#### FRIENDS OF ISRAEL GIFT CATALOG | 2019-2020





#### **DEAR FRIENDS,**

Obedience to what God has placed on your heart requires a faith stronger than your fears. Like Christ calling Peter to walk on the water to Him, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid" (Mt. 14:27), The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry exists to live out our collective calling to comfort our Jewish friends around the world. We are passionately committed to assisting Jewish people in countries across the ocean as well as right here at home in America.

Our 2019-2020 Gift Catalog allows you to see the incredible ways in which The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry is sharing the love of the Messiah. Whether by shuttling children from Belarus to Poland for a fun-filled week of camp, offering much-needed food and medication to men and women in Eastern Europe, spending quality time with an elderly Jewish friend in America, providing shelters from the rain of deadly terrorist missiles in Israel, or working 24 hours a day to offer free medical attention in Argentina, our workers keep their eyes fixed on the Messiah as they take courageous steps of faith in obedience to their calling.

I pray that as you peruse this year's Gift Catalog, God will stir a passion in your heart for the work He is doing all around the world. In these days where anti-Semitism continues to rise and people turn their backs on God's redemptive plan for Israel, our prayer is that, as faithful followers, we will take courageous steps of faith together, so that the name of Jesus Christ will be praised.

Walking toward the Messiah,

Jim Showers, DMin Executive Director/President



"I don't want us to go back to our normal lives like we had before the trip. For me it was an eye opener, and my heart has been on fire for the Lord like never before. I just keep thinking maybe we should not adjust back, but adjust forward with God at the head."

-Connor, ORIGINS young adult

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# Taking Courageous Steps of Faith

Across the Ocean

#### **CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS**

Every summer, more than 200 Eastern European children arrive at one of our FOI Summer Camps in Poland where they experience firsthand the love of the Messiah. After long hours of travel through treacherous conditions, every child is welcomed with the warmth of our workers and volunteers.

Many of these children have never heard of the sacrificial love God has for them, nor held their own copy of the Scriptures in their hands.

In an effort to remove barriers for families who want their children to attend but cannot afford to send them, we offer every summer camp in Poland free of charge. Our camps create a safe place for children to connect with the hope-filled message from God's precious Word—a message that could change an entire generation.



When you sponsor a child, you make it possible for him or her to enjoy daily activities while deepening their understanding of the goodness of God. Every child receives the gift of a new Bible, a new backpack, and new clothes. As children return home changed, parents witness for themselves the impact of the gospel.

Your financial support pays for a child's week at camp, visa paperwork, and costly transportation. But, most importantly, your investment in a child opens the door to a life forever transformed.

Would you please sponsor a child today? You can send a child to camp for \$300 or share the cost with someone.

\$300 sponsor a child \$25 cost-sharing gift

#### **CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR CHILDREN**

The political unrest in Eastern Europe remains a source of tension that keeps children from living free lives. When children suffer because of the unresolvable differences among those who are supposed to protect them-we all lose. Often families are taken from their homes and forced into temporary housing, leaving them with very few items of their own. You can help meet their most basic needs by making a gift that will supply clothing and shoes for Jewish families who need it most.

\$30 suggested gift



#### **EASTERN EUROPEAN RELIEF**

Meeting urgent and practical needs is often the greatest way to show the love of Jesus. Our FOI workers in Eastern Europe hear story after story of Jewish friends who have faced catastrophic life events or upsetting medical conditions and lack the funds to take care of themselves. This relief fund meets the most practical needs by supplying necessary items such as stoves or heat for families who have none. The fund meets physical needs by supplying food, medications, and assisting those with insurmountable medical bills.

Most importantly, this relief fund meets spiritual needs as, with every gift made, it offers a message of hope of the Messiah. Your support can meet a need that can change a life—here on Earth and for all eternity.

\$30 suggested gift

#### **LIVING BRIDGES**

Poland is a country that has a rich but tragic history connected to the nation of Israel. Many years after the Holocaust and the Communistic regime, anti-Semitism is still present. The church in Poland is teaching Replacement Theology, which does not see a future for Israel in God's plan. Living Bridges is a response to that reality. It offers education for young people from Polish Protestant churches and prepares them for ministry with Jewish people. Opportunities include educational trips to Israel, conferences for believers from Poland and Eastern Europe where we study the role of Israel in God's plan as it is presented in the Bible, and seminars on the history of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe where we bring together Ukrainian, Belarusian, Czech, Polish, and Jewish youth to learn about the tragic history of the Holocaust.

