The Corona pandemic may have prevented thousands of Christians from attending the ICEJ’s annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration here in Israel in early October, but our innovative online Global Feast spawned hundreds of Sukkot gatherings and watch parties in dozens of countries worldwide, drawing more Christians than ever before into marking this joyous biblical holiday together.

The ICEJ’s virtual Feast featured seven daily live broadcasts to large audiences on GOD TV, Daystar, Vision Norway and other Christian TV networks worldwide. Over seven thousand Christians from 107 nations also accessed the Feast online, along with hundreds of churches around the globe who hosted Sukkot celebrations and watch parties linked in to our live Feast broadcasts from Jerusalem. These Sukkot gatherings drew crowds ranging from small groups in underground churches in China and Iraq to several thousand in large churches in Bolivia and the Ivory Coast – which means the total audience for this year’s Feast could easily be in the hundreds of thousands.

“When we first started celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles forty years ago, there were very few Christians worldwide who knew about Sukkot,” said ICEJ President Dr. Jürgen Bühler. “But forty years later, there are millions of Christians around the globe who have discovered this biblical festival and are building sukkahs and waving the four elements. And many of them tuned into this year’s Feast from Jerusalem, which allowed us to reach our largest audience ever. So the irony is that during the Corona crisis, this biblical holiday caught on with more Christians than ever before.”

This year’s roster of Feast speakers included Anne Graham Lotz, Billy Wilson and Jentzen Franklin from the USA, Enoch Adeboye (pastor of the largest church in Africa), Younghoon Lee (pastor of the largest church in Asia), René Terra Nova (pastor of one of the largest churches in Latin America), Mats Ola Ishoel (pastor of the largest church in Russia), and popular South African preacher Angus Buchan.

Normally, the Feast draws over 5,000 Christians from 100 nations up to Jerusalem, even in years of conflict and terror when regular tourism to Israel is down. But Corona forced the ICEJ to take the Feast online this year. Yet, the silver lining is that our largest audience ever tuned in for a truly Global Feast.
“I believe we are seeing a move of repentance, a move of prayer and a move of intercession like never before covering the whole world”

Jürgen Bühler

“We are grateful to Christians around the world that are helping fulfill biblical prophecy”

Isaac Herzog

“Friends, I want to thank you for all you are doing for Israel during these difficult days”

Reuvin Rivlin
"It’s time to fall on our knees in repentance of sin, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord."

Anne Graham Lotz

"Looking to the future, I see a role for the ICEJ to the very day that Jesus returns”

Susan Michael
YOU CAN STILL ENJOY THE FEAST

All the Feast content – including the seven live shows, 100+ seminars, 25 virtual tours, the worship afterglows, Garden Tomb Communion service and more – will remain available on our conferencing platform well into next year. Our $99 and $149 premium Feast packages are still available for purchase, giving you full access until next October 2021, plus special gifts from our online shop. See more at: on.icej.org/FOT2020

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During the ICEJ’s Feast of Tabernacles each year, Israeli Guest Night is a very special evening when local Israelis join us for a program of music, dancing and solidarity with Israel.

Besides her many other duties at the Feast, Homecare nurse Corrie van Maanen always makes an extra effort to bring many of the elderly and disabled Russian Jewish immigrants she cares for year-round to Israeli Guest Night. They often come in wheelchairs, to take part in the joyful celebration with thousands of Christians from the nations. But due to the Coronavirus, that was not possible this year, and instead Corrie brought the joy of the Feast right into their homes during Sukkot. She lovingly prepared gift baskets filled with pomegranates, grapes, dates and chocolates, and picked up freshly baked pastries along the way.

Visiting Luda, Corrie delivered the gift basket and surprised her with several songs on the flute. Luda was overjoyed! “I want to record it and share it with all my friends”, said Luda, who has attended Israeli Guest Night for many years. She has no family here and often feels alone. Drinking coffee together, Luda shared, “I am missing out on sitting in a sukkah. I hear my Jewish neighbours, but I cannot join them.” Suddenly, she realised “we have our own sukkah this morning here in my kitchen!” Corrie was touched by how her small gestures turned into an unforgettable moment for Luda.

For Tanja, this year’s Sukkot was particularly difficult as the lockdown prevented her from spending the holiday with her son and grandchildren. But when Corrie arrived at her door, bearing the gift basket and pastries, Tanja instantly brightened up. As Corrie played her flute, Tanja said: “You have made me happy. For many years we have celebrated with thousands, but today is a Feast shared with one and maybe it is more important to me, because you brought me such joy.”

Corrie next visited Lena, a widow struggling with severe depression. With the strict lockdown, she had not left her home or spoken to anyone for days. Grateful for the gift basket and pastries, Lena poured them some tea and spoke of her loneliness, especially during the Sukkot holidays. Cautiously, Corrie offered to play her flute. Very soon, a glimmer of joy returned to Lena as she clapped after each song. One song referred to a fountain of blessing and Corrie prayed for her soul to be like a fountain of blessing this year. Lena was truly lifted by the surprise visit and “chamber concert”, in place of attending the Feast.
As we look back over the past twelve months, Israel and the entire world were greatly impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. But the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem rose to the challenge and accomplished more in some of our key areas of ministry than ever before.

