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ACTS 11:21

*“The hand of the Lord was with them,
and a great number believed.”*





Dear Friends,

As we all know too well, we face many challenges today. Ministry has been difficult because of the pandemic and the direction our world leaders are taking us. Many people have died from COVID-19, including one of our own.

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the war has come to our doorstep. It has directly impacted our workers in Eastern Europe in ways the likes of which we have not seen since World War II. The United States has declined tremendously as a world power, and moral authority is under attack.

Yet it has also been a time of rich blessing from the Lord. Scripture often mentions the “hand of the Lord” or “hand of God” when referring to the Almighty’s involvement in human affairs to accomplish His will. As Ezra led the return of Jewish exiles to Israel, he said, “The hand of our God was on us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy” (Ezra 8:31). Ezra spoke of the “good hand of his God” (7:9).

In the New Testament, God used persecution to scatter the church throughout the Roman Empire. As believers carried the gospel into the world, Luke noted, “The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed” (Acts 11:21).

Last year, I saw many magnificent examples of the Lord’s good hand upon the ministry of The Friends of Israel. I hope you find our 2021 Annual Report encouraging and will see how God has guided this work, as I do.

I am witnessing our staff carrying the gospel throughout the world and regularly hearing reports of people coming to faith in Christ. The turmoil of our times reminds us of the urgency to make Christ known **everywhere**.

As I reflect on this fallen world we live in, Scripture informs me that everything occurs under God’s permissible will, and He still works through His people. The things of this world should not concern us, nor should we fear them. God calls us to minister during these troubling times, and God’s good hand confirms we are doing His work. **May we be found faithful until the end!**

Grateful to serve,

Jim Showers, DMin
Executive Director/President



Who We Are



OUR MISSION

We are a worldwide evangelical ministry proclaiming biblical truth about Israel and the Messiah, while bringing physical and spiritual comfort to the Jewish people.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to see everyone believe in God's Son and understand God's plan for the ages.



OUR VALUES

1

Loving
God, His
Word, and
the Jewish
people

2

Sharing our
faith in the
Lord Jesus
Christ

3

Supporting
Israel's right
to the Land
and opposing
antisemitism

4

Living a life
of humility,
integrity, and
respect for
others

EST. 1938

84

YEARS OF
MINISTRY

NOW OPERATING
REGULARLY IN
18 COUNTRIES
AND GROWING

UNITED STATES
CANADA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND
ISRAEL
UNITED KINGDOM
IRELAND
FRANCE
GERMANY
POLAND
UKRAINE
BELARUS
LITHUANIA
RUSSIA
AUSTRIA
BELGIUM
SWITZERLAND



Media

"Thanks, Friends of Israel. I love the show. Happy to see it's a podcast not just on radio one time a week. A biblical worldview is important. Thanks for all you do."

—Anonymous

BROADCAST ON

694

RADIO STATIONS

118,344

PODCAST DOWNLOADS

"I just want to say that I appreciate that you provide a transcript for the weekly FOI radio program. Being deaf, (it) allows me to enjoy the message like all the hearing people. The Lord bless Friends of Israel and the staff."

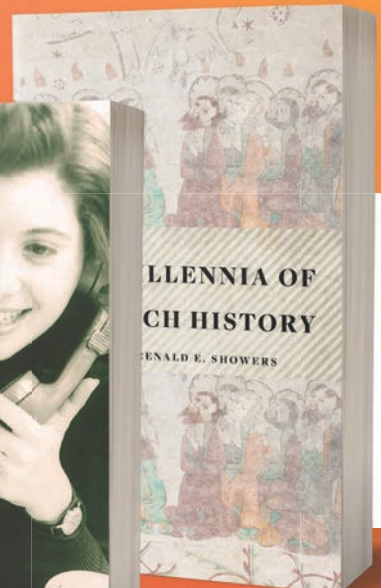
—Hugh

"I just wanted to tell you your Kidron Valley series on the FOI podcasts have been very insightful! I currently subscribe to the magazine and thought the articles on the Feast Days were wonderful; keep up the good work! Sometimes I listen to your podcasts several times and try to take notes on specific scriptures so I can read the passages for myself."

