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*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake
I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like
the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.
Isaiah 62:1 NIV*



PRAYER

The Heartbeat of Operation Exodus USA



The City of God



Coast to Coast with
Debra Minotti
President
Operation Exodus USA

*Pray for peace in
Jerusalem. May all who
love this city prosper.*
Psalm 122:6 NLT

In the song *Jerusalem of Gold* by Naomi Shemer, written in 1967 three weeks before the reunification of Jerusalem, there is a line, “So many songs so many stories...”

Another story was written late last year when U.S.A. President Donald Trump formally announced the United States’ recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, fifty years after the miraculous reunification. The office staff gathered around my desk to watch President Trump. We knew this was a declaration heard around the world and in the unseen realm. It was as if everything was shaken at that moment.



What a declaration, what a wonder, what a powerful, sovereign sign of restoration. The last words of a Seder dinner are “Next year in Jerusalem,” the cry of all Jews worldwide. It can now be said “THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!” Step by step GOD is performing His word. This year, I invite you to become part of this miracle of *Aliyah*.

We are already receiving applications for assistance from those who are in need. By God’s grace, along with your support, we will help all who desire to make Israel their home.

May God strengthen your inner being in this new season!

“If I forget you, Yerushalayim, may my right hand wither away.”
Psalm 137:5 CJB

Tragically, after the announcement by President Trump, the vast majority of the nations began to rage. In response, the United Nations General Assembly voted to repudiate the President’s declaration.

Operation Exodus also responded. Below is part of our response. For the complete response, please visit our website www.OperationExodusUSA.org.

WE DECLARE:

- 1. First of all, and based on the overwhelming evidence of Scripture, that the modern State of Israel is the fulfilment of Bible prophecy, that is, the in-gathering of the exiles, which are positioned in their God-given Land according to the purposes of the LORD God of Israel in anticipation of the revelation of the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, God Himself gives the Jewish people the right to live and prosper in Israel, including all of Jerusalem (Ezekiel chapters 36 and 37; Isaiah 11:11-12).*

It's More Than a Check



One of the greatest privileges of assisting with *Aliyah* is chatting and meeting with those making *Aliyah* (immigrating to Israel). Our Area Representatives get that opportunity. Cookie & Dianna met Mitchell. Here's their story:

"Dianna and I were privileged and honored to personally deliver a check from Operation Exodus USA to Mitchell, who lives near Cleveland, Ohio.

He's a precious 22-year-old graduate from The Ohio State University and the grandson of a Holocaust survivor.

We all had an immediate connection. Mitchell shared the story of his grandfather escaping from Hungary to Canada when he was ten years old. I couldn't help but compare that story with him leaving America to fulfill his destiny in Israel. I didn't express this, but I felt there was something his grandfather imparted to him.

We asked, 'How can we pray for you?' His reply was to pray for his parents, particularly during his departure.

Dianna and I felt blessed to help Mitchell, yet we knew our responsibility. He sat there smiling, sipping coffee, and sincerely sharing with excitement. Mitchell suddenly stopped and asked, "Why are you doing this?"

Dianna immediately replied, 'Isaiah 49:22 states Gentiles will help you.' I explained, 'We do this because we love Israel and the Jewish people.' He stared in amazement, smiled, and thanked us again."

This encounter was more than handing him a check! Mitchell emailed us the same day:

"I just wanted to share with you what a pleasure this afternoon was for me. They were both wonderful people, and we had a nice conversation. I'm only sorry you couldn't be there as well..."

A few days later we received this postcard.

Thanks to you, our supporters, last year we assisted 501 of our Jewish friends with immigrating to Israel!

Thousands of young people and families will make *Aliyah* this year from America. Many will contact Operation Exodus for assistance. We don't want to disappoint them. Will you help us? We need your support to do it again in 2018!



Kathy Ardino
Aliyah Director
Operation Exodus USA



Dear Friend,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your contribution to Operation Exodus. Making Aliyah has always been my dream, but it was a dream met with little support by my friends and family. Without your support, both financially and spiritually, I would never have been able to make this dream a reality. Your efforts really go a long way, and I cannot thank you and this organization enough.

Sincerely,
Mitchell

We Will Not Be Silent

The Ebenezer Operation Exodus (EOE) International Board has spoken through their declaration on our behalf. It's the voice of the prophetic intercessor. **"On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen all day and all night; they will never keep silent" Isaiah 62:6, NAS.** We pray, speak, and act because the LORD has appointed us.

