Dear Friends,

We have just celebrated another wonderful Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. After every single Feast, people come and say, “This was the best Feast ever!” In many ways it was always true, as God has showed up every year at Sukkot and in unique ways made each Feast special in its own right. But this year was indeed an historic gathering and we sensed that it was a Feast of many breakthroughs.

First of all, the Lord has shown Himself totally faithful once again. Due to the Gaza conflict this summer, tourism to Israel had plunged over recent months. We felt it, too, in the months just before the Feast. Yet in spite of the war, we saw an increase of more than 20% over last year’s attendance. It was one of the strongest Feast turnouts in years!

In addition, the President of Israel came to address the Feast for the first time. To see President Reuven Rivlin, representing the people of Israel, and World Jewish Congress president Ronald Lauder, representing the Jewish people abroad, standing on the same stage addressing Christians from around the world, was truly historic. But what was even more exciting was the warmth of their remarks and their calls for a stronger partnership between Jews and Christians.

This year’s Tabernacles event was truly a breakthrough Feast in many other ways. From the first night onwards, we experienced the presence of God in a powerful way and a number of people were miraculously healed. The new venue of the Jerusalem Arena also proved to be a huge blessing, as we can now bring more Christians than ever to Jerusalem for this annual celebration.

All the pilgrims shared this sense of excitement about this larger new setting, which offers us greater potential for growth. God has something fresh and exciting for us in place. I know that soon the 10,000 seats of the new Arena will be packed with pilgrims from every single nation of the world, praising the Lord in the City of the Great King. I truly believe the best years of the Feast of Tabernacles are still ahead of us. So as you read about the many things which took place this year, pray about being part of these thrilling developments. You do not want to miss this incredible new season.

Rich blessings from Jerusalem,

Dr. Jürgen Bühler
ICEJ Executive Director

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was established in 1980 in recognition of the biblical significance of all of Jerusalem and its unique connection to the Jewish people. Today the ICEJ represents millions of Christians, churches and denominations to the nation and people of Israel. We recognize in the restoration of Israel the faithfulness of God to keep His ancient covenant with the Jewish people. Our main objectives are:

* To stand with Israel in support and friendship;
* To equip and teach the worldwide Church regarding God’s purposes with Israel and the nations of the Middle East;
* To be an active voice of reconciliation between Jews, Christians and Arabs and to support the churches and congregations in the Holy Land.

From its head offices in Jerusalem, the ICEJ reaches out into more than 140 countries worldwide, with branch offices in over 80 Nations.

Our vision is:

* To reach every segment of Israel’s society with a Christian testimony of comfort and love, and
* To reach and actively represent to Israel the support of denominations churches and believers from every nation on earth.

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The ancient Arch of Titus in Rome depicts a day when the Jewish people were being uprooted from the Land, but today we see God’s favor upon a restored Israel.

1) The Paradigm Shift
In the above passage God declares a paradigm shift in His dealings with Israel. The Oxford dictionary defines a paradigm as “a mode of viewing the world which underlies the theories and methodology of science in a particular period of history.” In other words, a paradigm defines the laws that characterize periods in history. When a paradigm shift occurs, it means the old truisms are no longer valid but a new set of realities has been established. To operate effectively, one needs to be aware of and act within this new reality.

So God declared through the prophet Zechariah that one day He would radically change the way He deals with Israel. And that day has surely arrived! What was true for Israel previously is no longer true today. This shift is so radical that it represents a 180-degree reversal from God’s actions in times past.

Of course, this does not mean that God changes. He is the same yesterday, today
Things are changing. That means God has determined a new season for Israel (see Isaiah 43:19 and 48:6). Things are changing.

In the centuries after 70 AD, when Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed by the Romans, Jewish history could be defined along the following themes:

Destruction: the Temple, Jerusalem and much of Israel were in ruins;
Desolation: the Land of Israel lay desolate for nearly 2000 years;
Dispersion: the majority of Jews were scattered among the nations;
Persecution: they were persecuted wherever they lived;
Curse: they were looked upon as an accursed people.

