FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Dear friends,

These past months were again months of impact, and the Feast of Tabernacles was again a blessed time. An Israeli couple who have attended almost every Feast since 1980 said, “For us this was the best Feast Team ever!” Of course, it is difficult to compare all the past Feasts, but I know that God was among us in a unique way this year. To hear from Pastor Enoch Adeboye about the miracles of God that take place in Africa and to see the stadium filled with kneeling Christians responding to his call to repentance, or to hear Pastor Chow’s call for unity and to hear Daniel Kolenda’s family history – these were simply inspiring and impacting moments. Worship teams from Africa, Taiwan, Israel and America lead us into the presence of God and made us all feel like Heaven was touching Earth. God blessed us with one of the largest attendances in our history: over 7,000 believers, including some 800 Israelis joining us for Israeli night and more than 1,000 local believers attended this year’s Feast.

At the first devotion, back at the ICEJ we had to set up a spiritual ‘Eben-Ezer’ as we heard about one miracle after the other from this year’s Feast. We realised that this was not of us – but of God! Thank you, Jesus, for Your faithfulness!

Right after the Feast, we went to the border area of Gaza. Constant explosions just a few kilometres away reminded us about the ongoing confrontation between Egypt and ISIS in the Sinai Peninsula. On another front, we could deliver 17 mobile firefighting units to help the local community extinguish fires caused by Hamas’ arson campaign. Now, on average there is one such unit each two kilometres. The security specialist told us that the response time to a fire attack has now been reduced from being over 30 minutes to less than 10 minutes.

In addition, we could donate another six bomb shelters to the region. Most touching was hearing the head of the local community, Mayor Gadi Yarkoni: “For us this is Gan Eden (Paradise). We and our children will stay here no matter what happens.”

I was particularly moved as I learned that he lost both legs when a rocket exploded in his Palestinian neighbours. What a testimony this was for me of a man who kept hoping in the midst of tremendous challenges. I was reminded of Paul’s words: “Hope will not put us to shame.” (Rom 5:5) Please continue to pray with us for this embattled region and its people.

Finally, thank you to all of you who are standing with us in prayer. Make plans today to join us for next year’s Feast of Tabernacles and receive a special early-bird discount.

Blessings to you from Zion.

Dr Jürgen Bühler
ICEJ President

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

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

From its head offices in Jerusalem, the ICEJ reaches out to more than 170 countries, with branch offices in over 90 nations.

Our vision is:

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The Christian Embassy is a non-denominational faith-based ministry supported by the voluntary contributions of our members and friends across the globe. We invite you to join with us as we minister to Israel and the Jewish people worldwide by donating to the ongoing work and witness of the ICEJ.
Before penning the account of this year’s Feast – Dare to Dream – we asked ourselves which stories to tell? This Feast we wanted to tell the story of dreams new and old. Old dreams are just as vital as new ones. Dreams are only old because we deem them so. God can renew them or bring them to pass in the twinkling of an eye.

Prophecy is akin to sharing God’s dreams before they become fact. It is marvellous that our Lord creates through His Word. He speaks, and it is so. We latch on to the dream by believing the God-given vision, eagerly waiting and reminding God of its fruition. Dreams without God are powerless visions that remain hapless reveries. Dreaming with God is anticipating and building the future reality.

Looking back at the Feast of 2018, we also ask ourselves which experiences and newly gained insights we want to share? This Feast, we were enriched by an all-star line-up of speakers from many nations and blessed by talented and anointed worship leaders. They taught us about Israel and were conduits for experiencing God’s heart and will for our lives. Most importantly, the pilgrims brought a desire to honour and worship the great King in His own city, Jerusalem, along with a fervent love for God’s chosen people.

In the next pages, we invite you to join us in reliving the best moments of the 2018 Feast – Dare to Dream. We begin with a bouquet of hopes, aspirations and dreams from the Feast pilgrims themselves:

Kenneth – (14 years old, Israel): “My dream is to be a drummer in Hillsong and to study Palaeontology.”

Dreams from the little kids at the Feast’s AJ’s Club: “Hmm. I have many! I want to go to the zoo and to America. I have never been and I would love to fly.”

“I want to be a doctor, because I don’t want people to cough and be sick. I like reading and doctors read a lot.”

Judith (Holocaust Survivor) – “My dream for Israel is peace. That’s all we need. My dream for me is to live a few more years. But my main dreams are for my family. I have three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. I want a good future for all of them.”

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Chai Chen – Thailand – “I am an interior designer in Thailand and it’s my dream to build churches around the world and design them.”

Lesivou Bulabalavu – Cook Islands – “I have a dream of getting closer to God and strengthening my relationship with Him.”

Adam Gabelli – (Canada): “I had a broken dream, one that I never thought could come true, but this trip is a fulfilment of that dream. To worship the Lord with the nations in the land that I love, once again.”

