the door. They will be sorry they did—one day. Church apostasy runs rampant according to the Pew Research Center. Many mega-church pastors are planning on building towers higher than they have already built. Man builds with his hands. God builds by His Spirit. **(Genesis 11:4)** God is moving by His Spirit in modern day Israel and we are watching it happen nearly every day.

I remain astounded at the amount of Christians who feel Israel does not fit into their theology. Who authorized Christianity to separate from Israel? When this happens, it is like removing the foundation of a house after it has been built? Who would do that? May the Ruth part of the church arise and shine brightly on behalf of our Lord. Let us clear His Name and represent Him correctly in this generation. Whole army brigades are breaking out praying, dancing, and worshipping the Lord before going to the battlefield. Shofars are being blown. Prayers for safety and victory are being prayed and faith is abundant in the hearts of so many warriors. One video clip filmed a commander shouting Hallelujah and raising His Voice saying, “God is King—was King—and will be King forever and ever!” Amen. A great partial spiritual revival in many ways has come to Israel which began in the military. The division and arguments of brother against brother has changed. People are much more unified as the miracles are looking to God for deliverance speaking it publicly.

I hope that you have been encouraged by reading of these miraculous events which are but a few of the many which have been reported. It is time for the world to realize that God does



Only The God of Israel Can Perform so Many Miracles! All Praise to Him.

not play games. His eternal word to us is that *“Behold, I have engraved you (Jerusalem) on the palm of My Hands, thy walls are continually before Me.”* **(Isaiah 49:16)** Israel is protecting the nation—the country God has returned His People to build for the sake of His Name. The war you have heard about in the nations is a war against evil which is attempting to prevent Jerusalem from being the *“City of the Great King.”* **(Psalm 48:1-2)** Let us “rejoice” that God is on His Throne and He will not forsake His Chosen People. As the people believed when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked upon their affliction bowed their heads and worshipped. Let us bow our heads and thank the Lord in prayer that He has been so faithful to reveal Himself mightily in this modern day war against His People. **God bless each person as you pray.**

—Sharon Sanders—



This is a war against evil which is attempting to prevent Jerusalem from being the “City of the Great King.”

Pray for these brave soldiers risking their lives



These Feasts
are very
important to
God.

The Vital Key of the Biblical New Year

He shall speak pompous words against the MOST HIGH, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Daniel 7:25a

In **Genesis 1:14-19**, we learn that on the fourth day, Adonai created the sun, moon and stars “for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” (verse 14b). It was so important to the Creator of our universe to make provision to provide light and properly order and demark the seasons that He took an entire day of the seven days of creation to do so.

Sometime later in the Book of Vayikra / Leviticus chapter 23, we learn more details about the seven “appointed times” or “Feasts of the LORD” (*moedim in Hebrew*) that Adonai ordains within those seasons. It seems these times were very important to Adonai. Do they mean anything to us?

There are those who seek to blot out all remembrance of these appointed times by a swift reference to the “weak and beggarly elements” referred to in **Galatians 4:9**. However, so often the same dismissal is not applied to the various Christian festivals which have been appointed by the traditions of men. Yet surely one can wonder at the beautiful symbolism with which Adonai has imbibed His appointed times and as Christians, give thanks for those we recognise have so far

been fulfilled – without behaving as though that fulfilment had not taken place? If not, why would Paul have stated elsewhere, “Christ, our Pass-over, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast...” (**1 Corinthians 5:7b**)?

In **Exodus 12:2**, God clearly said “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.” It was further defined that the “this month” referred to was the month of Aviv (Abib) in chapters 13:4 and 23:15. By the time of the Book of Esther (3:7), the name of this month had changed to Nisan. Originally, the names of the twelve months of the Hebrew lunar calendar were simply numerical (as with the days of the week, according to the pattern of Genesis 1). Centuries later, during the period of the Babylonian captivity, the names of the months were changed as the Israelites adopted the local, Babylonian calendrical nomenclature and the name of *Nisan* (meaning variously *first fruits* or *first month* in Akkadian) was adopted. Despite the name change, the timing of the first month in God’s calendar remained similar if not unchanged – as it does to this present day, at least, in the so-called ecclesiastical calendar.

The placement of the first day of the first month is of special significance because it determines the starting point for the order of the whole calendar cycle of the year. Once one has an appreciation of the revelation of God's calendar as being a timeline for the unfurling of God's prophetic plan of salvation for the whole of creation since the fall of Adam, then the order of those prophetic events takes on great importance. Within that order lies a progressive advance towards the ultimate restoration of the relationship with the Most High that Adam lost. The date of Passover – the first prophetic event – is defined in scripture by juxtaposition to the first day of the first month – Pesach falls on the fourteenth day of Nisan (**Lev.23:4**). Thus commences the order of events in God's great redemptive plan for the world. That wonderful plan does not begin with Pentecost (*Shavuot*), or with Tabernacles (*Sucot*). **Hebrews 9:22** says "...according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." The sacrifice of the paschal lamb comes first – the order of events matters.



Empires changing set times

Beware Changing God's Laws

Yeshua urged us to beware falling prey to deception (**Matthew 24:4**). When it comes to the times and seasons, including God's appointed times, we see throughout history that there have been many attempts to distort, change and obfuscate the order of time set down by God in the Torah. Here are some of the better-known examples:

- **Babylonian era:** pagan names given to the previously enumerated months
- **Roman era:**
 - ***45BC Julius Caesar** established the Julian (solar) calendar, through which the first month of the year was changed to January and various month names were changed. This calendar was further tweaked by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 AD resulting in the Gregorian calendar used now in much of the world.
 - ***321AD Emperor Constantine** changed the Sabbath to the 1st day of the week (instead of the 7th) which was dedicated to the sun.
 - ***325AD First Council of Nicaea** decreed an end to the 'protopaschite' custom of consulting the Jewish calendar and the date of Passover to inform the dating of Pascha (i.e. Easter) and ruled instead that the computation of the dates thereafter should be made within the Catholic church. This further decoupled the timing of Easter from that of Passover.

- **Viking era:** some week days re-named after Norse gods
- **French Revolution:** A decimalised Revolutionary Calendar was inaugurated from 1793 which introduced a ten-day week known as a *décade*.
- **Post postmodern, globalist era:** Interfaith Green Sabbath project launched in 2019, following the momentum sparked by ideas expressed by Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical letter subtitled, *On Care for our Common Home*. Subsequently, a set of new 'ten climate commandments' were announced at Mount Sinai at the time of the 2022 COP 27 UN Climate Conference in nearby Sharm el Sheikh. The timing of the Sabbath is down to personal choice.

One is reminded of **Daniel 7:25a** and the warning of strivings to change time and law. We can see throughout history that indeed there have been battles over the measurement of time and much has already been done to obfuscate God's times and seasons. Expect more in the coming days ahead.

Yet it has not only been the undulating waves of empires that have changed the presentation of time and seasons. Even in Israel, the Biblical day of Yom Teruah (the Day or Feast of Trumpets



Biblical Feasts
planned by God
before the
beginning of
time.

Feasts of Israel



Image by Adam Propp

came to be known as 'Rosh ha'Shannah' or 'Head of the Year' and is identified as the commencement of the civil year. By contrast, in most western societies, the celebrations take place on 1st January, following great merriment for Hogmanay or New Year's Eve the night before. Neither correspond to the Biblical New Year which is often presented as a merely ecclesiastical year. There are repercussions to this.

Firstly, the association of Yom Teruah with the new year tends to have a veiling effect upon Yom Teruah itself. After all, since the Bible does not mention the words 'new year' or 'head of months' in association with Yom Teruah (**Lev. 23:24-25**), a different meaning is suggested, which can easily get lost in many minds amidst the hubbub of new year celebrations. Secondly, through the decoupling of Biblical and civil new years, whichever calendar one chooses to use, the ordering of God's prophetic events as depicted through His appointed times can become skewed in the minds of those less informed. Beginning at dusk

under the silent sign of a New Moon, the 1st of Nisan was not an unremarkable day. Counting forward ten days, each household was instructed in **Exodus 12:3-6** to take a male lamb and keep it four days until it the Passover. As Christians, we are reminded of Yeshua's entry within the boundaries of Jerusalem at this time, the capital city of the House of Jacob, a similarly short time before His crucifixion at Passover.

With God, every passage of scripture, every date, every number, every jot and tittle, is infused with meaning and nothing is for nothing. As we recognize and turn the often unseen key of the Biblical New Year, we can begin to understand God's order of redemptive events planned for us since before our time began. ***"I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done..."*** (Isaiah 46:9b-10a)

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director

Caring For Trauma Victims

Flora was a terror victim from Black September in Israel. She still suffers from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disease).

Even in 2024 she is still trying to get her physical body back to normal. Even though she lived in England and worked as a Dental Assistant, she is a victim of hatred towards her people. She loves visiting with CFI and looks forward to the next time she stops by to see us.



CFI gave Flora a crocheted quilt from England

‘For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ... ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’” (Matthew 25:34-36, 40)

What wonderful and serious words! Jesus tells us what is especially important to Him and God. People in need, such as the hungry, sick, thirsty, naked, prisoners and strangers, are very important to Him and He would very much like to help them, because He loves everyone. Whatever we do to these people in need, we do for Jesus, the Eternal King, and He will reward us for it. People who do not have a heart of compassion for others in need cannot enter the Kingdom of God. **(Matthew 25, 41- 46)**

Many Ways to Help Needs

Because of the war and other reasons, there are many ways to help people with their hardships. Recently, many people have been turning to us with a request to help them, people who have suffered trauma due to terrorist attacks or lost their relatives, people who have fallen into debts and other people with hardships.

Laura and her husband lived in Sderot which was attacked by terrorists. They saw how the terrorists came and killed people. They were very afraid and hid in their house. Finally, they tried to escape and – praise the Lord – the terrorists did not see them so that they could escape and rescue four other people. They are very grateful

that God protected and rescued them, but they are still suffering because of the trauma. We visited them and her daughter in Ashkelon who is also suffering because of the trauma. We brought them the love of God and financial help. We told them that our hope and help is in God and that we can find comfort and answers in the word of God. It was a very heart touching visit. Such people who are suffering a lot because of traumas and fears are grateful and happy to be visited, supported, and loved.

