FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This year the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is celebrating 40 years since we were established in September 1980. It has been 40 years of witnessing God’s faithfulness in gathering and restoring Israel and in blessing and expanding our ministry as the ICEJ has stood steadfast with the Jewish state and people.

Forty years is a biblically significant period. The life of Moses was separated into three distinct 40-year periods, each dramatically different from the others. Israel entered the promised land after 40 years in the wilderness, and Israel’s earliest kings—Saul, David, and Solomon—all ruled for 40 years.

As we mark this 40th anniversary year, we find ourselves much like Joshua. God has us in a place of total dependence on Him, as He leads in a way we “have not passed before” (Joshua 3:4). And like Joshua, the Lord is calling us to keep our eyes fixed on the Ark—that is, fixed upon Jesus as He leads us.

It is, therefore, a very exciting season as He leads us into a Feast of Tabernacles that will be like none other. We sense God is leading us into a whole new level of engagement with the nations through modern technologies.

We invite you to celebrate with us and walk with us into the next 40 years through your prayers and financial partnership.

Many blessings from Jerusalem!

Dr. Jürgen Bühler
President
International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

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There is undoubtedly no other nation that has suffered more than the Jews. But now God asks the church to proclaim in love that the greatest chapter in their entire history is about to unfold.
“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

— Isaiah 40:1–2 —

When the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was founded in 1980 by visionary leaders like Jan Willem van der Hoeven, Johann Lückhoff, Timothy King, Merv and Merla Watson, Lance Lambert, and others, there was one passage from the Bible that inspired and guided them more than any other. This was from the Hebrew prophet Isaiah: “‘Comfort, yes comfort My people!’ says your God.” That heavenly mandate continues to motivate the Christian Embassy to this day. It is a scriptural command to stand in love, kindness, and hope with God’s people. It was ignored for far too long by too many churches. Yet it rings forth today and is more relevant and timelier than ever. And it still inspires the vision of the ICEJ, as we seek to connect Christians from every nation with every segment of Israeli society through acts of genuine love and concern for their welfare and destiny.

THE GENTILE ROLE IN ISRAEL’S REDEMPTION

The first verse of Isaiah 40 is like a God-given headline for a momentous salvation plan that is unveiled throughout the entire chapter. Here, God heralds a new season of restoration for Israel, a time when “her warfare has ended.” It announces the coming of a “voice in the wilderness,” a preparer of the way for Messiah. The chapter then announces the coming of the Shepherd-Messiah, who will tend His flock. At the same time, God rebukes the nations’ folly to worship their man-made idols rather than the Creator of the heavens and the earth. The chapter concludes with the groundless complaint that God has forgotten His people.

It is in the context of the coming redemption of Israel—and the world—that Isaiah commands us to comfort God’s people. Please note that God is not telling Israel “to comfort themselves.” It is not a message for Israel’s people to grit their teeth and hope for better times. Rather, God commands another people who know the Lord “to comfort My people.” And because of this gentle mercy, a people crushed by 2,000 years of exile, pogroms, and anti-Semitism will “lift up their heads,” even as we proclaim: “Behold your God.” Indeed, a new season of restoration has started for Israel. And it is an end-time mission for the true church, before the second coming of Jesus, to stand with his people and to instill hope in them by declaring “the time to favor Zion has come” (Psalm 102:13).

God commands us to “speak tenderly to Jerusalem.” The original Hebrew text says to “speak to the heart of Jerusalem.” It is not a theological or intellectual discussion that is needed but a message that touches the heart and directs them upward to God. Here we desperately need the Holy Spirit, and we need to demonstrate it through love in action, which speaks louder than words. More than our statements of solidarity and remorse, we need to pursue practical acts of kindness, like when the ICEJ helped build a synagogue in Ma’ale Adumin on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht. As former ICEJ chairman Leif Wellerop always said: “Our love has to have hands and feet.”

