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The Montefiore Windmill in Jerusalem was restored in 2012 with help of Christians for Israel.

Christians for Israel (C4I) is a **non-denominational** movement.

We believe that Christians of all denominations and backgrounds should be **united in their love for the Jewish people**, their support for the nation of Israel and their collective repentance because of Jewish suffering throughout Church history.

Our mission is to bring **Biblical understanding** in the Church concerning God's purposes for Israel and to promote comfort of Israel through **prayer and action**.



We believe that the Bible is **the inspired Word of God**, through which He reveals His loving purposes for all creation. God chose the nation of Israel as His instrument for the blessing of all the nations. The Bible teaches us that the Church has not replaced Israel. God's covenants with the nation of Israel are everlasting.



We support **Aliyah** (immigration to Israel) from many countries in the world, including former Soviet Union, India, Ethiopia and France. Christians for Israel has helped **150,000** people to build a future in Israel.



We comfort the people of Israel from **all populations in Israeli society**: Jews, Druze, Christians and Arabs. We do this by feeding the poor, helping Holocaust survivors, educating children, supporting Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, and supporting and encouraging Arab Christians in Israel.



We help and encourage Christians to **pray for Israel** and the **peace of Jerusalem**, by sending prayer letters and organizing prayer meetings.



Christians for Israel brings numerous groups to Israel and wants people to experience **the true heart of Israel**, by meeting the Israeli people as well as visiting interesting sites. Through our tours, we want to **encourage the people of Israel**.



Christians for Israel supports the State of Israel and the Jewish people, by **opposing disinformation, anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, and fighting the boycott of Israeli products**. We do this by providing accurate information regarding Biblical, legal and historical issues to Christian leaders and media channels.

Introduction

It is with sincere gratefulness that we present our Annual Report 2019. This report gives an overview of our global ministry during the year 2019. Not only did we organise numerous conferences where people received Biblical teaching on Israel, we also continued to develop Biblical materials, expanded our online presence and established new partnerships. In this report you will also find the financial results over 2019.

Our inspiration to speak about God's faithfulness to Israel and His blessings for Israel are based on the Old and New Testament. The prophet Isaiah speaks on behalf of the God of Israel: *'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth'* (Isaiah 49:6).

Promises

The Servant of the Lord will be a light and salvation to the Gentiles, but He will also be the one who will gather the people of Israel in their Land. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is the promised Servant of the Lord, and we confess that He is our Light and Salvation. In the wonderful

Scripture mentioned above, the Servant is also the one who will gather His people Israel in their land. It is only one of the many promises God gave His beloved people of Israel, and it's crucial for Christians to believe that God will fulfil all these promises to His people.

Light

When Joseph and Mary brought Jesus in the temple when He was eight days old, they met a man called Simeon. Driven by the Holy Spirit, he took Jesus in his arms, and said: *'Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel'* (Luke 2:29-32). In fact, Simeon repeated the words of the prophet Isaiah. It's, however, remarkable, that he changed the order of the sentence. He mentions 'a light to the Gentiles' first, followed by 'the glory of Your people Israel'. Again, we see how deeply Jews and Christians are connected through the Servant of the Lord. Israel still is and will forever remain God's chosen people and Israel will continue to be of great significance in God's redemptive plan for the world.

Responsibility

The Servant of the Lord will bring His people back to Israel, the Promised Land of their fathers. During the last century, the world witnessed a miraculous revival of Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people. Millions of Jews returned to the land of their forefathers, and this return continues to the present day. This impressive reality encourages us to continue our mission to teach Christians worldwide about God's plan with Israel and the world, and to bless and support Israel and the Jewish people. Isaiah's prophecy also implies a huge responsibility that Christians (should) have towards the Jewish people.

We thank our staff and volunteers worldwide for their dedication to the mission of Christians for Israel. We are also grateful for all who support our work and thus enable us to continue to be obedient to our calling. May the Lord bless us all.

Dr. Leon Meijer
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President

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Executive Director



Countries in which
Christians for Israel
has affiliates and
representatives

We have partners in:

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, French Guyana, Guatemala,
Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Suriname and Uruguay.



Regional Development ——— Asia ———

Nepal

The Christians for Israel International 6th Asia Pacific Leadership and Training Conference was held in June 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The conference was organised by Message of Hope Ministry, the organising committee and staff helmed by Rev. Simon Pandey, C4I Representative in Nepal, who was introduced to C4I by Ian Worby, C4I National Leader for Australia.

Twohunderd

The initial response of fifty participants grew to two hundred over the few days before the

conference began. Among the local conferees, there were more than sixty participants from outside Kathmandu. International participants included delegates from Australia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Perspective

Nepali conferees were astonished at the revelations they received from our speakers concerning Israel, having never heard the message from this perspective before. Leaders from Tikapur in the far west of Nepal, who had bussed almost sixteen hours to Kathmandu for this milestone conference, were among those



who attested to the fresh insights received.

Teaching

The Christians for Israel teaching team was headed by Rev. Willem Glashouwer and Rev. Cornelis Kant, and supported by C4I Asia Regional Trainers, Rev. Conrado Lumahan, Mr. Kuen Yoon and his wife Siew Fong.

Program

C4I Regional Director Asia, Wilson Ng, and Shanti Pandey Adhikari from Message of Hope Ministry, smoothed out all aspects of the conference programme.



Ambassador

Excited whispers permeated the hall on the third morning in anticipation of the arrival of Israel's ambassador to Nepal, His Excellency Benny Omer. Ambassador Omer won the hearts of



'The teaching on Why Israel? was very thought provoking to better understand God's plan for the Promised Land Israel and the Jewish people.'

all who were present with his warmth and understanding of the nation's challenges, effectively building a bridge between the Embassy and the Christian community represented at the conference.

'I am grateful and would like to thank Almighty God, Christians for Israel International and the organizing committee that played a vital role in accomplishing the conference of Christians for Israel in Nepal.'

Indonesia

The second Train the Trainers Christians for Israel Asia-Pacific Training and Leadership Conference in Indonesia took place in Surabaya in September 2019.

Seventy-five pastors were eager to learn about Israel. All of them received an Indonesian copy of the *Why Israel?* Study Guide and Workbook; some of them were seen poring over the pages even during break time.

Workbook

Rev. Cornelis Kant and Rev. Conrado Lumahan's provided in depth-teaching. The *Train the Trainers* segment – to equip pastors to cascade teaching on Israel to their congregations using the workbook – was conducted by Christians for

Israel Asia Regional Trainers, Chan Siew Fong and Chan Kuen Yoon.