Many other people with hardships also reach out to us, one after the other. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to help them. **Therefore, we would like to thank you very much for your prayers for those in need and all donations for the project “Streams of Blessings.”** You enable us to help many people in need and also have the possibility to participate in the compassionate deeds of feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and hungry and representing the Lord in a Godly Way! May the Lord bless you for praying for us and sharing what you can.

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“A friend Loveth at All Times.”
Proverbs 17:17

Spending Time with Israel's Displaced Citizens



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A Warm Reception

“They thought they would bury us in the ground...but they did not know that we Israelis, the Jewish people, we are a seed... and when they bury us in the ground, we will rise up from those ashes, and we will continue to grow...” (Sharon Haskel)

CFI has been assisting in providing barbecues and meat for the people to enjoy a BBQ with one another and their families. At the same time, we provide blankets and toys for their children—even providing haircuts. We spend our time bonding with the people (talking and listening). There are so many fears of the unknown—people do not know when they can return to their homes. We learn what it means to feel hopeless and to identify where depression is high. We pray for them and encourage them constantly reminding them that the God of Israel sees them and that Christian friends around the world support them and that they are not alone! They are deeply touched and appreciate the support and friendship so much—it is as though you are there with us!



Building New Relationships



Love Never
Fails Anyone

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It has been reported that there are currently over 56,000 Israelis who have sought refuge in hotels throughout the country in the wake of the war. Comprehensive support is so vital in these turbulent times, addressing both the physical and emotional upheaval experienced by evacuees from their homes. Latest reports from Israel indicate there are 100,000+ evacuated families, 100,000+ fighting in the reserves, 1.9 million living in poverty and 873,000 children in poverty. In war everyone pays a price.

This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God." (Zechariah 8:7-8)

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**"For He spoke,
and it was done;
He commanded,
and it stood fast."**

Psalm 33:9



Thank you from the
bottom of my heart

Great Opportunities to
Reach Out to the Hurting

ISRAEL WAR RELIEF FUND

CFI Leadership Tristan and Galya Hall with Sharon Sanders journeyed south to access and visit hard hit kibbutzim right near the Gaza border



Galya and Tristan with Natasha

Kibbutz Be'eri

Our first stop was Kibbutz Be'eri where we visited with a friend of Galya's whose family miraculously survived the Hamas invasion and massacre of Oct 7th. It was deeply disturbing and upsetting to see the ruins and devastation of what was once a lively community filled with beautiful homes. Instead, we were faced with homes burnt to the ground and a real sense of the evil that ran rampant all over the Kibbutz that awful day. Endless posters displaying the names and photos of people who used to live in different houses, before their lives were so mercilessly and cruelly cut short by Hamas terrorists, fill the Kibbutz. Knowing what took place in those houses was very disturbing, to say the least. Our friend and Be'eri survivor, Natasha, showed us all over the Kibbutz and explained that there are just 70 people living back at Be'eri doing what they can in an attempt to move forward and resurrect the beautiful community. Every individual has a different path of healing – for some they need to return home and clean and rebuild ...



The site of the Supernova Festival

for others they cannot imagine returning anytime soon. We must pray for them all and trust the God of Israel to guide them and heal them in all ways. Whilst we were there, we met a man who was talking to a group of visitors who had come to show solidarity. We only found out later that his wife was brutally murdered on October 7th and his daughter remains captive in Gaza. Oh Lord have mercy ... The people of the community of Be'eri know that Christian Friends of Israel is here to support and love them through the difficult process that lies ahead. During our visit we were pleased to be able to deliver practical needed items and learn more about what we can do for them. CFI, with your help, will be continuing to assist them as they move forward along the path of restoration.



Hamas attack in Kibbutz Be'eri



Kibbutz Nahal Oz

Our next stop was Kibbutz Nahal Oz. Only 800 meters of open fields, with an iron fence in the middle, separate Nahal Oz from the Gaza Strip. There we were deeply honored to meet some members of an amazing believing family who survived the massacre of Oct 7th. They shared with us how Hamas terrorists were in their home, wounded and bleeding all over their furniture. They were actually sitting on a couch treating their wounds right next to the safe room door but by some miracle did not attempt to open the door. We were shown around the beautiful Kibbutz and were struck at the close proximity to Gaza. Tremendous suffering took place there on that fateful day and just like Kibbutz Be'eri, it will be a slow process of healing and rebuilding. Members of the family we visited feel that God has placed them there and they are determined to play a role in the healing and restoration of life at Nahal Oz. We were delighted that CFI Team members visited them recently and spent the day cleaning their home and offering every practical assistance we could. Moving forward we pledge to do whatever we can to purchase needed furniture and household items needed for a fresh start. Please remember them in your prayers. Thank you for asking God what you might be able to

Sharon and Tristan touring Kibbutz Nahal Oz



***“God, your God, will restore everything you lost; He will have compassion on you; He will come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.”
Deuteronomy 30:3***



CFI is connecting more and more with Survivors of the Massacre and helping wherever it is needed the most... serving and being a source of comfort in the good times and the bad times.

Memorials for the fallen Israelis

Kibbutz Re'im

At last, we stopped at Kibbutz Re'im and also the site of the Supernova Music Festival massacre. Whilst we were at Re'im we met a sweet lady who is one of the few that has returned. She shared her story and her heart with us and was so open and warm. We took the opportunity to share with her about the work of Christian Friends of Israel and about all the Christians around the world who stand with Israel and pray for the Jewish people. She was greatly encouraged by this and so thankful. Arriving at the memorial site of the Supernova Music Festival, alongside Kibbutz Re'im, was a very difficult experience. Looking at some of the names and faces of those who were butchered to death was devastating... 364 civilians were murdered at the festival in unthinkable ways, countless more were injured and kidnapped and the horrors that survivors witnessed have left scars and traumas that only the Lord can truly heal. We paid our respects and quietly walked around trying to process what had actually happened in such a beautiful location.

As part of the CFI War Relief effort, we are connecting more and more with survivors of the massacre, families of hostages and communities trying to rebuild their lives. CFI is committed and dedicated to serving these people and ensuring that they know we are here to be their friends in times of need – the good times and the bad times.





CFI supplied funds for Purim party including face painting

Celebrating Purim

During March we celebrated the holiday of Purim, a time of joy and rejoicing. Naturally with the war and the desperate plight of so many hostages ... not to mention the rising death toll of Israeli soldiers, it was not the same as in previous years. Nevertheless, we wanted to do what we could to bring some joy and fun into the lives of regular Israelis.

I, Galya, was contacted by a representative from the Kiryat Shmonah Regional Council who we helped before by purchasing and delivering tablets to evacuated school children. This time they asked if we could help them with a Purim party, they wanted to organize for displaced families from the north who are now living in Hadera. Of course, we said yes!!! We sent a CFI Team to bring God's love and some laughter to these precious children and families and to let them know they are not alone but that Christians around the world are with them during these troubling times. Our van was full of mishloach manot (gift boxes for the children), Hamantaschen, traditional Purim pastries also were provided for the families and a huge array of costumes and accessories for the children and adults in which to have fun as is the custom at Purim. Two of our Team members were also equipped with face painting materials which proved to be a big hit. The children loved getting their faces painted and we were all so thrilled to see the smiling faces and hear the sounds of laughter from those who have endured so much. Again, we have been asked if we will return to them and assist them again when Passover arrives. We told them immediately "It will be our honor to do so!"

Thank you to all of you for your love gifts and continued support that enables us to keep moving forward with our War Relief efforts. We are so grateful to each and every one of you.



We are a big CFI family – some of us here in the Land and you in the nations – but we are one family with the same heart and vision and together we are making a difference.

At the end of March, I had the great honor and privilege of meeting and spending time with a remarkable lady, Joelle Ecksteen – wife of the late Rabbi Yechiel Ecksteen. Joelle does a holy and beautiful work supporting widows and widowers in Israel and we look forward to partnering with her in the future and coming alongside as many hurting people as we can. What an inspiring lady with such a warm and compassionate heart for others.

Thank you again for joining with us and as we stand with Israel in the spirit of Ruth. May God bless you from Zion!
Galya Hall

Children having fun with face painting





Your Hope Will Not Be Cut Off...

“Surely there is a future [and a reward], and your hope and expectation will not be cut off.” Proverbs 23:18, AMP

No one can argue that Israel has been in its most trying season since its founding in 1948. Over 4 months after the heinous attacks and infiltration of Hamas terrorists into Israel’s borders, the nation is still grieving and coming to terms with the unfathomable damages of lost lives and breached security. Over 130 Israelis are still hostage in Hamas captivity inside Gaza. Their families spend days in angst wondering if knocks will come to the door or if phone calls will bear bad news.

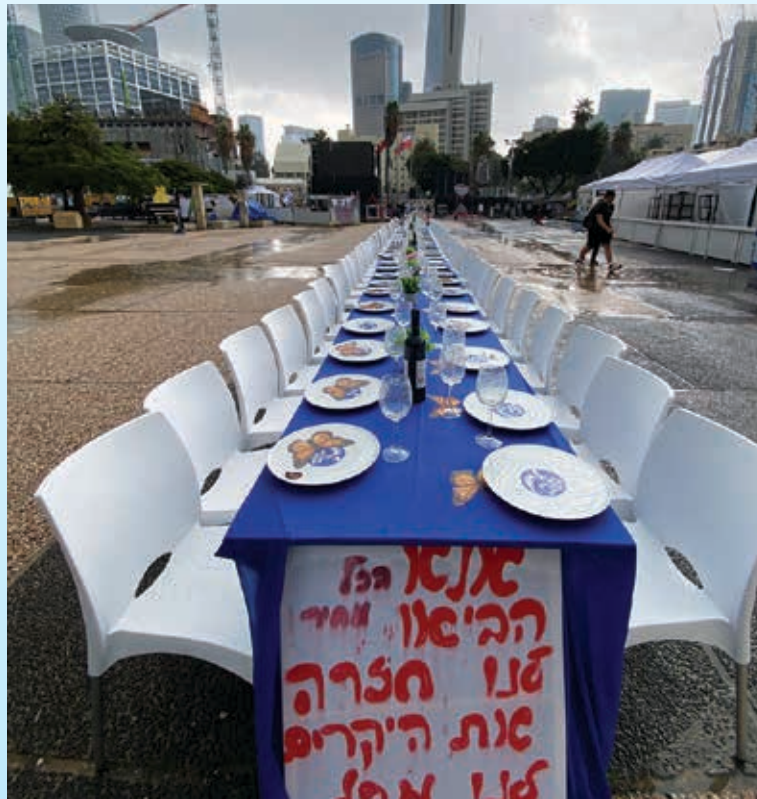
Through fervent prayer, our project Wall of Prayer team met daily via Zoom to intercede for Israel and this war against Hamas. Our prayer partners have been faithfully committed to special times of prayer for the war, meeting week after week on Zoom in night watches to hold up the arms of those on the battlefield fighting for Israel, both spiritually and physically.