Rebecca from Pennsylvania – “My dream has come true! The Lord brought me out of prostitution and addiction and has given me the ability to go back to rescue more people just like me. He left the 99 for the one, so I need to continue to go back for the one. He allowed me to rescue 10,000 and my dream is to create more homes for more people.”

Three women from Zimbabwe – “Our dream is that the Lord will bring a Godly government to Zimbabwe and that he will download a burden for Israel in us to take back to our nation. He is coming soon and we want Zimbabwe to be blessed. We want to have an Embassy of Zimbabwe in Jerusalem!”

Antonietta Evangelisti (centre)

Judith (left) and ICEJ staff member Kayla Ellingsworth

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Sarah Liberman leading people in worship from all around the world

Spiritual Wellspring at the Shores of the Dead Sea

Whether you are a Feast veteran or a brand-new arrival in Israel, Ein Gedi is the place to be the first night of the Feast of Tabernacles. The excitement, expectations and blessing that is part of this modern-day classic is unrivalled. Every year we gather together during the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles in the desert at Ein Gedi to share a meal together, to pray and worship God. The Exodus story comes alive for us and helps us imagine what it was like to be camped in the wilderness.

Catching Dreams at the Empty Tomb

Hervé Datro of the Ivory Coast stirred the crowd, stating, “Our big dream is of Heaven, not of earth. (...) Without Jesus your dream cannot be accomplished.” Echoing Pastor Khoury’s purposeful declaration of the “God who keeps His covenant with Israel,” Datro pointed out the debt Christians owe the Jewish nation: “I dream of Heaven. I dream of the restoration of the House of David (...) I am because Israel was.” In the second service he was followed by Juha Ketola, who boldly declared, “Because I want to live for the Glory of Jesus,” and who went on to achieve a combination of joyous excitement and humble contemplation as he underscored the choice between living a life in the flesh or in the Spirit.

Anointed speakers and performers from Israel and around the world set the tone for festive and insightful nights at the Pais Arena in Jerusalem. On the performance side, the audience saw and heard the powerful pulses of Eddie James’ young performers, who drew energy from the powerful Bible scriptures they declared with determination for the promises about Israel.

Hebrew sound waves by Shiloh Ben Hod and Jamie Hilsden’s Miqedem added contemporary Israeli music solidly planted in Scripture – providing a musical experience with a distinct Israeli flavour, praising God in the language of scripture. Insistent and powerful, Miqedem’s tunes unleashed the deep wellspring of joy and victory.

Sarah Liberman delivered an equally crowd-rousing performance with quiet heartfelt testimonies and prayers in between songs, “He is the source, He is the vision, He is not only that, He is the God of miracles” inviting the crowd to join in the song.

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Thousands gather to show support for Israel at the Jerusalem March

A Preview of Prophecy – the 2018 Jerusalem March

Imagine an Orthodox Jewish family from Herzliya, a city on Israel’s Mediterranean coast, spending the holiday of Sukkot in Jerusalem for the first time. Then imagine that family seeing a multitude of Christians joining an Israeli parade. Add to this the Christians singing about their love for Israel as many of them joyously dance in the streets. Well, you might guess that the family from Herzliya would be visibly excited and moved by the annual spectacle known as the Jerusalem March, and indeed they were, as were thousands more.

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Do not Limit the Holy One of Israel

Pastor Adeboye testified about his journey of faith and dreaming with God, and said, “You know your dream is from God when people laugh at you. And then you can tell them, just wait and see.” He confidently and humbly stated that, “God is not a joker. Whatever God says He will do... He will do!”

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The smooth jazzy sounds of Togo’s French-speaking worship team got the audience going in a different groove. The Togolese group did so well that the audience joined them by dancing onto the stage with their national flags.

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- Daniel Yahav

“Jesus is the one who will satisfy all of the dreams of His followers.”
- Reverend Hervé Datro

“All the big events in the salvation plan of God take place here in Jerusalem. That’s the truth.”
- Dag Juliussen

“We are serving a God whom you cannot outdream”
- ICEJ President Jürgen Bühler

“Why should we dare to dream a dream? Because we serve a God who specialises in doing the impossible.”
- Daniel Kolenda

“What a loss to live your life disconnected from the plan of God.”
- Malcolm Hedding

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The Pulse of Israel’s Local Body
Getting to know local believers and to understand the situation on the ground in Israel is vital, and the best source for this is to connect directly with the people of the land. That’s why the ICEJ organised a panel discussion with three Messianic leaders from three different cities in Israel: Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Ashdod. The open and frank discussion gave examples of how to show God’s love in direct and practical ways. Praying for healing continues to bring results, both among believers going out to pray and the ones who are being healed.

God’s Sovereign Faithfulness and Grace for Israel
At the Feast’s first morning plenary, Daniel Yahav gave a message about Israel that only a native Israeli can deliver – consisting of both hope and reality. He referred to Israel’s amazing history through the millennia: “It’s exciting to hear the words that God spoke with Abraham 4,000 years ago, recorded by Moses 3,500 years ago.”