EOE was birthed in Jerusalem in 1991 during scud missile attacks. Iraq, under demonic influence, was trying to bring destruction. **"The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel" Psalm 147:2, ESV.** The prophetic intercessors gathered to pray in a bomb shelter and were able to hear and see beyond the sirens and the gas masks. They heard the word of the LORD: *"Now you can begin helping My people to go home."*¹

Days of praying that the LORD would "prepare the way through the war to bring the children of Israel back to their Promised Land"² turned into obedient action. The prayer and action continue today through EOE's work in over 55 nations.

Now as many nations, under demonic influence, organize themselves against Jerusalem in the military, economic, social and religious realms, the LORD continues to "build up Jerusalem." OEUSA is an "intercessory ministry with a prophetic task."³ We pray; we obey. We see beyond today's military threats, the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement, and the UN's bold anti-Semitic resolutions. We see that the LORD "laughs" (Psalm 2:4). He already sees Jerusalem as **"the joy of the whole earth" (Psalm 48:1).** We see as He sees. The only thing needed is faithful watchmen who are not silent.

Let's join the LORD in His building project—gathering and restoring the exiles. Now is the time!

¹ Operation Exodus by Gustav Scheller, page 46

² Operation Exodus by Gustav Scheller, page 45

³ International Prayer Guide, page 8



Quay Messner
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Operation Exodus USA

*The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the outcasts of Israel.*

Psalm 147:2 ESV

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Miracle in Moldova

It took Igor's family over a year of preparation to make *Aliyah*, and during that time Igor had sporadic employment. This situation made their financial position difficult at a time when they had large heating bills due to cold weather. Ebenezer Operation Exodus gave them financial assistance, which was critical. They had five children, some suffered from infections and urgently needed healthcare. Medicines in Moldova aren't provided by the state or covered by insurance. This system leaves many families struggling with medical bills.

We visited Igor's family in the city of Transnistria. They were poor and lived in a small room inside of an old hostel. The rooftop room was damp because of leaking. After Igor's wife Tatiana gave birth to their last child, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis. This news was a devastating blow to the family. Sadly, she was hospitalized. Igor had to spend all their savings and use a loan to pay for her treatment. The baby remained in the hospital because there was no one home to care for him.

Igor's earnings were not enough to meet the family's needs, especially during the winter months. Besides, Igor was afraid to visit the hospital because he was continually approached by the staff to provide diapers that he couldn't afford. Thankfully, Tatiana's treatment was effective, and she was allowed to go home. The money, however, ran out and Igor had only 35 roubles left! We rushed to a shop and bought his family groceries. We shared with them the hope of *Aliyah* but much time passed before Igor and Tatiana agreed to immigrate. This family was the subject of many prayers, and although it took a year to get their documents together, the Lord answered our prayers. A positive reply from the consular's office came through, and Igor's family was permitted to make *Aliyah*. Hallelujah!

Without help from supporters like you, we wouldn't be able to assist needy families like this. Thank you for partnering with us.

"...you shall be rebuilt O virgin of Israel!" Jeremiah 31:4a

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Peggy Perry
Financial Director
Operation Exodus USA



Honoring Hanukkah

WOW! There are no other words to describe the response to our 2017 Honoring Hanukkah campaign.

December is usually a quieter month for making *Aliyah*, but not so this past December. By mid-November, Operation Exodus USA had received requests for assistance from 50-55 applicants, all wanting to immigrate during the holidays. To honor Hanukkah, the Jewish people, and to help meet their financial needs, a private donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) presented a matching gift challenge. For every donation received in

December earmarked for U.S. *Aliyah*, they would match up to \$25,000.

The response to this challenge was amazing. By the end of December, we reached our goal for the matching gift. As a result, with OEUSA's assistance, 41 people made *Aliyah* in December.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Honoring Hanukkah campaign successful. May God bless you for your generosity and love for the Jewish people.

For more information about Operation Exodus USA, our Purpose, Vision, Values, and History, visit our website.

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- ☐ I am excited about what the Lord is doing at OEUSA! Send me the OE Awareness Kit to share with others:
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 - ☐ Scripture Brochures
 - ☐ Spanish Materials
- ☐ Go online **operationexodususa.org/awareness** for a complete set of easy-to-use social media shareable online content
- ☐ Call us if you would like to join our family of intercessors or start a prayer group in your area
- ☐ Call us if you would like an OE representative to come and share at your church or local gathering

Estate Planning/Legacy Gifts

Please contact us if you are prayerfully considering a legacy gift to help us assist Jewish people making *Aliyah*. We will connect you with someone who can explain your options.

- ☐ **Leave a Legacy Gift** (e.g., donation of any amount, designated through your will or living trust). For more information, please call 716.681.6300.



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