# **Christians for Israel International**

# **Annual Report 2013**







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

> Our vision is to establish a global 'Christians for Israel' network having effective national impact, for the blessing of the nation of Israel, the Jewish people, the Church and the nations.

# **OUR BELIEFS**

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 nations. The Bible teaches us that although the nation of Israel has been 'hardened in part', God still loves His chosen people Israel. The Church has not replaced Israel. God's covenants with the nation of Israel are everlasting. He is restoring Israel in the last days as part of His greater plan of creation and redemption. We believe that God will fulfil all His promises to Israel and all His promises to the Church.

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# Introduction



#### **Dear friends**

We are living in momentous days. The Jewish people are coming home to the land. Collapse of the Israel/Palestinian peace talks. The nations of the world in conflict. Rise of extreme Islam. Demise of the US and rise of other global superpowers. Financial, environmental and energy crises, confusion in Europe. Rise of humanist secularism, and collapse of institutional churches. The Gospel of the Kingdom being preached in many nations and languages.

Jesus said – learn the lesson of the fig tree. Heed the signs of His coming. Keep watch and pray.

The core mission of Christians for Israel is to raise awareness in the Church about God's purposes with Israel and the Jewish people, and the implications of this for Israel, the Church and the nations. We seek to do this primarily by training and equipping speakers and communicators, and through the media.

In 2013 the members of the Christians for Israel family worked tirelessly. Much was achieved. One senses we are on the verge of 'big things'. We must have boldness to walk through the doors that God opens. At the same time, it is of the utmost importance that we remain on our knees, seeking the Lord. We must not be tempted into formulating our own plans, but must 'do the works that He has prepared before for us to walk in'. All of this requires great discernment and wisdom.

We thank God for sending His Son into the world to save sinners and set us free. We look to His coming again in glory, when He will assume His rightful place as King over the nations, on the throne of David in the midst of His people Jacob (Luke 1:33).

In Romans 15 we read that Jesus Christ became a servant of the circumcision, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs, so that the Gentiles may glorify God. The Apostle Paul quotes from Isaiah: the root of Jesse will rule over the nations, and the Gentiles will hope in Him.

The restoration of the Jewish people to the land is a sure sign that His coming is at hand. May the hope of the coming of Messiah be a comfort to the Jewish people, and strengthen and inspire us to do the work set before us.

Harald Eckert Chairman

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Willem J.J. Glashouwer President Andrew Tucker
Executive Director

# A message of hope for Israel and the Church



# Christians for Israel exists because we feel that the Church, Israel and the nations are each at a critical point in their history.

- The Church the body of believers saved by the blood of Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit has forgotten her true calling, and has fallen asleep. Many in the Church have lost an understanding of the Kingdom of heaven and God's purposes with Israel, and are not looking for the coming of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.
- · Israel and the Jewish people are coming home, but face major threats from without and within.
- The nations are in turmoil. Wars, financial crises, depletion of energy resources, environmental changes etc. Faced with the rise of radical Islam on the one hand, and secular humanism on the other, the nations are increasingly turning their backs on Israel, and on the God of Israel.

For the last 150 years, the world has witnessed a modern miracle: the Jewish people returning to Israel, the land of their forefathers, and to Jerusalem, the city where God said He would establish His everlasting Kingdom, and to which Jesus will return.

The future of the Church depends on the answers it gives to a number of existential questions:

- Is the restoration of Israel in our days fulfilment of Biblical prophecy, and a sign of hope pointing toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- How does the restoration of Israel relate to God's purposes for the Church and the nations?
- What responsibility do we carry as Christians today in relation to the Jewish people?

We believe that the Lord is calling men and women 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. Jesus promises that the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to all the nations, and then the end of this phase of world history will come (see Matthew 24-25).