—Diane

31,948

BOOKS SOLD



317,516

**ISRAEL MY GLORY
MAGAZINES DISTRIBUTED**



“Hello, FOI Family! My husband and I listen to you every Saturday on BBN and also get *Israel My Glory*—we’ve been following FOI since Elwood McQuaid was doing the broadcasts....Thank you, and may God continue blessing all you do for Israel and the Jewish people!”

—Patti, FL

2,328

**PUBLICATIONS GIFTED
TO 338 PRISONERS**

“Thank you for your wonderful ministry, which blesses me with the weekly radio broadcast [FOI Today] that I listen to on KVCY 88.5 FM in Tucson, Arizona, and also your great magazine *Israel My Glory*. I rely on both to provide me with clear, easy-to-understand biblical teaching and keep me informed on issues affecting the nation of Israel and the Israeli people.... Your teachings often form the basis of teaching in our small group discussions.”

—Brian, AZ

3

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- 1 Jewish Culture and Customs
- 2 The Search
- 3 Two Millennia of Church History

77

**COUNTRIES
RECEIVING
ISRAEL MY GLORY
MAGAZINE**

North American



7,464

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE VIEWS

3,460

**PARTICIPANTS
IN 31 FOI EQUIP CLASSES**

724

**SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS**

33

**FAMILIES MINISTERING
ACROSS NORTH AMERICA**



Your Impact



One Friday in June, I was working in the food pantry; and Katie, the pantry manager, asked me where I live. I could tell she was looking for someone to make a food delivery to one of the Holocaust survivors who lived on the other side of town. Even though they were out of the way, I volunteered to take them their food. Katie was appreciative but said I should not because it's so far out of the way.

I shrugged, smiled, and said, "We live in the same city. Distance is relative. I really don't mind."

Sometimes, it's good for me to remember that actions speak louder than words; and, oftentimes, opportunities for meaningful conversations follow these seemingly insignificant, consistent acts of service.

The following week, Sherri, the volunteer coordinator at the Jewish center, called me aside and chatted with me about everything from work to personal life. I'm praying for more opportunities to share more specifically with both Katie and Sherri.

—Becky M, field ministry representative



330

HANUKKAH BASKETS DELIVERED

International



7,300

PATIENTS ATTENDED TO
IN THE CLINIC

20

PATIENTS PER DAY

Your Impact

After battling COVID-19, a bedridden patient told us, “I have seen death face-to-face, and I realize that I was not prepared for it. I am so glad that I have been given more time on Earth.”

Certainly, the man was grateful to still be alive, which gave him a great opportunity to tie up loose ends, of which he had a bagful, according to his own words. Belonging only nominally to the Jewish community, he had a blurred understanding of spiritual matters.

The shocking slap of the coronavirus awoke in him the need to be more prepared to face not only death, but also life. He welcomed this second chance, and he felt a great urge to gather together the shattered pieces of his broken life. He was ready to hear Jesus’ words: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (Jn. 14:6).

—FOI Medical Clinic in Argentina



3,000

AMBULANCE
RESPONSES
IN ARGENTINA

10

AVERAGE CALLS
PER DAY

22

**FAMILIES MINISTERING
IN THE INTERNATIONAL
FIELD FULL TIME**



+7.2M

**VIEWS OF YOUTUBE
CHANNEL IN ENGLISH,
POLISH, AND RUSSIAN
FEATURING SOLID
BIBLICAL TEACHING
AND 3D RENDERINGS
OF JERUSALEM**

“We praise the Lord for witnessing opportunities that [my husband] had during his 3-weeks stay in a physical rehabilitation clinic in December. There he met some Polish-speaking patients. One of them, a woman, was very eager to listen to his testimony and received Christian literature with gratitude. We keep in touch with her. I have talked with her several times on the phone, sharing my personal testimony with her. She really wants to hear and to know more! It has been a great encouragement to us. The stay in the clinic was rather unpleasant due to all Covid- related sanitary restrictions. But now he has realized that maybe the Lord placed him there just for the sake of that one woman who needs and wants to know more about Jesus! Please, pray with us for B and her husband.”