In collaboration with our Under His Wings project, our prayer team connected with one of the families of an abductee, Rom Braslavski, still in Gaza. Rom courageously helped save numerous lives, bringing several to safety before being captured himself. God has graciously opened this door with his family to offer our friendship and prayers. Rom’s aunt, Sivan, has constantly expressed her gratitude for us coming alongside to support her family as she helps Rom’s mother who is a single parent during this difficult time. The sheer weight of the unknowns concerning her beloved nephew and constant efforts to advocate for his return has crippled the family’s ability to function and earn an income. Sivan’s husband



CFI Suzie with Sivan, aunt of Rom Braslavsk, an abductee in the Hamas massacre

Below: Hostages Square in Tel Aviv





Suzie with a poster of one of the hostages

was attacked one year ago by masked terrorists at his workplace. Living through October 7th, and the kidnapping of her nephew has reopened those wounds.

Our team visited what is now being called Hostages Square in Tel Aviv. Less than 24 hours after hundreds were kidnapped, their families and loved ones established the Hostages and Missing Families Forum. The Square went from being a base for the families to connect to an unlikely tourist site to visit. Various artistic expressions of solidarity from art, singing, along with a mock Hamas tunnel can be seen as you walk the grounds. Many hard conversations, advocacy, prayer, and tears were all shared. We connected with several people who were so grateful to know that Christians are praying for Israel and the hostage situation. One encounter with Ilana, a Jewish woman from New York State, was insightful and comforting. She came to Israel to

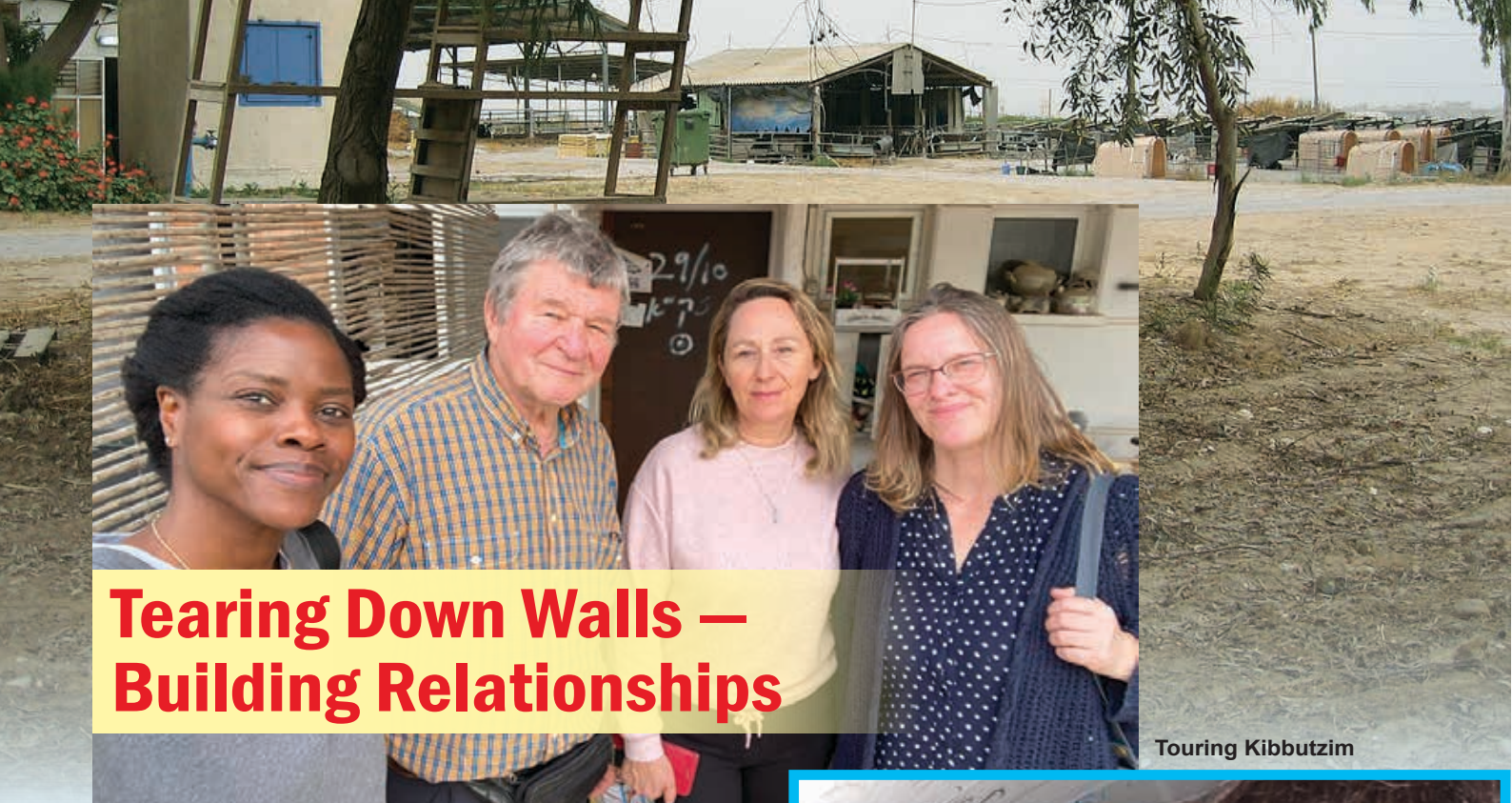
just “be” with her people. Unable to make *Aliyah* right now, she said, “It is the least I could do, to come and show support.”

There is not a segment of the Israeli population or even Jewish people worldwide that has not been affected by October 7th. We visited Nahal Oz, a Kibbutz that was viciously pillaged by the Hamas terrorists for two days. Our small team was led on a tour around the Kibbutz by Katya, a follower of Yeshua who resides in the community. She told us how God miraculously “hid” her family, making them “invisible” to the terrorists that entered her family home wounded and bleeding all over her house as they searched for first aid kits.

Katya, a woman of prayer cried out to her Messiah (Yeshua), pleading for mercy, but she made peace with the fact that she might die and began to confess and repent for her sin. When the terrorists entered her home, her family took refuge in their bomb shelter rooms where she watched from a camera inside the shelter how God made the door to her room invisible to the terrorists. She said it was as if the door was not there. They did not even so much as touch the handle, whereas for others, many suffered tragically different fates. Our team walked around the Kibbutz, praying into the breaches lifting high the name of Jesus in prayer, and worship, and declaring the Word of God from **Isaiah 61** believing God will rebuild ruins, bring beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for those mourning, taking away the spirit of heaviness and putting on a garment of praise over His people.

Kibbutz Nahal Oz Hamas attack





Touring Kibbutzim

Tearing Down Walls – Building Relationships

Katya is now displaced and temporarily residing in northern Israel. She is praying for the day she returns to Nahal Oz knowing it will be difficult, but full of faith that the same Messiah who saved her will give her grace to move back. Trusting in the power of prayer, we know Katya is a light to all around her, please pray for her family.

After visiting Nahal Oz, a short, but heavy 15-minute drive took us to the site of the Supernova music festival in Reim where 364 young lives were cut short, and thousands were hunted down by Hamas. This desert field is where the enemy breached Israel’s borders, not just physically, but also in the spirit. A large display had been erected at the site with the words, “Bring Them Home.” It was here, as I walked the grounds and stood at the grave sites where trees were planted on the Jewish holiday of Tu B’shvat for each of the lives that were savagely murdered on October 7th that **Proverbs 23:18** was awakened in my heart for Israel. So many lives were cut short, like our Messiah Jesus, but there was an eternal redemption in His death. We prayed that there might be a redeeming quality to these lives that were also lost too young.

We visited the displaced, like Berta, a survivor from Sderot, who is struggling to understand the bigger implications of how October 7th could happen on Israel’s own soil. Fleeing Sderot with her daughter, sister, dog and hamster, Berta instantly availed herself to aid those in need from her community. Within two days of being at the hotel, she coordinated setting up a hub for vol-



Suzie leaving our prayers with Israel

unteers and distribution of needed goods. She comforted others while she also grieved. We had met a modern day hero in her own right.

Also, we visited houses of prayer and attended prayer meetings with leaders and believers from around the world. Several congregations are coming together to fast and pray for Israel as the war prolongs. Israel has a hope-filled future and an expected end as **Jeremiah 29:11** prophesied, even though it does not feel or look that way at the moment. Let us grab hold of these promises whether for the first time or afresh and ask God (**Psalm 2**) to bring restoration, healing, hope, and a victory that knows no end through the Promised Messiah of Israel who will reign from His Holy mountain in Zion.

Suzie Georges
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ENGAGING WITH LOCAL PASTORS IS A BLESSING

Recently a visit was made to Tel Aviv sharing Sharon Sander's new book with pastors. The church consists mainly of believers from the Philippines and single mothers

The Philippines Loves Israel

We visited Pastor Rosen at his Tel Aviv congregation which mainly consists of caregivers who serve in Israel. Pastor's ministry extends to South Korea and the Philippines. He is a very special brother and has a heart to take the love of God to all people wherever he goes.

Rudy and Sharon Friesen
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Daniel Rosen Church - Tel Aviv - Living Stones Congregation



For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister." Hebrews 6:10



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“Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up — the tribes of the LORD — to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.” Psalms 122:1-9

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America that flies the Israeli flag (Christ for the Nations in Dallas, Texas), studying with an Orthodox Rabbi for eighteen years and has gone “under the soil” in her relationships with Jewish people of all walks of life. God is “restoring all things” (**Acts 3:20-21**) and that means the Jewish people are being restored to their Land and a nation is being prepared for the Coming Kingdom on earth. As Christians, if we believe Yeshua (Jesus) is coming again, then we need to be prepared for the future.