Accordingly, Christians for Israel actively promotes the following beliefs:

- a) the Bible is the infallible and inspired Word of God. In these Holy Scriptures, God reveals His creative and redemptive acts in His Son, Jesus Christ, from the beginning of the world to its completion. The Bible speaks with absolute authority, both in terms of salvation and in terms of God's purposes regarding Israel, the Church and the nations;
- b) all of God's promises towards Israel will be fulfilled towards Israel, and all of His promises towards the Church will be fulfilled towards the Church;
- c) the Church has not terminated or replaced God's Covenants with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
- d) Gentile believers have been grafted into the true olive tree, of which the nation of Israel is the natural branch (Romans 11); part of the natural branch has been cut off for a time, but God has promised to restore the nation of Israel in the last days; the Gentiles have become partakers of the root of this tree as fulfilment of the promise made to Abraham that all nations would be blessed in him (Genesis 12:3);
- e) God has blinded the nation of Israel in part, in order that we Gentiles could receive salvation; this blindness will last until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in (Romans 11);
- f) the 'New Covenant' was promised to, and has been entered into with, Judah and Israel (Jeremiah 31:31; Luke 22:20); by grace, Gentile believers in Jesus Christ are able to participate in this New Covenant;

- g) God promised to restore the nation of Israel in the last days. This includes bringing the twelve tribes of Israel back to the land which He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an everlasting possession;
- h) the return of the Jewish people which we are witnessing today is fulfilment of Biblical prophecy, in preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Israel, the coming of Jesus Messiah and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth:
- i) Christians should not be proud, but should repent of the treatment of the Jewish people by the Church over the centuries, fight anti-Semitism in all its forms and guises, pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, and comfort the Jewish people (Romans 11:20).

The Apostle Paul exhorted Gentile Christians to understand this 'mystery' of Israel:

'I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written:

'The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins.'

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

'Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?' 'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?'

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.'

(Romans 11:25-36)

'All of God's promises towards Israel will be fulfilled towards Israel, and all of His promises towards the Church will be fulfilled towards the Church'



# Christians for Israel A message-driven movement



The core mission of Christians for Israel is to raise awareness about God's purposes with Israel and the Jewish people, and the implications of this for Israel, the Church and the nations. We seek to do this primarily by training and equipping speakers and communicators, and through the media.

But we can only be fruitful when we seek to work and share together as one body. This collective, family-like spirit is an essential part of the Christians for Israel movement. It is important because it reflects something of the body of Christ. And it also is important because the more united our movement is, the stronger will be our message into the Church, and the more effective our ministry of love towards the Jewish people.

### **Christians for Israel Affiliates**

Pursuant to our philosophy of 'Think global, Act local', Christians for Israel national Affiliates ('Christians for Israel Affiliates') have now been established as legal entities in twenty key countries. Partners and representatives have been appointed in another twenty countries. Affiliation Agreements are being executed between Christians for Israel International and each Christians for Israel affiliate or partner, whereby the national affiliate/partner is responsible for pursuing the Christians for Israel Mission, Vision, Values and Beliefs in its country. In principle, each Christians for Israel affiliate/partner is required to raise its own funds from donors/supporters within its own country or elsewhere.

#### **Christians for Israel International**

Christians for Israel International has the task of coordinating, facilitating and developing the global Christians for Israel network. Christians for Israel International promotes and protects the shared mission, vision, values and beliefs of the Christians for Israel movement. Christians for Israel International focuses its limited resources on the needs of the Affiliates and partners and seeks to disseminate and complement their activities and resources.

# **International Board**

The Christians for Israel International Board ('international board') oversees the work of Christians for Israel International. The international board represents, and is accountable to, the national Christians for Israel Affiliates. The international board has a supervisory role, and met three times in 2013. As at 31 December 2013 the international board comprised:

- Harald Eckert (Chairman, representing Christians for Israel Germany)
- Pim van der Hoff (Secretary, representing Christians for Israel Netherlands)
- Bert Fluit (Treasurer, representing Christians for Israel Netherlands)
- Leon Meijer (representing Christians for Israel Netherlands)
- Drake Kanaabo (representing Christians for Israel Uganda).

#### President

The President (Willem J.J. Glashouwer) is the movement's main spiritual guide and ambassador. Since 1997, Rev. Glashouwer has laboured tirelessly to bring this message of God's faithfulness into the churches worldwide. Today he travels extensively to teach and train Christian leaders. In recent years his ministry has focussed increasingly on training Christian leaders and pastors.

# Global Executive Council ('GEC')

The Global Executive Council ('GEC') was established in 2013 to provide a platform to coordinate global strategic

planning and activities. The GEC currently comprises the President, Chairman, Executive Director, Regional Coordinators, Christians for Israel Executive Office staff, and key advisors. In September 2013, the GEC met for the first time to evaluate the ministry, and discuss the future development of the Christians for Israel ministry and movement.