However, Israel today is best described as a land of rebuilding, not destruction. Ancient ruins have been rebuilt into modern, vibrant cities. “So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited’” (Ezekiel 36:35).

It is no longer desolation but replenishment: Israel is the only country on earth where the deserts are in retreat. Today, Israeli flowers and fruits are exported into many countries around the world. “Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit” (Isaiah 27:6).

It is no longer scattering but ingathering: Almost half of world Jewry is living back in Israel. Just since the 1990s, over 1,000,000 more Jews have returned to their ancient homeland. “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land” (Ezekiel 36:24).

While Israelis still face hostility, abroad they are supported in many nations and in many churches. No nation today has stronger support within the growing Evangelical community than Israel. “The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, but in My favour I have had mercy on you” (Isaiah 60:10).

Israel is no longer cursed but blessed: Indeed, Israeli innovations can be found worldwide and already bless our lives daily. “And it shall come to pass that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing” (Zechariah 8:13).

One need not be a great theologian to recognize that God’s actions with Israel today are in amazing agreement with His prophetic word. The Swiss theologian Karl Barth once said: “Now we can read it in the newspapers: God is keeping His promises [with Israel]!” God has made a dramatic shift from judgment to restoration. Just as He would not relent from ‘punishing’ Israel, so He will not relent in fulfilling all the good He has promised for them.

Let me suggest that if God is changing the way He deals with Israel, then the Church also needs to change its approach to Israel. There needs to be a paradigm shift in the way the Church relates to the Jewish state.

This means the Church cannot afford to ignore God’s plans with Israel any longer. The issue of Israel should not be left to the “Israel experts,” but needs to be on the agenda of every church leader today. The Welsh evangelist Jessie Penn Lewis declared in the 1920s that one day God would move Israel from the side track to the main track. Israel indeed is back on the main rail of history. It is time for the Church to switch tracks and put Israel squarely on its agenda as well.

The Jerusalem Council

There already was a time when the Church underwent a major paradigm shift. It was so radical, it dramatically changed not only the Church but also the world, as it birthed Christianity as we know it today. It changed nations and brought hundreds of millions into the Kingdom.

This change took place around 50 AD and is recounted in Acts 15. To fully appreciate what happened, we need to understand that the early Church was entirely Jewish. Gentiles were not welcomed nor was there a vision for them. There were no prayer meetings for the Romans, Greeks or Barbarians. Christianity was a Jewish sect which believed that Israel’s Messiah had arrived in the person of Yeshua. The big question then was not, “How can we bring revival to the world,” but “Lord, will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6).

When Cornelius from Caesarea and other Gentiles first got saved through the ministry of Peter (Acts 10 and 11), the believers in Jerusalem rebuked Peter. But soon the Apostles realized more and more Gentiles were coming to faith in Yeshua and God was working powerfully among them. They eventually called an apostolic council in Jerusalem to deal with this new reality. This was not a prophetic council which foresaw God doing something new among the Gentiles. It was reacting to a move of God that had already started with Cornelius and continued powerfully throughout Asia Minor due to the ministry of Paul and others.

The Apostles quickly realized this new reality
coincided with what prophets like Amos and Isaiah had foretold regarding the Gentiles. They saw a paradigm shift underway in God’s dealings with all humanity. The Apostles consequently embraced this new move of God and opened the door wide for the nations.

They still did not fully understand its scope and impact. Paul called it a mystery “that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6).

At the same time, this ‘mysterious’ move of God among the Gentiles did not come as a total surprise. Paul and the other Apostles recognized that this mystery was kept secret “since the world began,” but was now “made manifest, by the prophetic Scriptures” (Romans 16:25–26). In other words, they saw that God’s actions among the nations aligned fully with biblical prophesies.