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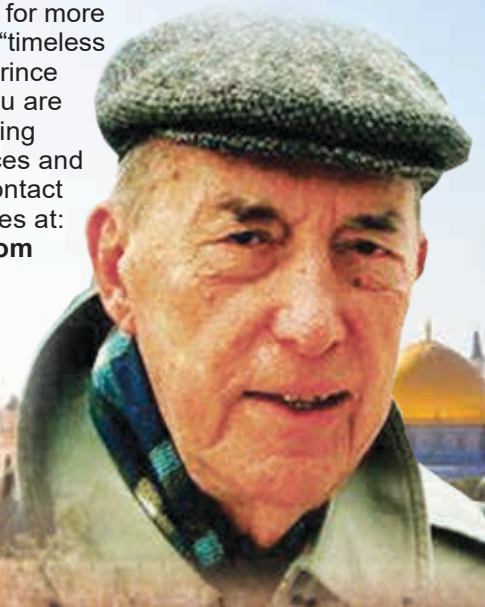
IN PARTNERSHIP TOGETHER

Since 2021 CFI and Derek Prince Ministries (www.derekprince.com) have been partnering together to build up the believers in the land of Israel through distribution of his books. These books are now available (with limited titles) in English, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish, and Arabic. To date over 3,800 books have been distributed to believers in the land.

Sharon Sanders shared how Derek was very close to CFI and to Ray and her. She stated “we need to work with DPM because Derek helped us out so much during the early days of CFI. As we distribute across the believing communities of Israel Derek’s voice continues to impact the Land of Israel. Thank you, Derek!”

Rudy Friesen
Project First Fruits Coordinator
Distributor Derek Prince Materials-Israel

- **LEADERS IN THE ARAB COMMUNITY OF NAZERETH** use these books in their congregations. Both Russian and Arabic book titles are: Blessing or Curse: You Choose / Change the World Through Prayer & Fasting / Divine Exchange. One Arab pastor we know plans to use the book “Blessings and Curses: You Choose” with the 20+ young Arab pastors he is mentoring.
- **TESTIMONIES** about how DPM had impacted them personally. The lady above left shared how Derek had prayed for her, and she was healed. The lady below right, shared how she uses the book “Prayers & Proclamations” personally and plans to use them in a prayer group she is now leading.
- **CFI FIRST FRUITS MINISTRY MEETS WITH BELIEVERS AROUND ISRAEL** Continually opportunities arise for us to help supply, encourage, and strengthen the Household of Faith. We fully expect to see more doors open for more people to receive the “timeless teachings” of Derek Prince wherever we go. If you are interested in purchasing Derek Prince resources and teaching materials contact Derek Prince Ministries at: www.derekprince.com



A PRINCIPLE *and* A PROMISE

By Sharon Sanders



“SHARON SANDERS brings not only the scriptures to life but shares intimate details of how she has walked out the ‘principle,’ and teaches you how you too can learn this same truth for yourselves.”

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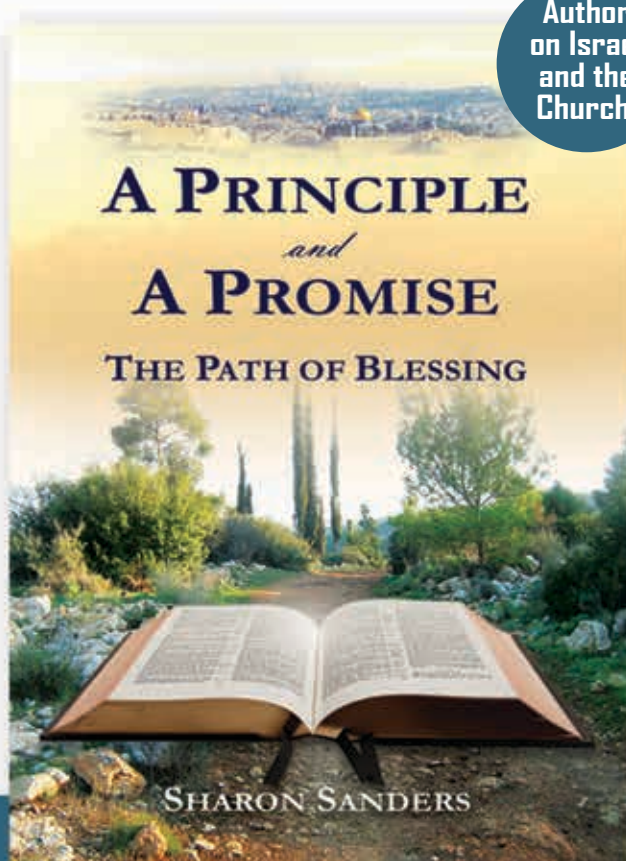
“Your book has been a joy to read. I am almost finished and have enjoyed seeing some of the journey the Lord has taken you and your beloved Ray on. Many parts are heart wrenching and a reminder that man’s heart is desperately wicked. It is hard to imagine such evil! But for the grace of God, there go I. I am forever thankful for the Holy Spirit and that Jesus did not leave us as orphans. What a glorious gift we have in the Holy Spirit! It was the Holy Spirit who planted a seed of love for His chosen people in my heart. No words other than Hallelujah! Only God! I am moved to tears with thanksgiving. Your book also stirs up motivation in my heart. Thank you.”

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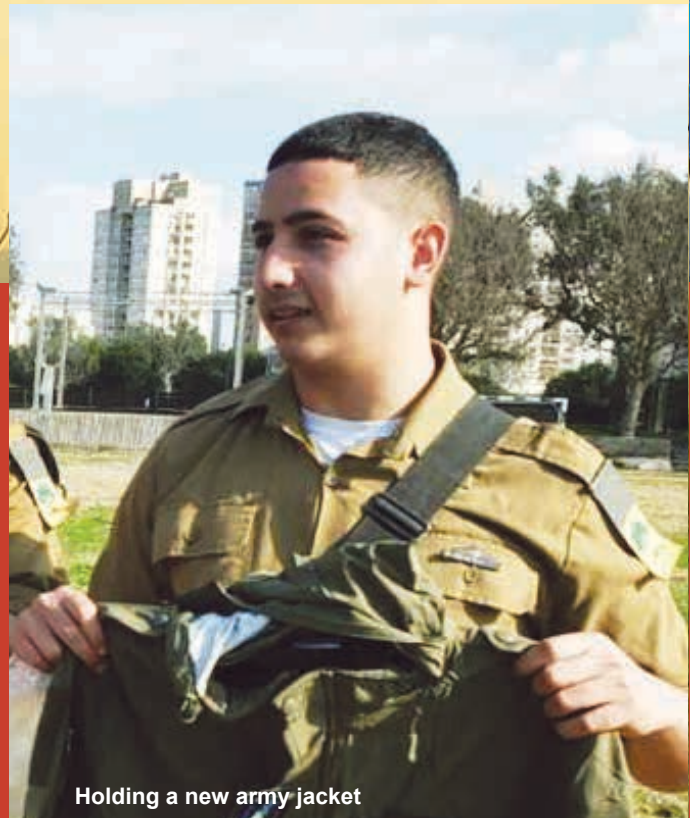


Responding to Calls

"... the battle is the Lord's ..." (1 Samuel 17: 47)

CFI is continually on the move to assist with crisis needs during the war. Israel is fighting continually against Hamas. Closures of stores around the nation have caused financial difficulties for many as the men fight in the war they never began. CFI has been supplying much needed support for evacuated families and their children, delivery of essential supplies and meals, warm jackets and clothing, essentials, and helmets for the soldiers. We never supply any weaponry. But the essential support and relief to individuals suffering from trauma which war times brings—it is our job to be comforters. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

New Found Friends

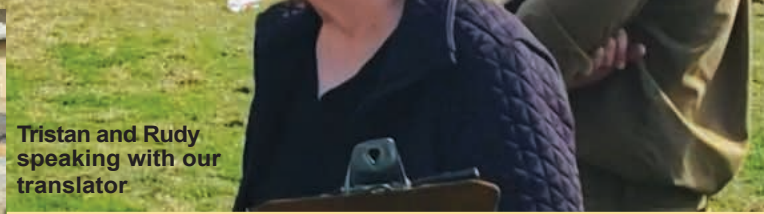


Holding a new army jacket



Packing warm clothing





Tristan and Rudy speaking with our translator



Bonding with the soldiers



Sharon encouraging the soldiers

An Unforgettable Day Speaking to 400 Golani Soldiers

As we report later on in this edition of 'For Zion's Sake' we traveled into the northern war zone where we were met by a high-ranking officer who escorted us into a secure army base on the northern border to a base with all seven hundred warriors in one Battalion. It was a dangerous day, and rockets were frequently heard. While we were not able to visit with all seven hundred this time, all soldiers were all hands-on deck—and helped to secure our gifts from YOU in the nations to present to the rest of the Battalion warriors when they came off of the front lines. All seven hundred soldiers received their new jackets and warm upper wear and some of our photos show their grateful hearts for our visit to them. The new CFI transport van was full when we left Jerusalem but empty upon return. As we were driving away heavy rocket fire was heard over the base right where God had taken us.

Project David's Shield
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The Forsake Them Not Team participated in two Holocaust events. One was for the October 7 massacre, the other one was for the Holocaust Remembrance Day.



“... God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us ...”
2 Corinthians 7:6



‘Be Not Dismayed, for I am Your God’

“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.” Isaiah 41:8-11

In these troublesome times we are facing lately, our souls need to be anchored in the eternal promises of the Almighty God.

There is fear, a lot of fear, in the air, in people’s eyes and hearts. Fear for the future of this tiny nation of Israel, fear for beloved children, grandchildren, fathers, and husbands. This is a time for the Word of Truth to break the demonic heaviness and replace it with divine faith in the Mighty One of Israel. We are ever so privileged to continue visiting our precious friends, bringing hope and comfort to their hungry souls. We are privileged to sit at their feet and to read these words of encouragement to their doubting hearts. There is a future for His people because their God said so. As we speak of this hope, we see hope rising again in their hearts. As we remember together the atrocities committed in Nazi Germany 80 years ago, they are reminded again – their God will defeat His enemies and save His people.