The reality is, however, that God has guided the Jewish nation very much in spite of itself, i.e., by grace, and that believers should have God’s sovereign works as their main focus as they rejoice over the miracles performed for Israel. He drove home his message on the sovereignty of the Lord by stating, “God is not waiting, and He is not dependent on the nations or the UN. Our God is God. He created heaven and earth, and He has decided that this land is the inheritance of the people of Israel.”

Restoring the Altar of the Lord
Peter Tsukahira delivered a superbly inspiring message, in which he managed to make Scriptures acutely relevant by speaking about the tribal nature of human conflict and God as the only unifying peacemaker. He used Elijah’s battle on Mount Carmel to illustrate the modern-day battle in which believers find themselves, asking, “Will you be among the ones who will restore the altar of the Lord in the midst of your people?” He ended by declaring about Jerusalem, “Here are your roots. Here is where your King laid down his life for you. Here is where He rose from the dead, and here, according to the Scriptures, is where He is going to return.”

Plugging into Israel’s Prospects and Challenges
Yet again, the ICEJ’s leadership assembled a roster of accomplished speakers to give Feast pilgrims a handle on what is moving in Israel. A new investment platform, “OurCrowd” was introduced. Recognizing that there is great interest investing in Israel but a reluctance to do the “deal picking,” OurCrowd vets more than 200 start-ups monthly before it recommends two to three to its global network of investors, which includes everything from private individuals to corporate giants like Google.

Although the OurCrowd investment initiative’s success is an effective counter to BDS, Dr Eugene Kontorovich and Calev Myers in their seminar highlighted the nature of the newest form of affront against Israel, Lawfare. Lawfare is to attack Israel and its policies through legal means. Lawfare has been one of the favourite tactics of the BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanction) movement in their efforts to delegitimise Israel, and while the key players have changed from being the Arab League to many European leaders and NGOs today, the goals remain the same. BDS is working to label every product created in the West Bank with what is for all intents and purposes “a yellow star” on Israeli products in the global market.

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Based on Exodus 28, Dr Jürgen Bühler has said, “We are the priests of the book, we read the Bible because it is our history book; it gives us identity,” and it is interesting enough, it was among those people that Jesus found the most followers when he walked here in Israel. Let us pray for those people – the priests, the secular people of Israel.

We always need to remember that one of the greatest apostles in the Bible came out of this community.

The first tribe that you find in Israel is the Ultra-Orthodox community. They serve in the army; they have returned back to the land of Israel. The dreams that they have for the future can be summed up by the following: ‘They tell me, ‘Jürgen, I hope that when we die, that our memories will stay alive, that people will always remember what we have been through.’

And ladies and gentlemen that is why we have a home for Holocaust survivors in Haifa. We can take care of those people and also ensure that their memories will pass on to the next generation. Time is passing by, and also ensure that their memory will also ensure that their memory will stay alive, that people will always remember what we have been through.”

(...)

The second tribe that I want to introduce lies on the exact opposite side of the spectrum. They are the secular people here in this land, many of them are atheists, but let me tell you this tonight: The atheists here in this land are different from those in your country. Just a few days ago we honoured the day of Yom Kippur. I was surprised to find out that more than 40% of the secular community were fasting, too. (...)

And let me also tell you something else about the atheists in this land. One of their voices, Amos Oz, has said, “We are the atheists of the book, we read the Bible because it is our history book; it gives us identity,” and it is interesting enough, it was among those people that Jesus found the most followers when he walked here in Israel. Let us pray for those people – the atheists, the secular people of Israel.

Value-driven Ultra-Orthodox

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From all of this we understand that in God’s righteousness in us (Matthew 18:22). In terms of the New Testament scriptures, we are told that Jesus appointed seventy elders to help him fulfil the daunting mission that God gave him in terms of leading, a million people out of Egypt (Numbers 11:26). The great exile of Judah to Babylon that took place in the sixth century before Christ would be fulfilled after seventy years (Jeremiah 25:12), and thus when the Prophet Daniel read this in the book of Jeremiah he went about fasting and praying about the fulfilment of this promise (Daniel 9:2). Daniel also received an oracle from heaven that announced that Israel’s unique destiny on the earth would be fulfilled after seventy weeks of years (Daniel 9:24-27).

In terms of the New Testament scriptures, we are told that Jesus appointed seventy disciples to help him fulfil the mission that God His Father had given Him (Luke 10:1,17). Jesus told us that we should be to forgive others “seventy times seven times”, in order to fulfil the demands of God’s righteousness in us (Matthew 18:2-4). Also, in the end we all have 70 years in order to fulfill God’s plan for each of us on earth (Psalm 90:10).