Certificate

The most gratifying part of the conference was the Q&A session. Questions like how churches worldwide could be brought together to declare their repudiation of Replacement Theology evidenced the paradigm shift the team had worked to achieve. At the end of the conference, every participant was presented with a certificate of appreciation. The team in Indonesia did a wonderful job together with Regional Director Asia, Wilson Ng.

Regional Development ——— Asia ———

South Korea

Christians for Israel South Korea published its first Korean version of our newspaper *Israel & Christians Today*. Initiator was pastor Paul Jung.

He has a Korean background, has been serving Korean churches in Sydney (Australia) for many years,



and has a warm heart for Israel and the Jewish people. Years ago, he ensured that the books *Why Israel?* and *Why End Times?* of Rev. Willem Glashouwer were translated into Korean. The Korean version is meant for Korean readers in Australia and South Korea.

Unique

South Korea has about fifty million

inhabitants, and thirty percent of them are Christian. Although South Korea has a variety of Israel-related organisations, the newspaper *Israel & Christians Today*, with its balanced and profound Biblical articles about Israel, is unique in its kind. In November 2019, Paul Jung presented the Korean version of newspaper during a special meeting Seoul.



Japan

The 7th Asia Pacific Training and Leadership Conference (November 2019) was held in Kitahiroshimacho, a scenic rural area 46 kilometres from the city of Hiroshima (Japan).

Forty-eight Japanese participants from all over Japan and 58 participants from other countries in Asia, Africa and America soaked in Biblical truths about Israel which

they had not heard before. The two largest contingents came from Pakistan (22) and the Philippines (20); other nations represented were Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Cameroon,



Nigeria, Myanmar, USA and Saudi Arabia.

Japanese translation

The conference was organised by Pastor Mimi Hagiwara and her efficient staff. The book *Why Israel?* was translated into Japanese by Dr Takashi Yoshida. The teaching team consisted of Rev. Cornelis Kant, Marie-Louise Weissenböck, Rev. Conrado Lumahan, Rev. Wilson Ng, Chan Kuen Yoon and Chan Siew Fong. New offerings included

a study of Ruth by Marie-Louise Weissenböck, *Menorah and the Cross* by Rev. Conrado Lumahan, and a Q&A session.

Encouraging

The feedback received from conference participants has been encouraging. Ruka Matsuura, on behalf of the Japanese delegates reported: 'We have had great lessons. We now have deep insights on the significance of Israel. We have been reading the Bible and

seen 'Israel' mentioned many times, but we had no deep understanding. Now, the mystery has been revealed and we understand what Israel is all about.'

Great messages

Noliber Gngeh from Cameroon: 'Great messages. I have learnt so much about the significance of Israel. I met great people - Indians, Japanese, Americans etc... I will keep spreading the message about Israel when I go back.'

Vietnam

Our team in Vietnam holds regular prayer meetings and set up an online group (including a number of pastors and staff of churches in Hanoi - Hai Phong - Saigon).

The goals is to bring the knowledge

of Israel and share daily prayer information from the C4I Prayer Calendar. A lot of people, after changing their perception and have offered to share the information from Christians for Israel on their personal page.



Regional Development ——— Oceania ———

Solomon Islands



In July 2019, Christians for Israel Solomon Islands was officially launched in Honiara.

The opening event started with a flag ceremony of all the nations of Oceania and closed with a very moving flag ceremony, this time with the Israeli flag symbolically leading the way. Over three hundred people, including many Christian pastors and civic and government leaders, attended the events, with many travelling to attend from Cook Islands, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

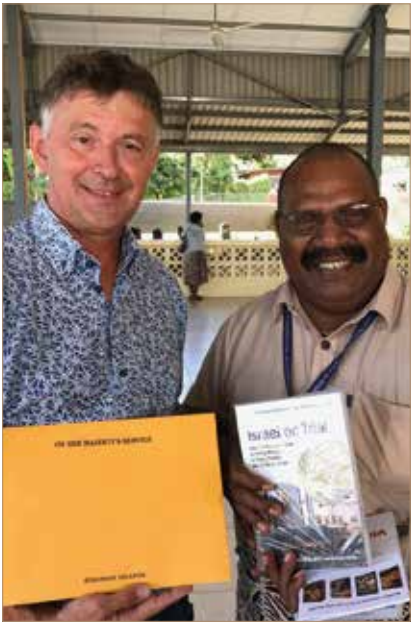
Sheep nation

The attendees were addressed by

the Prime Minister Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare, who gave a powerful address of his support for Israel and why it is an important challenge for Christian leaders to decide whom they will stand with. We pray that the Solomon Islands will continue to be a 'sheep nation' when they vote in the UN.

Valuable resource

To this end, Rev. Cornelis Kant presented the Secretary-General and the PM's Private Secretary with Andrew Tucker's latest book, *Israel On Trial*, as a valuable resource in answering many of the lies and propaganda against Israel.



Newspapers

Many people purchased study materials like *The Signs of the Times* and *Why Israel?* books, DVDs and Study Guides. Over two hundred newspapers were distributed as valuable teaching aids in fulfilment of C4I's three main activities: Inform, Inspire and Comfort.

Tonga

It was a great privilege for Christians for Israel Tonga to present the Queen of Tonga with copies of Rev. Willem Glashouwer's books *Why Israel?* and *Why Jerusalem?*, as well as a copy of the DVD *Whose Land?*, produced by Hugh Kitson. Queen Halaevalu Mataaho is the founder and chairperson of the National Intercessors in Tonga.

The newspaper *Israel & Christians Today* is now being distributed in the Kingdom of Tonga, including copies that are being placed at a prominent café Tupuanga for people to take. We look forward to increasing readership throughout Tonga. Interest in Israel continues to increase in Tonga and with it the opportunities to inform and inspire people with the Biblical importance of Israel.



Fiji

The work of Christians for Israel in Fiji continues to gain momentum as they use television to air the *Why Israel?* and *Why Jerusalem?* teachings of Rev. Willem Glashouwer.

On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, 27 January, Mai TV aired a 24-minute documentary titled *The Untold Suffering* about Jews in Ukraine.

Regional Development ——— Oceania ———

New Zealand



A huge part of the work in New Zealand is to try and combat the deliberate misinformation that Israel's enemies would have people believe.

Ensuring that we can provide accurate, honest information that tells the truth about Israel is an increasingly challenging task. Similarly, inspiring the Church to learn the true Biblical

position of Israel is essential, so that Christians might refrain from the anti-Semitism that remains rife in the world today. Many pastors not only seem to have very little understanding of the Biblical truth about Israel, but also what they do believe is often an extremely negative, twisted and anti-Israel position.