January 27th was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Many Holocaust survivors in different towns gathered together around that date to commemorate the heart-breaking events of the past and to light six candles. It was a great honor for us

to participate in two such events. This time there were seven candles – with a special one for all those who lost their lives in the October 7 massacre and the current war. Two horrible events, 80 years apart, seemed blended together. Wounds opened up and are bleeding. Once again, the words are spoken, *“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)*

Standing with His People is Our Honor

To share in their grief and to show support during their struggles is our mission of mercy. Support comes from all of you, our dear friends, supporters, and prayer warriors. They need you as never before. They need to see and to feel that they are not forsaken again; that they do not stand alone against their enemy. We need you, as never before, to assure them that NEVER AGAIN truly means it will NEVER happen AGAIN. God’s blessings from Zion!

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



Tristan Hall

The Ray Sanders Memorial Fund Building on Firm Foundations —For Tomorrow's Ministry to Israel—

No sooner had Ray's spirit flown home, when suddenly Israel was plunged into deep warfare, the likes of which had not been seen since at least 1948. CFI had to bury Ray's physical body under great restrictions and did our best to honor a man who had engendered our love and deep respect, and had given his everything to serve the Jewish people. Yet somehow, something difficult to describe was left undone. Many people are still remembering Ray with fondness, and some have been asking us how they can best honor the man who quietly and unassumingly, did so much for so many.

An Unfinished Work

During his years of ministry, Ray set his hands to many things and by God's grace, achieved much. He helped many a fledgling or struggling ministry, and many a would-be speaker, preacher or visionary, to get a leg-up in their early days of ministry and become established. Ray was never partisan or pre-occupied with self-interest, but generously gave a platform to many, and helped various other ministries to gain stability in practical ways to pave the way for their futures.

In the process of helping many others, Ray did not neglect CFI itself, even with an eye to a time beyond his own. After several years of operations in the late 1980s, Ray had the foresight to sow into the future of the ministry by investing significant funds into the purchase of Nos 4 and 2 Moriah Street to house CFI's *Aliyah* Distribution Center and other outreach projects. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have received significant help at this location. It now lies in the Jerusalem Gateway and will be demolished in the near future through compulsory purchase—a new and modern high rise will be built on CFI property.



Making your pledge in Jerusalem

A second project to which Ray dedicated great efforts was to secure a suitable ministry home for CFI's administrative nucleus, which also served as a teaching centre for innumerable guests over many years. Ray expended great efforts, care and finances into CFI's rented premises at HaRav Agan Street, in order to mould a home for CFI's various projects and create a welcoming memorable place for CFI's many sojourners to visit. The Jewish Agency owned the building and needed funding, so Ray was notified that CFI had to leave the building. The experience had quite a profound effect upon Ray, since he had been promised the building would never be sold.

Building for the Future

Times are changing and the news that CFI's existing Distribution Center is to be demolished by compulsory purchase means that CFI has to look for a new home, not only for its outreach projects but also for its rented administrative headquarters, which is currently situated a very short distance away from the Distribution Center. Following serious prayer and thought, it seems right to CFI Jerusalem's Board to aim to release CFI of the monthly burden of paying commercial rent for rented office premises and seek to purchase a new building elsewhere which is capable of serving the ministry's needs. This would not only reduce CFI's exposure to risk in the doubtless turbulent economic times ahead for the world, but it would also enable CFI to assist a greater number of Jewish people with dire needs each and every month.

The Lord has given the vision—will you partner with us through a donation or legacy to help safeguard the special ministry of CFI into the future? If so, email us at cfi@cfijerusalem.org or write us a letter when making your donation, to confirm that you wish your donation to be made to the Ray Sanders Memorial Fund. I feel this will be a fitting tribute to Ray to honor his memory, and with God's help, complete a work he took such care to begin in the City of the Great King.

Tristan Hall
International Executive Director

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Thank You for Your Prayers and Support

“Thank you to countless friends and loved ones around the world who wrote to me and sent letters of condolences, cards and letters. I have many of them tucked into my Bible at this time. Thank you for thinking of me in my loss – I long for the day when I will see Ray again. I know he is now enjoying what I too will want to enjoy – the Presence of the Lord – as he walks the courtyards of his heavenly home with the Father and our beloved Yeshua. Thank you for remembering me in your prayers.”

– Sharon Sanders –

Information on Legacies and Wills may be obtained at: tristan@cfijerusalem.org

Harvesting in the Orchards



Christian Friends of Israel staff on outreach helping to harvest agricultural fields in Israel to help save the farmer's produce. A hard working and enthusiastic group of God called servants who are more than willing to do the hard work and go the extra mile.

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Is God Calling You?





Because of Your Faithfulness

“He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a box of bronze, You make your saving help my shield, and Your right hand sustains me ...” Psalm 18:34

Receiving a God given outpouring of gratitude from the hearts of many IDF soldiers and Commanders for uplifting their spirits, we never knew human kindness would mean so much. As a result of our outreaches from CFI Staff and volunteers many wonderful friendships have been built across the nations. We represent YOU in the nations.

We travel to many army bases both south, north and east, to purchase needs from suppliers and then deliver the needed supplies in person. We never give funding without visiting the people personally. We never give a check. We visit everyone we help and serve in order to repair damage done by centuries of Christians who did nothing but degrade Jewish people. This is our mission—to repair damage and to help Israel to rebuild and survive the onslaught of hatred and antisemitism. May it not be said that this generation of believers in Yeshua did not help when help was needed. We are the comforters to many when at one time there were none. Sometimes it is not easy to purchase many of the key items here in Israel due to shortages in the shops and supply depots, but we come with our smiles, hugs, messages of support from all of you in the nations and we receive so many thankful comments. The walls are coming down!

Supplying Many Needs

Rudy and Sharon in a supply depot showing some of the Army fatigues (pants and jackets) for the cold winter nights and days in Israel at



Loading van with supplies for Golani soldiers

the moment. One battalion lost 40 soldiers and the need for encouragement was great on this visit. Because of YOUR HELP to us, we are able to supply many needs before the soldiers and reservists re-enter Gaza frontlines. Many walls between us have been demolished and friendships built. We thank God for all of this as we minister to the needs that are present in Israel today. IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO OUR WORK. THANK YOU!

Sorting and packing army clothing



Speaking Truth At All Costs



Pastor Robbie Coleman

THE WORLD WE LIVE in is witnessing the emergence of two powerful terms that encapsulate the complex situation surrounding Israel. These terms, “From the River to the Sea” and “Never Again,” carry profound significance for understanding current affairs. The prophecies of old have warned us that these ideals would escalate in the last days.

“From the River to the Sea,” a motto chanted by Palestinian organizations, is highlighted by Asaph in **Psalms 83:4**: “They have said, ‘Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation that the name of Israel will be remembered no more.’” In plain language, they don’t only want Israel’s land, but they want them completely neutralized. This is a prophetic reference to the latter days. Verses six through eight expose the leading characters behind this assault: Edomites, Moabites, Ishmaelites, Hagarites, Gebal, Ammon, Amalek, Philistia, and Tyre. These are precisely the people or places in modern-day Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, and those from the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), basically today’s Palestinians. Also note that Assyrians (modern-day Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey) join the assault (**83:8**). Wow, the prophet foresaw the devastating October 7 War with exact specificity, even to the mention of Iran’s threats looming in the background. Some predict that when this war is over, the Palestinians will cease to exist. However, a different end could be accomplished. Pay careful attention to verses 16 through 18, which point to a humiliated group and a group that converts to the God most high. These previously mentioned groups are not a

factor when the **Ezekiel 38** War begins. The main players of the Magog War are from north of the Black Sea, with a few other African nations involved as well. Ezekiel even hints that Dedan and Sheba (Saudi Arabia and Yemen) will stand in solidarity with Israel (**38:13**). When Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, one of the first statements Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made was, “When this war is over, Hamas will be no more, the borders of Israel will look different.”

SURGENCY OF ANTISEMITISM

This is a war that involves more than just the Land and people of Israel. We see a surgency of anti-semitism that is equally concerning with global participation. The World Council of Churches and universities of higher learning are attacking on all fronts. There has always been an antisemitic undertone within the nominal church; however, it is a daunting horror when we read of our universities calling for the extinction of a people group that gave so much to the world, which includes its biblical foundation. Even Harvard is fighting to divorce itself from the Judeo-Christian values from which it began.

“Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, ‘The Lord will surely separate me from his people’” (Isaiah 56:3). Since the October 7 massacre, Replacement Theology has moved into a new level of hate. How can we (the Church) separate ourselves from the people appointed to bring a great light to the nations? There is an active antichrist spirit today within the church. Yes,

antisemitism is anti-Christian as well. Many churches have falsely labeled Israel as an Apartheid state. They use terms such as “Free Palestine.” Within many areas and churches, there is a paradox founded on ignorance. These liberal people criticize Israel while being sympathetic toward Hamas. They are those that support abortion, women’s rights, and LGBT, all of which most Muslim countries condemn with the penalty of death. If you are sympathetic toward Hamas, you are condoning the slaughter of over 1200 innocent Jewish people within one day, more significant than any single day since the Holocaust.

PAY ATTENTION WHAT GOD SAYS

Almost all Bible readers quote the **Genesis 12** monologue from Yahweh to Abraham: “I will bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you.” Very often, we only hold to one part of that admonition. We should come away saying, “Yes, I want to bless Israel.” However, there is a warning here as well. We really should give special attention to how these curses play out.

Deuteronomy gives an account of Israel’s journey. Israel needed to cross through the wilderness of Kedemoth, but King Sihon forbade their passage (**2:26-34**). When the king met them to prevent safe travel, God not only allowed Israel victory, but they defeated the enemy and destroyed all the surrounding cities. God has served as Israel’s protector. He will not allow the nations to reject them when they need help. The seriousness of this issue becomes more severe as we approach the Kingdom. The blessings and curses are more pronounced when Israel is at a crossing point.