From all of this we understand that in God’s economy seventy designates fulfilment or evidence of His allotted purpose. So, in terms of Israel, the message is clear: Her existence is no accident of history but constitutes clear testimony to the Church and the world at large, that the God of the Bible fulfils His promises. This is precisely why we can turn to Him fully in all things. To Israel, through Abraham, God promised land as an everlasting possession (Genesis 17:8). He promised that the blessings of eternal salvation would flow to the world from her by the coming of a ‘Seed Messiah’ (Genesis 22:18, John 12:4-17). Indeed, the Prophet Isaiah predicted that God would return to Zion and they are still coming. The God who serves is a God of fulfilment!

In addition, the Prophet Zechariah predicted that a day would come when Jerusalem would spill over its wall and straddle the surrounding hills of Judea (Zechariah 2:1-5). This has not happened until the 20th Century when for the first time homes and dwellings of all types began to spring up around the ancient walled and biblical city of Zion. In fact, the first community to be built in this regard was that of Yemin Moshe, easily recognised by the windmill that stands amongst its dwellings.

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God’s prophetic markers Israel’s modern restoration has taken place because God has fully honoured and fulfilled His undertakings to the nation given in the Abrahamic Covenant. The prophetic portions of scripture confirm these and date them so that we have no excuse in terms of recognizing the hand of God in Israel’s national destiny.

So, for instance, the Prophet Jeremiah speaks prophetically of a coming day when more Jews would return to the land of Israel from the North Country than those who had been in Mesopotamia for 1,500 years before Christ (Jeremiah 21:7-8). This is an extraordinary prophetic oracle, as at no time up until the present day did this happen. The return from Babylon after seventy years of Exile saw nothing like the number that Moses brought out of Egypt since this regard are clearly recorded in the pages of scripture (Ezra 1-6). But, in recent years, beginning with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, more than a million Russian Jews have returned to Zion and they are still coming. The God we serve is a God of fulfilment!

God’s promises to Abraham Indeed, Israel’s existence rests on unconditional and everlasting promises that God made to Abraham and His descendants. Israel is therefore evidence of these and a clear testimony to the Church and the world, that the God of the Bible fulfils His promises. This is precisely why we can trust Him fully in all things. To Israel, through Abraham, God promised land as an everlasting possession (Genesis 17:8). He promised that the blessings of eternal salvation would flow to the world from her by the coming of a ‘Seed Messiah’ (Genesis 22:18, John 12:4-17). Today Israel stands strong at 70 because the nation is beloved “for the sake of the fathers” (Romans 11:8).

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And then Jesus gave a prophetic oracle that is known as the Olivet Discourse, which is recorded in all the synoptic Gospels (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21). In this discourse He stated that the Jews would be dispersed into all the nations of the world and Israel would be “hindered” by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Luke 21:44). Here again the idea of fulfilment is brought into focus and consequently in 1967, by the Six Day War of June of that year, the gentile nations lost their grip on the holy city and it returned to Jewish sovereignty. This is amazing and again a testimony to the faithfulness of God to His covenant with Abraham.

God’s promised Son There is no doubt that the greatest gift of Israel to the world is Jesus of Nazareth, God’s only unique Son. He has saved millions of people of all colours, creeds and nations from their sins and has become the most famous person of all time. He has no competitors, since He towers above all the human icons of time and divides history itself by His existence. Moreover, He is alive at the very right hand of God from whence He will soon return to the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:11). Israel’s modern-day restoration constitutes a platform by which the Son of God will return to the earth in power and great glory (Matthew 24:30).

The Psalmist wrote that there would come a time when the Lord would “build Zion” and then “appear in His glory” (Psalm 102:16-17). This time is upon us, yes, the time has come or has been fulfilled for the Son of God to shortly come as King to His people.

God’s people of prayer Because all these things are true, it is clear that we have responsibilities as Christians to Israel and the Jewish people since we share in “their spiritual things” (Romans 11:25). In short, we should believe what God is blessing and work where God is working. Our God is working in all the earth, but He is doing mighty and wondrous things in Israel.

Paul tells us that God has not forsaken His people (Romans 11:11) and He has not abandoned the calling that He placed over them in Abraham four thousand years ago (Romans 11:29). He has faithfully fulfilled all His promises to them, and Israel’s seventy-year anniversary brings this into focus. Consequently, for the Apostle Paul this means that we should:

