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CHRISTIAN ANTI-SEMITISM?**

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## To Our Christian Friends in the Nations:

Jewish-Christian relations continue to grow here in Israel. Many of my Jewish friends are really reaching out with a lot of hope in their hearts, because they know that we play an important part in the building up of Israel before the coming of the Messiah.

When we arrived in 1985, the questions were "Why are you here?" "What do you want from us?" "You didn't want us in Europe or anywhere, why did you have to come here?" Today, in 2020 because of the hard work of pioneers in the Land such as CFI, the ground which was as hard as bedrock has been softened and is now pliable, as boulders and rocks of misunderstanding have been removed. Your support of our work means you have been a part, a huge part of what we have been able to do. It is like someone embracing you versus someone pushing you away. We see before our eyes what GOD is doing.

## Preparing the Road to Zion

The redemption and salvation of Israel lies just ahead on the horizon. If you want to play a part with us, in "preparing the road to Zion" so the Jewish people can walk on it without stumbling, if you desire to plant the seeds of the unconditional love of Jesus, if you want to help eradicate the stumbling blocks of Christian anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology, this is your invitation to stay right here with us and help us plow the ground—so devastated by organized Christianity for 2000 years. We have taken the plow and broken the fallow ground.

Someone once said we either plow or let the weeds grow. We are not turning the plow over in our minds, we are "in the field." There is no walking away...we have to keep our hands on the plow and hold on. You undergird us and give us the tools we need to keep on breaking new ground. The blessings for you are in the gleanings of the yield. **Sharon Sanders**



# What Choice Do We Have?

**“Look!** I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil — in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and Adonai your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them; I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess. I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants, loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him — for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land Adonai swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov” **(Deuteronomy 30:15-20).**

An albeit simple choice placed before God’s chosen people has somehow resulted in and produced unexpected results. To everyone except God that is... God placed before the people a choice between life and death, or put another way, between good and evil, or yet another way, the blessing and the curse. God certainly knew the dark potential of the hearts of men and thus encouraged them to make the right choice—by giving them the answer! “Therefore, choose life...”

A reluctance to choose life, or good, or the blessing, would certainly have catastrophic consequences. After all, what remains is death, evil, and the curse. Who wants that? Evidently, some in humanity still do...

As the year 2020 fades away, we can look back (hind-sight is 20-20 it’s been said) and ask if the fate of the whole world is being threatened by a global conspiracy against God and humanity – again, or in its progressive

manner? If posed with the same choices presented in the Deuteronomy account, would humanity choose differently? It doesn’t seem as if good, and life, and blessings are getting a majority of the votes...

There are forces of Evil aligned in a battle against the forces of Good; forces of Evil that appear powerful and organized as they oppose those who seemingly are the Light bearers. There are attacks by those who want to destroy the very basis of society: the natural family, respect for human life, and other abominable examples. The means that have been deployed to communicate and sow panic and create chaos is purposed and by design. Our adversary: it is the Enemy of the human race, He who is “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44).

So, do we still have a choice? What has been plainly revealed to us is that our choices have consequences. We are not only to choose the obvious: life, good and the blessing, but to follow His ways, obey and actually cling to Him, for that is the purpose of life. God’s choice is and has always been life. He desires our service so that we may live, but if we choose wrongly, then ruin is inevitable.

Are we making an impression as we serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob here in Israel? We stand in solidarity with God’s heart and desire to be a blessing to Israel. ***“I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed” (Genesis 12:3).***

We ask that you stand with us as we make the choice to align with God’s plans and purposes. By provoking the hearts of the Jewish people to always make the right choice, we can join with those who were first commanded to be that Light to a world which so desperately needs to make a life choice.

**Jim McKenzie**  
**Director of Operations**

# POKING GOD IN HIS EYE

SHARON SANDERS

## The Hardest Blow for Yeshua Christian Anti-Semitism?

*“One day as Father and I were returning from our walk we found the Grote Markt cordoned off by a double ring of police and soldiers. A truck was parked in front of the fish mart; into the back were climbing men, women, and children, all wearing the yellow star... ‘Father! Those poor people!’ I cried... ‘Those poor people,’ Father echoed. But to my surprise I saw that he was looking at the soldiers now forming into ranks to march away. ‘I pity the poor Germans, Corrie. They have touched the apple of God’s eye.’ — Corrie ten Boom*

To “touch” someone indicates how one “brushes up against” or “how a person handles another”—either with kindness or disrespect. It was not only the Nazis, many civilizations have disgraced and humiliated the Jewish people during various wars, the Great Depression, and economic downturns. And up until today, too few churches have given the Jewish people the respect that is due to them. It is correct that there were times when Israel needed punishing for her sins against God, but it is God’s responsibility to respond to disobedience. God never gave any authority to anyone to punish His Chosen People. That was His task. His command was to bless and not curse the children of Israel.

In the coming day of Messiah, there will be a public judgment of sheep and goat nations (**Isaiah 58:10; Mat-**

**thew 25:40; Joel 3:2, 3:12; Isaiah 58:7**). God’s controversy with the nations of the world who have “touched” His People wrongly when they closed their hearts and humiliated the Jews—may well be an embarrassing day for many countries. At the roll call of nations will be those who “reached out” and clutched the hand of a Jewish person in distress and helped them. Also present will be those who afflicted the hand of the helpless one seeking a comforter or helper in their desperate situations.

*“...Keep me as **the apple of your eye**; hide me in the shadow of your wings, From the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. They have now surrounded our steps....”* (**Psalm 17:8**).

The phrase, “Apple of My Eye” from the Scriptures, comes from a Hebrew expression that literally means “little man of the eye,” and it refers to the tiny reflection of one’s self that they can see in other people’s pupils. To be the apple of someone’s eye clearly means that they are being gazed upon and watched closely. Our very image (it is said) is dancing in the eyes of that person! A young Orthodox man in Israel told us one day, “You all poked God in the eye!” In a way he made it very clear that he was stating that Christians have slapped God in the face and broke God’s Heart

**“For thus says the Lord of hosts...he who touches you,  
touches the apple of His eye” Zechariah 2:8.**

when they turned away from His people and did not reach out to help them when they needed us the most, especially during WWII. As Jesus (Yeshua) has stood in the shadows of the centuries observing how gentiles touched His People, I'm sure there were many times when He had to look away in sorrow as those who were carrying His Name stabbed His People in the back and became accomplices in betrayal. Is it not a prophetic time in history when Christianity really needs a change of heart? We are in the season of **“the restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21)**. God forbid the “Church” derail further and run the train totally off the track missing the blessing of its fullness because it did not acknowledge nor accept God's Plans and Purposes for Israel in these latter days!

### **The Hardest Lash**

I personally believe that the unyielding punishment (of undeserved sinful and ungodly actions) toward the Jewish people, by those who called themselves “Christians” must have been the worst blow endured by our Jewish Lord: the lashes of Christian anti-Semitism! Just what driving force did the Church follow to treat the Chosen People the way they have for so long? For all intents the historical Church seems to have been carrying a chip on its shoulder for centuries and the Jews were their victims. I learned years ago when I was very involved in the personal lives of Holocaust survivors from Europe and the Former Soviet Union that the one thing they did was to watch my eyes when I was with them. They saw that the eyes are the window of a person's soul. According to a Yale University study, most people feel as if their self (otherwise known as their soul) exists in or near their eyes.