This passage also conveys the message: Tell Israel that “her warfare has ended, and her sins are pardoned” (ESV). This and many other Scripture passages reveal that Israel’s restoration to their homeland means God has moved from judgment to redemption. A more fitting translation of the Hebrew phrase “your sins are pardoned” would be, “Your sins have been completed” or “God is not dealing with you any more according to your sins.” Our message should be that Israel has already “received double for her sins.” Undoubtedly, no other nation has suffered more than the Jews. But now God asks the church to proclaim in love that the greatest chapter in their entire history is about to unfold. This command to declare salvation to Israel is echoed in Isaiah 62:11:

“Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”
God wants to mobilize even the ends of the earth to speak to Israel about her salvation. That is why the ICEJ has a very clear vision: to connect Christians from every nation of the world with every segment of Israeli society. Thus, we are grateful for a growing network of over 90 national branches around the world and for supporters in over 170 nations. At every Feast of Tabernacles, one of the highlights is when the Pacific Island nations come from “the ends of the earth” to show their love and friendship to Israel. It is a time of tears flowing down happy faces.

REACHING ALL OF ISRAEL TODAY
After 40 years of faithfully pursuing this call to comfort God’s people, we know this mandate has to be passed to a new generation. In 1980, the Jewish people were still not that far removed from the Holocaust in Christian Europe. Back then, many Israelis identified Christianity with Germany—the country of Martin Luther and the Reformation that had just set Europe ablaze with a maelstrom of anti-Semitism that cost the lives of six million Jews.

Therefore, the Christian Embassy’s early pioneers’ task required not only patience but also determination to go on—even when their love for God’s people was not reciprocated. But by building synagogues, swimming pools for the handicapped, and absorption centers for new immigrants, and by helping tens of thousands of Jews to make Aliyah to Israel, the suspicions toward Christians slowly gave way to an understanding that evangelical Christians are Israel’s best friends today—as has been repeatedly affirmed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and many other Israeli leaders. From Knesset members to ordinary folks at the shouk, one of the most common refrains we have heard from Israelis over the past 40 years is that “now we know we are not alone!”

Today, our ministry of comfort to Israel has many facets and seeks to touch all the diverse segments of Israeli society. Modern Israelis are both young hi-tech innovators in Tel Aviv and traditional farmers and factory owners in Judea and Samaria, who show tremendous courage and vision by building industrial hubs to employ their Palestinian Arab neighbors. We are reaching out to the remaining 180,000 Holocaust Survivors still living in Israel. We are helping the Jewish Agency bring more Jews back to the land of their forefathers. We also are assisting the various minorities in Israel—whether Arab, Muslim, Christian, Druze, or Bedouin. And while in the past this work was mainly a one-way street, today we increasingly see our love is more appreciated and our friendship is now reciprocated through greater cooperation and partnerships with the Knesset, the Jewish Agency, Yad Vashem, and many other institutions in Israel.

Another important aspect of our work is our stand with the growing Messianic body here in Israel. Often ostracized in the past, this group is now more accepted in mainstream Israeli society. They serve in the Israeli army’s top combat units, in leading law firms, as research professors, and even in government offices. They represent a vital connection for us to Israel, going back to our Christian faith’s roots. After 2,000 years, there is once again today a dynamic body of Jewish believers in Yeshua (Jesus) here in Israel. Their Jewish forebearers in the faith left Jerusalem in the days of the apostles and brought the good news of their Messiah to every corner of the world. Today they are back in the Land waiting for Israel’s promised hope, and it is our privilege to stand with them.

This means our ministry is here for all of Israel. Whether Jews or non-Jews, we bless them, support them, and show them the love of Christ in practical ways on behalf of born-again believers from around the world. I invite you to join us in this exciting redemptive journey. God is not only opening a new chapter for the people of Israel, but He also invites us to be part of writing this incredible story. What a privilege to be alive today and see with our eyes His salvation plan unfolding! 😊
ISRAEL: A THEOLOGICAL CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH

We are the first generation of Christians who have had to deal theologically with a phenomenon that did not exist for 1,900 years of church history—Israel's reemergence as a nation back in their ancient homeland. This fulfilled biblical prophecies that the early apostles longed to see (Acts 1:6–7). Are we in the days they hoped for, when God would restore the kingdom to Israel? And how should the church relate to this new situation?

When Israel was reborn in 1948 and Jerusalem reunited in 1967, most Evangelicals recognized these events as signs of the last days and the soon coming of Jesus. I personally remember a wave of end-time teachings in our churches during the 70s and 80s. Israel was seen as the dial on God's prophetic clock, and with Jerusalem back in Jewish hands, the dial showed one minute to midnight. There was little need for a solid theological approach to Israel, as everyone sensed the return of Jesus was just around the corner.