—FOI worker in Europe

International

Your Impact

“Your support is very important for us in our Ukrainian city. Our Jewish community consists of about 200 people. Among them are single and elderly, some of them paralyzed and bedridden. Your aid saves their lives.

“Our volunteers strive to make life easier for these people. Unfortunately, we do not have enough power and resources because the majority of our volunteer support comes from pensioners. So, your support allows low-income residents in the Jewish community to get a chance at a better life.”

—Head of a Jewish community in Ukraine

6

JEWISH COMMUNITIES MINISTERED TO IN UKRAINE



Marlon (Holocaust Survivor) with Carrie



4

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY INTERNS





2

**YOUTH AND “HOLIDAY
WITH THE BIBLE”
CAMPS IN POLAND**

6

**YOUTH GROUP
CAMPS IN ISRAEL**



PUBLICATIONS TRANSLATED

- 8 BOOKS
- 16 *ISRAEL MY GLORY* ARTICLES
- *THE COMMON THREAD* VIDEO
- EVANGELISM CLIPS SENT FROM ISRAEL WITH MORE THAN **2 MILLION** VIEWS

Israel Relief

41

BOMB SHELTERS BUILT IN ISRAEL

9

BOMB SHELTERS IN 2021



200

IDF LONE SOLDIERS PROVIDED
WITH MENTAL-HEALTH
COUNSELING

22

BABIES SAVED FROM
ABORTION AND
PROVIDED CARE

55,555 LBS

OF FOOD DELIVERED IN ISRAEL

8,333

FROZEN SOUPS DELIVERED
TO SHUT-INS AND HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL

180

SHELTERING VICTIMS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND
DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY

376

JEWISH OLIM MADE
ISRAEL THEIR HOME



Your Impact

“We immigrated to Israel on Operation Tzur Israel in January 2021 and now live at the Shoshana Aliyah Center in Kiryat Gat, which is one of the cities that rockets from Gaza fell upon during Operation Guardian of the Walls.

“The Shoshana Aliyah Center is a 9-story building that has one central bomb shelter on the ground floor. When the emergency sirens went off in Kiryat Gat, we were forced, like other residents of Southern Israel, to go as quickly as possible to the bomb shelter or to the stairwells. We feared that a rocket would fall on the Center. Our children were very afraid, and we didn’t know how to calm them. They remained in the Center and did not go out to attend school. It was a difficult time being confined for so many hours inside the Center and not allowed at all outdoors in the open air and sunshine.

“Eventually, the wonderful staff at the center took us far away from the missiles and sirens, up to our beloved Jerusalem. This helped us cope with our anxieties and concerns, as it was difficult to be in our apartments all the time with so much fear. In addition, the program of activities during the respite period was very rich and enjoyable. It was the most wonderful Shabbat Shalom [Sabbath peace].

“We thank you, The Friends of Israel and The Jewish Agency, for your support during this most challenging period. Your generosity ensured our security and wellbeing and helped boost our strength in the face of a terrifying experience. May G-d bless you for your kindness.”

—Anonymous

\$3M

**IN RELIEF TO ISRAEL
SINCE 2012**

1,242

**ISRAELIS EVACUATED
OUT OF HARM’S WAY
TO SAFE PLACES
AND GIVEN FAMILY-
CENTERED ACTIVITIES
DURING OPERATION
GUARDIAN OF THE
WALLS IN MAY 2021**