I have my own paraphrased rendition of the ‘apple of the eye’ from reading the New Living Translation, Contemporary English, Good News, Holman Christian Standard and International Bible versions. I have strong feelings for those who carried the Lord's Name and reproached His Name to His People. As if God said. “...anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession, the pupil of my eye...whatever you do to Zion, you do to Me, My eyes...anyone who strikes you strikes what is most precious to Me... whoever injures you injures the pupil of My Eye.” What was done to the Jews Jesus considered it done unto Him! That's pretty serious for those who did these things to the Jewish people.

“The theological anti-Judaism of the Church fathers, repeated endlessly in medieval and Renaissance-Reformation preaching, was the far greater culprit...but because the Church's preaching...had long shaped the popular mind, a new phenomenon was able to come to birth: modern anti-Semitism...deploring Christian anti-Semitism...is ineffective unless it is implemented from the pulpit and in church publications and educational materials. Christians need to be aware of their almost total ignorance of ...the violence perpetrated against Jews by fellow Christians. Visitors to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and other exhibits from the Nazi period usually say: *“Why has no one told us of these things?”* (Gerald Sloyan)

Experience of living in Israel tells us that many of the hard feelings between Jews and Christians is a result of the decision by the “Church” to call the Jewish Scriptures the “Old” Testament. I had an Orthodox



Jewish man stop by my office one day and said to me, *“Sharon! Why didn't the Christians follow the Judaism of Jesus?”* Good question. *Someone once said Christianity is Judaism for the gentiles!* I wonder also, why did countless names, locations, and pronouns get translated into gentile terminology, and why wasn't there a clearer understanding of “who's who” in the New Testament (are we talking to Jews or Gentiles in the passages?). When Christians stand together in Church and sing **“Our God Reigns”** it really troubles me, because it is made crystal clear in God's Word that He identifies Himself with the Jewish people and calls Himself the “God of Israel” (not the God of the Gentiles). People sing the song because they like

the melody and believe deep down God has replaced Israel with Christianity. Replacement Theology is a deceiving spirit and a doctrine of demons (**I Timothy 4:1,2**). Can this curse which remains upon the Church ever be reversed? Only if tough decisions are made! Along with the command of the Lord in Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless My People” came the decision to make a choice—one becomes a blessing or a curse. The Lord said, “*choose blessing*” (**Deuteronomy 30:19**).

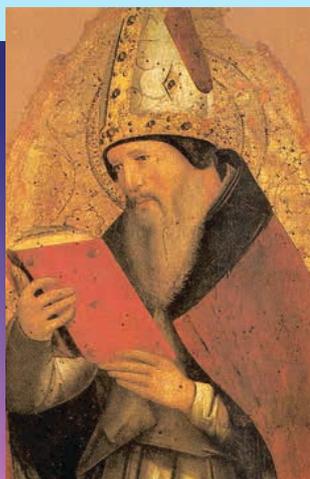
“I have heard many Christians, and even some messianic Jews, express the idea that “we do not have anything to learn from the Jews or their dead legalistic religion, but they have everything to learn from us.” (David Lazarus) Further David Lazarus says that this elitist and exclusive attitude has not only denied fair and honest access to the true gospel of Jesus Christ for our Jewish brothers and sisters, but it has stripped the Church of much of her own rich heritage as heirs to the faith of our father Abraham.

Research tells me that Luther, and Augustine before him, looked at the state of the Jewish people – scattered, powerless, and in a seemingly eternal exile – and drew their theological conclusions based on what they saw and understood from the Bible. They, and many other Christian theologians before and after them, taught that the church had replaced Israel as the future recipient of the covenantal promises of the Bible. For Luther, the idea that the flesh and blood descendants of the Nation of Israel would one day return to the Land of Israel and take possession of it was so far-fetched that he could sarcastically pledge to convert to Judaism if it ever were to happen. It was easy to say that the Jews no longer have any kind of special covenantal relationship to the God of the Bible. The reality of the Jewish predicament in his time was enough to support his theology—but not now, not today with the resurrection of the Jewish people, the return to their homeland and the development of one of the most beautiful nations in the world.

Rather than humbly deal with the implications of this theological derailment, most Church leaders just ignore the major heresy in Christendom. Thank God CFI is involved in bringing Pastors from the nations together on our new Pastor’s for Israel Forum. You can listen

to Pastoral testimonies of how, as spiritual leaders, they separated from Replacement Theology and came out of the Church’s heretical teaching. ([www.cfijerusalem.org](http://www.cfijerusalem.org)). Christianity has been intent on replacing Judaism by making its own particular message universal, in spite of, Jesus’ words, “**Salvation is of the Jews.**” (**John 4:22**). Rather than argue that the Church has replaced Israel, they argue that there is no Israel at all.

“It’s time to call this new approach by mainline Israel haters what it is: the denial of Jewish identity and Jewish history—the new theological anti-Semitism.” (*Rabbi Pesach Wolicki*). Did the “Church” fall into willful ignorance to avoid becoming informed about Israel so as not to have to make undesirable decisions that truth might bring to light? (**2 Peter 3:5; Job 21:14; Zechariah. 7:11,12; Matthew 13:15; Romans 1:28**) anti-Semitism contradicts the teachings of the Apostles of Jesus



**St Augustine**



**Martin Luther**

(**John 4:22**). Timothy was warned about guarding what was committed to him, and to avoid profane and idle babbling such as lies and myths which permeated Christian communities throughout Europe and the world. I believe that many strayed concerning the faith and their fathers inherited many lies. Growing up with the lies, they carried them on to their children for generations. (**Jeremiah 16:19**). I believe hundreds of thousands, if not more, professing Christians simply give mental assent to the reality of the Living Messiah.

***“LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress, to you the nations will come from the ends of the earth...” Jeremiah 16:19.***

Born into “Christian” communities, they attended Christian churches. Farming communities such as the one where I lived in the Midwest of America, after WWII, simply did not talk about Jews. I had no idea what a Jew was while growing up, and there were certainly none (that I knew of) living among us. If there were, they were camouflaged living under the pretense of being Christians with no talk of a Jewish past. Some were baptized; some kept anything Jewish a total secret and pretended that the world they had emerged from was gone forever. I believe this is why many Christians have come home to rest. We found our roots and feel at home.