**JANUARY** • After starting the new year with a month of concerted prayer by our Jerusalem staff, the ICEJ hosted some 100 pastors and ministry leaders from Israel and abroad for our annual Envision conference – an enriching time of Bible teachings, current affairs briefings, encounters with Israelis, and special visits to biblical sites and government offices.

**FEBRUARY** • ICEJ leaders met in Jerusalem to plan for our 40th Anniversary celebrations during this year’s Feast of Tabernacles. But our ICEJ-Norway national director also spoke from the prophet Habakkuk that a great “shaking” was coming, and within days the Coronavirus started spreading from China.

**MARCH** • As the COVID-19 threat forced Israelis to stay at home, the ICEJ became busier than ever feeding the poor and assisting the elderly in lockdowns. We also began flying hundreds of new Jewish immigrants to Israel on emergency Aliyah flights from Russia, Ukraine and Ethiopia.

**APRIL** • Despite strict lockdowns over the Passover holidays, the ICEJ helped feed and care for more Israelis than ever before over the Passover season, including hundreds of Holocaust survivors and other elderly Israelis confined to their homes.

**MAY** • ICEJ marked 30 years of Aliyah efforts with a special chartered flight from Russia in late May, adding to the hundreds of Jewish immigrants flown to Israel by our ministry despite the Corona travel bans.

**JUNE** • With each passing week of the worldwide health crisis, the ICEJ intensified its online prayer initiatives, including our weekly Global Prayer Gathering, as well as extended online Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) prayer vigils first launched in June.
JULY • By July, the ICEJ had sponsored over 85 direct and connecting flights bringing more than 1,000 new Jewish immigrants to Israel this year from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Ethiopia, despite the Corona global travel bans.

AUGUST • Following the massive blast in Beirut port in early August, the ICEJ raised over $35,000 in contributions to help several churches, prayer houses and other ministries in Lebanon repair damages to their facilities and reach out to their communities with a strong Christian witness.

SEPTEMBER • The ICEJ surpassed over 100,000 signatures from 130 nations in a worldwide petition addressed to the Danish Bible Society urging them to recall an alarming new Bible translation which omitted or replaced hundreds of references to “Israel” in both the Old and New Testaments.

OCTOBER • With travel bans not allowing foreign tourists to enter Israel, the ICEJ transformed our annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration into an online global event, with more speakers, worship artists and seminars, and more viewers from more nations, than ever before.

NOVEMBER • In response to a rash of airborne arson attacks launched from Gaza this summer, ICEJ delivered more urgently-needed fire-fighting equipment to communities in the western Negev, including fire-proof outfits, shoes and masks for 120 emergency responders.

DECEMBER • ICEJ is ending the year by sponsoring flights for hundreds of Ethiopian Jews who are part of a renewed wave of Aliyah for the last remnant of this ancient Israelite community.

These are examples of our many projects, events and other ministry highlights over the past year, despite all of the unique challenges we all have faced. With your support, we are bringing Jews home, helping them settle in the Land, caring for Holocaust survivors, protecting vulnerable Israeli communities, and impacting churches and nations all around the world.
We are so grateful for your faithful support over the past year and for the trust you have placed in the work and vision of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. In our 40th year of ministry, we were able to overcome many steep challenges and fulfill our calling to bless and comfort Israel as never before. This was all made possible thanks to your firm commitment to the Lord, to Israel and to our ministry, as we know you continued to give even when there were major uncertainties in your own lives.

As we enter a new year, we are hopeful that our efforts together can accomplish even more for the Kingdom in 2021. There are so many Israelis who will need our help every day, and you enable us to touch their lives with God’s sustaining love. Join us in bringing more Jewish families home on Aliyah, in caring for more Holocaust survivors, in protecting more embattled Israeli communities with bomb shelters and fire-fighting equipment — and so much more!

One of the biggest challenges we are facing early in the new year is assisting with the expected wave of 2,000 Ethiopian Jews being brought to Israel at this time. The Aliyah flights are scheduled to start in December and take several months to complete. The costs per person for bringing them to Israel is currently higher than normal, but the Israeli Government has decided to bring them in large numbers as soon as possible. The Jewish Agency is looking to the ICEJ to fund as many of these Ethiopian olim as we can, and we know that most have spent years in rickety transit camps waiting and dreaming of their moment to return to Zion. Please consider what you can do to help us to meet this great humanitarian need, and to fulfill biblical prophecy at the same time!

So thank you once again for your support and prayers, and for standing with Israel through the ICEJ. May God bless and reward you for your generosity, faithfulness and obedience to His word.

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