In 1933, the first Holocaust Concentration Camp, Dachau, was established in Germany. The residents of Dachau knew something was wrong, but many chose not to intervene or take action. The German people have paid dearly for their crimes during that time, but nothing like the judgment that our generation will face. Historians and governmental leaders are referencing the October 7 war as the second Holocaust. We are closer to the end times now than in 1933; therefore, our judgments will be more severe.

In **Matthew 23:39**, Jesus proclaimed that you (Jerusalem) will not see me again until you proclaim, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” In the following two chapters, Jesus



Coming judgement on how Jews were treated



teaches us how to live and avoid the last days’ judgment. For instance, Jesus judges the backslidden fellow servant (**Matthew 24:48**). In **Matthew 25:26**, we witness the judgment of a wicked and lazy servant. Last, in **Matthew 25:31-46**, he divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep population receives a great reward because they show kindness to the master’s family. The goat nations are judged because they were calloused to Israel’s needs when they could have helped. They could have given water when the Jews were thirsty, they could have fed the starving Jews, and when the Jews were in prison, they could have visited them in their loneliness and not looked the other way.

If we act like a goat nation in this hour, our judgment will be very severe. As Jesus said, “These will go away into eternal punishment” (**Matthew 25:46**). We have the opportunity before us to speak the truth at all costs. Never again allow fear to dictate our silence. Not knowing the truth is inexcusable; to see the truth and not stand for it undermines God’s standard and sends a message of indifference, which, in reality, agrees with lies. Be agents of truth, determined to ensure that past atrocities are never repeated.

Pastor Robbie Coleman
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THIS IS OUR GOD GIVEN LAND

“Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” Nehemiah 4:14

It’s “go time.” That’s a military term, and applies to us now ... “for such a time as this ...” As we think of the soldiers working for fifteen hours without a break, sleeping for four hours and up again – seven days without adequate rest. And so, we work as well, as best we can with what is at stake in mind. Once again, the Jewish people struggle for their very existence. I hear this phrase often, when I ask them how they are doing ... “We will fight. This is our Land and we have nowhere else to go. The People of Israel will live. Am Israel Chai!”

Early the first week we moved from camping store to camping store trying to locate items such as leathermans, water bladders, socks, flashlights ... We would encounter soldiers, moms, dads, all anxiously trying to find items for their duty and for their family. I explained to one soldier we ran into, what we as an organization were doing and thanked him for his service. This led us to communicate with Aaron, a soldier in that unit and we were able to bring them much needed supplies. His unit will be one of the ones going into Gaza. God had put a mantle on their shoulders. They comforted us and had such peace and calm assuring us not to worry. They were going into

Gaza and the enemy WOULD be defeated. “Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.” (Psalm 27:3)

Most of the factories quickly sold out of all gear for the soldiers and most factory owners and workers were called up to service. This called for a lot of deep searching, connecting, praying ... to locate the much needed items and to be able to purchase them on the spot ... praying that the quality



Top: The new van is full and ready to go
Below: Making Friends

is acceptable, and the soldiers will benefit. Thank God that so far EVERYTHING has been highest quality and just what they needed! We located quality jackets and a large amount of raincoats due to a God-connection with a farmer/warrior in the Judean Desert. We bought



What a small act of kindness can do

**★ IN TIMES ★
OF TROUBLE
HE SHALL HIDE
ME IN HIS
PAVILION**

Psalm 27: 5



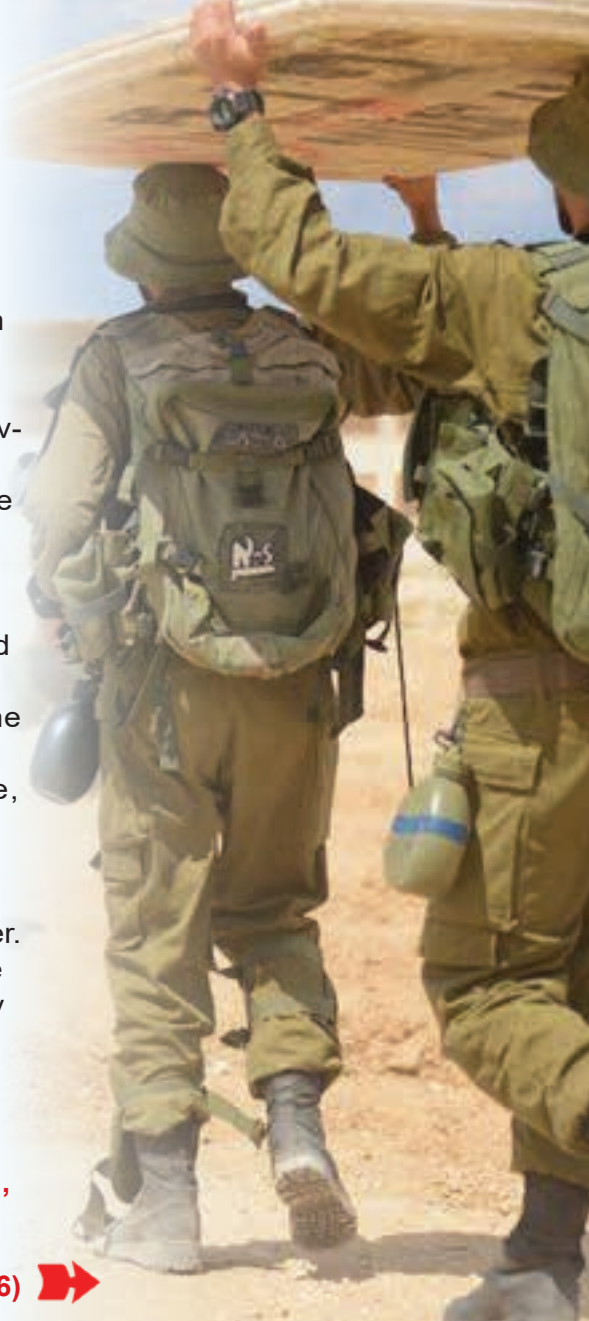
many other items as well, but the jackets and facemasks for the cold weather were and continue to be a huge need. "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock." (Psalm 27:5)

In the midst of trials, God brought us a blessing!

An amazing soldier named Yossi heard about Christian Friends of Israel and what we were doing ... he brought us an Israeli flag signed by his unit and a plaque ... we sat and talked for an hour and shared. His unit informs the families of soldiers who die in the war. They then stay with that family for several weeks and help them through all the necessary processes ... may God protect their minds and their hearts. God has brought Yossi to us ... he told me to call him friend and whatever we needed he would help us. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." (Psalm 27:14)

Fifteen hundred meals a day for displaced people, providing housing for displaced people, providing essential goods and gear for soldiers and much more is being accomplished in the Lord's Name. We at Christian Friends of Israel had the privilege of joining others in several work projects and so all I can say is that it was a little taste of heaven. There were volunteers from all over the world working around us. We heard stories of how God called people to come to Israel and serve as soon as they heard the horrible news. We saw local believers volunteering their time, caring for the soldiers and the displaced. We were very encouraged. God is working. He is bringing his body together. Once again, the Jewish people will be that bright light that they were called to be.

"I the LORD have called unto you in righteousness, and have taken hold of your hand, and submitted you as the people's covenant, as a light unto the nations." (Isaiah 42:6) ➡



"When I think of certain words to describe the progression of emotions that we have endured here in Israel and which you may have experienced in part as well ... I think of these words:

Shock. Discouragement. Fear. Disbelief. Despair. Confusion. Horror.

The Spirit is moving—connecting many believers like never before. Rebuilding bridges. Tearing down walls. Making Breakthroughs. The Body of Messiah is alive like never before and as Christians in the Land of Israel in this time of their great trial, we have the unique and even coveted position of seeing this with our own eyes and being a part of it, if we so choose.





Connecting

A “connection” in the Galilee area called me and asked me if we had gloves for a unit up North. We did not but due to a personal donation from back home, we were able to very quickly purchase enough for his special unit. We traveled 2.5 hours north and met Adir as he was on duty. I tried to convey to him that while we were only bringing his unit physical help, many Christians around the world were doing the hard work of praying 24/7 for Israel – for Israel’s protection – for her soldiers – for her survival. But more than that, the God of Israel is protecting and preserving. I pray that the Spirit ministered to his heart.

Adir and his men were very touched by our physical act of driving to them with the gloves ... to an area that civilians had been evacuated from, due to rockets from Lebanon. Adir was not only touched, but amazed that Christians around the world are standing with Israel; giving, praying, publicly assembling, and declaring their support. I see this same awe or wonder with Adir and with almost every other soldier and civilian that I have opportunity with whom to speak. They are truly seeing something that they have not seen or rather understood before.

Then I met with Ari who asked for cold weather clothes for his men, who would soon be in combat. We drove an hour and

★ HOW GOOD ★ AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN BROTHERS LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY

Psalm 133:1-2

a half to his unit and again I had an opportunity to tell him that we only bring the physical, but that Christians in the nations are battling in the spiritual. I told him we would be here for his people during the war and after the war. We were not going away. He had tears in his eyes as he received our words.

I wish I could tell you each and every story and each and every handshake, hug, and haunted look I have seen. Some of the stories I hear are heartbreaking and yet many are stories of great and courageous acts, of soldiers laying down their lives for their communities, their families, and their friends ... they are



etched in my heart forever. Your prayers cover us and also calm us. We ask for physical strength and wisdom and concentration as we put our hand to the plow. God gave me so many verses during this time. Here is one of the strongest verses. “From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor.” **(Nehemiah 4:16)**

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וַיְבִיאֵנוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וַיִּתֵּן־לָנוּ
הַזֹּאת אֶרֶץ זָבֵת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ: אֶת־הָאָרֶץ

דברים 26:9

**He brought us to this place and gave us
this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.**

Deuteronomy 26:9

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A beautiful commemorative gift book released in the Fall of 2023 to mark the 75th anniversary year of the re-establishment of the State of Israel. Produced in hard-back with vivid color photographs of the land of Israel throughout, this anthology brings together 75 different authors, each one a leader of a Christian ministry who is dedicated to the support and nurturing of Israel, God's modern-day miracle of our times. CFI supporters will be pleased to see chapters contributed by our own Sharon Sanders and Tristan Hall. This book would make a particularly special gift, coffee table book or keepsake to treasure this most amazing country. **Limited print run – order your copy while stocks last!**



God Lifting Spirits In Difficulties



Edwin is a 29-year-old new immigrant coming from Peru. He is Jewish from his mother's side. The great-grandparents came to Latin America from Odessa in 1905. They fled pogroms that were taking place in Ukraine, but unfortunately, they faced persecution also in Argentina. People from the Church made it difficult for them, which resulted in Edwin's family moving to Peru. A few Jews were there. To celebrate the Feasts with a Jewish congregation, you had to travel to the capital, Lima.