Some of us may be surprised that the Great Commission is not owned by Christianity alone. Israel also has a Great Commission. It is to become a light to the nations. (**Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 52:10; 60:3; John 8:12**). When Jewish people recite the “Shema” “Hear O Israel, the Lord Thy God is One,” they are declaring to God “we accept your Kingdom ‘One God Divine.’” You are God of this world and of the next world. The Bible is their anchor. The name of God is past, present and future, YHVH. If you ask most Christians today what “God” they serve, there will be a pause before answering because many are not certain, as they never think about it. We are taught to exalt Jesus, sing to Jesus, love Jesus, and worship Jesus which is all perfectly correct, but a study of God’s Word reveals to us that Jesus said He came to exalt the Father, and when He returns to set up the Kingdom, Jesus turns the earthly Kingdom over to the Father, that God is **“all in all.” (1 Corinthians 15:24)**. We hear few sermons teaching congregations what to expect in the Coming Kingdom on earth according to the Bible, but there is no excuse for not teaching about the wrong done to Jewish people in the Name of the Lord Jesus to millions of believers! The Church indeed poked God in His Eye, and Jesus tells us that once you do that, you have as much as done it unto Him! There will be many shocked Christians who still hold to Christian Anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology that may or may not know that to enter into God’s Kingdom one must enter through the Gates of Heaven or the Gates of the Coming Kingdom on earth. I find it interesting and revealing that the Bible tells us clearly that above each of the twelve gates is the name of a Jew-

ish prophet or apostle right above the door frame. One has to pass under it to enter while crossing the threshold. (**Revelation 21:12**) It is not a matter to be fooled around with. It is not to be taken lightly. It would be hard to visualize even one anti-Semitic guest allowed into God’s Kingdom as the Bible clearly warns us **“...outside are the dogs and anyone who believes a lie” (Revelation 22:15)**. Perhaps we know of people who might fit this category; to warn them, encourage them to reexamine, and rethink their attitudes toward Jewish people. No, not one. Not even “one” will be allowed into the Kingdom with wrong feelings toward the Jewish people. Since we are in the time period of the **“restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21)**, God forbid that the Church be too proud to admit it has been seriously wrong and to ask forgiveness of the Jewish people. Before he died in 1892, Charles Spurgeon said “I think we do not attach sufficient importance to the ...Jews. We do not think enough of it...if there is anything promised in the Bible it is this...the day shall yet come when the Jews, who were the first Apostles to the Gentiles, the first missionaries to us...shall be gathered in again. Until that shall be, the fullness of the Church’s glory can never come.”

**Even as Poppa Ten Boon once said, “I pity those poor people...(I add) I pity poor Christians among us...who have touched (wrongly) the “apple of God’s Eye.”**

Thank you to everyone who loves the Jewish people and who helps CFI to get these messages out to Christians around the world. Your prayers and support bring you a blessing that is within the partnership in ministry which we have. God bless each of you!

**- Sharon Sanders -**

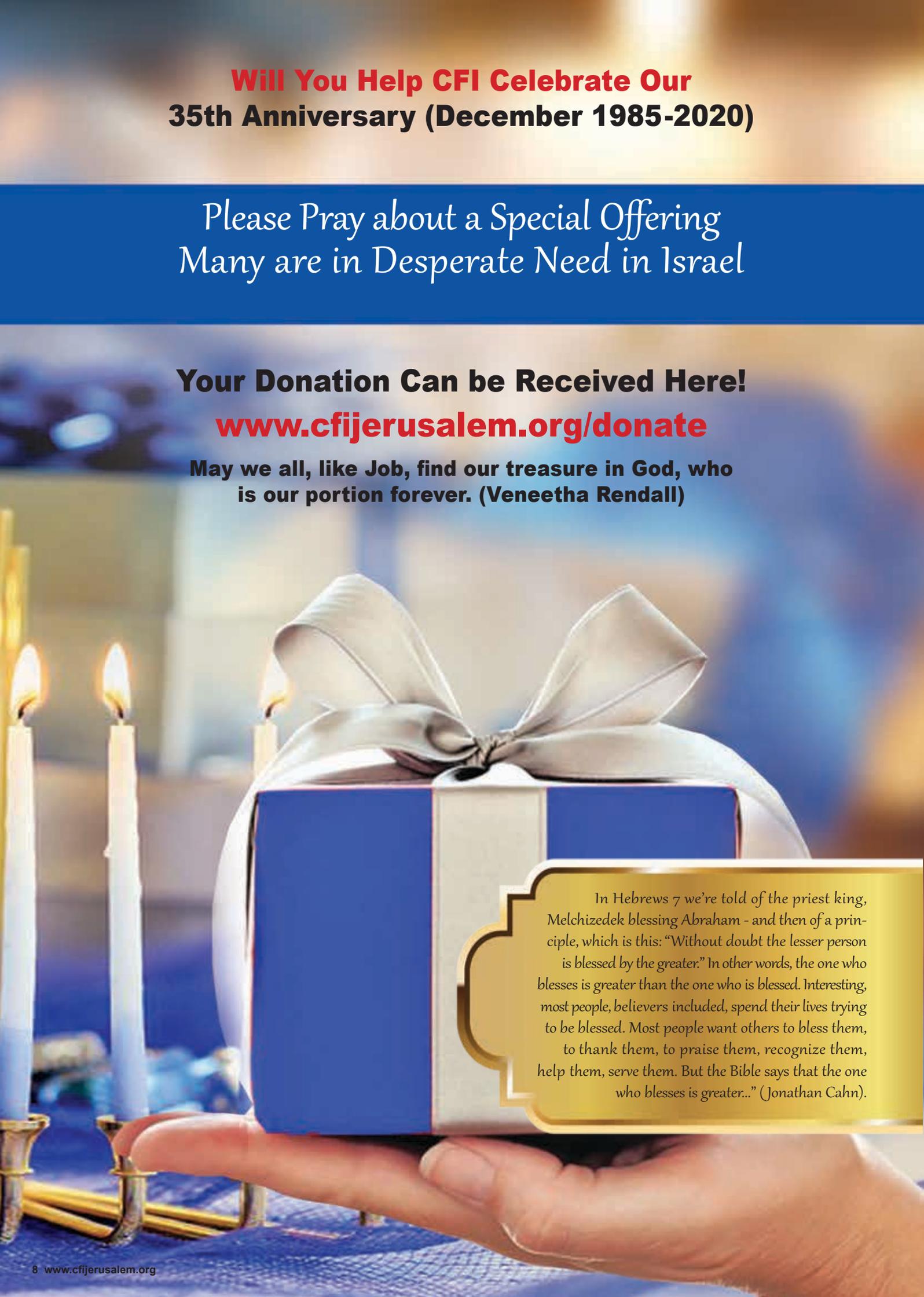
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**May we all, like Job, find our treasure in God, who  
is our portion forever. (Veneetha Rendall)**



In Hebrews 7 we're told of the priest king, Melchizedek blessing Abraham - and then of a principle, which is this: "Without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater." In other words, the one who blesses is greater than the one who is blessed. Interesting, most people, believers included, spend their lives trying to be blessed. Most people want others to bless them, to thank them, to praise them, recognize them, help them, serve them. But the Bible says that the one who blesses is greater..." (Jonathan Cahn).

# BESEECH THE LORD



Encouraging the Defenders



Supporting the soldiers hard at work

**“Now therefore, Adonai our God, please save us from his power— so that all the kingdoms on earth will know that you are Adonai, God—you only” 2 Kings 19:19.**

Why did Israel beseech God? Only for their personal preservation? No – their heart intent was for God’s Name and reputation to be protected, magnified and made known among the earth. Not only are the IDF protectors of this Land to beseech the Lord for His Name’s sake, but we too are to petition on their behalf as Angela from England has so beautifully stated in her note of encouragement sent for us to share with our modern warriors.