1. Resist the notion that He has abandoned them (Romans 11:11).
3. Resist pride and arrogance (Romans 11:28).

We should actually give ourselves to prayer and fasting for Israel as Daniel did when he observed the times of fulfilment in Israel’s long historical journey (Daniel 9:1-19). Also, the Psalmist, while speaking of a future day of the up building of Zion, stated that this would happen because: God has heard the prayers of His people (Psalm 102:15-17). Paul knew that this major contribution to the well-being and salvation of Israel would be that of prayer (Romans 10:1). We must not fail God in this area of prayer. We should pray for the day of the restoration of Israel to the world and for the world. Israel is God’s vehicle of restoration. God’s prophetic markers constitute a platform by which the Son of God is working in all the earth, but He is doing mighty and wondrous things in Israel.
Journey of Dreams – Joint Jewish-Christian Successes
One special evening at the Feast is the ICEJ’s Israeli Guest Night, which provides moving highlights of Jewish-Christian cooperation and joint accomplishments. The ICEJ’s special effort in Aliyah moved the audience as they witnessed the trials and frustrations of a Jewish Ethiopian family, long awaiting an opportunity to immigrate to Israel before the family finally flew over Tel Aviv’s beautiful night-time cityscape to be reunited with their extended family in Ben Gurion Airport – all scenes from the ICEJ’s new documentary: “Journey of Dreams.” This was the beginning of a tour-de-force demonstrating to Israelis the impressive range of projects in which the ICEJ is involved, spanning aid work, public diplomacy and the unique home for Holocaust survivors in Haifa, a group of whom were actually present in the audience, and who received the entire arena’s standing recognition. The Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors also received gifts for a million and 1 million NIS from the ICEJ’s German and US branches respectively, presented by National Directors Gottfried Bühler and Susan Michael.

Israel in the international arena
Likewise, Israel’s efforts in the international arena and the country’s very tangible blessings to the world were also highlighted in a CBN documentary about the time-honoured Jewish endeavour for “Tikkun Olam” (loosely translated as “repairing the world”). The efforts of private Israeli citizens among refugees, for example, and the Israeli government’s responses to natural disasters around the world all underscored that Israel cares and does so with a global impact.

The Paradox of Operation Good Neighbor
The crowning jewel of the joint successes was delivered by retired IDF Colonel Marco Moreno, who headed up “Operation Good Neighbor” on the Israeli-Syrian border; an effort aimed at providing aid and humanitarian relief to war-struck Syrians. Moving scenes of young IDF soldiers, trained to defend their country with force, but in this instance helping refugees reach safety in Israel passed over the screens. In one sequence, you see Moreno in the Golan Heights, close to the border with Syria. “You can hear bombing as we speak. That means that tonight our soldiers, our brave soldiers, will go and save lives.” Back in the arena, Moreno concluded, “It sounds like a joke: Christians and Jews helping Muslims, right? But it’s the reality.”

Awards and Recognition
A prime function of this gala evening is to celebrate and recognise valuable contributions. This is why the ICEJ each year gives the Nehemiah Award to an individual who has served the Jewish people in exceptional ways. Because of the seminal move of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, US Senator Jon Kyl, who originally sponsored the bill and legislation leading to the Embassy Act of 1995, was a most natural and worthy recipient of this year’s award.

The Cyrus Award and notable achievements
A new award, directly related to recognising Jerusalem as Israel’s capital the Cyrus Award, has also been instated by the ICEJ. This reward has been given to heads-of-state from nations taking the bold step to move their embassies to Jerusalem. These were highlighted by Mojmir Kallus, the ICEJ’s VP for International Affairs, who also mentioned smaller but very significant contributions from poor and minor countries around the world. The determination of local Christians – e.g., Tanzania and Albania to bless Israel is truly heart-warming and set an example of a different kind. Such quiet efforts are equally inspiring and worthy as some of the headline-making contributions.

Personal addresses by Israel’s PM and The Jewish Agency’s chairman
Two personal addresses had been specially recorded to address the Feast Pilgrims in this festive evening. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu opened his address by stating, “I am delighted that there is a Christian Embassy.” He also stood by Israel’s relations to Christians in the Land, telling the audience that “Sometimes a profound truth is a simple truth. Here is a simple truth: Israel is the only country in the Middle East that protects the rights of Christians. Think of that. For thousands of miles around us, there is only one place Christians thrive. Right here in Israel.” He finished his address with deep-feel thanks: “Thank you for recognising Israel. Thank you for always supporting Israel.”

Another personal address was given by the newly elected chairman for The Jewish Agency for Israel, Isaac Herzog, “I want to thank you for your support. Your support has been enormous. (...) and we are partners with you, the ICEJ. (...) Together we have brought 140,000 new immigrants to Israel - I think it is an enormous achievement.”

Prayer this year at the Feast of Tabernacles was rewarding and inspiring. We saw a prophetic preview of Zechariah 14, with representatives from over 100 nations crying out for their nations in the Prayer Sukkah. As the nations worshiped and prayed in their languages, the Spirit of God reigned in the Sukkah, uniting us in heart even though we were separated by different languages. The Lord delights in each of our specific cultures, and He longs to hear the way we pray and worship in our own languages.

