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"This is the way..."

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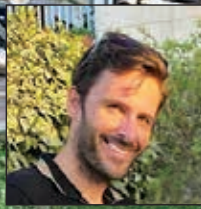
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Shalom *from* Jerusalem



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



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

When the people “heard” that the Lord had visited Israel, they bowed their heads and worshipped. God has been appearing to many of our soldiers in various ways since the beginning of the war. I felt like sharing these true stories, validated by reputable sources—with you—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)**

We cannot remain silent when lies are rampant against the Jewish nation. May the day never come that the Lord challenges us as to why we did not speak up when we had the opportunity ... but it could happen. Many in the churches today continue to sit under false teachings (such as Replacement Theology) and do not challenge the repercussions of its teachings. Why did Yeshua inform believers at the door of Heaven crying ‘Lord, Lord’...but He says, “I never knew you!” **(Matthew 7:21)**. One thing I know—blessing Israel is the Will of the Father as He proclaims it right in the beginning of His Word to us. He made it crystal clear. **(Genesis 12:3)**

In this issue of For Zion’s Sake we boast in the LORD and tell of His 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. 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 in Israel the nation is talking about the unexpected encounters. Divine Mercy has appeared again and again as God appears at dangerous moments. In the book of **Romans 15:10-13** it says we are to “rejoice with His people.” Why? Because God is at work keeping His Covenant Promises to Israel by sending angels to work on her behalf.



God began to appear in many ways to the Israeli army and they have acknowledged his protection.

It caught many by surprise; however, His Presence is so absolutely clear that it has changed not only the landscape but the common person on the street. No one will ever be the same. As you enter the Swords of Iron war with us, listen with your heart to these inspiring stories of God's protection. The 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 27:12) 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 the 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 IDF 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... 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



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

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. "My brother is in the Golani Brigade. He has to go into the tunnels. The 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 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 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 watching here?” The soldiers are 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 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 4. “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.”

FINAL WORDS

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 also take time to 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 of you as you pray.

—Sharon Sanders—



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.



Pray for these brave soldiers risking their lives



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 ran from camping store to camping store trying to find things like, leathersmans, water bladders, socks, flashlights ... We would encounter soldiers, moms, dads, all anxiously trying to find items for their duty and for their family. One soldier we ran into, I explained to him what we as an organization, was 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 down much needed supplies. His unit will be one of the ones going into Gaza. God had put a mantle on their shoulders. They comforted ME and had such peace and calm about them telling 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 factories quickly sold out of all gear for soldiers and most factory owners and workers were either called up to serve or sent home... as such, it calls for a lot of searching, connecting, praying ... to locate the needed items and to purchase them on the spot ... praying that the quality is acceptable and the soldiers will benefit. Thank God that so far EVERYTHING has been

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What a small act of kindness can do



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

supplied where needs were real. CFI located quality jackets and a large amount of raincoats due to a connect God made possible with a farmer reservist in the Judean Desert. Thank you supporters who carries Israel in their hearts.

★ **IN TIMES** ★
OF TROUBLE
HE SHALL HIDE
ME IN HIS
PAVILION
Psalm 27: 5





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.

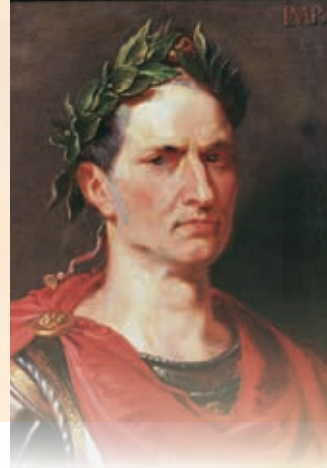
Sometime later in the Book of Vayikra / Leviticus chapter 23, we learn more details about the seven “appointed times” or “Feasts of the LORD” (*moedim* in Hebrew) that Adonai ordains within those seasons. It seems these times were very important to Adonai. Do they mean anything to us?