## “Dear Defenders of the Land,

*You are the focus of my greatest admiration and awe. When I think of all of you defending the Land of Israel I feel as if I am looking through the prism of history, seeing great heroes and mighty warriors from ancient days. May you all be like King David’s mighty men! YOUR HERITAGE IS AWESOME! You are walking in the footsteps of warriors from long ago, warriors who did great exploits because they trusted in the Almighty and Honored His Name. My constant prayer for you all is that you will know the protection of the Almighty and TRUST in HIS POWER to guide you and to give you supernatural abilities to thwart your enemies. You are all so precious to the Lord - may you be blessed in all you do protecting Israel. I expect it is difficult to pray sometimes, so I stand in the gap for you... Psalm 17 – Keep me as the apple of your eye...”*

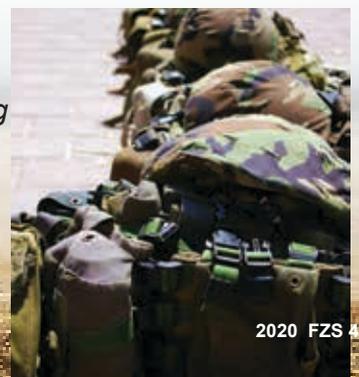
**Thank you to those who send words of encouragement and financial gifts.** Israel not only fights physical battles but spiritual ones. As CFI provides items of comfort through our connections with the Israeli Armed forces, to make their jobs more effective, we can also lift their other needs before our Heavenly Father. The Hebrew word for together is **b’yachad**, having the root word **echad**, meaning one. Let us be one, and warriors by their sides in this fight, **as we beseech the Lord together.**

Recently, Project *David’s Shield* answered a call from security forces to provide special tactical equipment to a unit protecting regions and neighborhoods outside of Jerusalem. We generally supply items of comfort to the brave IDF defenders; however, an urgent need arose and the trusting relationship we have together allowed for us to partner with this unit to secure strategically valuable equipment. We were honored to do so—because of your support of our work.

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Leon and Nicolene



Enrique and Jo at the DC

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## Christian Friends of Israel Bulletin Board

**Leon and Nicolene Swart** are from Plettenberg Bay, which is situated on the East Coast of South Africa. Before coming to Jerusalem they served in local church activities in outreach, worship teams, and weekly home groups. They have been counselors and facilitators for FFI (Family Foundations International) for over the past ten years. In 2007 the Lord planted the seeds in their hearts of His greater plan for them in Israel.

They enjoyed bringing tour groups to Israel to educate and encourage the Church. They are passionate about what they do and their spirit of enthusiasm is wonderful to see. We welcome them to CFI. Leon works in the CFI Media Department and Nicolene is CFI's new Assistant to the Director of International Development. They bring a wonderful fragrance of the Lord's calling to Israel and CFI in their key roles!

### Bulletin Board

**Hello, this is Enrique.** It is a great privilege for me to be able to be part of CFI. I thank God for the opportunity to serve people and to know that the work I am doing I do for God. I am learning a lot about maintenance and repair. I have discovered skills that I did not know I had. Being able to serve others is a blessing for me. God works in interesting ways, and God's plan is perfect. Here is a description that is simple; I like to describe what I do as as Guardians of the Ministry, and that is true.

**I am Jo** and I arrived at CFI, Jerusalem in February, 2020 and I am

servicing as Manager of Operations. This position involves overseeing the flow of operations, keeping the wheels of the ministry turning, so to speak. I do not have direct "hands-on" involvement with our recipients, but in my position I have the unique and blessed opportunity to serve every project though, simply by being sure that all project supervisors and administrative staff have everything they need to do their work. I love being part of the total effort in this vital way.

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- ◆ To be effective in our Outreach projects, which is relative considering the restrictions
- ◆ For good health, during this unprecedented year of Covid-19
- ◆ And for Endurance and Stamina to do our jobs with the added social restrictions

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# Breaking the Chains of Loneliness

**“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” Galatians 6:2.**

Have you ever felt lonely? Loneliness is a prison of the heart. The COVID-19 pandemic has only added to the feelings of isolation, and has become torturous for many. Loneliness, though isolating, by nature never comes to the heart alone. It has its faithful companions like depression, anxiety, pesky thoughts and bad memories. As a team here, we feel the urgency to reach out to our precious Holocaust survivors, to bring the light and love of God into their daily routines. Any expression of attention brings release and a feeling of new life. A phone call, a visit, a card of encouragement with scripture, and even a birthday card reminds them that they are not so alone after all.



**Feedback from Survivors: They have written letters to Olga and Tanya.**

“The birthday card you sent me with the words of prayer in it brought the presence of God into my day and my life. It is what we really need today.” Those are the words of a Holocaust survivor, who called me a few days ago to express her gratitude for the card we sent her. The prayer included was Psalm 139. We continue to pray that the Word of God would draw the weary hearts of His people to Himself.

**Another survivor wrote,** “We are immensely glad that we saw you yesterday. There is some kind of joyful peace in our souls. We did not measure blood pressure, and did not drink a drop. Please come again when you can. We will be very happy!

**Arkady and Ludmila”**

**Efim and Lisa told us,** “There is no limit to our happiness today!!! We met with you again – it may be only through photographs, but the faces are real and dear! Come! The best gift is to see you, to sit in the most



A long and lasting relationship

pleasant atmosphere, to talk, and to get a great positive charge for the time until we see you again. We hug you and love you!!! See you soon!!!”

**Alexandra said,** “My dearly beloved girls, we have known each other for so many years and we have already became like family. Michael and I always remembered you in our conversations. Now, as he is gone, I have no one to speak to or to share my heart. I appreciated your latest visit so very much! Thank you for all your prayers! May God give you all the best in your lives. Love you both from the bottom of my heart.”

Another survivor also called to tell us how emotional she was when she read the words of her birthday card, words that so deeply spoke to her heart and made her feel so loved and cared for. It is also just as encouraging for us when we hear such testimonies. **This gives us hope that loneliness can be defeated.**

We so greatly appreciate your faithful support and prayers, as we seek to bring comfort and love that shatters the power of loneliness to the precious survivors of the Holocaust during this challenging time. **THANK YOU!**

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An outing with our dear one



They call us to come and visit



A welcomed home visit





## RESTORING THE WALL OF PRAYER

**“...Come! Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem...” Nehemiah 2:17.**

**When the children** of Israel returned to Jerusalem after a 70-year exile in Babylon, they found themselves unprotected because the city walls were in disrepair. Nehemiah, still in Babylon, heard of the plight of his homeland and prayed to the Lord. The king commissioned Nehemiah to oversee the restoration project. So the walls were restored; gates were replaced, and Jerusalem began to rebuilt.

### CFI’s Faithful Intercessors

Like Jerusalem’s walls in the time of Nehemiah, the CFI Wall of Prayer is also being strengthened. After being away from the office for 2½ months for the first COVID lockdown, we felt we needed to reinforce the Wall of Prayer. As Israel’s regulations eased and the CFI staff began to return to our offices, the vision for the Prayer Department came to “Reconstruct the Wall of Prayer.”

We began by focusing on support of our Jerusalem staff. Our first step was to restore an Intercessory Prayer Team to meet weekly at the headquarters to pray for CFI leadership, staff, representatives, and Israel. Even after returning to the office, COVID distancing rules prevented staff meetings for another 2 months. A critical building block to undergird our team was to reinstate our daily staff devotions. What a joy it was to finally worship and pray together again—despite the masks! Those times fortified us to better serve Israel.