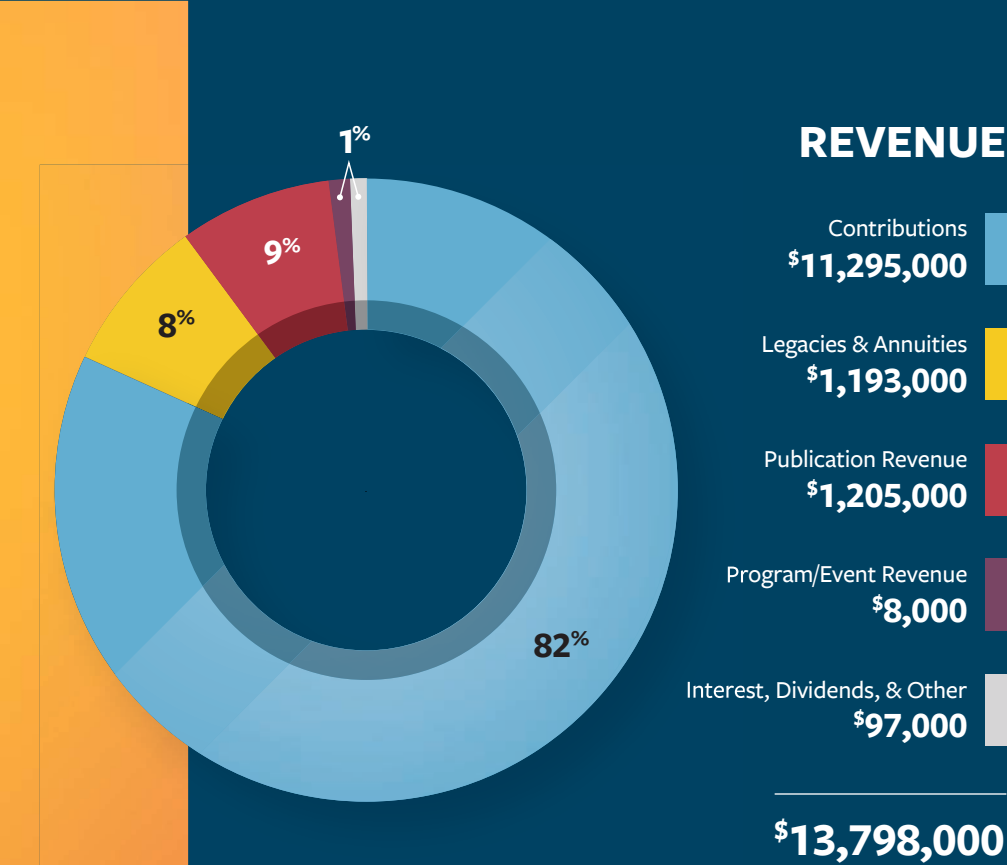
13,380

**MEALS PROVIDED FOR
DRUG ADDICTS AND
PROSTITUTES**



Courtesy: Jewish Agency of Israel

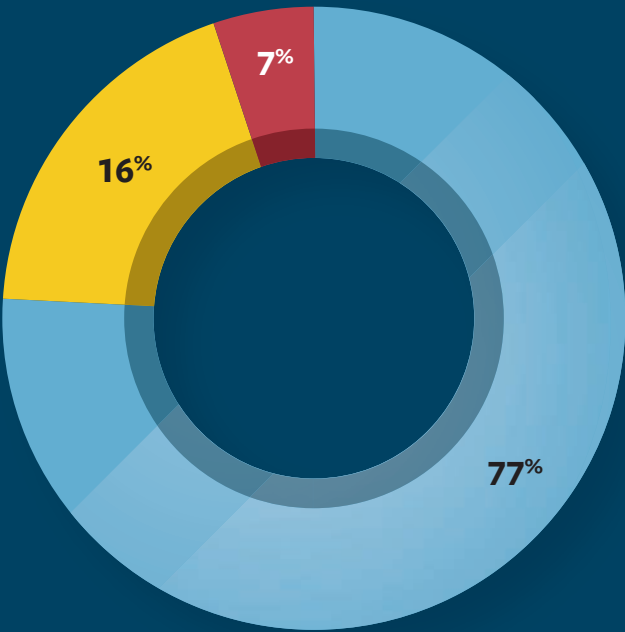
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



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FISCAL YEAR 2021



EXPENSES

Program Ministries
\$9,552,000

Administrative
\$2,067,000

Fundraising
\$840,000

\$12,459,000



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