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 recognize as having 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 of 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 decimalized 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)

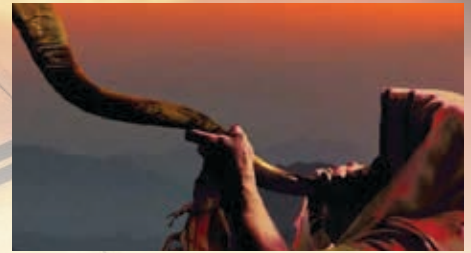


Biblical Feasts
planned by
God before the
beginning
of time.

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, 'which ever calendar one choses 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 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
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Their 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 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 whereabouts concerning her beloved Yom nephew and constant efforts to advocate for his return has crippled the family’s ability to function and earn an income. Her husband 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.

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



Tearing down walls and building relationships in Kfar Aza
 Below: Suzie writing prayers for Israel



ISRAEL WAR RELIEF FUND

During March CFI Leadership including Tristan and Galya Hall and Sharon Sanders, took a trip down south to visit communities close to the Gaza border.

The site of the Nova Festival

some they need to return home and clean and rebuild ... 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 the 7th of October 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 some practical items to help them and we will be continuing to assist them as they move forward along the path of restoration.



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 currently 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



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 by 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 very practical assistance. Moving forward we will most certainly do whatever we can to purchase new furniture or any household items that they need for a fresh and clean start. Please remember them in your prayers.

May God bless you from Zion!
Galya Hall

Sharon and Tristan touring Kibbutz Nahal Oz



“God, your God, will restore everything you lost; he’ll have compassion on you; he’ll come back and pick up the pieces from all the places where you were scattered.”

Deuteronomy 30:3

When They Felt Alone We Were There!

HELP US NOW!



Responding to Calls (Building Relationships All Along)

“... 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 against Hamas. Closures of stores around the nation as our men are fighting in the war have caused financial difficulties for many. In response, CFI has been supplying much-needed support for evacuated families and their children, delivery of essential supplies and meals, warm jackets and clothing for the soldiers, essential support and relief to individuals suffering from trauma and that which war times bring. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

New found friends



Rudy with a new army jacket



Packing warm clothing

AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY SPEAKING WITH

400 GOLANI SOLDIERS



Sharon encouraging the soldiers



It was a very special day for our Executive International Director as we traveled south near to the Gaza Strip having been invited to come in person to an Army Retreat location where Golani soldiers who had been serving on the front lines were resting for a few days. Tristan Hall bonded immediately with Ben our translator, and with the soldiers who were waiting to receive their warm jackets from CFI. One Hundred-Fifty warm jackets were provided for soldiers who were in need; however, three hundred were present which we had not known about. It was two weeks later when we delivered seven hundred new jackets and upper underwear for warmth.

CFI was able to mobilize from our supporters, funds to supply the entire base. Three hundred additional jackets and upper wear were purchased for an entire Golani Battalion. We would soon travel to another base on the northern border to deliver all the much needed warm clothing for the very cold March evenings in Israel.

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 receive 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.

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Remembering front line Golani soldiers

Harvesting in the Orchards



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“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

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“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

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Holocaust team participated in two memorial events

‘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

It was a great honor to stand together with His people, to share in their grief and to show support during their struggles. Support that 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.

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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 very long time to persecute the Jewish people and CFI believes we are now 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 very 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. Thank you 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. **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*

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.

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 something was 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 so good and really exciting.

She 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 suddenly woke up smelling smoke. The apartment was on fire.