A Call for Today

The Church needs to realize that God is doing something new with Israel today. As with the early church, the Church in our day needs to see what is happening in Israel and the surrounding nations as what was told beforehand in Scripture, and we have the privilege of seeing it fulfilled in our generation. These passages about the future ‘fullness of Israel’ are so clear that John Wesley once stated: “So many prophecies refer to this grand event that it is surprising any Christian can doubt of it.”

Today, like in the early Church, we need apostolic leadership to understand the times and seasons and to align the Body of Christ behind God’s purposes with Israel. There is a call to the Church which cannot be ignored any longer. God has shifted gears with Israel and so should we. Israel needs to be on the desk of every pastor and ministry leader today – including entire denominations and networks of churches.

The Two-Fold Calling

This can have many applications. The biblical prophets who foretold God’s redemptive work among the nations also speak about the restoration and redemption of Israel. They saw a two-fold ministry regarding a restored Israel. One is towards Israel and one towards the nations.

THE CHURCH NEEDS TO REALIZE THAT GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW WITH ISRAEL TODAY.
What a fantastic Feast of Tabernacles we just had in Jerusalem!

The Lord not only gave us the new venue of the state-of-the-art Pais Arena in Jerusalem, but He also trusted us to host at this year’s Feast the largest group of Christian pilgrims since 2007!

We had many diverse nationalities, languages, and tribes – even a king from a Masai tribe in east Africa – from almost 80 different nations. In all, there were more than 5,000 Christian delegates who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast, plus another 1,200 Israeli friends on Israeli Guest Night!

We have heard it said so many times before, but let me say it once more: ‘The Feast is like heaven on earth!’ It is a foretaste of the reality which the Apostle John saw concerning the end result of God’s glorious redemptive plans:

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

What a glorious presence of the Holy Spirit in the worship, powerful preaching and delightful presentations during these festive days!

Pilgrims came to Israel from the far-away islands of Fiji in the south all the way to the northernmost countries of Finland and Iceland and many others in between, including Taiwan, Thailand, India, China, USA, Brazil, and many European nations, just to mention a few!

Dignitaries
This year’s Feast also welcomed dignitaries from 20 nations, including a high-level delegation of cabinet ministers, government officials and diplomats from the West Africa nations of Ivory Coast, Togo and Benin. In addition, two dozen Christian parliamentarians from 16 nations also attended the Feast as part of the Israel Allies Foundation (see photo above).

The Importance of the Feast
Our vision is to reach every segment of Israeli society with a testimony of Christian love and comfort, and to represent believers and churches from every nation of the world. Today, with 80 national branches and a reach into more than 140 nations, we are well on the way to seeing this vision accomplished.

We do appreciate each and every person attending this year’s Feast! This is a great Christian testimony and allows us to speak with one tender, comforting voice into the lives of modern-day Israelis! These Feast pilgrims are people who have lined up their lives with God’s purposes for Israel, who pray together with us on behalf of God’s chosen people, and who support our divine calling and cause with a joyous heart!

May the Lord help us all to keep His fire strong in our hearts and inspire us continuously to stand with Israel – it is so important!
Israel's newly-elected President Reuven Rivlin delivered warm greetings at the Feast.
When thousands of Christians showed up in Jerusalem in October for the Christian celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, it was an encouraging sign that not only is tourism on the rebound after this summer’s conflict in Gaza, but also that Israel truly has committed Christian friends around the globe.

The annual Sukkot gathering hosted by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem drew more than 5,000 Christians from almost 80 nations, the best turnout in seven years - which is quite remarkable given that rockets were still falling all around Israel just a few short weeks beforehand.

There was a wonderful excitement as these Christians gathered in the Jerusalem Pais Arena to lift the name of Jesus in this brand new facility and to hear powerful messages from such notable Christian ministers as Samuel Rodriguez, Angus Buchan, Billy Wilson, Prince Guneratnam, Jobst Bittner, John Francis, Malcolm Hedding, Ingolf Ellsel, Mosy Madugba, Taas Saada and Robert Stearns. Former ICEJ chairman Leif Wellerop also was honored with the annual Nehemiah Award for his lifetime endeavours on behalf of Israel.