Study Tour

C4I New Zealand organised a very successful Study Tour to Israel and whilst touring Israel all the way from New Zealand is a huge and expensive undertaking, it remains the single most effective tool there is to encourage Christians to gain a truly Biblical understanding of what God is doing in the Holy Land.

Vanuatu

At the end of 2019, Keith Buxton visited Vanuatu on behalf of Christians for Israel to lay the first foundations of a C4I presence.

Keith Buxton is an ordained pastor with years of experience working in the islands of Papua New Guinea

and Australia. Keith was the former National Director for 'Bridges for Peace', a similar pro-Israel Christian organisation, for over ten years. He has led many tours to Israel and has a very unique teaching style using short video clips to show the modern-day miracle of the

regathering and rebirth of Israel.

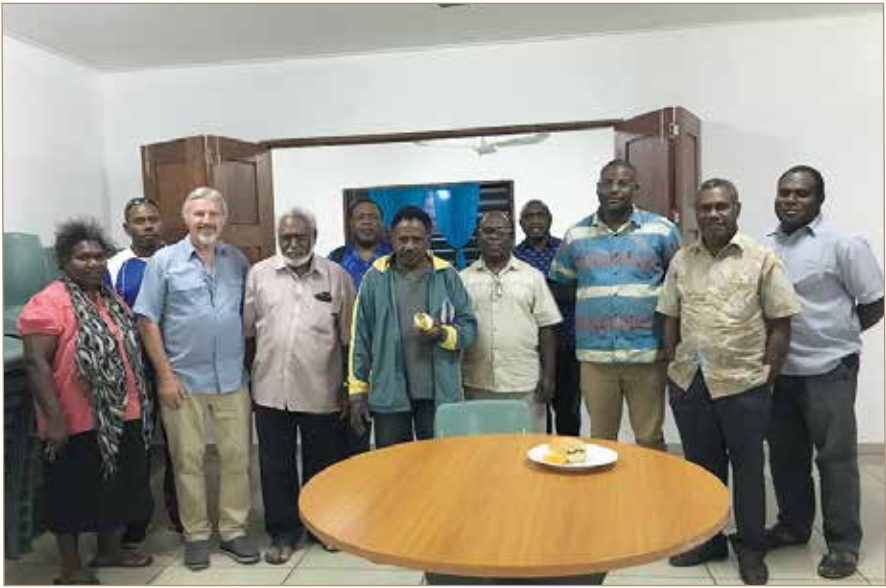
Warm and friendly

Vanuatu, a South Pacific nation made up of around eighty islands that stretch across 1,300 kilometres. Prior to independence from the United Kingdom and France in 1980, the

archipelago was known as the New Hebrides. The 300,000 Melanesian people who live there are warm, friendly, and hospitable.

Importance

The ministry of Christians for Israel was introduced to pastors and church leaders and the importance of standing with Israel and the Jewish people was shared with them. How important it is for the message of Israel to reach Christians in these far-flung islands, in fulfilment of Jeremiah 31:10: 'Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock'.'



Australia

Our team in Australia has joined forces with United Christian Broadcasters.

UCB is a Christian media organisation with a huge reach in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Nepal, but also the USA, Canada and islands in the Pacific. Ian Worby, who together with his wife Mandy leads the work of Christians for Israel in Australia: 'At UCB, we recognise the same love for God's Word and we get every opportunity to interview people with love for Israel. More and more radiostations in the UCB-network are choosing to broadcast the series *Why Israel?* and to sell the accompanying DVDs.

Remote places

It is special that through the cooperation with UCB we now reach more remote places in for example Nepal with the message about Israel. Christians for Israel Australia and UCB organise regular study trips to Israel.

Regional Development — Africa —

Tanzania

Pastor David Mbago from Tanzania came into contact with Christians for Israel International through YouTube a few years ago.

He was deeply touched by the message about Israel and attended our biennial International Forum in Jerusalem in 2017. Once back in Tanzania, he wanted nothing more than to bring all he learned about Israel into practice, and help the country and especially the Church to bless Israel. Instead of organising all kinds of activities, he started with prayer. He asked several friends to pray for God's guidance. At the moment there are prayer teams in ten regions all over Tanzania. They all receive the C4I Prayer Calender in the Swahili language.

Opportunity

Our team in Tanzania has good contacts with many pastors, Bible schools and seminaries, and is frequently given the opportunity to preach about Israel. In February 2019, a speaking tour to ten churches was organised in six different cities. Many hundreds of Christians and pastors attended these meetings where Rev. Cornelis Kant and David Mbago spoke and taught.



Growth

There is an enormous growth in work and there are clearly rich blessings from God. The next step will be the translation of the *Why Israel?* abridged version into Swahili. Social media will also be used to reach Christians with the message about Israel's place in our Christian faith.



Uganda

The Israel Conference in Uganda in January was, as in previous years, amazing!

The conference was organised by Christians for Israel Uganda board members Pastors Eddie Mwesigwa and Sarah Mikisa. It took place in four churches, from the capital city of Kampala to the rural place of Hoima at the Congolese border. Main speaker at the conference was Jos van Westing, who works as a volunteer for Christians for Israel International.

Worship

More than 1,500 enthusiastic people, including hundreds of pastors and church leaders, attended the teachings about God's plan for Israel, the Church and the nations. In VOSO (Volunteers of Salvation Outreach) Gilgal Church alone, under the leadership of Sarah Mikisa, there was a Israel Conference of four full days, with four hours of teaching every morning and three hours every evening, concluding with a full-day Sunday worship service.

Hunger for the Word

During the service, there were further teachings and Q&A sessions, interspersed with vibrant African singing, dancing and worshipping.

Pastors from distant areas sometimes travelled two days to be part of the yearly event and spent the night sleeping on the floor side by side for the whole week, not to miss any of the teachings! There was an astounding spirit and hunger for the Word of God and love for the Jewish people.

Awareness

The local pastors can now teach their congregations about present-day Israel. They are even more aware of God's hand in bringing the Jewish people back to the Promised Land

and His protection over His Chosen People.



Rwanda

An answer to prayers! That's the contact we established with two ladies from a Christian women's congregation in Rwanda. For years, they have been praying for a possibility to spread the message about Israel in the churches of Rwanda.

Rwanda has suffered tremendously during and after the horrific genocide of 1994, that resulted in the death of over one million people.