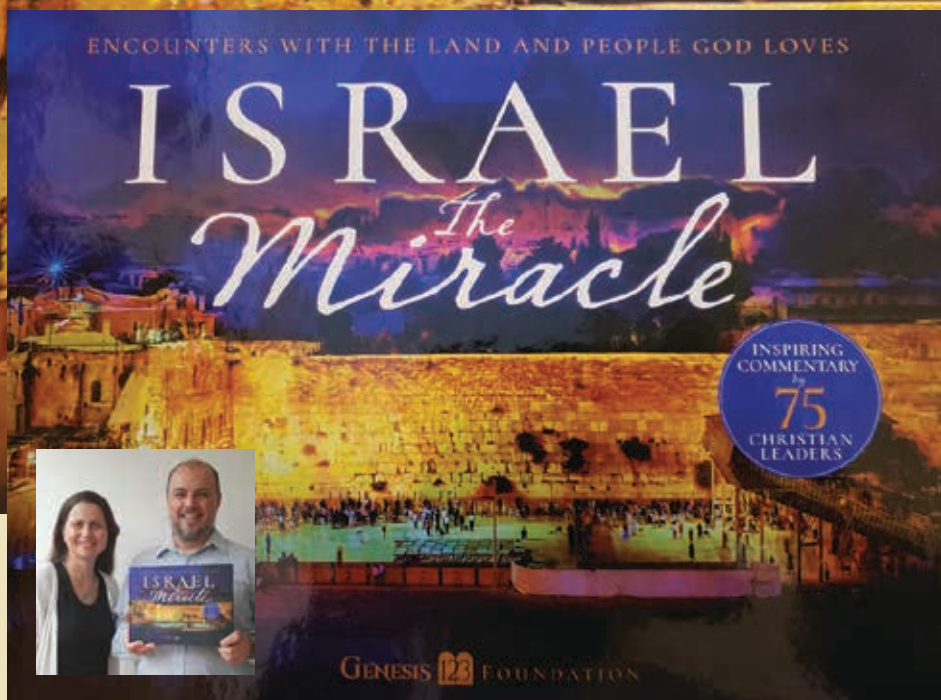
After all that stress, trying on our gorgeous wedding dresses and other accessories was therapy for Gloria. She became glad and excited again. We found a lovely gown for her. Gloria left the Land and came back five months later. Winters are pretty cold in Jerusalem. Gloria came to our place with her 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 during the 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.”
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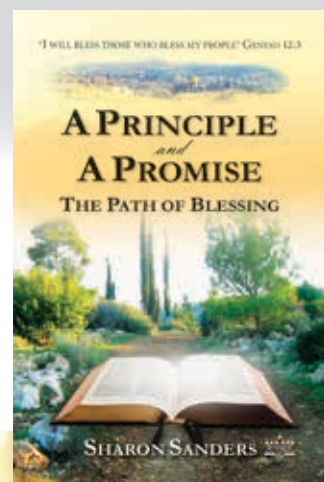
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Welcome to Our CFI Family Worldwide



CFI CANADA

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 very 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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Margaret and Paul Collins



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 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’s new book “A Principle and A Promise” (now 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.

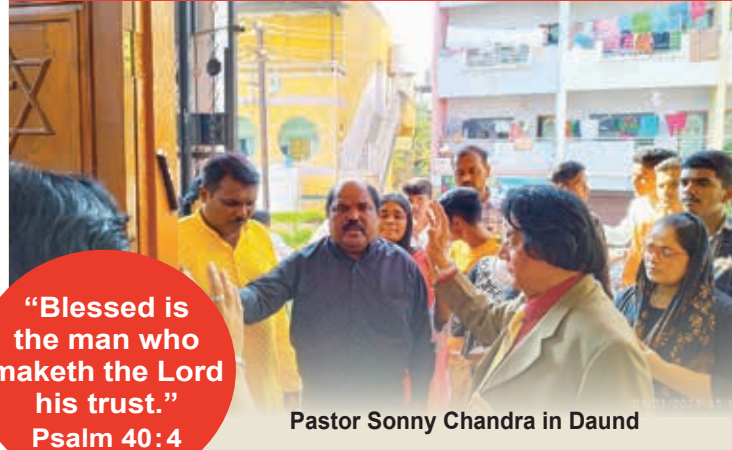
Kolhapur, about 250 Kilometers from our city of Pune : On 2nd December 2023. This Seminar was co-hosted by New Life Fellowship Church in the District of Kolhapur and CFI India.

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 seeing.

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"...Pray for the welfare of Jerusalem



**"Blessed is the man who maketh the Lord his trust."
Psalm 40:4**

Pastor Sonny Chandra in Daund



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.

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