To help educate young Polish people and prepare them for ministry with Jewish people, please make a gift today.

\$30 suggested gift

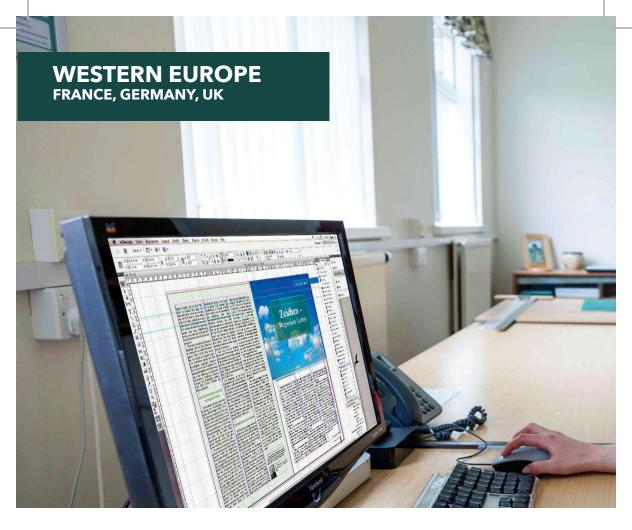


#### **HOLIDAY WITH THE BIBLE**

During a 10-day stay at a farm near Warsaw or Wisła in the mountains of Poland, Jewish attendees experience warm hospitality and life-changing Bible study. Our FOI workers team up with Polish Christians and Jewish people to study the Tanach (the Old Testament) together in a relaxed setting. An 89-year-old Jewish woman from Ukraine read through the Psalms with the group and soaked up every minute of it. For many, it is the first time they've held a Bible in their hands. "I've never read the Bible before. I want to take it with me and read it." Your gift to Holiday With the Bible makes this possible.

\$25 suggested gift

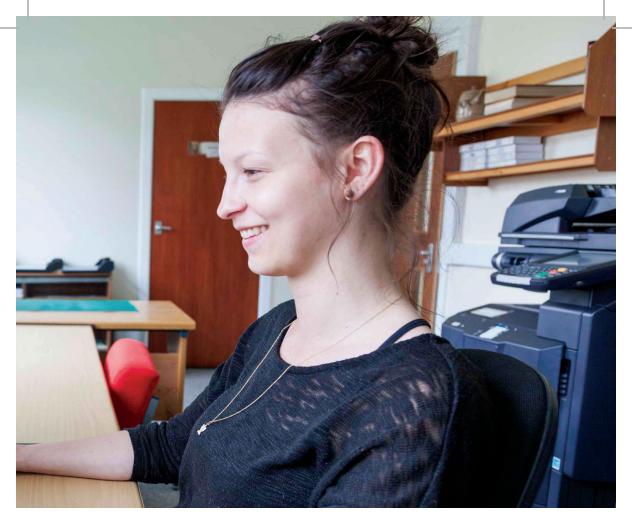
"When people are open to God's Word, when they want to listen about Him, then we know that this ministry is not in vain."



#### **WESTERN EUROPEAN AID**

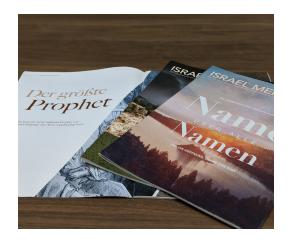
As our FOI teams in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom pursue relationships with Jewish friends, they constantly hear stories of those who are desperate for help, many too poor to cover their own expenses and needs. In an effort to show love to our Jewish friends and Holocaust survivors, we offer relief and hope to those we can reach. Your gift today will help support our FOI team as they seek to minister to those in need with both a practical gift and the healing message of the Messiah.

\$30 suggested gift



#### **PUBLICATIONS TRANSLATION**

Understanding culture, tradition, and the intricacy of language helps us communicate effectively and reach people where they are. FOI produces theologically sound and biblically encouraging literature year round in an effort to uniquely reach others for Christ. To ensure our books, Bible studies, and magazine, Israel My Glory, are useful for the edification of believers and non-believers, we offer our publications for both evangelism and discipleship worldwide. Help us give our French, German, Polish, and Russian friends an opportunity to read solid, biblical teaching in their own language.