This year we celebrated modern Israel's 72nd birthday, and many now realize it is time to find a sound biblical stance toward Israel, one that gives guidance for the years to come, should the Lord tarry. In this regard, I believe our previous executive director, Rev. Malcolm Hedding, had a tremendous impact on our ministry and the Evangelical world by offering an incisive theological foundation for supporting Israel.

1. Israel as a Vehicle for World Redemption

We believe the Bible attests to God's unique and enduring calling and election of the Jewish people as an instrument of world redemption, which is still relevant and active today in the restoration of Israel in their ancient homeland. Israel gave the world the Messiah and the Word of God, and Jews brought the good news of Yeshua to the known world of its time. Paul also declares that Israel's future spiritual restoration will usher in a new season of blessing to the whole world (Romans 11:12, 15).

2. Motivated by God's Character

We believe that Israel's modern-day restoration is evidence of God's faithfulness to His eternal covenant with Abraham. Therefore, our stand with the Jewish people is motivated first and foremost by covenant promises of God as described in His Word (Genesis 12, 15, etc.), rather than by prophetic interpretations. The Lord is a covenant-keeping God and has therefore never abandoned His people but will perform all He has promised to them. This also means that the church did not replace Israel but was grafted into the olive tree of earlier generations who placed their faith in God's promises.

3. A Prophetic Time

We do recognize, however, that we live in a season of prophetic fulfillment and restoration for Israel. What we see today and what has been unfolding over the past 140 years was foretold by many biblical prophets (e.g., Ezekiel 36:22ff).

4. Salvation by Faith in Messiah

We believe there is only one way to God, through His son Jesus Christ and through the new covenant promised to Israel (Jeremiah 31:31) and established through Jesus (Hebrews 8).

5. Our Biblical Roots

We honor and emphasize the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith grounded in the Old Testament, even while we strongly caution gentile Christians against coming “under the law” to achieve salvation.

6. Unconditional Support

We offer our support to the Jewish people irrespective of their spiritual standing. We realize that even though most have not recognized Jesus as their Messiah, they are still “beloved for the sake of the fathers” (Romans 11:28).

7. A Ministry of Reconciliation

We stand uncompromisingly with the Jewish people's divine destiny and recognize the unique and biblical calling of the Arab nations around Israel and, in particular, His salvation plan for the peoples of the Middle East (Isaiah 19).
The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was founded in September 1980 with a clear calling from Scripture to be a ministry of comfort and blessing to the restored nation of Israel and the Jewish people. This biblical mandate is drawn from the book of Isaiah.

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After their many long centuries of exile among the nations, the Jewish people have finally returned to their ancient homeland, just as the Hebrew prophets foretold. These same prophets also foresaw gentile believers one day assisting the Jews in this time of restoration. This is a recurring theme, especially in Isaiah (e.g., Isaiah 40:1–2, 49:22–23, and 60:10–11).

The Bible contains many other prophetic passages on this future restoration of Israel with gentile assistance, including the inspiring book of Ruth.

THE KINDNESS OF RUTH

The book of Ruth opens with an Israelite woman, Naomi, who left her home in Bethlehem with her family to escape a famine. They found refuge in Moab, but life was hard over time as she lost her husband and two sons. When the famine finally lifted, Naomi returned home in poverty. But her daughter-in-law, Ruth, a Moabite, nevertheless decided to journey alongside Naomi, declaring: “Wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried” (Ruth 1:16–17a).

In this prophetic story, Naomi is a picture of Israel returning from exile with few possessions left. She had nothing to offer her daughter-in-law Ruth, as she now had no male heir left to reclaim her family property. But Ruth saw something great in the God whom Naomi served, and thus refused to leave her side.

God soon led them to the fields of Boaz, a close relative of Naomi whom she realized could help her regain her family’s lands. As Ruth labored during the barley harvest to provide for her mother-in-law, Boaz noticed all her kindnesses to Naomi and blessed her with gifts of extra grain. Boaz eventually married Ruth, which restored Naomi’s land inheritance. The newlyweds then gave birth to Obed, King David’s grandfather, thus making Ruth part of Jesus’ lineage (Matthew 1:5).