#### **Executive office**

The Christians for Israel Executive Office is based in Nijkerk. Headed by the Executive Director (Andrew Tucker), it has a small staff: Marloes van Westing (PR and Communications), Rita Quartel (Media and Resources), Jos van Westing (Fundraising and Development), Ruud van Neijhof (Websites and IT). The Executive Director is directly responsible to the board.

# **Regional Coordinators**

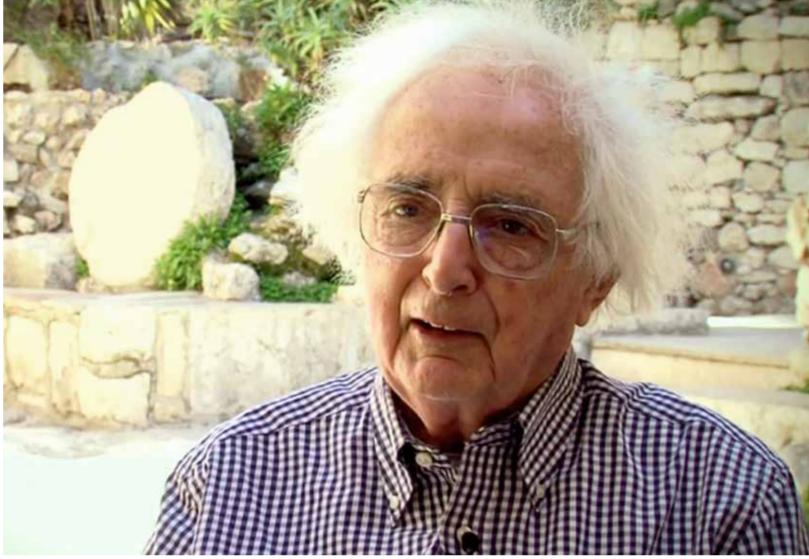
The Regional Coordinators ('RCs') have responsibility for overseeing and coordinating the development of the ministry in their region, on behalf of Christians for Israel International. Since 2010, five Regional Coordinators have been appointed:

- Marie-Louise Weissenböck (Europe)
- Graeme Lee (Australasia/Pacific)
- Wilson Ng (Asia)
- Drake Kanaabo (East Africa)
- Elemi Samson (Central/West Africa)

#### **Leadership Forum**

Christians for Israel International organizes a one-week Forum for its international leadership every second year in Jerusalem. Christians for Israel's fourth bi-annual International Leadership Forum was held in Jerusalem in March 2013. Over 80 Christians for Israel leaders from 18 nations gathered in Kibbutz Hotel Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem for prayer, teaching, training, fellowship and meetings with Jewish leaders. We experienced incredible unity and great blessing in these five intense and fulfilling days.





#### Karel van Oordt - end of an era

Karel van Oordt, the founder of Christians for Israel, passed away on Tuesday 9th April 2013, in his hometown Amersfoort in The Netherlands. He was 84 years old.

In 1979, Karel van Oordt sold the family business and took the initiative to establish the foundation Christians for Israel and the business Israel Products Centre. More and more he became convinced that the Biblical message about Israel should spread in the churches worldwide. Karel was committed to reaching all churches and denominations. He was convinced that the whole of Christianity had its share in and was jointly responsible for the sufferings of the Jewish people over the centuries worldwide by developing theologies that created an atmosphere in which millions of Jews could be despised, persecuted and killed. He urged the churches to repent, and to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, by acts of love and solidarity towards the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Karel remained actively involved in the work of Christians for Israel and the Israel Products Center (IPC), until shortly before his death. He was an inspiration and example to many. To the very end, he tirelessly encouraged young and old to discover the Biblical message about Israel. 'Our message is not intended for Israel', he always said, 'but for the Church. Our task is to comfort Israel'. During his many visits to Israel (he visited Israel over 500 times), he spoke often with his Jewish friends about his fervent expectation of the imminent coming of the Messiah of Israel and the Kingdom of God. He felt particularly blessed to be able to participate in the return of the Jewish People to the Promised Land of Israel. One of his well-known sayings was: 'The promises that were given to Israel are being fulfilled for Israel. The promises that were given to the Church will be fulfilled for the Church'.