Wonderful opportunity

Dr. Pascal Batarigaya, President of the Presbyterian Church, invited Christians for Israel to speak at the annual gathering of the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda. This gathering is an annual four-day event, attended by over 3,000 church members, 140 pastors and 80 evangelists. It turned out to be a wonderful opportunity to reach so many Christians with the message of God's everlasting faithfulness to Israel and the Jewish people. 'I am so happy with this good message about Israel. That's what we need to hear in our Church and our country', Rev. Dr. Pascal Batarigaya told the audience afterwards.

Bless Israel

The Rwandese Christians were eager to learn how to put their relationship with Israel into practice. Some pastors were a little reluctant at first. They feared a new form of idolatry, as they see some of their country men coming



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back from Israel with 'holy' anointing oil, water and sand and scatter it over their fields in the hope of a blessed harvest. We could clearly explain that this is not what we as Christians for Israel stand for. We don't want to bless Israel to be blessed in return. We want to bless

Israel because God loves Israel and keeps His promises and covenants and asks us to 'comfort His people'.

Brazil

The C4I Training Centre in Brazil has been renewed to a beautiful centre for groups of young people.

Churches can use it for weekend youth camps and our team in Brazil gets opportunities to teach the groups about Israel.



Regional Development ——— Europe ———

Austria

Christians for Israel Austria experienced a significant increase in activities over the last ten years because of the dedicated people involved.

In March 2019, Christians for Israel Austria organised a Study Tour to Israel for women from Austria, Switzerland and Germany. The theme was: 'Women in the Bible and strong women in Israel today'.

Gold Award

On 6 October 2019, Marie-Louise Weissenböck received the prestigious WIZO Gold award. The award was given at the WIZO One Night for Children event in the Viennese City Hall, under the patronage of the Mayor of Vienna. Keynote speaker at this event was Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch in Geneva. Marie-Louise is not only the chairperson of Christians for Israel Austria, she is also European Director and board member of Christians for Israel International.

Change

WIZO was founded in 1920 in direct response to the needs of women and children in Israel. WIZO continues



to identify the needs of Israeli society and creates solutions to meet them. With 250,000 members, WIZO is a prominent global Zionist organisation, and an important agent of change for women, children and youth in Israel.

Commitment

Chairperson of the WIZO board, Caroline Shklarek- Zelman, praised Marie-Louise's outstanding commitment to Israel, her special relationship with the Jewish community in Austria, and her many initiatives over recent years to fight anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. The event was attended

by Austria's Chief Rabbi Paul Chaim Eisenberg; President of the Jewish community in Vienna (Israelitische Kultusgemeinde) Oskar Deutsch; and Jewish friends of WIZO.

Honour and privilege

In response, Weissenböck said: 'I want to thank WIZO and the Jewish community in Vienna for this award. It is such an honour and privilege as a Christian to be able to serve the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and to show our love in acts of solidarity and service.'

Denmark

In April 2019, our Danish affiliate organised a speaking tour for Rev. Willem Glashouwer.

There were meetings with groups of young people and seminars in several churches. Theme of all talks

was 'the coming of the Lord and His Kingdom'.

Newspaper

The work of Christians for Israel Denmark is growing. One of the important activities is the publication

of the Danish 'Israel Newspaper'.

We pray that the hearts and minds of many Christians and churches in Denmark will be opened for Israel and the Jewish people.

Italy

Together with C4I Italy leader Edda Fogarollo, a group of Italians went on a working trip to Ukraine in August 2019.

The programme included packing and handing out 1,000 food parcels, and listening to stories of Holocaust survivors in different stettls (villages where many Jews used to live).In

small groups, they visited elderly people in their homes and met with a rabbi who fled from Donetsk because of the war.

Odessa

The group spent the last three days of the trip in Odessa to study its rich Jewish history before World War II. More than 23,000 Jews from Odessa

were burned alive in warehouses. A memorial reminds visitors of the horrible events that took place there. The group also visited Tikva ('hope'), an organisation in Odessa taking care of Jewish orphans and children who come from broken families. Many of them go to Israel as part of an Aliyah Study Programme.



Regional Development ——— Europe ———

Switzerland

In September 2019, about 150 Christians from different churches gathered for a day of thanksgiving, penance and prayer on a mountain top in Switzerland.

The service in the morning was opened with shofar blowing. The board of Christians for Israel Switzerland was invited to lead the prayer for Israel. They prayed for Israel, the Church, Israel's latest elections and the upcoming new (Jewish) year 5780.

It was beautiful and encouraging to sing under the open sky and see so many people together from different provinces in Switzerland who stand together for Switzerland and Israel.



Germany

A highlight of 2019 was a project of the young generation of Christians for Israel Germany, called the 'Menorah Project'. Luca Hezel was one of the initiators.

The project enhanced a symbolic act of returning a replica of the menorah - stolen and brought to Rome by Emperor Titus in 70 A.D. - back to Jerusalem. This symbolic act - 70 years after the rebirth of Israel - was all done in a spirit of repentance for 1,800 years of church triumphalism over the Jewish people. Part of the project was a substantial cooperation with Benjamin Philip, director of Hineni, who supported this project wholeheartedly.



Romania

Rev. Willem Glashouwer travelled to Romania in May 2019 to do a series of TV recordings on his latest book *The Signs of the Times*.

The recordings took place in the studios of our partner organisation Alfa Omega TV, led by Tudor and Mirela Petan. Christians for Israel International is very grateful for the wonderful partnership with Alfa Omega TV.

Regional Development ——— Europe ———

The Netherlands

At least 500 people gathered in the late afternoon of Tuesday 17 December 2019 on a roundabout in a new housing estate in Sderot, Israel.

A twelve-meter-high menorah was unveiled that immediately became the largest menorah in the Middle East.

Hanukkah celebrations

Although the menorah was inaugurated on Israeli soil, the impressive construction was not entirely new to many visitors. At least 150 people came along with a journey of Christians for Israel Netherlands and many of them had seen the menorah before in the Netherlands.

There it had been on display successively in the Dutch cities of Nijkerk, Urk, Maastricht, The Hague, Lelystad and Leeuwarden during public Hanukkah celebrations that Christians for Israel was allowed to organise together with the Jewish community.

Visible sign

After having wandered around in the Netherlands for six years, the

menorah now came 'home' to Israel. Sderot was chosen deliberately, a city only a few kilometres from the Gaza strip. The inhabitants suffered severely under the missile terror of Hamas. The menorah is meant as a visible sign of friendship between Dutch Christians and Israel.

Friends

Mayor Alon Davidi from Sderot was happy to see so many friends of Israel in his city. 'It is important that we are here and that we stay here, even if Hamas wants us out of the way. They try to destroy our city, but we are rebuilding it.'