Ruth is a prophetic depiction of a gentile church that fully identifies with the wearied people of Israel returning from exile because they are in awe of the God of Israel. Ruth wins the notice and favor of Boaz, a kinsman redeemer, because of her kindness: “Ruth Gleaning in the Fields, by Judith Mehr (Flickr)
caring heart for Naomi. Boaz even told her: “It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before” (Ruth 2:11).

The beauty of the story is how Naomi and Ruth each sought something precious to them, but journeyed together. Naomi wanted her land back, while Ruth wanted a husband, and they both received the desire of their heart in one person—Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer and type of Messiah. So Israel and the “Ruth church” are on a journey together that will end with them gloriously reconciled together in the Messiah.

Until that day, the story of Ruth teaches us that gentiles can gain the attention and blessing of God by comforting and caring for Israel in real, practical ways—just as God promised Abraham: “I will bless those who bless thee” (Genesis 12:3).

A FIRM COMMITMENT
For the past 40 years, the ICEJ has been blessing and comforting Israel based on the inspiration of Ruth and other biblical passages that encourage gentiles to show mercy and kindness to the Jewish people. The Christian Embassy made a firm commitment four decades ago to come alongside Israel and help this nation no matter what it might go through along the way. Israel’s journey home has not been easy, and even though the nation is restored and prospering, it still faces many threats and challenges. And the ICEJ is determined to continue standing by the people of Israel until they reach their redemptive destiny in God, restored to their full land inheritance and safe in the arms of their kinsman redeemer.

On the following pages, we trace the journey of Israel following its rebirth in 1948 and how the ICEJ has come alongside the Jewish state since our founding in 1980, consistently serving as a genuine, timely source of comfort and concern, both in the good times and the bad. ☺️
In the summer of 1980, the Israeli government under Menachem Begin was undertaking serious concessions in the Sinai for the recently concluded peace treaty with Egypt. Sensing that they had built up a measure of goodwill among the nations, several Israeli leaders decided to press for a simple declaration about their beloved Jerusalem. The western half of the city had served as Israel's capital and seat of government since 1950. Still, on July 30, 1980, the Knesset passed a new Basic Law declaring “united Jerusalem”—including the Old City and the eastern half recovered in 1967—to be the “eternal” capital of Israel.

However, the decision was condemned by the United Nations General Assembly, while the Arab oil powers threatened an embargo against any country that still maintained an embassy in Jerusalem. One by one, the 13 national embassies then located in the city packed up and left to join the 54 embassies located in Tel Aviv.

In that moment of testing, not one nation in the entire world was willing to stand with the 3,000-year-old Jewish claim and connection to Jerusalem. In one heart-rending scene, a small group of Dutch Christians—many of whom had witnessed the Holocaust firsthand—stood with tears outside the Netherlands embassy and watched the last diplomats clear their offices and drive away.

Just as Israelis were facing this diplomatic exodus, about 1,000 Christians from 32 nations were gathering in Jerusalem for the first public Christian celebration of the biblical Feast of Tabernacles. Moved by the deep sense of isolation felt among the Israeli people, the Feast organizing committee quickly decided to establish a permanent representation of their biblical views concerning Jerusalem and Israel in the capital city. Thus, the doors of the International Christian Embassy...
Jerusalem were officially opened on September 30, 1980, in the presence of Mayor Teddy Kollek. Speaking in front of TV cameras and a large gathering of Christians, Kollek described the Embassy’s founding as one of the most moving experiences in his life.

Jerusalem remains a “burdensome stone” for the nations to this day (Zechariah 12:2–3). Still, it is remarkable to look back at that diplomatic crisis and fathom how an Arab oil embargo provided such a unique moment for the outstretched hand of Christian friendship to find acceptance from Israel’s people and leaders.

Israel has encountered many dark and difficult moments ever since, but the ICEJ has been there as a beacon of Christian care and concern every time. Like the biblical figure of Ruth, the Embassy represents a commitment by gentile believers in God to stand by the Jewish people no matter what they may face.

Firstly, the opening of the Christian Embassy was an act of solidarity with the Jewish people in their deep attachment to Jerusalem over the past 3,000 years. Those early pioneers also received a clear mandate from Scripture that the ICEJ was to be a “ministry of comfort” and unconditional love toward Israel, based on the command of Isaiah 40:1–2. This approach also was driven by a sense that Christians today must make amends for the centuries of Christian anti-Semitism and atrocities visited upon the Jewish people.