The ICEJ prayer initiative the PrayerWave has seen a growth of almost 500 people since its start. Together, these intercessors diligently form the global PrayerWave that stretches across nearly every time zone on earth. Men and women who have been engaging in prayer in the PrayerWave have noted that the Lord has expanded a love in their heart for Israel and that they feel an increased closeness with Israel. I would like to invite you to join this prayer movement and unite with us as we carry the call to make Jerusalem a praise in all the nations.

Prayer testimonials
Meeting a lady from Bolivia, who said that she had joined the PrayerWave, I asked her how it had changed her life. She said that since joining the PrayerWave and praying for Israel regularly, the Lord had grown a love in her heart for Israel and because of this she was excited to make the decision to come to the Feast this year. I met a man and his wife from the Cook Islands who said that the PrayerWave has brought them closer to an understanding of what is going on in Israel and how to pray effectively into events pertaining to Israel; also they said they have been encouraged so much that they have gathered a group who weekly pray through the prayer points sent out to the ICEJ’s PrayerWave.

A woman from the Cook Islands had been praying, asking the Lord to make a way for her and her countrymen/women to lead worship in Jerusalem. The day after she had prayed, I asked her to lead worship in the Sukkah. She was overjoyed that the Lord was so quick to respond.

The ICEJ’s US National Director Susan Michael (left) presenting the Haifa Home with a gift cheque

Connect with the ICEJ’s global PrayerWave at www.icejprayerwave.com
All Generations at the Feast
By Jani Salokangas

During the Feast of Tabernacles, the ICEJ Arise team welcomed hundreds of young people to celebrate the Feast. Many internationals across the globe came with excitement, and more than 140 Israeli young adult believers joined the Feast celebrations, too.

A special Feast Youth Day was organised for the fifth consecutive year. During this day the young crowds where taught a look behind the scenes of the ICEJ. The Headquarters here in Jerusalem is a beautiful and unique historical building tucked into the middle of a Jewish neighbourhood. This is the place God has chosen to do his work through a diverse staff from all around the world to bring His comfort to His people. As the visitors came in the gate, they were greeted by one of the ICEJ staff members and were able to enjoy some refreshments in the sukkah set up on the property of the Embassy. Many of the visitors came in large groups, so they divided into smaller groups according to their language.

ICEJ staff gave tours in many different languages explaining the extraordinary miracles God has done through His ministry here in the Land of Israel and around the world.

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Israel in Crisis

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ICEJ President Dr Jürgen Bühler gives TV update on shelter donations

ICEJ AID Director Nicole Yoder with Shmuel Bowman and Raz co-founder Eli Raz inspecting firefighting trailers

GAZA BORDER UPDATE
BY DAN HERRON

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Despite being at retirement age, Baruch Cohen still regularly serves as a major in the Israeli reserves. During his active-duty years, he was in the paratrooper contingent that fought at the location known as the “Chinese Farm” in the Sinai Peninsula during the Yom Kippur War in October 1973. This effort allowed the IDF to move forward a roller bridge, which eventually enabled them to open a push for Cairo and encircle the 3rd Egyptian Army, effectively ending the war. Now it’s October 2018, and Baruch is involved in a different type of conflict. This conflict blew away the legs of Gadi Yarkoni, now mayor of the Eshkol region, during Operation Protective Edge against Hamas in 2014. Baruch was the one who fitted the tourniquet to stop the profuse bleeding from Yarkoni’s leg wounds. Both he and Mayor Yarkoni are present for the ceremony to install the newest ICEJ-sponsored bomb shelter in Israel. Their personal presence and gratitude demonstrate how important the ICEJ’s efforts are. With humour but determination, Cohen corrects me when I use the term Gaza Envelope for the border region, “This is the Israel Envelope.” He is ready for what’s coming next, and the ICEJ is ready to help.

ICEJ staff and friends gather in front of the newly donated shelter.

Help Israel prepare and persevere in crisis situations at: int.icej.org/aid/israel_in_crisis

From left: Mayor Gadi Yarkoni, David Parsons, Gabriella and Daniel Hess, Nicole Yoder, Dr Jürgen Bühler, Shmuel Bowman and Michal, Regional Council Representative

Sixty-five shelters and counting In conflict situations when ordnance in the form of rockets and mortar shells is raining down on frontline communities, ICEJ-sponsored bomb shelters are vital. But they are much more than a means of survival. They enable everyday life to go on for as long as possible. The shelters are the backbone of the all-important sense of security that families need to maintain in the lethal shadow that the Gaza Strip casts over Jewish communities in the Gaza Envelope. The term ‘envelope’ denotes the communities that border Hamas-controlled Gaza and are easily within mortar and rocket range.

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hanging on to their land and digging in instead of pulling out. Israeli tools of peace defeat instruments of war For months now, Hamas has provocatively been displaying its production line of incendiary kites and explosive balloons. This effort aims at maiming human bodies and burning down vegetation and crops on the Israeli side. The ICEJ would like to respond to that by introducing our readers to a different type of production line, one that saves lives and natural beauty.