The Feast pilgrims also enjoyed their interaction with Israelis during the holiday week. At the grassroots level, the throngs of Feast pilgrims were warmly welcomed by local residents in the traditional Jerusalem March and that evening the Christian Embassy hosted some 1,200 Israeli guests, including 300 IDF soldiers, at the brand new Jerusalem Pais Arena for a gala Sukkot celebration.

On more formal levels, the modern-day saga of strong Israeli-Christian relations hit a milestone moment when Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, representing the people of Israel, and World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder, representing the Jewish people abroad, both addressed our Feast event, while Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a warm personal greeting by video. The vast audience from the nations included 30 cabinet ministers and parliamentarians from 20 nations - all Christian supporters of Israel.

President Rivlin thanked the Feast attendees for their support of the Jewish state, saying that the connection of Zionism to the Christian community had "deep historical roots."

"Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your consistent trust and support," President Rivlin told the Christian visitors. "We appreciate you, lovers of Israel and Jerusalem, for taking part in the joy of this holiday."

In his remarks, Lauder stressed that Jewish-Christian friendship is also becoming something of a necessity in the light of the common threat we face from radical Islam - a peril that is especially acute at present for Middle East Christians.

"I am now convinced more than ever that we must join forces," Lauder insisted. "A Jewish-Christian coalition makes complete sense. Together, Christians and Jews must speak as one and tell the world, no more discrimination, no more terror, no more death and no more silence!"

Lauder also warned of growing anti-Semitism in the world, saying “the same people who go after us are also going after you. That is why Christians and Jews must join forces and act together."

"Thank you, my Christian brothers and sisters, for standing with Israel through this very difficult year," added Lauder. "Israel has no better friends in the world than you. We know that you have watched out for us, and we will always watch out for you."

While enjoying a joyous festival in Jerusalem, the Feast pilgrims also were keenly aware that not so far away an unspeakable evil has been stalking many Christians in the region. Canon Andrew White, the Anglican ‘Vicar of Baghdad,’ moved the Feast audience deeply with his first-hand accounts of Christian churches and villages being decimated by radical Islamists.

During the Feast, the ICEJ leadership joined with President Lauder of the World Jewish Congress and Dr. Billy Wilson of the Empowered21 global Evangelical movement in demanding that world leaders urgently act to halt the persecution of Middle East Christians. It marked an historic moment in Jewish-Christian relations for prominent leaders in both communities to join as one voice in defending endangered Christians.

So indeed, a Jewish-Christian coalition is truly needed. And the synergy witnessed between our communities this Sukkot here in Jerusalem shows that it is alive and gaining strength.
Christian, Jewish Leaders Make Historic Call to Protect Middle East Christians

At a press conference during the ICEJ's Feast of Tabernacles, leaders of major Jewish and Christian global organizations announced an historic joint initiative calling on world leaders to take urgent, determined actions to halt the brutal persecution of Christians in the Middle East.

"The current plight of Middle East Christians is heart-breaking and even Western churches have to do more to bring this suffering to the world's attention," said Dr. Bühler. "But to have a prominent global Jewish leader lend his voice to this moral call for protecting the region's persecuted Christians is unprecedented in modern times."

"Just as Christians defend Jews against anti-Semitism, just as Christians support Israel, we Jews have an obligation to speak out against the growing persecution of Christians in many parts of the world," Lauder said in response. "Islamist extremists have launched a full-fledged assault on our Western values, and Jews and Christians must work hand-in-hand to defeat this threat."

"This letter gives an important voice to Christians who are being persecuted and even killed for their faith around the world, especially in the Middle East," said Dr. Wilson of Empowered21. "Most Christ followers in these difficult situations will not respond with violence and therefore need global governmental authorities to stand with them against these injustices."