Light for the nations

Chairman Pim van der Hoff from Christians for Israel Netherlands referred to Israel as a light for the nations. 'The prophet Isaiah already wrote this and the menorah is a tangible example of that.' Van der Hoff also thanked the Frisian entrepreneurs Arjen Lont and Klaas Zijlstra who assumed responsibility for the construction of the menorah six years ago. 'Today, after six years of having spread the light in the Netherlands, we want to bring the light where it belongs. That is in Israel.'

Normal life

Isaac Herzog (director of the Jewish Agency) wondered how you can lead a normal life in Sderot, when you are surrounded by so much darkness. He answered the question himself: 'We oust the darkness by spreading the light.'

Permanent location

The menorah is now permanently located on a prominent place in Sderot.



'We oust the darkness by spreading the light'



‘Where is the Church?’



The question ‘Where was the Church?’ has been haunting me for many years. Nowadays, that question has changed into ‘Where is the Church?’ and it also leads to the final question: ‘Where will the Church be?’

On 25-26 June 2019, I had the privilege to speak at the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast conference in The Hague (The Netherlands). Theme of this meeting was anti-Semitism. Christian, Jewish and secular leaders came together to speak out publicly against the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe today, and reaffirm the importance of the Jewish people.

Impressive

The opening session took place in the very impressive ‘Ridderzaal’ (‘Hall of Knights’) of the Dutch Parliament.

Originally built in the 13th century, this impressive building in a way personifies European public life. Each year, the Dutch monarch delivers a speech in this place to the Dutch Parliament.

Highly significant

This is the very location in which the Nazi leadership in 1940 installed the Austrian Arthur Seyss-Inquart as ‘Reichskommissar’ in Nazi-occupied Netherlands, leading to the slaughter of over 70% of the Dutch Jewish population in the Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust – the highest percentage in Europe. It was highly significant that the Jewish people could be honoured here, eighty years later.

Horrors

Europe has an appalling history of anti-Semitism. Just read Simon Wiesenthal’s book *Every Day Remembrance Day: A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom*. This chilling calendar of horrors brings together over a thousand entries detailing atrocities committed against Jewish people over the past two thousand years. Items from diverse centuries are clustered under the dates on which they occurred: on 23 August for instance, we find the massacre of the Jewish population of Koric

Ukraine in 1648, and a Gestapo shooting of 16 Jews in 1942.

Auschwitz

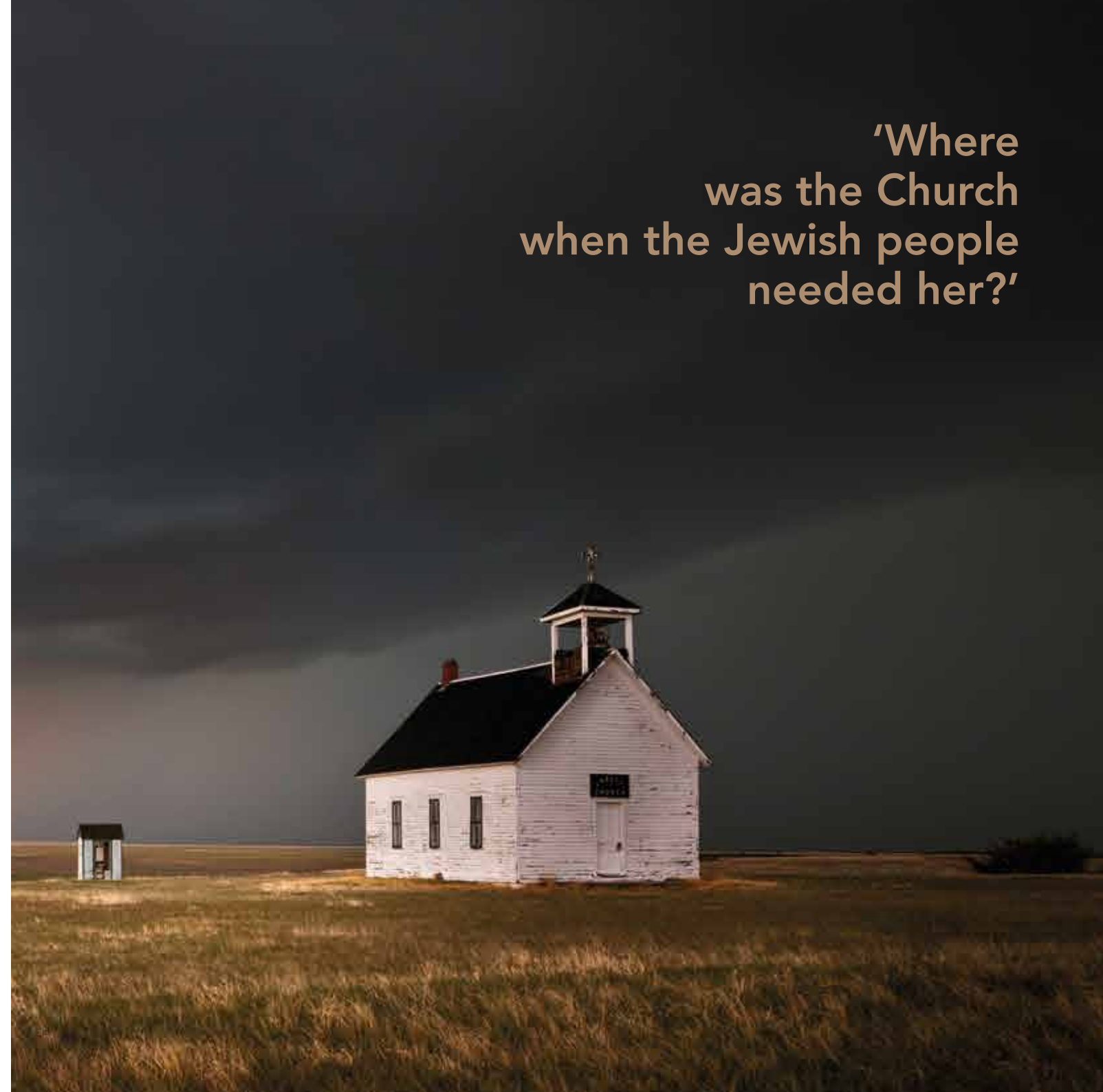
People often ask: ‘Where was God?’ One of the leading ‘God is dead’ theologians once said: ‘Since Auschwitz, I cannot believe in God anymore. At least, not in a concept of God as a personal reality Who is involved in the history of this world.’ One day, a Jewish rabbi answered her: ‘Even after Auschwitz I still can believe in God, but I cannot believe in man anymore.’