In Rishon LeZion, we visited the Raz Sprayers factory that produces the custom-made firefighting trailers defending Israel’s vulnerable south. “Rishon LeZion” means First in Zion and is one of the modern State of Israel’s oldest communities, founded already in the spring of 1882 by Russian Jews escaping pogroms in what was then the Russian Empire. The pioneers here were responsible for many “firsts,” e.g., the first school with an all-Hebrew curriculum (1888) and the first Hebrew kindergarten (1898). It was also in Rishon LeZion that the flag that would go on to be Israel’s national ensign was flown for the first time (1885) and a few years later Israel’s national anthem HaTikva was sung for the first time in a local school (1887).

Two brothers, Jakob and Eli Raz, embody this pioneer spirit and have built an impressive and efficient operation, founded in 1968. Their bread and butter is not fighting terrorism but designing top-notch irrigation devices and vehicles for greenhouses and farming in arid regions around the world. Because the brothers are Zionists and empathise with their neighbours down south, they have pushed the trailers for the Gaza Envelope up the production queue so that these are assembled and ready for action on the Gaza border at the earliest moment possible. Here the trailers help save valuable property and allow locals to defend themselves in a purposeful way, many times putting fires out before they turn into blazes. The production line has been kept busy over the summer as donations for a total of 47 firefighter trailers have come in from ICEJ branches and supporters. Much of the white-hot hate from Hamas’ incendiary campaign has been doused by the combination of Christian support and Israeli ingenuity.
HAIFA HOME RENOVATION IN PROGRESS
BY YUDIT SETZ
ICEJ HAIFA HOME DIRECTOR

Over the years, the Haifa Home has grown in number of residents and in services needed to care for the survivors. There was a great need for a physiotherapy room. With great thanks to a special donor, we were able to renovate an existing room and change it into a physiotherapy room, suitable to provide treatment for the residents.

With great excitement the clinic has now opened, and the residents were overjoyed to see the new physiotherapy equipment. I shared the story of Herschel Graff, a Christian from the USA, who donated to them out of his love for the people of Israel, and the residents were deeply touched. The physio room is now constantly filled with residents who receive instructions according to their needs from a Christian Israeli-Arab physiotherapist. The residents are moving their bodies, receiving massages and paraffin baths for their aching joints. It’s a great enrichment to the physical and mental well-being of the residents, and at the same time a nice place where they meet, laugh and talk together.

Meanwhile, the expansion of the Haifa Home is underway. Renovation on the outside of the building is happening and permits are being acquired for the building in order to begin the renovation on the inside. This process will still take a few months before we are ready to begin interior renovation, but we are encouraged by seeing this expansion in progress.

To donate to this incredible expansion project, please visit: www.icej.org/haifa_building

ADOPTING A SURVIVOR
BY KAYLA ELLINGSWORTH

Have you thought about adopting a Holocaust survivor? When you adopt a survivor, you can send letters, see photos, and connect with one of these precious survivors in a very unique and special way. Here is what some adopters have said about their experience:

“It was good to see Genia (Holocaust Survivor), who looked beautiful and content in the pictures. I guessed that writing in Hebrew touches her, even though my skill of Hebrew is very simple.” (Tirjo from Finland)

“I am so glad to hear that my simple postcards mean so much to Galina.” (Carol from the USA)

As these Holocaust Survivors receive letters and visits from Christians all around the world, you can imagine how loved they must feel. Here are some of the responses of the Holocaust Survivors to their adopters:

“Brenda is such a wonderful friend to me. She writes very regularly – beautiful cards from France and now from Wales. She never forgets me. She has a very special place in my heart.” (Genia, Holocaust Survivor)

“I am very grateful for every card I receive. The world has not forgotten us. We here in Israel have friends who write kind words to us.” (Naomi, Holocaust Survivor)

“If you would like to adopt a Holocaust Survivor today, please visit our website: int.icej.org/aid/adopt-holocaust-survivor

If you would like to be a part of providing a home for a lone soldier and many other meaningful ways of showing God’s tangible love to Israel, please go to: int.icej.org/aid

A HOME FOR LONE SOLDIERS
BY KAYLA ELLINGSWORTH

Uniquely created for education and rehabilitation of religious children, the Children’s Village in Asheklon has compassionately provided a home for children who are unable to live with their families. As of now, they are providing for 74 children ages 5-17, because once a child turns 18 they must enlist into military or national service. Sometimes these children have to wait to be accepted into the military so not only are they lone soldiers, but they also become homeless soldiers. Therefore, this village has planned to create a home for these soldiers. The ICEJ has provided the necessary furniture to fill this home to show these young soldiers God's great love, care and provision.