To reinforce our Wall of Prayer, we reached out to the nations by responding to prayer requests from people around the world. The Prayer Department continued informing, encouraging and guiding others in intercession for Israel by assuming responsibility for writing two prayer publications, The Watchman Prayer Letter and the Wall of Prayer. These publications

and prayer teams help to share the labor of rebuilding spiritual walls of protection around Israel. Our teams prayed “on-site with insight” as we visited the homes of Israeli residents and traveled to strategic locations to pray for their families, towns, and futures. We deepened relationships as we interceded for their strength and protection coming against the strongholds of the enemy. All Israelis were very receptive and thankful that CFI acknowledged them, and their needs, and took the time to personally visit and pray with them.

### Calling for Support

Since starting this restoration project, many stones have been placed in our Wall of Prayer. It is growing stronger, but there are still many gaps to be filled. In early September, we launched the Israel Watch Prayer Network by issuing a call for Intercessors to join us in building prayer support for this nation. You, as prayer warriors are responding!



Praying on a Field Trip

With each newsletter, more people are coming alongside to help build this prayer wall. Currently intercessors from 15 countries on 5 continents have contacted us to help reinforce the Wall of Prayer around Israel, but many more are needed! We plan to incorporate video conferences and live stream prayer times. Our eyesight is clear; our vision is within reach, and the promises for Israel remain before us. **Bond with us now - be connected to Jerusalem and strengthen the Wall of Prayer for Israel! Please visit our website at [www.cfijerusalem.org/wall-of-prayer](http://www.cfijerusalem.org/wall-of-prayer).**

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# GOD MAKES THE DESERT BLOOM

**“THE WILDERNESS AND THE WASTELAND SHALL BE GLAD FOR THEM, AND THE DESERT SHALL REJOICE AND BLOSSOM AS THE ROSE...” ISAIAH 35:1.** Prepared lands in the desert

In past years while visiting rocket victims in Sderot, I was amazed to see that several construction projects of tall apartment buildings were being built despite the ongoing rocket attacks from Gaza, and recently I was told by local civilians that 3 new neighborhoods have been added to this city! On the other hand, there is a tremendous influx of Israelis moving to this region seeking economic opportunities, to continue the Zionist vision and seek a better quality of life in Kibbutzim and Moshavim bordering Gaza instead of in Tel Aviv. **We are really witnessing Isaiah 35:1** in West Negev bordering Gaza. The housing in these areas is in high demand, with many people on waiting lists to move to Kibbutzim and Moshavim.

Aside from agriculture, **God also has enabled them to make the desert bloom** through economic development. New businesses including hi-tech companies have emerged to diversify the local industry in this region. During one visit to Kibbutz Nahal Oz I was introduced to young men and women working in a hi-tech company within Nahal Oz. They were deeply moved by and appreciative of what **CFI Jerusalem Project CUA** has been doing for the suffering individual victims and communities under constant rocket attack.

## Strengthening the Limp Hands and Feeble Knees

Despite the economic opportunity, quality of life and fulfillment of the Zionist vision, there are life threatening chal-

lenges to living and owning businesses in these regions. After spending the past year moving forward, when tension from Gaza increases, the region’s businesses are often thrown back into disarray. Rockets introduce various challenges to continued economic growth, especially for the shipping and manufacturing industries prevalent in the south. Border violence threatens businesses, hurting the economy because of lower production, since drivers and shipments won’t risk being on the roads that are exposed to rocket fire. The trauma caused to children and adults alike by ongoing rocket fire is immeasurable.

Perhaps the best way to help the suffering civilians in Southern Israel to not be uprooted by the terrorist regime in Gaza, is through making the desert bloom, and to tell Hamas and other terror groups in Gaza that Israel is here to stay! CFI Project *Communities Under Attack* has been acknowledged by local leaders and civilians of this region as a tremendous help to the suffering victims of rocket attacks in Southern Israel. By God’s help, CUA has reached out to individual rocket victims as well as corporate communities to provide practical help as well as ministering to their emotional and spiritual needs (**Isaiah 35:3**).

**With a deep grateful heart, Thank You, our supporters, for enabling Project CUA to do this. The Lord – Maker of Heaven and Earth bless you from Zion.**



The bigger the booms...the bigger the blossoms



Strengthening rocket victims in Sderot



Visiting rocket victim in Nahal Oz

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*Treasure*  
IN  
**HEAVEN**  
MATTHEW 6:19-24

**“In this way storing up for themselves the enduring riches of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19).**



Assisting Amar, a Domari college student



Ministering with words and deeds

# STRENGTHENING *Lives*

**Helping believers** in the Household of Faith (i.e. families, individuals and congregations who reach out to us) and strengthening lives based on mutual faith in God’s Messiah Yeshua is the heart of First Fruits. As diverse as the body of believers is within Israel, we are able to direct resources that you entrust us with in a manner which we pray is acceptable to our King. We will continue to look for the most effective methods to encourage followers of Messiah, whether it is with ministry, scripture, conversation or financial substance (on your behalf) because we know that you love Israel as much as we do here, because God is specific about Israel!

## **Helping the Domari Gypsies**

We recently assisted a young Domari college student and his family in the Old City, who aspires to become a Human Rights attorney, advocating for women across the earth who are experiencing abuse, sexual slavery, and oppression on a societal level. We were able to provide much needed food supplies during this COVID season to the household, as well as, financially support transportation to her Arabic Christian college.

Another exciting opportunity was to partner with Little Hearts Pre-School in Jerusalem, the only Montessori inspired school for believers to send their young ones to learn which provides scholarships to students from broad cultural backgrounds. This facility embodies every tribe and tongue in its student and faculty population, reflecting scripture all the more. It is our honor to serve them and to help support their efforts with the children to ensure a Godly education.

## **Assisted with Legal fees**

In Beersheba, we are assisting an émigré from Ukraine attempting to leave an abusive relationship, with food assistance for her children, which includes a severely handicapped child. We also are assisting her with legal fees to ensure her future in Israel and to encourage her to be able to find employment. She will begin Hebrew study and start to realize her dream to practice cosmetology in coming months.

CFI is resourceful, purposeful and diligent as we steward the finances you share with us to complete acts of benevolence on behalf of you, our supporters. This has been the vision of CFI since its founding and with your help, we will maintain this legacy for years to come. **“So we ought to support such people [welcoming them as guests and providing for them], so that we may be fellow workers for the truth” (3 John 1:8).**

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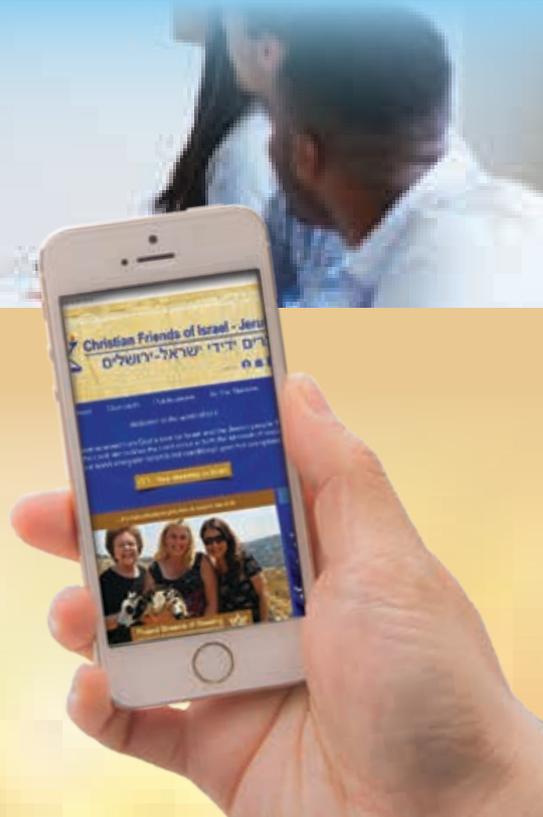
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*“Even before they call, I will answer, and while they are still speaking I will hear”  
Isaiah 65:24.*

The best Degree any Pastor can have is a Degree of love for Israel, to understand the plans and purposes of God for His Chosen People and to want to be a part. One thing we have learned in years of teaching Bible and Israelology is that training matters, as most of our Church leaders in the nations have not had the opportunity to learn about our Hebraic foundations while in Seminary, Bible College or Christian University. Being attached to Israel in these end times is the gold-standard for Biblical truth and ministry for a dynamic ministry.