Existential question

My question after two thousand years of Christian anti-Semitism is not: ‘Where was God?’ My question is: ‘Where was the Church when the Jewish people needed her?’ And my concern is where the Church will be tomorrow when the Jewish people need our help (again)? This is a real, existential question for the Church. It is also the question that Jesus will ask us when He comes back in glory, as it is written in Matthew 25:31-46.

Rev. Willem J.J. Glashouwer
President
Christians for Israel International

‘Where was the Church when the Jewish people needed her?’





At the beginning of March, representatives from thirty-five countries from all over the world came to Jerusalem to attend our biennial Forum.

mix of sessions: Bible studies, lectures, meetings with Israeli leaders and fascinating excursions.

Future

In his Bible studies, Rev. Willem Glashouwer pointed towards the future and carefully warned to be cautious about predicting this future. 'The Bible does not contain a detailed order in events; it is not a jig-saw puzzle that you can put in a certain order. Read your bible in its entirety and watch what is happening in the world. Detailed timelines of events can block your view on what is happening, and on the meaning of prophecies.'

Standing firm

During his inspiring session, Steven Khoury was joined by Rabbi David Nekrutman (Director of the Centre for Jewish-Christian Understanding and Cooperation), with whom he closely works together to build the Jewish-Christian cooperation, and strengthen the Christian communities in Israel and the dis-puted territories. Together they testified to the importance of standing firm on God's covenant of faithfulness to the Jewish people, while remembering that the covenant of the land carries with it a responsibility to care for the non-Jews in the land.

Judea and Samaria

Bible teacher and scholar Johannes Gerloff led a tour to Ramallah and the Biblical heartland of Samaria. Many of the Forum participants gazed in amazement while our bus passed the 'border' of the 'disputed territories' (Judea and Samaria), without any problem. The media paints a picture of endless queues, but the reality is more positive.

Useful resources

All participants went home inspired and armed with lots of information and useful resources which can be shared with Christians in the respective countries.



We had a blessed time encouraging each other, listen to personal testimonies and support and inspire each other in the tasks we all have in our countries to bring the message about Israel into the churches.

Mix

The Forum provided an interesting

Contact with Arabs

The testimony of Arab pastor Steven Khoury touched a chord with many of the participants. From practical experience, he knows that believing in the God of Israel results in struggle and getting attacked. 'I thank God for Christians for Israel. From the beginning, there was room for the Arabs. And therefore there is room for the message of love and mercy. It is very important for the Arab community that you are in contact with Arabs and work together. This disproves the impression many have that people who love Israel, hate the Arabs.'



Support Israel: Aliyah

**‘But it will be said,
‘As surely as the Lord lives,
who brought the Israelites up
out of the land of the north
and out of all the countries
where He had banished them.’
For I will restore them to the land
I gave their ancestors.’
Jeremiah 16:15**

The return of the people of Israel to the Promised Land is such a tremendous testimony of God’s faithfulness to His people.

We consider the Soviet Union to be the land of the north, however, this verse in Jeremiah also says: ‘out of all the countries where He had banished them’. We do see the Jews returning from so many other countries. It is the promised return to Israel and that means that God’s other promises will also be fulfilled. To quote the Jews: ‘the Messiah’s footsteps are approaching’.

Privilege
It is a privilege to be able to assist Israel with bringing back the Jewish people to the land. We believe it is not our work, but His work.

Assistance
In Ukraine, our Aliyah fieldworker Koen Carlier and his team are active in helping the small Jewish communities on behalf of Christians for Israel. They assist Jewish people who want to emigrate to Israel in a very practical way with transportation and arrangement of travel documents. With the current situation in Ukraine, the Jewish people are listening - now more than ever - to the call to return to Israel – the land of their forefathers.

Time-consuming
Preparation for emigration from Ukraine to Israel is often very complex, costly and time-consuming. Many of the olim (Jews who return to Israel) live far away from the city, without means of transportation.

Airport
Our Aliyah team drives these olim on several occasions to the Israeli Embassy, consulate and/or Jewish Agency offices, and finally to the airport. The whole application process can take several years.



Our Aliyah Team in Ukraine



Support Israel: Aliyah



In 2019, we assisted with the return of

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| 6,000 | Jews from Ukraine |
| 150 | Jews from France |
| 300 | Jews from India (Bnei Menashe) |
| 12,000 | Jews from other countries in the former Soviet Union |

Through the programme *First Home in the Homeland* and other integration projects we assisted 800 immigrants to integrate into Israeli society. We were also involved in providing professional job training for immigrants, like for instance for bus drivers.

Together with the Jewish Agency for Israel we organised 36 Aliyah Seminars in both Ukraine and Russia. Each of these seminars was attended by 60-100 interested participants who wanted to learn more about making Aliyah.



Support Israel: Humanitarian Projects

As Christians, we believe we should act in solidarity with the Jewish people and the State of Israel. This includes taking a stand against anti-Semitism whenever and wherever this happens. It means praying for the peace of Jerusalem, and trying to help the Jewish people in a practical way: financially, morally and spiritually. It's a matter of actions speaking louder than words.

Help to the poor

- 90,000 meals through the **Hineni Soup Kitchen** in Jerusalem
- 2,800 packages for the Jewish Holidays for **poor families**
- 1,200 food coupons for purchases at supermarkets
- 17,500 food parcels to the Jewish community in Ukraine
- 2,500 meals in **Jewish orphanages in Ukraine**
- 400 support packages in **Bethlehem**
- 30,000 meals to the underprivileged in Jaffa through **the Jaffa Institute**



Holocaust survivors

- Helping **600 Holocaust survivors in Ukraine** with monthly financial and practical assistance
- Placing four monuments** at sites of a mass graves in Ukraine in remembrance of the Holocaust (since 2010 thirty monuments have been erected).
- Giving **direct financial aid** to Holocaust Survivors in Israel through local organisations



'You are like a ray of sunlight falling on the hearts of these people. In their old days, they experience someone even from abroad caring about them. They realize they are important to someone. Having experienced that, they can leave this world in peace. After having been included in the program and receiving your help, many have told me: 'I have started to believe in God again'.'

A rabbi from a Jewish community in Ukraine

Children in Israel

- For ALEH, an institute for multiple disabled children, we donated **a new wheelchair minibus** to transport the children
- For **400 students** at the Jaffa Institute at Bet Shemesh we paid allowance. The Jaffa Institute devotes itself to the care of underprivileged boys and girls.
- 200 daily education programmes** at the Educational Center for Jewish Studies at Savyon were supported
- Summer Camps and Vacation Bible School** for Arab Christians in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.
- Two **fire extinguishers** were financed in the Negev desert, to extinguish the fires caused by the terrorist attacks with flammable balloons and rockets from the Gaza Strip, so that there will be less damage to crops and buildings.