All three signatories on the letter addressed the Feast press conference, along with Canon Andrew White, an Anglican cleric known as the 'Vicar of Baghdad' who has become the leading voice of the battered Christians of Iraq. He described how just two days before several young Iraqi Christian boys from his congregation were beheaded by ISIS terrorists.

"They said to my children, 'Renounce Isa (Jesus), follow Islam and you'll be alright. If you don't, you're dead.' The children replied, 'We have always followed Isa, we will never leave Isa.' They all had their heads chopped off," said Canon White.

Because of his widespread testimony of jihadist atrocities against Iraqi Christians, Canon White was advised by Anglican bishops and British officials not to return to Baghdad for now due to the danger to his life.

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In a joint letter recently sent to 120 heads of state in 95 democratic countries, Christian and Jewish leaders decried the fact that the alarming situation for Christian minorities across the Middle East continues to worsen even while world leaders have largely ignored this on-going human rights tragedy. The letter was co-signed by ICEJ Executive Director Dr. Jürgen Bühler, World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder, and Dr. William M. Wilson, President and Co-chairman of the Empowered21 Global Council.

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[TEXT OF JOINT LETTER - RELEASED ON MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2014]

Dear ____________,

We are writing to you today about a danger the world has not seen in many years -- the frightening situation facing Christian minorities in Muslim countries. The executions, persecution and uprooting of ancient Christian communities is an on-going tragedy, yet world leaders have largely ignored this problem and it is past time for that to change.

The churches of the Middle East have a long and noble history. The region was once the cradle of the Christian faith. Even as recently as 100 years ago, some 20% of the peoples of the Middle East were still Christian. But today, we fear these proud and resilient religious communities will soon disappear from the Middle East.

The embattled Christian minorities in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, North and Central Africa and throughout the region deserve our utmost concern for their faith and courage in the face of such violence and intolerance. But they also deserve our immediate attention to their plight.

The world has been mostly silent on this pressing issue. And world leaders have simply not spoken out. The test of moral leadership right now is whether you will take up their cause and make it a priority.

Therefore, we urge you to speak out forcefully against the persecution and expulsion of Christian communities in the Middle East. We also call on all Western democratic leaders to take collective action in confronting this problem through firm diplomatic action against those nations that allow the religious persecution against Christians to continue.

This is something that cannot be delayed. We all must act, now!

Respectfully yours,

Amb. Ronald S. Lauder  
President  
World Jewish Congress

Dr. William Wilson  
Co-Chairman  
Empowered21 Global Council

Dr. Jürgen Bühler  
Executive Director  
International Christian Embassy Jerusalem
The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem continues to provide vital funding for our unique elderly home in Haifa dedicated to assisting needy Holocaust survivors. The Haifa Home provides a warm, secure place for survivors to live out their lives with dignity. The caring team provides a variety of activities that allow residents to enjoy life and leave behind the horrific memories of the Shoah.

The assisted-living facility is now spread among nine buildings within one city block in Haifa and currently houses some 80 Holocaust survivors. Residents are selected based on greatest need, and the ICEJ continues to expand the available housing and other facilities to care for more deserving Jewish survivors of the Nazi genocide. Here are some of the recent updates from the Haifa Home.

RECREATION ROOMS ADDED

In July, the Haifa Home welcomed supporters and guests to the opening of the first phase of the latest addition, a Recreational and Therapeutic Facility. Consisting of seven interlocking rooms, this gives much-needed extra space for residents to engage in community activities which used to take place in the main dining hall. There is now a suitable place for receptions, public lectures, computer training, art and music lessons, dance classes, sports and games, movies, and therapy sessions.

These activities are also open to other Holocaust survivors in the Haifa area, many of whom still live at home but are often lonely. The new recreation rooms provide them with enjoyable opportunities to escape their sense of isolation, meet new friends and have some fun.