God Blessing His Life

Right at the beginning of 2020, just before the pandemic began, he had the opportunity to visit Israel with a group of 30 Jews from both Peru and Chile. Edwin strongly felt that he had come home. He had thought about making *Aliyah* before he visited Israel, but after being here for a week or two, he was sure about his decision. He made *Aliyah* in October 2021. Edwin worked and studied Hebrew in Kibbutz Tzuba next to Jerusalem for about a year. After that, he moved to the city and joined a local language school. Edwin worked in a local hotel but soon began counseling other new immigrants and organizing tours. He achieved his desire: education and employment in the field of tourism, a work he loves.

In October 2023, the situation changed in one day. Tourists left, and until today, the hotels are almost empty. Edwin lost his job. Someone told him about CFI, so Edwin came to visit us. He chose a slow cooker and a pan as his gift from our store. We also gave him a box of food. He was very thankful and happily shared his first experiences in the Land with us.

"In the beginning, there was excitement and fear in me at the same time. Everything was new and different. Now, I am more confident. I have seen



Fear now replaced by Trust

God's blessing over my life here in Israel. Every bad situation has turned out for something good and better." He says, "I have received so many good things. I want to give happiness to others. That is the meaning and goal of my life."

Edwin's mother wants to make *Aliyah* as well. There are some difficulties in getting the needed documents, but with the help of the Almighty, she will move to her real Homeland soon and visit us. The Lord is Faithful in His promises." And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and all the inhabited places of the country." (Ezekiel 34:13)

CFI staff have the privilege to meet those who have "come home" to Israel as the Holy Scriptures say they will. May the bad experiences they have had be turned into joy and happiness in their new homeland despite the war they face. Thank you for standing in the gap of prayer for them.



When God Whistles They Come!

“I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will redeem them; and they shall increase as they once increased.” Zechariah 10:8

In 2024, there is a potential wave of *Aliyah* (Jewish immigration) of some 500,000 *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) from Ukraine, Russia, other former Soviet republics, West Europe, Argentina, the USA, etc., awaiting the Israeli government recognition of *Aliyah* as a top national priority (as it was until 1992), resuming a pro-active *Aliyah* policy. Contrary to conventional wisdom, Israel’s Jewish emigration has declined since 1990, where there was an addition of 14,200 to the number of Israelis staying outside Israel for over a year. In recent years, the annual addition of emigrants has declined to an average of 7,000, while the overall population of Israel doubled itself from almost 5 million to almost 10 million. Let us PRAY that the voice of the Almighty might be heard by all Jewish people in the world to “come home” to Israel. God even says He will “whistle for them.” (Zechariah 10:8)

The Ettinger Report (Yoram Ettinger)

Healing Broken Hearts

Here in Jerusalem at the CFI Distribution Center we have been able to be the “face of Jesus” to hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from all over the world since 1990. At that time God opened the doors up widely for us to purchase two properties in the Jerusalem Gateway to use them to help heal the lives and hearts of Jewish people who suffered at the hands of Christians in the past oppressed nations. Two thousand years is a long time to persecute the Jewish people and CFI believes we are in the heart and middle of a great tidal wave of immigration just over the horizon. Help us be prepared by supporting our work to repair the damage of the past in the hearts of Jewish people. Some Christians do not realize the situation in Israel and the strained relationships between Jews and Christians until this day. For the first time in world history, in the last half of the last century, ministries similar to

CFI sprung up by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have all given our lives to make a difference and we will continue. We are not only a reflection of the Lord but His Healing Balm for many broken hearts and painful lives living daily under the pressure of war. Thousands of years of hatred toward them has built walls over the centuries.

As Christians, saved by the blood of Jesus He tells us in Romans 5:8-9 that BEFORE we ever came to Him, yet while we were far away from Him, He loved us. Should we do any less? When one comes to Israel on a Call from God, all need to come loving unconditionally as the Lord loved us. Without unconditional love ... a servant of the LORD will not be effective. Thanks for understanding the pressures we are under and pray that we will be used to “prepare the way of the Lord.” (Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-18)

Your gifts ear-marked “Open Gates” will give us not only opportunity to help them on their way in their new life in Israel, but doors are open for us to make home visits away from the bustling and busy city market places. For many families, young, old, handicapped, poor and sick, single mothers needing a friend, now is the time to be there for them. Please pray for us as we change history – may we be the “face of Jesus” THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE – to all who come in contact with us in our daily lives.

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“Be devoted to one another in love.”
Honor one another above yourselves.”
Romans 12:10

Clothed in White Garments

“For He has clothed me with the garments ... as a bridegroom decks himself, with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”
Isaiah 61:10

It was the end of July 2023 when I received a phone call from a lady who wanted to bring a young bride to our Bridal Salon. I realized that the woman had recently become engaged and needed an appointment as soon as possible. Within 24 hours, we made the appointment. When they came in, immediately I understood that there was something wrong. Usually, our clients are happy and excited about the coming celebration. This girl was different and seemed to be in shock. Her elderly friend explained what had just happened to her.

Gloria (the name is changed) came to Israel to volunteer in a house of prayer. At the same time, she developed her relationship with Fernando (the name has been changed), an Israeli who had made *Aliyah* from Brazil some years ago. The Lord showed them that they belong together. Fernando proposed to this beautiful Brazilian believer. Everything was good and exciting. Gloria stayed in a room for volunteers in the prayer house. There was a family from East Asia sharing an apartment with her. One Shabbat morning, this family went for a walk. The little son left his phone charging on the bed. Gloria was sleeping in the next room. She woke up smelling smoke. The apartment was on fire. She did not know how to get out because of the smoke. Gloria called her fiancé and then

cried for help through the window. One brother in the Lord came in and helped her out through the smoky corridor. The firefighters did their job, and the ambulance checked everybody's condition. They gave Gloria an oxygen device and took her to the hospital for a couple of hours. Nothing terrible happened. God protected His daughter, Hallelujah!

After all that stress, trying on our gorgeous wedding dresses and other accessories was therapy for Gloria. She became glad and excited again. We found a lovely gown for her. Gloria left the Land and came back five months later. Winters are pretty cold in Jerusalem. Gloria came to our place with her mother a week before the wedding. She wanted to try on a warmer dress with sleeves and a long train. She had taken a picture of it in summer. The gown was still available. Gloria and her mother were very grateful for the help we gave them.

The wedding of this lovely young couple took place in the same prayer house where Gloria had volunteered and almost lost her life. But as we know, God is always in control. He has plans for his newborn family. May the Lord bless the marriage of Gloria and Fernando with many fruitful years in His Kingdom.

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“I am my beloved's,
and my beloved
is mine.”
Song of Songs 2:16



MASTERPIECES FOR THE MASTER

Perseverance and Commitment (Signs of True Faithful Servants)

Creating a quality quilt is a l-o-n-g process. Mrs. Sandra Dearmin of Texas, USA, a lifelong friend of Sharon Sanders, has been busy picking out patterns and materials to help CFI Jerusalem fulfill the vision to present a comforting heirloom to survivors of the October 7th massacre. Eighty-nine (89) outstanding and one-of-a-kind masterly designed continental quilts from America (often called by other names internationally) thirteen (13) tubs of comforters valued at over \$50,000.00 US are enroute to a port in California, USA, and



Sandra Dearmin on right teaching the quilting process



Boxes ready to be shipped to Israel



Quilts have been packed and ready for shipment



Faithful quilters for Israel, mother and daughter

will soon be on their maiden voyage to Israel. They will be met and picked up by CFI Staff who will transport them to Jerusalem to be given as special heirloom mementos at an upcoming CFI “Days of Comfort” event to be held in Israel for survivors of the October 7th massacre. Yardages were carefully chosen and measured and then each little piece was meticulously cut out and distributed to the team on sewing nights to accomplish the goal of executing the design, where they assembled each individual block which were then arranged and sewn together. After the top of the quilt is completed, which is known as piecing, more fabric is chosen as a backing for the underside of the quilt. The finishing touches are binding to the outer edges and labeling them.



A very big thank you to Mrs. Dearmin, her entire team, and especially to Dr. Joanna Walker, Pastor of **Abundant Grace Community Church** in Edinburg, Texas for their loving hearts for the Jewish people. For more information on Abundant Grace, contact: info@abundant-grace.com. We say “Kol Ha Kavod” – (more power to you) dear Christian Friends of Israel. Your work will be held dear in God’s nation among God’s Chosen People for a lifetime and then beyond – as they pass them on to their children. God bless you all and Israel!

Additional information and reports on the event will be in the next edition of *For Zion’s Sake* magazine. CFI is also anticipating receiving hand-made master-pieces like the above quilts from the Amish community in Pennsylvania and other Christian quilt-makers. **If you would like to be involved in any way with this special event, email: sharon@cfijerusalem.org.**



Welcome to Our CFI Family Worldwide



CFI UK



David Soakell and Amber Sutter

Prayer Conference

We have just completed a very successful three-day Strategic Residential Prayer Conference in Northampton, and it was a joy to have Amber Sutter join us from CFI Germany as a co-worship leader.

Easter week Festival at Skegness is approaching. Bookings for CFI UK listed below. Contact our UK office for further information to attend.

- 28th March – Teaching Passover at **Derby**
- July 20th – 26th – Working at Refuel, **Inverness, Scotland** (with Julia and potentially Philip)
- 23rd – 27th August – The Awaken Festival, **Lincoln** (with Julia & Jacob)
- 7th September – Yorkshire Prayer Conference, Hollybush, **Thirsk**.
- 27th – 28th September – CFI Annual Conference, **Eastbourne**.
- 19th October – Beit Yeshua Conference, **Gateshead**.
- 27th October – 10th November – potential reschedule of **Israel trip**.