Karel's beloved wife, Annie, passed away in 2008. Together they have eight children and 47 grandchildren. Karel lived in the hope of the resurrection of the dead and the change of the living at the coming of Christ. He is resting with the Lord, until he appears with Christ in glory.

# **Overview of Activities 2013**



# CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL IN THE NATIONS - 'THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL'

# **EUROPE**

### **Netherlands**

Christenen voor Israël Nederland is Christians for Israel's largest affiliate, the founder of the Christians for Israel movement, and the largest supporter of the international development of the movement. Established in 1979, it now has 21 employees and hundreds of volunteers. Also linked to the Israel Product Centre (IPC).

# **Belgium**

Christenen voor Israël België was established by the brothers Vandeputte in the late 1990's after their return from Ukraine where they helped the Jewish people. Mainly focused on Flemish-speaking Belgium.

#### Germany

Established by Theo Ellesat, now led by Harald Eckert since 2005. Tobias Kraemer appointed as new Executive Director in 2013

# Italy

Established in 2011. Chairperson Edda Fogarollo speaks and teaches throughout the country on the Shoah, Italy/Israel relations and the Biblical position of Israel and the Church. The work in Italy is gaining a foothold in both Protestant and Roman Catholic circles.

# **Austria**

Led by Marie-Louise Weissenböck, the ministry was established in 2008 and has made significant inroads in the churches in Austria. Excellent relationship with the Jewish community. Main event in 2013: Conference 'Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future' in May 2013 in Linz as part of the EU project Active European Remembrance.

# Switzerland

Focused on international churches in Zurich region, as well as German-speaking evangelical churches.

# **United Kingdom**

Publishes quarterly UK/Europe edition of newspaper Israel & Christians Today. Organized speaking tour for Willem Glashouwer in UK in 2013.

#### Greec

Established in 2010, teaching activities mainly in and around Thessaloniki and Athens. Educational materials have been developed in Greek.

# Poland

Partnership with Shalom Ministries. Publication and distribution of Polish language educational resources. Speaking tour Willem Glashouwer in August 2013.





#### Hungar

Many conferences and meetings since 2008. Why Israel? Educational materials available in Hungarian.

#### Romania

Partnership with Alpha Omega TV. Sale of books and DVDs, broadcasting of Why Israel? and other programs, and organization of conferences.

#### Jkraine

Under leadership of Koen Carlier en Dima Mishkur, three qualified pastors speak regularly in churches and conferences throughout the country. Team of staff and volunteers minister to the Jewish community – visiting, transport to/from Israeli consulate, and transportation of olim to airport. Close working relationship with Jewish Agency.

#### Russia

Partnership with Ebenezer Moscow. Publication of educational resources. Speaking tour Willem Glashouwer.

# **CENTRAL/WEST AFRICA**

Regional Coordinator Elemi Samson is based in Calabar province, Nigeria.

#### Nigeria

- Why Israel? programs were aired on several TV stations
- Sale of Why Israel? and Why End Times? books
- Regional Coordinator has speaking engagements in several provinces

### Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire

Christians for Israel was established in Ghana in 2013. A conference was held in Takoradi, Western Region of Ghana from 20 – 22 November 2013 with three speakers: Rev. Willem Glashouwer, Brother Elemi Samson, and Bishop Stephen Mills. A total of 150 ministers and church workers from different denominations from Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana participated in this conference. The theme of the conference was: the Relationship between the Church and the Nation of Israel.

# **EAST/SOUTH AFRICA**

Regional Coordinator Evangelist Drake Kanaabo is based in Kampala, Uganda. The head office for East/South Africa is in Kampala.

# Uganda

- July 2013 10-day tour to Israel
- Visit of Israeli Ambassador to the C4I offices in Kampala.
- Flag-off ceremony at Makerere University for 31 Ugandan students to Israel.
- Dinner in Kampala for all Israel pilgrim alumni's and potential participants.
- · Seminar for business leaders in Uganda.
- Sale of C4I and Why Israel? resources (CDs, DVDs, T-shirts etc).

**Kenya, South Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia** Christians for Israel Affiliates were established and leadership teams installed.

#### **ASIA**

Regional Coordinator Wilson Ng is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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 Inaugural C4I Asia study tour to Israel in November 2013 with participants from Malaysia and Singapore.