The new cluster of rooms includes the main hall, a work-out room, a dental clinic, a therapeutic room, and a computer room. One room has also been reinforced to serve as a bomb shelter in times of conflict. This was made possible by a generous donation from ICEJ-Canada, which also paid for the installation of a second safe room at the Haifa Home that was urgently needed to protect residents from potential rocket barrages.
WORKING ON SMILES

With the latest expansion of the Haifa Home, an on-site clinic has now re-opened to serve residents and other nearby Holocaust survivors with free dental care. The dental clinic is currently open part-time, but with more funding it will be able to operate longer hours. It is now staffed by a local Christian Arab dentist who is giving of his time and skills for free. "When I met Holocaust Survivors for the first time and became aware of their suffering, I felt compelled to help them and decided to volunteer my time," he said.

MORE APARTMENTS

With the support of Christians from around the world, the ICEJ continues to acquire and renovate new apartments to house more Holocaust survivors. Recently, this has included adding residential units in the two main buildings of the Haifa Home, as well as additional rooms in several nearby apartment buildings.

ARAB CHRISTIANS SUPPORT HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Recently, the Haifa Home received a special donation from an unusual source, when a member of the local Maronite Christian community decided to contribute a portion of his hard-earned money to needy Holocaust survivors. Introducing himself as Sami, he delivered his gift along with a letter to the director of the Haifa Home which touched many of the residents' hearts.

"I grew up together with our Jewish neighbors and we were friends," Sami wrote. "We ate together and we played together in the streets with all the Arab and Jewish children. We would pick olives and eat the ripe figs which grew there. We were like brothers. I volunteered and served in the IDF in the Independence War of 1948 and other wars that followed. It's an honor for me to donate to the Home."

Visitors from near and far

A large group of nearly 40 members from Dr. Charles Stanley's church in Atlanta, Georgia visited the Haifa Home in September to meet residents and assist with some hands-on work projects.

They cleaned rooms and hallways, painted benches, did some gardening, and packed holiday food baskets. The survivors shared their stories with the guests and enjoyed making new Christian friends.

Groups from the Israeli army and police also have been coming to volunteer at the Home and learn more about the Holocaust from the residents. Often, ICEJ teams are present and are able to share about the Christian Embassy's work in Israel on behalf of her many Christian friends around the world. This always adds to their volunteer experience at the Haifa Home for Holocaust survivors.
The Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors has been one of the most successful, timely and worthwhile humanitarian projects ever undertaken by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. It is not only benefiting many deserving Holocaust survivors in their time of need, but it also serves as a daily witness of Christian compassion all across Israel.

Yet to maintain this assisted-living home and sustain its powerful testimony of Christian love requires continuing financial support to cover the monthly operating expenses, improve the level of services provided to survivors, employ more professional workers, and expand the existing facilities to accommodate more residents. Here are some ways you can help us maintain and enlarge this unique warm home for Holocaust survivors.

Renovating the Kitchen
The main kitchen and dining hall currently are undergoing needed expansion and renovations and you can be a vital part of it! Until now, much of the food served in the dining hall to residents and other nearby survivors has been prepared elsewhere and brought on-site each day. But the plan is to soon cook and prepare all the meals on location. For this purpose, new equipment is being purchased and installed in the kitchen and other renovations need to be completed in the dining hall. This is your opportunity to show the love of God to these worthy recipients by helping to fund these improvements.

A New Elevator
The new community recreation hall is already a huge blessing to the residents of the Haifa Home. Yet many of them are feeble and need help to access this area. The recreational facilities are located one floor below street level, which means we need to install a new elevator so all the residents can reach it. Partner with us in making this happen!
SURVIVOR PROFILE:
Rita Kasimow Brown

Recently, the Haifa Home took in a new resident named Rita. She was born in Poland and throughout her life she has used her artistic talents to express her thoughts and feelings. In a book about her life, she wrote: “...my pain turned into images.” Rita’s painful memories stem from the time she, her parents and two siblings hid in a small cave underneath a cattle shed to evade capture during the Holocaust. A poor but sympathetic farming family risked their lives to hide and feed Rita’s family, although they only had left-over food meant for the rabbits. They lived in the little hole in the ground for the last 19 months of the war. Eventually, they were liberated and made their way to Eretz Israel. Today, Rita has a nice living suite at the Haifa Home and is surrounded by a loving community of fellow survivors and faithful caretakers.