#### \$20 suggested gift



#### **AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AID**

Regrettably, all across the world, both biblically sound teaching and the belief in God's great plan for Israel are drifting among believers and non-believers alike. In Australia and New Zealand, a collective belief is rising that God no longer views Israel as the apple of His eye, and has been replaced by today's modern church. Our FOI team is working to lovingly combat this confusion by tackling tough issues in as many churches as will welcome them. Costs for travel increase daily, as opportunities arise for our team to go and affirm God's view of Israel and powerful plan for its future. Please support the sharing of the gospel and biblically sound teaching to those who have been turned off to God's plan as stated in His Word.

\$30 suggested gift



#### ISRAELI BACKPACKERS

Imagine turning 18 and automatically entering the military as an act of service for your country. While this may sound intimidating, it's a reality for every 18-yearold Israeli man and woman. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is a 2-3-year-long commitment. Once done, it's common for these young adults to take an extensive backpacking trip across the country or world. Many backpack through Australia or New Zealand and are received by our FOI team there as a respite in the midst of a new season of life. Along with a warm meal and comfortable bed, biblical discussions are held, questions are asked, and with gentleness and respect, our team is able to give a defense to those who ask for a reason for the hope that is in them (1 Pet. 3:15). Would you join in on this ministry of hospitality?

\$50 suggested gift

"As we spend time with backpackers, conversations about life turn into discussions about why **Christians love** the Jewish people."



#### **ARGENTINA CLINIC**

Approximately 200,000 Jewish people live in Argentina, most of them in Buenos Aires. Whether atheists or believers, Jewish or Gentile, people who need medical attention turn to our medical clinic for help. FOI team member Dr. Juan Espinoza shared, "As it is said, there are no atheists in foxholes."

"Doctor, during our first consultation you told us that the first step towards health recovery is the understanding of our actual state. Without knowing what is wrong within us, it is not possible to get a cure" – clinic patient.

While meeting medical needs nonstop, the clinic has a unique opportunity to share the love of Jesus with each and every person who walks through their doors. Offering a daily Bible study, the team of doctors and nurses testify that the Messiah is the ultimate, eternal cure.



#### **GENERAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

Nonstop care requires endless disposable medical supplies such as bandages, ointments, and glucose test strips. You can make a \$15 gift today that will help provide necessary medical supplies to treat patients every day.

#### \$15 suggested gift



#### **MEDICAL CARE FOR THE DAY**

Every day, three doctors and several nurses work tirelessly to meet the needs of every patient who walks into their clinic. Most days this means treating almost 100 people who are desperate for medical attention. Your gift of \$50 will cover one day's costs for medical care for one patient. How many patients can you help today?

#### \$50 suggested gift

#### **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Excellent medical equipment is required to run a clinic as well as our FOI team does. This requires much-needed financial support. In an effort to invest in necessary items such as ultrasound machines, heart monitors, and oxygen machines, your gift of \$25 would go a long way.

#### \$25 suggested gift



#### **ISRAEL RELIEF FUND**

Despite the rapid growth of Israel's economy and the strength of the Israeli shekel, the existential threat to the safety of Israel remains. Israeli resources are dedicated to the protection and defense of its 9 million people; however nearly 1.8 million Israelis live below the poverty line. It is estimated that 2 of 5 children are hungry victims of Israel's untold poverty crisis. When you give to the Israel Relief Fund, you partner with other believers in saving lives on the ground. You provide shelter from missiles and bombs; feed, clothe, and educate those most marginalized; save heartbeats from abortion; rescue people from drug addiction and prostitution; and supply first responders. Your gift today will go directly toward providing physical, emotional, and spiritual relief for those who need it most, ministering through Christian compassion.

#### **ISRAELI SUMMER CAMPS**

For many Israeli children, the best week of their year is a week at summer Bible camp. A time full of fun and biblical teaching with their peers, many Jewish children remember most the feeling of safety—a welcome change from their everyday lives.

The congregants of our local assemblies take young people to summer camp every year, but you make it possible for those children to go. Many families cannot afford to send their children to camp, but a gift of \$140 sponsors an Israeli child to attend this life-changing week. Can you help send an Israeli child to camp this summer?

\$140 sponsor a child \$25 cost-sharing gift

#### \$50 suggested gift



\$25 suggested gift

#### **ISRAELI CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**

It is our privilege to support the Israeli soldiers who profess Christ as the Lord of their lives. Through our Soldiers' Conferences, soldiers are encouraged as they spend time with like-minded peers and have an opportunity to openly worship and learn more about their Messiah.Our local assembly in Jerusalem also provides godly mentors for these soldiers, who encourage them in their faith, provide Bible studies, counseling, and a place of respite. Your gift of \$50 can support an Israeli Christian soldier. Please help encourage these precious few to keep fighting the good fight.