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CFI FRANCE



Helene with *Principle and A Promise* book printed in French

CFI France Update

“We are sending the CFI Video clips produced by CFI Jerusalem to all of the Jewish communities in France and “they love it ... also Jewish organizations like it ... we met with the French World Zionist head in France recently, the lady in charge of a large gathering and we were invited to a brunch with the President of WIZO where a public announcement was made about our work and what CFI does in France. An invitation for 2024 is extended to CFI Jerusalem’s International Director to France, Belgium, and Switzerland.

Sharon Sanders new book “A Principle and A Promise” (translated into five languages) is doing extremely well in France, people are now ordering sometimes three to four copies at one time. Mr. Luc Henrist, former CFI Representative in France is now working on translation into Romanian at this time.

CFI France often can be found in libraries promoting the book and sometimes send as many as 700 out at a time. Our French offices will be joining us in Israel on a tour this March 2024.

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CFI INDIA

Seminars in Belgaum, Kolhapur and Daund, India

Belgaum (State of Karnataka), approximately 350 Kilometers from our city of Pune in the State of Maharashtra) : CFI Seminar was co-hosted by New Life Fellowship Church in Karnataka and CFI India for three days.

Kolhapur, about 250 Kilometers from our city of Pune : On 2nd December 2023. This Seminar was co-hosted by New Life Fellowship Church in the District of Kolhapur and CFI India.

Daund, about 90 Kilometers from our city of Pune : On 31st December '23 and 1st January '24. This Church in Daund, (Pentecostal Faith Mission).

This is the testimony of the Church in Daund. Once they got attached to CFI (seven years ago) till now, their unending miracles of finances to put up this Church building in a small little Railway Township through funds raised by under privileged congregation members, is nothing but an ongoing miracle that the town of Daund is experiencing.

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“...Pray for the welfare of Jerusalem



Pastor Sonny Chandra in Daund

“Blessed is the man who maketh the Lord his trust.”
Psalms 40:4



Teaching in Seminars



Chandra family with Pastor Bhimsen and his wife



CFI PHILIPPINES

CFI Philippines welcomes the Ambassador from Israel

The new CFI Representative in Manila and her team recently welcomed the Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines. Our Filipino supporters are great prayer warriors for Israel and are carrying Israel on the wings of prayer and doing a fantastic work. If you live in the Philippines, please get in contact with our ministry work for Israel.

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Welcome to Our CFI Family Worldwide



Mission Fest Conference Held in Vancouver

“Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.” (Mark 16:20)

Mission Fest Vancouver, a gathering of mission groups focusing around the globe was held recently. CFI Canada’s booth brought much light to the ongoing efforts by Christian Friends of Israel in Jerusalem Headquarters to comfort and reach out to Israel and the Jewish people during this time of war. The Mission Fest 2024 was hosted by Westside Church in Vancouver.

Pastor Matt Menzel, the son of Shari Haynes who is the CFI Canada BC Rep and secretary for CFI Canada. Luz Nicar, is our Treasurer. Shari manned the CFI booth. Many new contacts were made. We found that many Canadians would like to visit Israel sometime in the future. Praise God for His Favor in Canada.



Margaret and Paul Collins

Loved Beyond Words Missed Beyond Measure

Memorial to Paul Collins

It is with sad hearts for all of us, but we honor a very special man in the lives of CFI Canada. Paul Collins went to be with the LORD on April 26, 2023. Paul and his surviving wife, Margaret, spent many fruitful years leading CFI Canada.

Their faithfulness and their support of Israel through CFI will be remembered for a long time to come. A former airline pilot and raised in Wales, he had a passion for flying, rock climbing and caving. A true Manager, a Detective, a long history of achievements and a six-month service in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) secured his heart forever with Israel and he became active in serving the CFI Jerusalem office in our outreach programs. He will be greatly missed; he is Heaven’s gain.

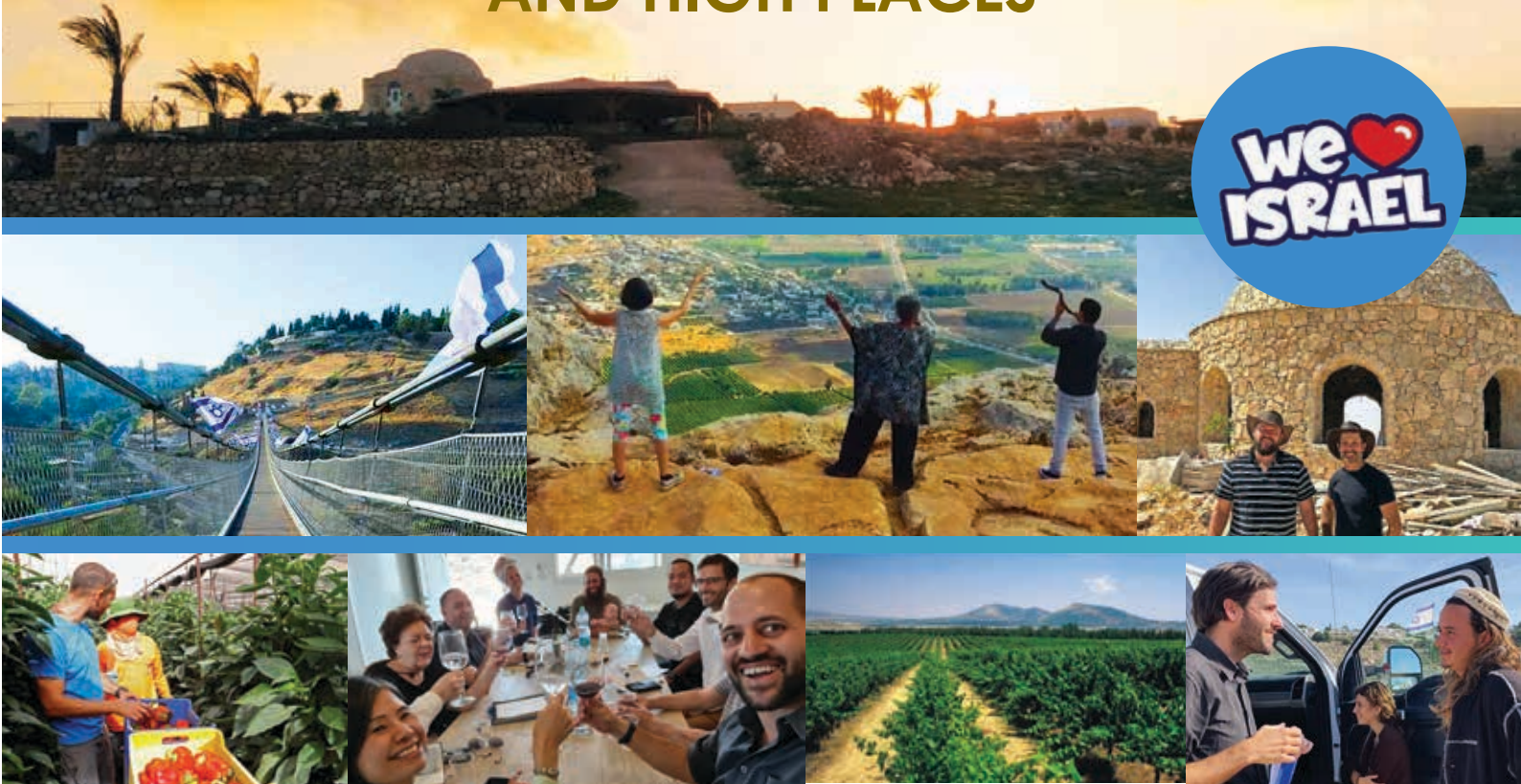
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CFI Canada is growing, if you would like to be involved, contact the above email address.

Intercessory Prayer Tour

—PRAYING FOR THE LAND, BORDERS
AND HIGH PLACES

We ❤️ **ISRAEL**



NOVEMBER 2024, DATES TBC

- Visit the lesser-visited and 'hidden' places that most tours never see
- Participate in powerful group prayer times and intercessions in strategic locations across Israel
- Petition the Lord from Israel's high places with experienced prayer group leaders
- Pray for protection along Israel's northern, eastern and southern borders
- Pray at army bases and military installations
- Experience hospitality in the beautiful Biblical heartlands of Judea and Samaria
- Participate in powerful times of worship and intercession at some of Israel's prayer houses, including Succat Hallel and the House of Prayer for All Nations on the Mount of Olives
- See not only what happened in Israel in the past, but also what is happening TODAY
- Bring your own gifts for Israel and distribute them personally
- Leave a lasting legacy and plant a native species tree on the mountains of Israel
- Don't just be a tourist and look – bring your Bible, pray, intercede, volunteer and be part of it!
- **RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS LIMITED SPACE TOUR – CHECK FOR DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE – COMING SOON!**

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us today for
details!
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CFI RADIO PODCAST LINKS TO INTERVIEWS



**LEON
SWART**



**GALYA
HALL**

An interview with CFI's Media Director, Galya Hall, about the many and various ways CFI has been supporting and assisting the nation of Israel since the war began last October was shared by the very popular **All Israel News** on their website. Galya spoke in detail about CFI's war relief efforts – both for the soldiers of the IDF and also the endless number of internally displaced Israeli civilians.

You can listen to the interview here:

https://allisrael.com/listen-interview-with-galya-hall-of-christian-friends-of-israel-about-war-relief-efforts?fbclid=IwAR2kBF00JscZr3IIUuwvD28iDkg0jZwNHtEMevb_2cXBjj4OyegXB-fuYIo

We also had an article about our work with and support of Israel's soldiers published on the **All Israel News website**. The article highlighted CFI's connection with the Israel Defense Forces since the late 1990's. Over the years countless cups filled with blessings for the soldiers of Israel who guard the nation of Israel and keep her citizens safe have been given through the efforts of CFI.

You can read the article here:

https://allisrael.com/blog/project-david-s-shield-helping-and-standing-with-israel-s-physical-guardian?fbclid=IwAR3idM2wuvQX8VUGZBpnPF1u7izEdgMX9cvUzQhPWkU8_0QM1ovBo6iY-Rk

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