OPERATING COSTS

The Haifa Home has been operating since 2010 without any funding from the Israeli government, though applications are now in process to receive some public support for this worthy project. Meanwhile, it is already clear that this funding will be limited and the Haifa Home will continue to depend heavily on private donations. Some of the support comes from Israeli donors but a significant portion is provided by Christians worldwide. So your continuing support is critical to keeping this special elderly home open and going strong.

Here are some of the most pressing needs at the Haifa Home:

1. The Home’s normal operating costs amount to $65,000 per month. One way to help is to join our ‘Adopt a Survivor’ program – For more details, go to: http://www.icejusa.org/adopt

2. The kitchen equipment and remodelling will cost $20,000.

3. Finishing the elevator for the recreation hall will cost $35,000.

4. The salary for a coordinator of the recreation hall will be $1,800 per month.

5. Funds are also needed to renovate a new ground-level apartment which will be turned into three residential suites, at a cost of $50,000

GIVE ON-LINE TODAY AT
http://www.icejusa.org/haifa-home-current-needs
The ICEJ continues to assist endangered Jews from Ukraine and the Bnei Menashe from India in making Aliyah to Israel, and is on pace to bring home over 1,500 new immigrants this year.

In Ukraine, the brutal warfare in the east has displaced hundreds of thousands, including many Jews who have fled west and are looking to move on to Israel. As a result, Aliyah from Ukraine has doubled this year to nearly 4,000 olim, with those numbers expected to double again next year.

So far this year, the ICEJ has helped more than 400 Ukrainian Jews with Aliyah-related expenses that include both pre-flight preparations and initial absorption costs in Israel. The average cost per person is US$ 750.

Now, the Jewish Agency has again made an urgent appeal to the Christian Embassy to help even more Jews caught up in the conflict in Ukraine and seeking to make the journey to Israel.

As winter approaches, food is growing scarce and heating fuel is in short supply. Water and electricity are often disrupted. Many Jewish people have flooded into refugee camps near Kiev and other safer areas, and are in need of special help and care.

The Jewish Agency has used ICEJ funds to send special teams into these refugee camps to assist those interested in Aliyah, who must document their Jewishness and begin learning Hebrew. The ICEJ has been asked to help pay for their transport and housing costs, and for five special Aliyah seminars in November that will assist more than 600 people.

The ICEJ would like to assist at least 1,000 Ukrainian Jews in 2014 and even more in 2015.

So please consider making a generous donation today to help with this urgent need.

Meanwhile, another 250 members of the Bnei Menashe tribe in northeast India are due to arrive in Israel on five flights starting in November. This will bring the number of Bnei Menashe assisted by the ICEJ to more than 1,000 over the past two years, including 750 this year.

These descendants of the Israelite tribe of Manasseh are coming home after 2700 years of exile, and they are grateful for the Christian help they have received in making Aliyah. The ICEJ still needs $100,000 to finish covering this latest series of flights from India. The journey to Israel involves three flights and other travel expenses that come to $1000 per person.

So please join us in supporting this historic and prophetic return to Zion by sending your best donation today.

To help with our Aliyah efforts, donate on-line today at:
http://www.icejusa.org/aliyah
Understanding Replacement Theology
by Malcolm Hedding

Replacement Theology has over the years challenged the very nature of biblical exposition because essentially it undermines the notion that the text of scripture should be understood in its context. Therefore, one should uphold the authority of scripture by allowing it to speak for itself and this requires humility and a high view of the sacred text. This in turn plays itself out by interpreting the text literally if the context is figurative. Once this rule is broken the scriptures can be made to mean anything and the interpreter becomes the final authority of what it means. This is precisely what Replacement Theology has done. (Paperback, 25pg.) $5.00 + shipping/handling

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