- Visit Andrew Tucker, Wilson Ng and Kenneth Khoo to Jakarta, Indonesia in November 2013.
- Visit Andrew Tucker to Singapore in August 2013.
- Rev. Willem Glashouwer delivered lecture at the largest official Christian seminary in Wuhan in mainland China in October 2013. The door was opened for official publication of the book 'Why Israel?' in China.
- Speaking tour Rev. Glashouwer in Philippines, and various prayer and study conferences in Philippines organized by C4I Philippines.
- Speaking tour Rev. Willem Glashouwer to Thailand in February 2013 and publication of the book Why Israel? in Thai language.
- · Speaking tour Rev. Willem Glashouwer to India.
- Speaking tour Rev. Willem Glashouwer to Korea organized by C4I Korea in partnership with other ministries, and publication of the books Why Israel? and Why End Times in Korean language.

# **AUSTRALASIA / PACIFIC**

Regional Coordinator Graeme Lee is based in Auckland, New Zealand.

#### **Australia**

- Establishment of new C4I Australia Board, under leadership of Ian Worby (Chairman, United Christian Broadcasters), and transfer of the administration of the ministry to Brisbane.
- Several speaking engagements by Andrew Tucker in Sydney (NSW Parliament)
- · Meetings with leaders of the Australian government.
- Publication of the bi-monthly Australian edition of the newspaper Israel & Christians Today.
- New C4I Australia website.
- · Ian and Mandy Worby led several tours to Israel.

# **New Zealand**

- Establishment of new Board under leadership of Graeme Lee (former NZ Cabinet member).
- Establishment of editorial team for Israel & Christians Today in Auckland, serving the English-language C4I Affiliates.
- Speaking tour Rev. Glashouwer in New Zealand (August 2013).

#### Pacific Islands

• Appointment of Robert Siakimotu as C4I Liaison officer for Fiji and Pacific Islands.

# **AMERICAS**

# **USA**

- Establishment of new C4I USA board Doug Zorn, Cliff Hanes, Tunde Otulana, John Henry Nosen, Fred van Westing.
- Visit of Harald Eckert and Andrew Tucker to Florida in December 2013 to commission the new board.
- Publication of the bi-monthly newspaper Israel & Christians Today.

## **South America**

- Speaking tour of Rev. Willem Glashouwer to Surinam and French Guyana in February 2013.
- Speaking tour of Rev. Glashouwer to Argentina and Uruguay (at invitation of Ebenezer).





# STRATEGIC PARTNERING WITH EBENEZER OPERATION EXODUS

Christians for Israel International entered into a strategic partnership with Ebenezer in 2004. This fruitful relationship has intensified and expanded over the years:

- Christians for Israel Affiliates raise finances to support the aliyah work of Ebenezer in Russia and the former Soviet Union.
- Ebenezer invites Rev. Willem Glashouwer and other C4I teachters regularly for training, and distributes 'Why Israel?' resources.

# **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

Christians for Israel International is developing a growing portfolio of tools and resources to assist with personal and group Bible study. These are available via our websites and conventional outlets.

English language resources include:

- · Why Israel? (book) by Willem J.J. Glashouwer
- Why End Times? (book) by Willem J.J. Glashouwer
- Why Israel? DVD teaching series
- Times of Restoration (book) by Harald Eckert
- Judea and Samaria (book) by Henk Poot and Theo Horneman

Some of these materials are also available in Dutch, German, Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Russian, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Romanian, Polish, Albanian, Bahasa Indonesian, Thai, Urdu, and Arabic. Translations of the Why Israel? materials into new languages is an ongoing process. In 2013, new languages included: Croation, Serbian, Danish, Talagu. Both Christians for Israel Netherlands (Christenen voor Israel) and Germany (Christen an der Seite Israels) make available a wide range of educational materials in Dutch and German.

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# TRAINING THE TEACHERS

Our goal is to train, equip and commission a new generation of teachers in the nations, who can combat 'replacement theology' and testify to God's faithfulness to Israel and the Jewish people.

In 2013 we commenced development of an on-line Why Israel? Course comprising:

- · videos and audio teachings
- powerpoint presentations
- workbooks
- · supplementary materials for further study

Building on the regional training conferences held in 2012, in 2013 we organized conferences and seminars for pastors and teachers in many different nations:

Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Austria, UK, Scotland, Russia, Poland, Israel, Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Surinam, French Guyana, Argentina, Uruguay, India, Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, China, Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and USA.