The ICEJ also would represent a global Evangelical movement that had come to appreciate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith and the theological and prophetic significance of the restored nation of Israel in our day. Finally, this ministry would stand against hatred and unfair treatment of Israel—against anti-Semitism and intolerance of Jews anywhere.

“This has been one of the most moving ceremonies I have ever attended in my life.”

–Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek at the founding of ICEJ

“Your sympathy, solidarity, and belief in the future of Israel—this to us is tremendous. We consider you part of the fulfilment of the prophetic vision expressed by Zechariah in chapter 14. Your presence here will always remain a golden page in the book of eternity in heaven. May the Lord bless you out of Zion.”

–Former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, at the first Feast of Tabernacles, 1980
FAITHFULLY SUPPORTING ISRAEL

Be a part of that future generation spoken of in Psalm 102 that is partnering with the Lord in His work to restore Zion, for the set time has come.

PARTNER LEVELS

Covenant Partner
Show your love and support for Israel by partnering with the ICEJ. Become a Covenant Partner at a giving level of at least $30 a month. In appreciation, you will receive the following resources:

• A Partnership Certificate
• The Word From Jerusalem magazine
• A year-end gift of appreciation

Ambassadorial Partner
Partnership in ministry is a gift God gives to strengthen and undergird His work. Become an Ambassadorial Partner with the ICEJ at a giving level of at least $100 a month. In appreciation, you will receive everything in the Covenant Partnership level plus:

• Exclusive access to ICEJ’s quarterly Mid-East ministry update conference call from Jerusalem
• An invitation to attend our ICEJ-USA leadership briefing during our national conference

Builder of Zion Partner
Isaiah declared the Lord will call Zion’s walls “salvation” and her gates “praise” (60:18). As we walk together side by side, the ICEJ would be honored if you would become a Builder of Zion Partner at a giving level of $2,500 a year or more. In appreciation, you will receive everything in the Ambassadorial Partnership level plus:

• A discount of $200.00 on a pilgrimage tour to Israel during the Feast of Tabernacles or other qualifying tour
• An additional gift acknowledging you as a Builder of Zion Partner

Gateway of Zion Partner
Show compassion for Zion and bless the people of Israel. The ICEJ would be honored if you were to become a Gateway of Zion partner at a giving level of $20,000 a year or more. In appreciation, you will receive everything in the Builder of Zion Partnership level plus:

• The opportunity to meet with ICEJ leadership and/or receive personal briefings on ICEJ projects that are of interest
• Special invites to exclusive events such as pastors’ lunches and VIP meetings that are held in your area or community
• An additional gift acknowledging you are a Gateway of Zion Partner

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The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem was established in 1980 to represent Christians around the world who support Israel and respect the Jewish people’s deep attachment to Jerusalem. Today the ICEJ is connecting millions of Christians from churches and denominations worldwide to Israel’s nation and people. We recognize Israel’s modern-day restoration as the faithfulness of God in keeping His ancient covenant promises to the Jewish people.

Some 40 years on, the Christian embassy continues to fulfill our biblical mandate to:

- Be a source of comfort for the Jewish people, according to Isaiah 40:1.
- Encourage Christians to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel.
- Teach and equip the global church regarding God’s purposes for Israel and the Middle East today.
- Advocate for Israel around the world and combat anti-Semitism in all its forms.
- Engage in benevolent projects for the well-being of all peoples in the Land of Israel.
- Bring reconciliation between Jews, Christians and Arabs, and support the churches and congregations of the Holy Land.

Today the ICEJ remains at the forefront of the unprecedented, ever-expanding movement among Christians worldwide who stand with Israel and the Jewish people in sincere friendship and in obedience to Scripture. We seek to express our indebtedness to the Jewish people in practical ways for all the spiritual blessings we have received through them, as well as our moral debt in light of the long history of Christian anti-Semitism.

The ICEJ is a non-denominational, faith-based ministry supported by the donations of our supporters and friends around the globe. We invite you to join us as we faithfully pursue our prophetic calling to favor Israel and the Jewish people today.
The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem aspires to develop proactive expressions of Christian support for Israel in every nation on earth and reach all Israeli society segments with the message of sincere Christian love and concern for them.