Grow deeper in your understanding of the Bible and see what a difference it makes. Some Pastors tell us “Why didn’t I know this before?” “Why did no one teach me?” Most seminaries and higher educational Christian education institutions are steeped in Replacement Theology, a heretical doctrine that stems back to before the Middle Ages. If you are a Pastor and love the truth, you will enjoy joining with us in our online forums.



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Gift of love



Relationships and support

**“All the families of the earth will be blessed through you...” (Genesis 12.3).**

From a different perspective: Abundance is not merely God’s provision for me to live in luxury. It is His provision for me to help others live. God entrusts His assets, not to build our own kingdom on earth, but to build His Kingdom in Heaven.

## Appointed to be a Blessing

**For this appointed time**, and with you by our side, we have assisted the lives of many within the Jewish community. God has helped us to change the perspective, from a worldwide disaster into a divine opportunity to be a blessing to those who have been affected.

Your faithful contributions have enabled us to provide clothing, food and housing to individuals and families in the different cardinal points of Israel: Jerusalem, Hebron, Jordan Valley, Samaria, Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and others, as a sign of our support and solidarity.

### Giving out thousands of Food Vouchers

At the end of September, the Israeli government announced another season of confinement due to the high registered numbers of people affected by Covid-19. Before that happened, we gave thousands of food vouchers as gifts, so needy families could have enough funds and celebrate within the Jewish environment, their feasts: Rosh Hashanah (New Jewish Year 5871); Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement); and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles). They have opened the doors of their homes and hearts, and this has allowed us to walk together, have close relationships and get to know their needs.

Each financial gift represented another provision and a new opportunity for them to experience again God’s care for His people; They could adorn, and put in their homes and tables the details, spices and foods that for thousands of years have been part of their identity and lifestyle in this Land that God gave as an inheritance. We were honored to be part of their joy, even in spirit and at a distance.

### “I will bless those who bless you” (Genesis 12.3).

Thank you all in the nations, for enduring and standing in faith, in every kind of moment and circumstance. He is a God of Covenant, who keeps His purposes, keeps His promises and guides our destiny. We here in Jerusalem rest safe in His Word, and by His Grace we will continue with you, blessing the people of Israel.



Assisting with food



Gifts for children

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# Flowing with Agape Love...

**As a relationship building ministry, Christian Friends of Israel and Project Hope For the Future could not imagine our recent encounter where we learned of the history of two young Ethiopian women.**

Their story begins generations before, starting with their mother. By the time the story got to us, we were so thankful for the heroic attempt and the success of the rescue of two young women from out of their captives' claws. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10).

## Persevering under Trials

Many thousands of immigrants have made the trek from Ethiopia to Sudan. During which time children died, were lost, some were caught and arrested by the militants, and some were kidnapped by the Sudanese, never making it to the refugee camps. The unfortunate happened to the mother of Suzi and Artibia. Tuwavich, their mother, attempted to reach Israel in 1984, but was jailed at the tender age of 14 years. She became a child bride to the head of the prison guard and gave birth to two daughters who encountered the same ill fate, becoming child brides by the age of 12 and 11, and sold along with cows to the highest bidder in the Sudanese Dinka tribe.

In the middle of this horrific ordeal, Tuwavich met an Israeli man named AY, who took the initiative to help Ethiopians struggling to make *Aliyah* from Africa. By this time Suzi and Artibia, terribly abused, had been taken far away from

their mother. AY was heroically able to track down the girls and free them from their captors. Suzi and Artibia are presently living in Samaria, Israel in an absorption center, along with their children, three each. During our initial visit to the home of Suzi, looking at this beautiful young woman, one could not help noticing the years of hardship and trauma in between her smiles. While speaking only Arabic and a few Hebrew words, she was welcoming, with her children all playing in the little bungalow-like home. Suzi opened up to me, finally expressing her heart, saying that she wanted and needed more in her life.

Artibia has a different outlook; she had spent more time with her mother and noticeably held on to some Ethiopian traditions of Buna hospitality and making bread. Our hope and prayers are to partner with support agencies to help Suzie and Artibia identify a skill or trade and learn to be productive citizens in Israel so as to take care of their families. The women desire to enroll in a beautician school, as well as to address the trauma instilled from childhood experiences. We've been able to provide financial support through the absorption center director, including during the Holidays! **We need your help with our dear Ethiopian immigrants!! Thank you to all who pray and give generously to support this 'work in progress.'**



Visiting with the sisters



From generation to generation

**"He executes justice for the orphans and the widows, and He shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).**



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Beautiful quilts from the Nations



Making a child happy



Beautiful garments

## The Gates are Open! God has Made a Way

**“There is hope for your future, says the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.” (Jeremiah 31:17)**

At the Distribution Center, we continue to receive those returning home from the Nations immigrating to Israel. Even during this unusual time in history, God is making a way for His promises to be kept. We meet with those making *Aliyah*, though with social distancing precautions in place, and continue to show love that is inspired by the Lord.

We welcome *Olim* from all ends of the world, as God has promised... from the former Soviet Union, Latin America, North America and Europe – all are welcome!

Scandinavia is a place where Jewish people have a comfortable life, and thus the decision to immigrate to Israel, their real homeland, can be less obvious. Lina is an exception to this rule. This young woman made *Aliyah* from Sweden in January 2020 and is the first of her family. Many Scandinavian Jews love to

come to the Land on their vacation, but Lina wanted to see her future children growing up in Israel. She feels at home in the Land. “In Israel I have freedom to be a Jew,” she says. “In Sweden you can’t openly show that you are a Jew anymore,” Lina explains. “In addition to the Muslim population there is a growing group of new Nazis, called Nordfront, which makes our lives less secure in Northern Europe. Our politics are too passive and permissive to do anything about it.” Nordfront is a radical organization of Scandinavian national socialists whose ideology is based on Adolf Hitler’s race theory. They believe that their goal won’t be achieved without physical and armed violence. In Finland the activities of Nordfront are prohibited, but in Sweden they have become bolder in the few last years.

We may see more new immigrants coming from the Scandinavian countries in the near future...

Lina has visited with CFI Project Open Gates and expressed gratitude as she received our gifts of food vouchers and good clothing. For us it is a joy to have visitors from different countries, as Lina brought with her a fellow student from Turkey, and new relationships are created.

Lina has already found a part time job, which is not easy this year because of the effects of the global pandemic, but this brave young woman, holding an archaeologist degree hopes to find a job in her field in Israel. May the Lord guide and direct her in His will.