Christians for Israel International

Christians for Israel is a global network of national affiliates, representatives and partner organisations in many countries. The network is led by Christians for Israel International, a foundation established in the Netherlands, which has the following tasks:

- 1. To give overall leadership to the global C4I movement regarding its mission, vision, values and beliefs;
- 2. To equip, encourage and strengthen the C4I affiliates to become/remain effective and financially self-sustaining;
- 3. To develop and disseminate core educational resources;
- 4. To pioneer the bringing of the message into new geographical and language areas.

Governing Board of Christians for Israel (2019)

The C4I International Board comprises representatives of several C4I affiliates. Board members are appointed for a four-year period. The Christians for Israel International Board met three times in 2019.



Leon Meijer
Chairman



Marie-Louise Weissenböck
Secretary



Bert Fluit
Treasurer



Harald Eckert
Member



Maryse Benard
Member



Ralf Hermann
Member

Christians for Israel International Leadership (2019)

President
Rev. Willem Glashouwer



The President has a specific role in providing leadership in respect of speaking, teaching and education.

In 2019, Rev. Glashouwer spoke in churches and at conferences in Belgium, Denmark, Israel, Rumania and Scotland.

Executive Director
Rev. Cornelis Kant



The Executive Director represents the global ministry and is responsible for implementing the plans and budgets established by the Governing Board. The Executive Director oversees an Executive team comprising staff members and volunteers. In 2019, Rev. Kant made working visits to affiliates and partners in Australia, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Nepal, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Switzerland and Uganda.

Regional Directors (2019)

C4I International has appointed a Regional Director (RD) for a number of regions. The RD's are members of the Global Executive Council and report directly to C4I International. Each Regional Director is responsible for:

- overseeing the development of the C4I affiliates in his/her region;
- developing new contacts; where appropriate appoint C4I Representatives in new regions;
- coordinating the production and distribution of C4I teaching resources in his/her region.

Regional Directors as at 31 December 2019



Asia
Wilson Ng
based in Malaysia



Europe
Marie-Louise Weissenböck
based in Austria



Oceania/Pacific
Ian Worby
based in Australia



Latin America
Valerie Nogueira
based in Brazil

Bringing the message

Christians for Israel's mission is to bring the message about God's everlasting faithfulness to Israel and the Jewish people into the churches. That's not as easy as it sounds. For several reasons, Israel is a sensitive topic for many Christians and churches.

Traditionally in Christian theology, almost from the beginning of the Early Church, Israel and the Jewish people lost their theological significance. The Church considered herself to be the heart of God's redemptive plan with the world. This view was, mainly in Europe, fed with a large dose of anti-Semitism, which led not only to the murder of millions, but also to a deep-seated antipathy towards the Jews. Nowadays, this antipathy has also turned against the State of Israel and its people. That's also the reason that even today in the variety of Christian theology and in Sunday's sermons, Israel is mostly not even mentioned.

Significance

Speaking about Israel from a Biblical perspective during our conferences and meetings often causes quite a stir among those attending. They realise they have been ignoring Israel. 'How could we ever forget Israel?' and 'Why

didn't I notice the significance of Israel in my theological study and in my many years of preaching?' People often react in this way. They mostly experience a wonderful eye-opening kind of revelation and feel the need to repent. They consider it a deepening of their Biblical and theological insights.

Barriers

There are still barriers to overcome, like the deeply rooted presupposition that the Jews killed Jesus and thus lost their eternal salvation. Or the presupposition that all God's promises for Israel have been transferred to the Church in a spiritual sense. These barriers in the minds of many pastors and ordinary church members are often tough to overcome.

Grace

When eyes are being opened for the Biblical and historical significance of Israel, people often consider this a revelation from God's Holy Spirit, and a matter of grace. It creates an intense need to learn more about Israel, his place in God's plan for this world and the importance of Israel in our Christian faith. They really experience a positive and enriching change of heart and mind.

Resources

This need requires good and solid Biblical resources to deepen their Biblical and theological knowledge about Israel. Therefore, we not only publish books, newsletters and an international newspaper, we also started a theological journal, *Israel and the Church*. It provides articles about theological issues concerning the place of Israel in our Christian faith. C4I provides free subscriptions for the digital version of the journal, which is published twice a year.

Twelve Theses

The International Bible & Israel Committee (IBIC, founded a few years ago) consists of C4I pastors and theologians from various countries. The members meet a couple of times per year and discuss how to serve the C4I affiliates with solid Biblical and theological input regarding Israel. This has also resulted in the publication of *Twelve Theses of Faith on Israel*. These theses are meant as an impulse to think further about the essential Biblical message concerning Israel and God's Kingdom. Pastors can use these twelve theses as a tool within their churches.

Rev. Cornelis Kant
Executive Director
Christians for Israel International





'Israel is a sign of hope'

As Christians, we have been living as eyewitnesses of the return of the Jewish people to the Promised Land for over a hundred years now.

We see countless Biblical prophecies being fulfilled before our very own eyes, such as Isaiah 43:5-8. The Lord says through the prophet that His people will return to Israel from the four corners of the earth to his own land - the end of the almost two thousand years of 'Roman' exile.

King of Kings

This return to the Promised Land points to the imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the King of the world. For the Christian congregation, for Israel and for the nations of the earth, yes for creation itself. This makes Israel a sign of hope for the world. God carries out His plans and leads history to the goal set by Him, and that is the coming of His Kingdom and the coming of the King of that Kingdom.

Love for Israel

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and try to help the Jewish people in a practical way, financially, morally and spiritually. The love for Israel and the Jewish people unites many Christians around the world.

Enthusiasm

While such a message finds less and less resonance in our post-Christian western world, interest in it is growing and flourishing in many churches and Christian congregations elsewhere in the world. When we were in Nagaland (India), we had the opportunity to speak for three days with 180 pastors about our Biblical message concerning Israel and the Jewish people. Their enthusiasm was great. Another time, 157 Christians from a large church community in Malaysia participated in a two-hour online Bible study via Zoom.

Peace

Through the electronic highways there is plenty of opportunity to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 24:14) worldwide! The law/Torah will go out from Zion, the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Peace will cover the whole earth. Then the Kingdom has come because then also the King of that Kingdom has come. The Messiah of Israel, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel.

New paths

That's the message we spread worldwide including a call for prayer

for the Jewish people and Israel. We also call for a radical reconsideration of an ancient theology in which there was no place for Israel. Where necessary, confess guilt, ask forgiveness and take new paths. Let us show solidarity with Israel in words and deeds!