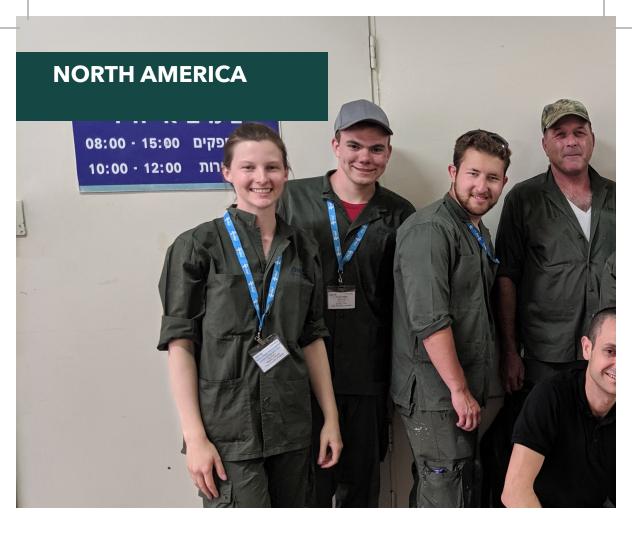
\$50 gift to a Christian IDF Soldier

#### **BRINGING THE JEWISH PEOPLE HOME**

All Jewish people-no matter where they were born-have a right to return to their homeland of Israel. The act of making Aliyah (the immigration of Jewish people to Israel) is an emotional, empowering act for many individuals and families who long to go home.

FOI has partnered with The Jewish Agency for Israel, an organization that helps make a way for every Jewish person who wants to make Aliyah. The agency prepares each person for their trip, funds the one-way travel to Israel, and helps acclimate every individual and family into the land of their birthright. Your gift will help our Jewish friends fulfill their lifelong dream to return to the Jewish homeland.

\$50 cost-sharing gift



# Taking Courageous Steps of Faith

At Home

#### **ORIGINS**

It's never been more important than now to invest in teaching young adults about God's incredible plan for Israel. One of the most effective ways to do that is through our ORIGINS outreach trip to Israel, where young people from all across America come together to serve the Jewish people. From cleaning toilets to replacing air filters to serving meals in the cafeteria, our team humbly serves at a major hospital outside of Tel Aviv.

This immersive experience ingrains the significance of the Jewish people into the hearts of our workers. They see for themselves how important it is to serve those who are so important to the heart of God. ORIGINS (Our Resolve Is Giving Israel Never-ending Support) is a unique opportunity to open the eyes of our young adults—the new generation to carry the torch—to be the friends of Israel. Please help sponsor a young adult to send him or her on this life-changing trip.

\$1,999 sponsor a young adult \$50 cost-sharing gift



#### CARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND **FAMILIES**

Our hearts should ache for the few Holocaust survivors who remain, but this heartache should move us into action. As these aging survivors continue to grow in years, we can still serve them with the love of the Messiah in many ways. We can show care by supplying funds to help pay for electric bills, medical care and supplies, food, and transportation.

Please join us in helping serve Holocaust survivors until the very end. Their history is trampled with horrific acts; may we be a blessing and offer the hope of Christ as a testimony of redemption in their final days.

#### \$25 suggested gift

#### **HESED**

Due to an overwhelming response to our ORIGINS trip, we were delighted to offer a similar outreach opportunity for adults. This volunteer trip is designed to give adults an opportunity to serve the Jewish people. The group works hard at non-medical tasks in a hospital right outside of Tel Aviv. Hesed (meaning "lovingkindness" in Hebrew) makes a way for volunteers from the United States, Canada, and Australia to show a practical act that speaks volumes to the Jewish people.

"Why do you come to serve us here when you could be on a cruise in the Mediterranean?" they ask. "Because we love Jesus and He loves you, too."

Please help send someone to show the love of the Messiah to the Jewish people. It transforms lives for everyone.