**EVERY NATION**
The ICEJ was founded by Christians from 32 countries who gathered in Jerusalem in September 1980 to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. They arrived in Jerusalem just as the last national embassies were abandoning the city, so they decided to leave behind a permanent representation of their solidarity with Israel. This “Christian Embassy” was meant to give voice and practical expression to millions of Christians’ biblical views concerning Israel and the nations—views that our governments rarely communicate.

Today the ICEJ has branch offices and representatives in over 90 nations worldwide and supporters in more than 170 countries around the globe. Our vision going forward is to expand this broad international network of pro-Israel Christians to encompass every nation on earth.

**ALL ISRAEL**
From our inception, the ICEJ has established a proven track record of reaching out in genuine Christian love to every community in Israel, regardless of ethnic or religious background. The Christian Embassy has sponsored humanitarian projects in nearly every town and city in Israel and among all the diverse peoples of the Land—whether Jewish, Arab, Christian, Muslim, Druze, or Bedouin. At the same time, the ICEJ has a distinct calling to be a ministry of comfort to the Jewish people, particularly in response to the tragic legacy of Christian anti-Semitism.

Today we are helping Jews come home to Israel, caring for elderly Holocaust Survivors, reaching out to at-risk youth, assisting minorities, sponsoring education programs for deserving students, providing bomb shelters for embattled border communities, and much more. Ultimately, the ICEJ aims to impact every Israeli society sector with tangible acts testifying to Christian love and kindness toward this nation. 🕊
Through ICEJ AID, Christians around the world bless Israel each and every day. The department is led by professionals experienced in social work and community development in Israel. Over the years, they have represented Christian love and support for the people of Israel through social assistance projects in nearly every town and village in the Land. The main areas of this ministry of comfort to Israel include:

**GIVING A FUTURE AND A HOPE**

ICEJ AID helps needy Israeli youth and families reach for a brighter future by providing educational enrichment, vocational training, and other practical assistance to improve the long-term quality of life for Israelis. This benevolent outreach is making a difference in the lives of the disadvantaged, children from broken families, at-risk youth, women in crisis, and minority communities, among others.

**CARING FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

The ICEJ’s Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors has housed and lovingly cared for almost 100 elderly Survivors since its founding over ten years ago. In addition, many Survivors living throughout the Haifa area come to the Home to participate in special events with their peers. The Haifa Home provides a warm, loving family in a secure place of residence. Daily hot meals, medical care, and activities are provided for these precious souls who have known great tragedy and loneliness in their lives.
Israel is often forced to deal with sudden crises, when war or natural disaster strike. ICEJ AID steps in to help vulnerable communities in such times of turmoil. This includes providing emergency bomb shelters, firefighting equipment, subsidies for trauma treatment, and professional training for first responders. During the recent arson attacks coming out of Gaza, the ICEJ equipped every municipality throughout the region with firefighting vehicles and trailers. Due to ongoing rocket attacks in the area, the ICEJ has placed some 110 bomb shelters protecting playgrounds, schools, synagogues, and community centers. When emergencies arise, it is a tremendous testimony when Christians are the first to arrive with help.

**ALIYAH AND INTEGRATION**

The ICEJ has answered the call for Christians to partner with God in the Jewish people’s great prophetic ingathering in modern times. We believe it is the hand of God, in keeping with His promises, to restore Israel after their long exile. For example, the prophet Jeremiah proclaimed: “For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I bring them back to this land; I will build them and not tear them down, and I will plant them and not uproot them” (Jeremiah 24:6). The ICEJ has now assisted nearly 160,000 Jews from around the world to make Aliyah (return) to Israel. ICEJ AID has also helped tens of thousands of new Jewish immigrants adjust to their new lives once back in their forefathers’ land. The ICEJ Homecare program also sponsors Christian nurses who provide in-home hospice care to elderly or disabled Jewish immigrants.
in keeping with the prophetic vision of Zechariah 14, the ICEJ sponsors an annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration, which has brought some 150,000 Christians from over 100 countries to Jerusalem for the largest annual Christian gathering in Israel. The Feast offers a dynamic worship experience, gifted musical performers, powerful preaching, and the opportunity to express Christian love and support for Israel in the popular Jerusalem March. The Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot, not only looks back on the Israelite wanderings in the wilderness but also provides a taste of the joy of the Messianic Age to come. Learn more at: www.icejusa.org/feast.
EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