*Rev. Willem Glashouwer
President
Christians for Israel International*

Educational Resources

In 2019, the following Educations Resources have been released:

Israel And The Church Journal

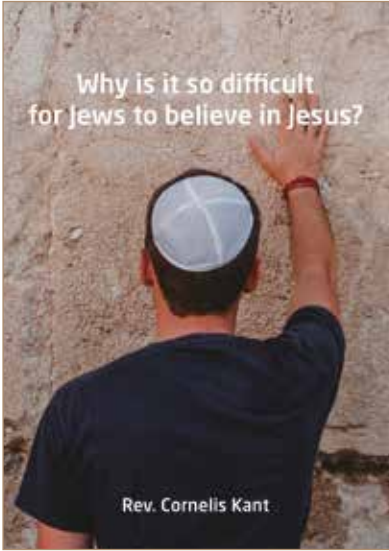
Israel and the Church is a journal for Biblical and theological reflections concerning Israel and the Church in God's plan for this world in the light of His coming Kingdom.



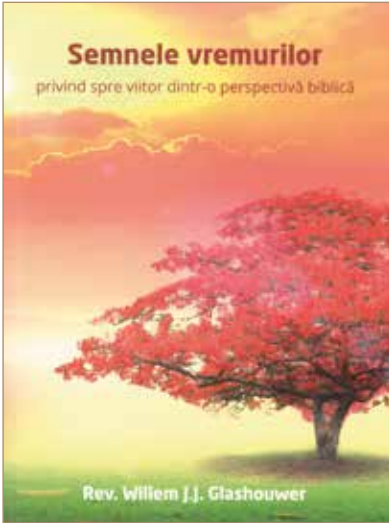
This first English (printed) issue was released in March 2019. The editors are aiming at two magazines per year, filled with contributions from all C4I branches from the 'corners' of the earth, to strengthen each other as a worldwide movement. The journal will also be available as a digital file.



Why Jerusalem? Ukrainian version
Israel: Covenants & Kingdom
Ukrainian version



The Signs of the Times
Romanian version



Rev. Willem J.J. Glashouwer

Communication Tools

and Belgium. Our branches in Denmark and Korea also published a newspaper, both in their native language.

C4I websites

Through our website c4israel.org we share information about the Christians for Israel network, about our Aliyah and humanitarian projects, as well as news about Israel. Websites are maintained in the following languages: English, Danish, Dutch, German, Italian, Russian. For new affiliates, a one-page website was created in their native language, including: Albanian, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Korean.

Newsletters

Regular newsletters were sent out. In July 2019, we started a new initiative, a weekly *Israel & Christians Today* Newsletter. In these newsletters, we want to give a brief update on some of the most important developments

concerning Israel and the Jewish people of that past week, and a reflection on how we as Christians can consider these from a Biblical perspective.

Prayer Calendar

Prayer for Israel is one of the cornerstones of our ministry. Firstly because the Lord, in His Word, calls us to pray for Israel: 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure' (Psalm 122:6). To help people in their intercession, Christians for Israel distributes a bi-monthly prayer calendar with prayer points. This prayer calendar can be downloaded from our website. The C4I Prayer Calendar is currently available in the following languages: English, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Vietnamese, and Albanian.

Social Media:

Facebook and YouTube

Christians for Israel International is active on Facebook and YouTube. Many national affiliates are active on Social Media as well. A wide range of short videoclips on a number of topics were produced.



Newspapers

Christians for Israel International has an editorial team, headed by Andrew Tucker. In 2019, we published six editions of our bi-monthly newspaper *Israel & Christians Today* in Australia, New Zealand, USA, and the United Kingdom.

In 2018, six editions of the German newspaper *Israelaktuell* were published in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Furthermore, ten editions of the Dutch newspaper *Israël Aktueel* were published in the Netherlands



Financial Results 2019

(1 January - 31 December)

We believe Israel is still God’s Chosen People and God is faithfull to all His covenants and promises for the Jewish people.

We believe the Lord is calling men and women for such a time as this: to raise our voice; to bring a Biblical

witness to the churches about the coming of God’s Kingdom; to warn the nations; and to prepare for the Coming of the Lord. The restoration of Israel in our days is fulfilment of Biblical prophecy, and a sign of hope pointing toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our desire to serve the body of Christ worldwide with this message.

For this global work finances are needed. We are deeply grateful that we were entrusted with sufficient gifts in 2019 to provide support and training to our teams worldwide.

The overview on page 47 is a summary of the audited operating results for 2019 of the foundation Christians for Israel International. The Christians for Israel affiliates report separately on their financial results, in accordance with local regulations. Please contact the respective affiliates if you are interested in these financial results.

The overview below is a summary of the amounts transferred to projects in 2019 by Christians for Israel affiliates. General donations received by Christians for Israel affiliates are expended on fulfilling our mission. Donations that are earmarked for specific projects (like f.e. Bring the Jews home - Aliyah) are transferred to such projects in accordance with the donors’ instructions. Figures are converted to Euros at the rate applicable in July 2020 and they may therefore deviate slightly from the original amount.

| BRING THE JEWS HOME (ALIYAH) | | HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN ISRAEL / FOOD PARCELS & HELP HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN UKRAINE | |
|------------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| COUNTRY | | Total (x 1,000 Euros) | |
| Australia | 90 | Australia | 45 |
| Austria | 19 | Austria | 66 |
| Belgium | 28 | Belgium | 79 |
| Germany | 58 | Germany | 627 |
| The Netherlands | 1,476 | The Netherlands | 3,199 |
| New Zealand | 58 | New Zealand | 26 |
| Switzerland | 6 | Switzerland | 17 |
| TOTAL | 1,735 | TOTAL | 4,059 |

Amounts in Euro (x 1,000)

| Item | Results 2018 | Budget 2019 | Results 2019 |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Donations | 215 | 215 | 207 |
| Sales of Educational Resources | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Dues (10% International dues paid by C4I Affiliates to C4I Int.) | 244 | 302 | 298 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 460 | 521 | 506 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| Administration and Operating Expenses | 318 | 321 | 337 |
| Communication | | | |
| Newspaper | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Websites, PR and Marketing | 22 | 17 | 18 |
| Media and Educational Resources | | | |
| Research and Development | 4 | 10 | 9 |
| Regional Development | | | |
| Travel | 49 | 45 | 32 |
| Regional Development Budgets | 44 | 50 | 50 |
| Training | 20 | 70 | 58 |
| International Board Meetings | 7 | 7 | 2 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 469 | 525 | 516 |
| RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS | -9 | -4 | -10 |



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