#### \$3,895 sponsor a team member \$50 cost-sharing gift



#### **NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH**

One of the most integral parts of the FOI ministry that is always in motion, but that you may never see in its fullest capacity, is our widespread team of Bible teachers and church representatives who are filling their calendars with speaking opportunities all across North America. As humble servants. these Bible teachers go into churches and proclaim the truth of God's Word, His work and, ultimately, His plan for Israel. Our FOI team makes every effort to reach as many people as possible by edifying believers about end-times prophecy and ministering to those who do not know the Lord. It's a busy job! Many of them lack the time it takes to raise the money required to fund the opportunities that are transforming lives. You can help fill the gap and provide support for our North American workers as well as much-needed training. Your support enables our team to teach biblical truth to those who have never known or have lost sight of God's plan and future for Israel. Please make a gift today.

#### \$25 suggested gift to North American workers

#### **ELDERLY CARE**

Oh, the stories they can tell! Spending time with elderly Jewish people is a blessing for both the elderly person and our FOI workers who have the opportunity to stop, slow down, and listen. Unique friendships have been formed as our workers minister to such a precious group of people. By supplying medicine, transportation, holiday baskets filled with delicious goodies, or simply the gift of time, our Jewish friends have been shown the love of the Messiah and heard the Good News. Please help provide life-giving support through medicines, food, and love to our elderly Jewish friends worldwide.

#### \$25 suggested gift



#### THANK GOD FOR ISRAEL DAY

One of the best solutions for people, political parties, religions, or countries who adamantly oppose one another is to find common ground. Common ground enables all of us to see beyond our differences and embrace our similarities-exactly what our Thank God for Israel Day is designed to do. An opportunity to build bridges between the Jewish community and Christian community, rabbis and pastors come together to support Israel together.

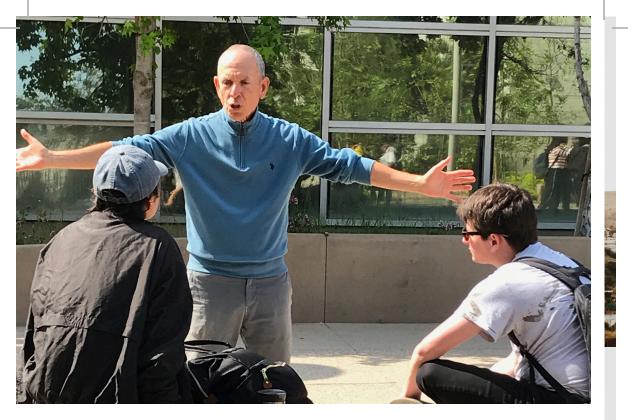
A day full of guest speakers, special music, and overall encouraging community, these important events are a special way to connect people who may not otherwise ever be connected. Please help support our Thank God for Israel Days throughout the year.

\$30 suggested gift

#### **HOLIDAY BASKETS**

A small gesture of love can go a long way. Every year, our FOI team handdelivers holiday baskets to our Jewish friends. Delighted to receive a basket full of delicious and thoughtful goodies, the recipients are often overwhelmed by this sheer act of kindness. This special time is often filled with taking a moment to talk and share how the love of the Messiah is what compels us to remember our Jewish friends during their important holiday seasons. You can help provide baskets, by making a gift today.

\$25 suggested gift



#### **UNIVERSITY OUTREACH**

Instead of feeling defeated by the spiritual climate we are up against in this day and age, FOI chooses to proactively work toward spreading the truth and love of the Messiah. On today's college campuses it is easy to believe that it's only an uphill battle. Students are denying Christ in an effort to express themselves, which ultimately, without Christ, will only hurt them.

This is why our FOI workers are taking on the college campus mentality by making students aware of God's truth. By meeting them right where they are, our workers are organizing pro-Israel clubs and educating Christian students about God's plan for Israel. They're opening their homes for Bible studies and prayerfully seeking to lead young people to Christ. Please help share hope on college campuses nationwide and build a bridge of hope from an anti-God mentality to one that is desperate for His never-ending love.

#### \$30 suggested gift

#### MISSION LAUNCH INITIATIVE

One of the most encouraging gifts from God comes every time He sends a new worker to FOI. To find someone with an impassioned love for God, His Word, the Jewish people, and God's redemptive plan for Israel in the future encourages us to keep going. However, every new worker has to raise funds to support the ministry he or she is called to do at The Friends of Israel. This is a time-consuming task that can often delay the urgent work of spreading the Good News that so desperately needs to be done. To make this transition time easier for our new workers, we have a newly created Mission Launch Initiative (MLI), where you can give a gift that goes directly toward getting a new worker off the ground, helping them reach their financial goals, and serving as encouragement as they get started.

#### \$50 suggested gift



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