# **MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Christians for Israel tries to spread this message through a wide range of media. Our goals are threefold:

- a. raise awareness about Israel, the Church and the nations
- b. educate Christians from Biblical and historical perspectives
- c. encourage and enable Christians to become involved in the restoration of Israel

# Newspapers

Christians for Israel produces, publishes and distributes newspapers in three languages (English, Dutch and German) around the world:

Country	Language	Title	Number produced in 2013 (average per edition)	Frequency
Netherlands, Belgium, Surinam	Dutch	Israël Aktueel	73,750	Monthly
Germany	German	Israel Aktuell.de	27,000	Bi-Monthly
Austria	German	Israel Aktuell.at	3,000	Bi-Monthly
UK/Europe	English	Israel & Christians Today	3,000	Quarterly
Australia	English	Israel & Christians Today	6,000	Bi-Monthly
New Zealand	English	Israel & Christians Today	6,000	Bi-Monthly
Uganda (for East Africa)	English	Israel & Christians Today	3,000	Whenever funds permit
Nigeria (for West Africa)	English	Israel & Christians Today	3,000	Whenever funds permit
USA	English	Israel & Christians Today	2,000	Bi-monthly
Indonesia	Bahasa	Empati	1,000	Whenever funds permit

# Other publications

- Israel and the Church (Dutch)
- Prophetic Perspective (Dutch)

#### **Christians for Israel websites**

Christians for Israel websites are maintained in English, Dutch, German, Italian, and Russian. In total, these websites had more than 500,000 visitors in 2013.

# **E-newsletters**

Christians for Israel International and the national Affiliates send regular email updates and newsletters to over 50,000 email addresses worldwide.

# Why Israel - website and newsletter

The website www.whyisrael.org is updated daily. It contains a selection of articles, blogs and films under four themes:

- Opinion and analysis
- Bible study
- History
- Prophecy

Each week in 2013, the whyisrael e-newsletter was sent to about 3,000 email addresses worldwide.

### Social media

Christians for Israel is active on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.

## TV and radio

Christians for Israel speakers appeared regularly on television and radio in Netherlands, Germany, UK, and Africa. This is a growing and highly-important aspect of our work in 2013, which has been strengthened by the appointment in 2013 of Rita Quartel as Manager Media and Resources in the International executive office in Nijkerk.

# **EXPERIENCE ISRAEL**

In Israel, Christians learn to understand Israel and the Jewish people in a way that is hardly possible in the nations. Our goal in bringing Christians to Israel is to connect them with all of Israel – the land, the people and – their history, culture, hopes, dilemma's and dreams. In partnership with Keshet Centre for Educational Tourism and other partners in Israel, Christians for Israel organized many tours to Israel in 2013.

- Total number of tours / programs in Israel in 2013: 25
- Nationalities represented: Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Ukraine, UK, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Indonesia, Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana
- Total number of participants (approx.): 700

# **'THE NEXT GENERATION'**

Many young Christians only know Israel through the secular media. They have little Biblical education, and limited understanding of the historical realities of Israel and the Jewish people. There is an urgent need to connect with young Christians, educate them about Israel, and equip them to become ambassadors in their nations.

- In 2013 we launched the Christians for Israel International Facebook page
- In Germany, 'Israelconnect' organized several activities for young adults, including a 10-day trip to Israel
- In Netherlands, 'Isreality' has been established to nourish young Christians in their faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In 2013, many activities were organized, including weekends for education and fellowship

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- In Italy and Austria, trips to Israel have been organized for young adults
- Similar initiatives are being prepared in many other countries



# A VOICE INTO THE NATIONS

As Christians we have a responsibility to 'stand in the gap' in our nations for the Jewish people. The European Coalition for Israel (ECI) was established in 2004 by Christians for Israel together with a number of other organizations in order to raise a voice in Europe and beyong on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people. Today, the ECI has become a major player in Brussels and beyond. Christians for Israel remains one of the main sponsors of the European Coalition for Israel.

#### PRAYER

Prayer remains the heart of our ministry. Many prayer activities are organized around the world, including:

- bi-monthly prayer letters (Dutch, German, English and Russian)
- · prayer meetings at national and local levels
- · launch Global Prayer Call

# 'REMOVING THE STONES'

After 2000 years of Christian anti-Semitism, it is essential for the Church to repent of the way we have treated the Jewish people, show our love in acts of solidarity, and build bridges with the Jewish community.