And may CFI Project Open Gates continue to be an opportunity for us to stand in unity with those chosen by God and to express Christian Love as they come home. Thank you for the support of this prophetic Outreach from all who are Christian Friends of Israel.

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# Solid Food

**“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection...” Hebrews 5:14-6:1.**

**Has the Church** perhaps become “dull of hearing,” in a state of dozing or sleepiness? (Hebrews 5:11). I search continually for teachers of the Prophetic Word who are thundering from their pulpits, that we need to grow in our understanding of where our faith came from and where we are going. The sermons on the Church’s Responsibility to Israel, the Second Coming of Yeshua (Jesus), the Coming Kingdom to earth (which Jesus taught) and against Replacement Theology are few and far between.

For those in the sheepfold who need to go back and learn the first principles of the oracles, “... *the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.*” (Romans 3:2, NIV), that’s ok. When we do, at that point we need to learn and to digest (break down and absorb) the “milk” of God’s Word (the first things), and start over. However, if we stay on milk all of our lives, we will remain a babe and unskilled (unequipped and untrained) in God’s Words. Solid food (that which has substance to it) belongs to those of full age; in other words, those who are mature in the Word. For centuries the Church establishment has been giving milk toast (baby food) sermons with little substance—other than for benefiting “self,” i.e., self-help, self-improvement, self-success and prosperity for one’s self, instead of delivering the riches and choice cuts of God’s Word for maturing the believer. It is time to be restored according to Acts 3:21, and to learn that we cannot have our salvation without the Jews! Jesus made that clear in John 4:22. Once we have been weaned from the milk menu ...then we must go on!

As believers in the Messiah of Israel and Savior of the world (Yeshua/Jesus) we have tasted of Israel’s Hope. Drinking from the wells of Jacob, as the earth drinks in rain after a dry spell, is wonderfully refreshing. If we cultivate our faith—digging

deeper into the Word (Israel is a cultivated vineyard), then we will receive a blessing from God. (Hebrews 6:7). Believers must learn the things that accompany salvation (Hebrews 6:9). We must grow and imitate those who inherit the promises (Genesis 12:3; Hebrews 6:12,14,15; 10:36). God has determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of Promise that He does not change. We, Gentiles have fled for shelter into the arms of Israel’s God (not “ours”)...He has become “our” God as Jesus has led us to Him, but He does not change - He is known in the Bible as the God of Israel. We have anchored our hope in our High Priest, and through Him, we enter the Presence of God behind the veil. Jesus ushers us into God’s Presence in prayer. Isn’t it wonderful that Jesus was “taken from among (Jewish) men” (Hebrews 5:1) and became the sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 5:3) and, He was perfected as a man. (Hebrews 5:9). May the “dullness of hearing” so prevalent in today’s Church be corrected, and a true Bridal Church emerge to go on to perfection—leaving the elementary things and feast at the table of learning on solid food. May the first course be the recognition that “salvation is of the Jews.” Please pass the solid food!

After Covid-19, hopefully a Bridal remnant will move on into the “fullness” of our faith. We cannot be complete without the Jewish people. (John 4:22). It is time for spiritual “meat in due season” (Matthew 24:45) to be served. Let us “move on”...to perfection, learning about the foundation on which we stand. That foundation is solid rock. (Hebrews 6:1). Let’s heed the Shepherd’s warning in Ezekiel 34: 2-3, “...prophesy...Thus says the Lord God to the shepherds: ‘Woe to the Shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool...but you do not feed the flock.’” We need to develop our own taste for solid food!

**-Sharon Sanders-**

## *Cherished Moments*

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” Romans 8:28.*

**This year has** been an unusual time for everybody in the world. The CFI Jerusalem Bridal Salon could share many stories of experiences and the challenges of life, and about the faithfulness of the Lord, to all who call upon His name.

We are so encouraged to witness the expressions of joy and awe on the faces of Israeli brides-to-be and their families as they visit the Bridal Salon. In many cases the bride-to-be is a recent immigrant to their homeland. Such is the case of **Anna and Kostya** who have known each other since the beginning of 2019. Anna, still residing in Belarus, last year welcomed Kostya for a visit, who himself had made *Aliyah* from Russia to Israel with his parents in 1998.

In August 2019 Anna visited Israel for the first time in her life. Kostya proposed to her, and she said “yes.” This past April the couple was wed, and in the midst of a global pandemic, God was faithful and provided this couple a beautiful experience at the CFI Jerusalem Bridal Salon. They both shared that the Lord was making a way for them, both as fulfilling the dream to settle in Israel, but also that the ceremony would be as Anna had dreamed. Since Anna making *Aliyah* and the wedding, the happy couple are residing near Haifa.

**Tehila and Yonatan** are both Israelis who met each other in New Zealand, where they were both volunteering in a hospital after their army service in the IDF. Being a Light to the Nations was what this couple was doing, and God saw to it that they would meet in a distant Land. After visiting the Bridal Salon, and receiving a beautiful gown, jewelry and clothing for the families, an intimate ceremony was planned and held this past summer. The couple learned about contentment and the things that matter the most – family, love and being home.

Thank you to all who have sent lovely gowns to be worn by Jewish brides, and also for the groom, tuxedos and family attire. We have the privilege of being able to help brides-to-be find wedding gowns, and in a beautiful atmosphere that is comfortable and welcoming. We truly desire to make all who visit to ‘feel at home.’

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Kostya and Anna



Tehila and Yonatan



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### **Cup of Salvation / Rabbi Pesach Wolicki**

A Powerful Journey Through King David's Psalms of Praise is a careful study of the original Hebrew text of Psalms 113-118, also known as the "Hallel," leading us on a journey of praise and worship for all that God does in our lives.

### **Beauty of the Hebrew Language / Nathalie Blackham**

Nathalie's interest in Israel started in 1997 when she began to intensively study and investigate the Hebraic Roots of the Church. This led her to teach and explain the significance and wonders of the Hebrew letters by way of television and conferences. She is passionate about people discovering for themselves hidden secrets from this amazing language.

### **Appointment in Jerusalem / Derek & Lydia Prince**

This is the riveting true story of a young schoolteacher and her courageous quest to know God's will for her life. In Lydia Prince's search for God and her life's purpose, she is led to Jerusalem, where she learns the power of prayer and experiences many miracles of provision and protection.

### **My House Shall be a House of Prayer / Lance Lambert**

There has never been a time when effective prayer and intercession could be more strategic, more necessary, and more essential than now. In relation to the return of the Lord and the events that would precede it, He told us emphatically to watch and pray, and to make supplication to Him. The sad fact is that the Church in the Western nations is by and large complacent; it is lukewarm and in a Laodicean condition. At this time of crisis and confusion, when even more than normal genuine intercession is required, the Church is impotent.