Besides our annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration, the ICEJ has vast expertise in helping Christians experience Israel firsthand. This includes:

ENVISION PASTORS & MINISTRY LEADERS CONFERENCE
The ICEJ’s annual Envision conference brings pastors and ministry leaders to Israel for an intensive time of connecting with the local body of Christ and exploring the biblical significance of Israel’s modern-day restoration. Find out more at: www.icejusa.org/ET121

TOURS
ICEJ offers special tours of Israel for churches, pastors, and young adults aged 18–30. Our capable staff organize and lead life-changing tours that include visits to biblical sites, briefings on current affairs, worship and teaching, volunteer work, and just plain fun. Learn more at: www.icejusa.org/tours.

YAD VASHEM
Christian Friends of Yad Vashem (CFYV) is a partnership initiative between the ICEJ and Yad Vashem to better educate Christians about the history and universal lessons of the Holocaust and features an annual weeklong seminar for Christian leaders. Find out more at: www.icejusa.org/yadvashem.
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The US Branch of the ICEJ hosts a unique and extensive educational website about Israel, anti-Semitism and Christian Zionism. Sign up for *Israel Answers* email updates at: www.israelanswers.com.

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ICEJ WORLDWIDE

The ICEJ has an extensive network of national branches in some 90 countries and reaches more than 170 nations worldwide, making us the world’s largest Christian Zionist organization. This international support base links us to church leaders and movements on all continents, which we mobilize to support our work in Jerusalem and to stand with Israel in their home countries. The ICEJ’s national branches work year-round to organize solidarity rallies, diplomatic receptions, teaching conferences, community events, and other efforts on Israel’s behalf. They also cooperate with Israeli embassies and local Jewish community leaders to build public support for Israel, advance closer Christian-Jewish relations, and promote Christian tourism to Israel. You are encouraged to take part in the activities of the ICEJ branch in your country.

USA BRANCH

The USA Branch of the ICEJ has been one of the leading branches of the ICEJ worldwide. It has been an effective voice for Israel and a pioneer in Jewish-Christian relations—and it created the American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI) network of leaders for greater collaboration and impact for Israel. The ICEJ USA has also created a number of outstanding educational tools for the Christian community, including books, small group study series, seminars, podcasts, and the Israel Answers website.
The Christian Embassy greatly values the power of prayer in our ministry. We welcome your participation in our global prayer initiatives.

**ISAIAH 62 PRAYER CAMPAIGN**

Churches, prayer groups, and individuals around the world are joining with us every month to pray for Israel and the region, according to the call of Isaiah 62, for “watchmen on the walls” of Jerusalem to seek the Lord on her behalf. As part of this prayer campaign, we often organize 24-hour prayer watches for prayer that circles the globe on behalf of Israel and for God’s purposes to be fulfilled.

To receive our monthly prayer points, and to be informed of special initiatives such as 24-hour prayer watches, please sign up at: www.icejusa.org/isaiah62_Pledge.
The ICEJ is a global movement made up of Christians who have been inspired to stand with Israel in these momentous times. Together, we can impact Israel! Here are ways to get involved:

**PARTNER**
Your financial partnership with the ICEJ will enable you to bless Israel through the extensive work and witness of the ICEJ in Israel and worldwide. Donate today at: www.icejusa.org/donate.

**PRAY**
This ministry greatly values the power of prayer. We welcome your participation in our Isaiah 62 Prayer Campaign. Sign up at: www.icejusa.org/isaiah62_Pledge.

**VOLUNTEER**
The ICEJ offers unique opportunities for Christians to come volunteer in Israel on short- or long-term commitments. To learn more, write to us at: info@icejusa.org

**STAY INFORMED**
Sign up to receive our flagship bimonthly magazine Word From Jerusalem or our regular email bulletins—ICEJ ministry updates or the ICEJ News Service. Subscribe today at: www.icejusa.org/sign-up.

**VISIT ISRAEL**
The ICEJ has extensive experience in hosting Christians on tours of Israel. Come to the Feast of Tabernacles, our Envision Pastors’ Conference, or one of many other opportunities to encounter Israel firsthand. Learn more at: www.icejusa.org/israel-tours

**HOST THE ICEJ**
The ICEJ is committed to being good stewards of the biblical “mystery” of Israel. To host an ICEJ speaker or event at your church, contact us at: info@icejusa.org

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