# The Montefiore Windmill – a sign of hope

The Montefiore windmill was built in 1858 to produce flour for the poor inhabitants of the Yemin Moshe neighborhood. The initiative for building the windmill came from Montefiore, a British philanthropist. Five years ago, a Dutch windmill expert suggested the idea of restoring the windmill. The board of Christians for Israel Holland saw the essence of the restoration: the mill is a national monument in Israel, and has become a symbol of hope, and a sign of friendship between The Netherlands and Israel, between Christians and the Jewish people. The restoration project cost over USD 500,000 and was carried out by Dutch contractor Arjen Lont and windmill builder Willem Dijkstra, in close cooperation with the Jerusalem Foundation, the City of Jerusalem, and the Israeli government.







The first grain from the restored mill was produced in April 2013. At the opening of the restored windmill in 2012, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu stated: 'We think that you have helped establish a powerful memorial to our friendship and our common ideals.'

#### The largest Hanukkiah in the world

On Wednesday 27th November 2013, the largest Hanukkiah in the world was erected by Christians for Israel outside its head office in Nijkerk, Netherlands. It was officially lit by Chief Rabbi of the Netherlands, Binyomin Jacobs, together with the Ambassador of Israel to the Netherlands Haim Divon. Several members of the Dutch Parliament and the Mayor of Nijkerk spoke at this event, which was attended by 1500 Christian and Jewish supporters of Israel. The Hanukkiah reminds us of God's faithfulness to the Jewish people, and reflects our belief that the Jewish people are still called to be light into the world. It is a symbol of our common hope in the coming of Messiah – the true Light to the world.

#### Repentance

In March 2013 Christians for Israel International organized an evening at Kibbutz Hotel Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem with many of our Jewish friends, Rabbis and representatives of Jewish organizations to reflect on the question: 'How can Christians in the nations support Israel at this time?' Rav. Ari Abramovitch (Keren Hayesod), Benjamin Philip (Hineni), Michael Freund (Shavei Israel), Alan Freeman (The Jerusalem Foundation), and Alex Berman (President, the Front of Respect) each acknowledged the work of Christians for Israel over many years, and spoke about the importance of Jewish-Christian cooperation in these challenging times.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yonah Metzger spoke passionately about Christian persecution of the Jews over the centuries and how the fear of forced conversions remains deeply in the Jewish psyche today. Yet he recognized the many heroic acts of individual Christians during the Holocaust. He stated: 'I want to convey our thanks for all your support as Christians for Israel, and I wish to say that you are truly sons of Abraham and our brothers.'

Andrew Tucker (Executive Director, Christians for Israel International) read a declaration of repentance and hope: 'We wish to state publicly that we reject the recent proclamations of many Christian Church denominations condemning Israel. We acknowledge with deep shame that the Church for centuries has rejected, persecuted and murdered the Jewish people in the name of Christ. We repent of the supersessionist theologies of the Church. On this 65th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel, we wish to encourage the Jewish people to trust in the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is your strength and shield. Turn to Him and serve Him with all your heart. Do not be deceived by the attitudes of the nations and the values of this world, nor be discouraged by those who do not understand your calling. Together with you, we look forward with eager longing to the coming of Messiah, the kingdom of God and the restoration of all things'.

# 'COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE'

All of the C4I Affiliates are involved in supporting the Jewish people and the nation of Israel.

# **Bring the Jews Home**

We believe it is a Biblical mandate for Christians to assist the Jewish people to come home. Since 2004, Christians for Israel has assisted over 100,000 Jews to return

home - from Ukraine, Russia and Former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, and (most recently) India. This includes support of new olim in the land through the First Home in the Homeland Project.

## Aliyah projects sponsored in 2013:

- Christians for Israel in the Ukraine
- Ebenezer Operation Exodus (Russia and FSU)
- Keren Hayesod (Ethiopian Jews)
- Jewish Agency (Aliyah seminars in Ukraine and First Home in the Homeland in Israel)
- Shavei Israel (Bnei Menasse)

# Help the Jews at home - humanitarian projects in Israel

Christians for Israel works with many organizations in Israel. Our goal is to comfort the people of Israel, and strengthen Israeli society – in all its diversity.