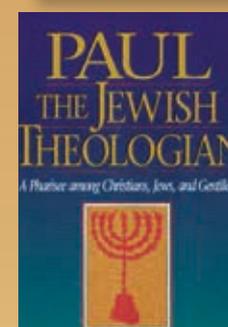
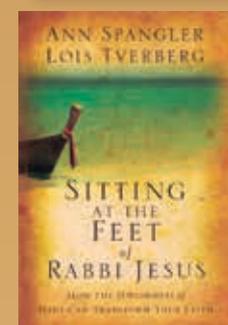
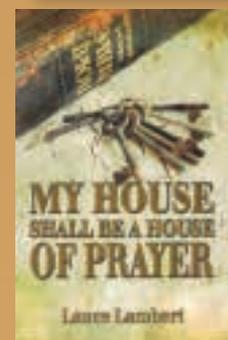
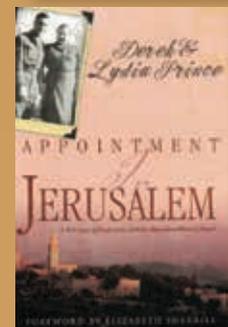
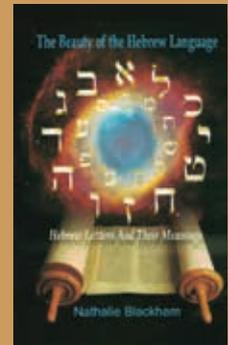
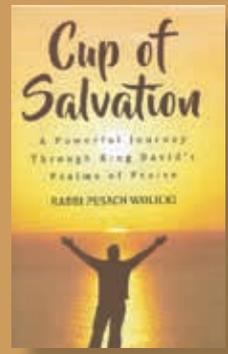
### **Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus / Ann Spangler / Lois Tverberg**

It is 30 AD. And you are studying with the greatest Rabbi of all time. What would it be like to journey back to the first century and sit at the feet of Rabbi Jesus as one of his Jewish disciples? How would your understanding of the gospel have been shaped by the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Jewish culture in which you live?

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## CFI-Brazil

### Celebrating the God of Israel

**Abeni Carneiro Bastos Junior**, CFI Jerusalem's Representative in Brazil gave thanks to the God of Israel in the midst of the corona virus in his nation. Celebrating all of the Biblical Feasts in 2020, a beautiful celebration for His Glory was held for Succot (Feast of Tabernacles).

When Passover period came, the celebration was held online by Zoom. As the pandemic spread, the Feasts were celebrated in the exact same way; however, Succot was different this year as they were able to celebrate by coming together in small gatherings (as the local guidelines permitted). According to our wonderful people from Brazil, they had a great time and it was a precious way to begin departing from the lockdowns



Abeni Carneiro Bastos Junior

by celebrating the God of Israel. This is the key for all Christians! We must see that Jesus came to die for our sins, but He led us the way to the Father, for the Father could not be ap-

proached by gentiles in the Jewish Scriptures. Jesus came to make a way to Him. The veil is removed and the sign "Do not enter on fear of death" is gone. Thanks be to the Father who has all of our seasons in His Hands. Thank you dear CFI Brazil, you are growing and your understanding will grow more also. May the Lord bless and keep all of you and the entire CFI Brazil team.

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## CFI-UK

### News and Brief Reports

**Even though Covid** has '*clipped our wings*' for our many conferences, festivals, and exhibitions throughout the UK, we have pressed on, and remain really busy.

September 2020 brought a mammoth task of hosting an 'online CFI Conference,' that took place on the CFI UK YouTube channel. This was a huge success. Reverend Dr. Mark Durie tackled three massive subjects: 'Understanding Israel Biblically,' 'Challenges Israel Faces,' and 'Israel and the Church Today.' In the fourth session, Clive and Jane Urquhart interviewed a couple of youth workers regarding the subject 'Israel - The Next Generation.' They were asked as to what the right response to Israel as individuals was, especially in light of the upcoming generation, and looking at how their understanding can and is being enhanced through contemporary communication. Over 2000 people joined us online.

We have also taken part in the Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) at Home seminar on YouTube. The subject of 'A clearer picture of Israel' has received over 400 views at time of writing and running close second among the other ministries' seminars presented online

for CRE at Home. Praise the Lord for this opportunity to contribute to the wider church even though the exhibition was not able to take place as a venue-based event. Pray that those who have watched the seminar will be able as a result to see Israel more accurately in context of the Bible, history and currently. We also thank the Lord for a good response to the CFI UK YouTube video on Sderot and CFI Jerusalem project Communities Under Attack. Living under the threat of Covid is tough, but imagine living with the incessant threat of rocket attacks. Pray many will gain a better insight into the situation there and this ministry of comfort to those suffering trauma from such attacks. To view this, see the CFI website. [www.cfijerusalem.org/united-kingdom](http://www.cfijerusalem.org/united-kingdom)

**We are planning an online event with a variety of contributors and resources to remember the Holocaust over the period of Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2021.** Pray that the Lord will show the best way for us as Christian friends of Israel to come alongside the Jewish community in the UK and Israel.

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Reverend Mark Durie

Preparations  
for a successful  
Kesher course



## CFI-Switzerland

### CFI Kesher Course 2020 held in Tavannes, Switzerland

The CFI Kesher course was held this year at the CET Church in Tavannes. Prepared in advance with the Pastor, it was a challenge as three new teachers had to harmonize to present the course using the PowerPoint and the study booklet given to each student. The first session took place in early March with 49 participants, including the pastor and other church leaders.

But after the 4th session, Covid-19 obligated that the course was interrupted to resume only in August. About 40 participants persevered to the end. The closing day took place on Saturday, September 12th, a beautiful day opened before us with time to present the last two sessions, to allow sharing during the picnic and later in small groups. Finally, a presentation of CFI showing an application of the teachings given. Several testified about their gratefulness for the revelation of the Jewish roots of our faith and a new understanding of the important mission of the people of Israel today. Others questioned themselves in various ways, for example, regarding the attitude of our country, our families towards the Holocaust, anti-Semitism, etc.

The Word of God was sown and it is the Spirit of God who convinces. We ended the course with the last word studied in Hebrew, "Amen" (in the sense of: established, assured). The God of Israel establishes His People in their calling, and the Church, founded in its Jewish roots, is established in its mission to stand alongside Israel. **The Kesher Team**

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## We Love Your Letters



### Dear Christian Friends of Israel:

"We are pleased to report that our church continues to hold the Jerusalem team in our prayers. We regularly use the information you provide to inform our times of intercession. You may remember that we have been praying for Acco all these years since you launched the Wall of Prayer. That commitment has borne precious fruit, as we are now regularly in touch with the various fellowship leaders in Acco, some of whom log into, and participate in, our online monthly prayer meetings. Without CFI's Wall of Prayer initiative, it is unlikely this would be our current reality. So bless you all for doing what you do. You have no idea where it will lead, nor what fruit it will bear." (UK)

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Our Media Team streams in the forms of monthly publications such as Watchman's Prayer Letter goes out to multitudes worldwide, providing the necessary fuel for intercessory prayer pertaining to Israel and her people.

**Raising the Bar** brings teachings to the Church in the nations with a Hebrew perspective. Our **Wall of Prayer** letter highlights specific geographic areas of Israel that are in need of intercessory prayer. **CFI News Insights** brings a Biblical perspective to today's headlines.

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**CFI Media Department**



## Wondering why you didn't see the other 2020 FZS Magazines this year??

### We need your email address!

Due to the challenges this year with the Corona virus, we found it necessary to send out our *For Zion's Sake* magazine electronically by email. However, we do not have all of our subscribers' email addresses. *For Zion's Sake* editions are available on our website; and you don't want to miss receiving our magazine full of project updates and timely teachings, please provide your email address using one of these options:

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