Anat shared her desire for her future, “Perhaps computers. I have good hands for repairing electronic items. I need to have a good salary at work because I have to look after all of my younger brothers and sisters, too.” At age 21, responsibility rests on Anat’s shoulders to help her younger siblings and to look after her parents. And yet, she is dreaming of success and future employment. In September, ICEJ gave Anat a scholarship to help her complete her high school diploma. Thank you for being a part of impacting many young lives, like Anat’s, who in turn impact many other lives around them!
STAND UP AGAINST ANTISEMITISM IN EUROPE

BY MOJIMIR KALLUS
ICEJ VP FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Just like every summer for the past five years, an improbable group of about seventy people of all ages and walks of life sets out to march in the footsteps of Vrba and Wetzler, two Slovak Jews who escaped from Auschwitz to inform the world about the genocide. The motivation for this six-day trek through the hills and valleys at the Polish-Slovak border is to ponder their heroic act, which is believed to have saved over 200,000 lives, and take the lesson home.

Unlike other commemoration events, this is a personal act of courage and determination. It brings together people who feel that it is not enough to say nice words. The time we live in, especially in Europe, compels one to take a public stand against antisemitism. If history is not to be repeated, one has to stand actively against evil. It is because of this uniting idea that strong bonds of friendship are forged during the walk, in spite of differences of opinion on many issues.

The Czech and Slovak branch of the ICEJ organise the project, which is finding growing resonance in Israel, the UK, USA, France and Hungary. Thanks to efforts of the participants, Yad Vashem decided this year to recognise another Righteous from the Nations. They honoured a Slovak farmer, Ondrej Canecky, who risked his life to help Vrba and Wetzler by giving them shelter, food and clothes and bringing them into contact with a farmer, Orit and her family were expelled from their home in St Petersburg. As a six-year-old child of a Jewish Zionism father from Russia, Orit and her family were expelled from Russia in the 1970s. They showed up in Austria as refugees, and Christians from Finland provided food, clothing, and toiletries to help these Jewish refugees. Likewise, the ICEJ is able to be your extension of the Body of Christ to show Christian love, as we have the privilege of being your hands and feet in the Aliyah process. Isaiah 49 talks about the Gentiles carrying the Jews back in their arms and on their shoulders, as the Jewish people return to their biblical homeland. Likewise, the ICEJ is able to be your extension of the Body of Christ to show Christian love, as we have the privilege to participate with God in His fulfilment of this biblical prophecy.

Indeed, the ICEJ-Tanzania branch has quickly become our top donor branch in Africa and they are quite proud of it. Currently, they are on pace to donate over $40,000 this year. Many of these donations are coming from individuals who make only a few dollars per day, so we thank God for their faith and sacrifice. Meanwhile, we also want to recognise one major source of financial support for our ministry in Tanzania, which is Safina Radio, the nationwide radio network led by Dr Daniel and Mrs. Helen Lema and all their faithful listeners. ICEJ-Tanzania was launched three years ago by our national director, Stanton Newton. With the help of our national chairman, Bishop David Mwasota, and others, it has quickly expanded throughout the country, with representatives now appointed in every region of Tanzania. Plans are already underway for next year’s ICEJ-Tanzania national conference, which will be held in Songwe.

Meantime, there are similar opportunities awaiting the ICEJ in neighbouring East African countries, such as Kenya and Uganda. My colleague Mojmir Kallus is now arranging a regional planning meeting to tap further into the growing groundswell of Christian support for Israel in East Africa.
By Aaron Hecht

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To support youth projects like this one, visit: int.icej.org/aid/icej-aid

By Maxine Carlill

During Hanukkah, a season of light, we would like to share a story of how some light was shed into a family’s life. A young girl, one of nine children, lived in an impoverished home and suffered from behavioural problems. This concerned her single mother and psychologist, yet one donation from Homecare made all the difference. The young girl was able to take violin lessons, but a year later she decided to learn the saxophone, a wind instrument instead. The mother was understandably frustrated about her daughter’s seemingly indecisive behaviour and lack of perseverance. However, Homecare suggested that, “Perhaps this new instrument of choice will give expression to emotions that cannot be expressed in words, but rather blown into the wind.”

Only a few short lessons and a child prodigy was discovered! Not only did she display tremendous talent, but she enjoyed playing the saxophone. A few months later, she began playing with the Israeli Youth Orchestra! Her troublesome behaviour disappeared, as she developed into a confident young woman.

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The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem looks forward to celebrating both Hanukkah and Christmas by sponsoring a series of festive events and gift distributions.

The ICEJ began a wonderful Christmas Concert tradition last year in the heart of Jerusalem, led by Verena Bühler, which we hope you will tune into on our Facebook page this December. We look forward to sharing the spirit of the holidays with you from Jerusalem.

Christian communities in Nazareth, Bethlehem and the Old City of Jerusalem take special pride in celebrating Christmas. In partnership with evangelical churches in these cities, the ICEJ will sponsor gifts and chocolate treats for hospitalised children, as well as food packages and gifts.

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