The main humanitarian projects sponsored in 2013:

- Holocaust survivors
- Jaffa Project
- Rama House of Love and Peace
- Savyon Educational Centre
- S'de Bar youth
- Hineni
- · First Baptist Church Bethlehem
- Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC)
- · Jerusalem Foundation Kiryat Hayovel



# Operating Results and Financial Position 2013



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL

The following is a summary of the audited operating results 2013 of the foundation Christians for Israel International. Note: The Christians for Israel Affiliates report separately on their financial results, in accordance with local regulations. Copies are available on request.

Amounts in Euro's (x 1000)

ltem	Results 2012	Budget 2013	Results 2013	Budget 2014
RECEIPTS				
Donations	172	170	144	189
Sale of Educational Materials	2	10	7	5
Dues to International from C4I Affiliates	196	195	251	235
TOTAL RECEIPTS	370	375	402	429
DISBURSEMENTS				
Administration				
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	197	180	175	190
Office Supplies, Maintenance	3	4	6	4
Utilities, Heating, Light, Telephone	18	25	19	25
Professional Services	22	10	11	5
Interest and Bank Charges	1	1	1	1
Other General Operating Expenses	2	5	4	5
Communication				
Newspapers (Production and Promotion)	3		3	10
Media, PR and Marketing	9	15	6	10
Websites	5		3	25
Educational Resources				
Research & Development (Educational Too	ols) 11	30	25	15
Regional Development				
Travel	33	30	51	50
Regional development budgets	48	35	33	40
Training	26	18	26	21
General				
International Board Meetings	9	10	12	10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	387	363	375	411
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(17)	12	27	18

# **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW C4I AFFILIATES IN 2013**

The following is an overview of the total income (donations) received by the Christians for Israel Affiliates, and the amounts given for alijah and humanitarian projects in Israel. N.B. These are estimates only, based on unaudited reports. Detailed and audited accounts of the respective Christians for Israel Affiliates are available on request.

All donations received by Christians for Israel Affiliates are (unless earmarked for specific projects) expended on fulfilling the primary mission of Christians for Israel, namely raising awareness in the Church about God's purposes with Israel, the Church and the nations. Donations that are earmarked for the 'Bring the Jews Home' (aliyah) project or other specific projects supported by Christians for Israel in Israel, are transferred to such projects in accordance with the instructions of the donor. In some cases, a small amount is retained to cover limited and necessary overheads, in accordance with local regulations.

# **TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2013 BY CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL AFFILIATES**

COUNTRY	TOTAL (X 1000 EURO'S)
Netherlands	4694
Belgium	20
Germany	1101
Austria	32
United Kingdom	20
Australia	82
USA	15
New Zealand	107
Other	50
TOTAL	6121

# TOTAL AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED TO PROJECTS IN 2013 BY CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL AFFILIATES (\*)

COUNTRY	TOTAL (X 1000 EURO'S)
BRING THE JEWS HOME (ALIYAH) (*1)	
Netherlands	553
Belgium	18
Germany	26
Austria	2
Australia	41
USA	3
New Zealand	55
Other	10
TOTAL	708
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN ISRAEL (*2)	
Netherlands	1347
Belgium	15
Germany	710
Austria	21
Australia	2
USA	2
New Zealand	2
Other	10
TOTAL	2109

<sup>(\*)</sup> Transfers to projects are made in accordance with the instructions of the donors.

# (\*1) Includes the following organizations/projects:

- Shavei Israel (India)
- Bring the Jews Home (direct expenses Christians for Israel Ukraine)
- Bring the Jews Home (Ebenezer bases (FSU))
- Food parcels in Ukraine
- Alijah seminars in Ukraine (Jewish Agency)
- Support for Jewish orphans in Ukraine
- Bring the Jews Home (Ethiopia Keren Hayesod / Jewish Agency)

# (\*2) Includes the following organizations in Israel:

# Education

- Jaffa Institute
- Savyon Educational Centre

# Food Supplies in Israel

- Hineni
- CFOIC food vouchers
- First Baptist Church Bethlehem
- · Other small organizations

# Communities in Judea / Shomron

CFOIC

# **Holocaust Survivors**

- Amcha
- · Holocaust monuments Ukraine

# **Arab Christians**

• First Baptist Church Bethlehem

