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FROM THE USA**

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GO ON THROUGH THE GATES,
CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE PEOPLE!
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A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel



FORTY-SEVEN YEARS AND COUNTING!

BY STEVE LIGHTLE, AUTHOR AND INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

Go on through, go on through the gates, clear the way for the people! Build up a highway, build it up! Clear away the stones! Raise a banner for the peoples!

Isaiah 62:10 CJB

In August 1974 God by His grace allowed me to see a vision in which He introduced me to His *Aliyah* — the return of the Jewish people to Israel in the last days. He then revealed the spiritual war raging against this as the enemy fought to stop the *Aliyah*.

One of the most evident teaching times was when He prepared a small team of four in 1985 to go to the USSR to build the spiritual highway for the exit of the Jewish people. He gave simple instructions to go through the gates of the cities, remove the stones, and build the highway for the Jewish people to go to Israel.

DON'T GIVE UP PRAYING FOR THE JEWS OF AMERICA... DON'T LET DISCOURAGEMENT STOP YOU.

Isaiah 40:3-5, Isaiah 57:14, and Isaiah 62:10, which talk about building up the highway and clearing the way for God's people, were the foundation verses for the trip. My question to the Lord was, "Why?" The answer was in chapters 40 and 62. The *Aliyah* is all about His second coming. The ends of the earth will know that their "... *Salvation is coming!*" Isaiah 62:11 CJB.

However, a battle — a real war — is raging in the heavenlies. Have you encountered problems, attacks, and conflict after you started praying about *Aliyah*? Removing the stones takes spiritual warfare. The enemy tries to discourage us, fight us, and attack us. Oh how I know! Twice a death

sentence has come against me to try to kill me.

The latest attack began on December 15, 2020, just months ago. I ended up in the hospital for three months and spent an additional two months in a rehabilitation hospital. The hospital staff suggested to my daughter that she put me in hospice care because I was so ill. That only happens if your life expectancy is only six months or less. But God intervened and told me I have more work to do.

The task ahead to see the Jewish people of North America make *Aliyah* is an even greater battle than the return of the Soviet Jews, and it needs more prayer. I waited a long time in prayer warfare for the *Aliyah* from the USSR to take place; just as that began and continues, so will the *Aliyah* from the United States of America. Don't give up praying for the Jews of America, don't lose heart, and don't let discouragement stop you.

This week the Lord reminded me of Luke 21:19: "*In your patience possess ye your souls*" — your mind, will, and emotions. We need the patience to see this through!

Don't miss this very strategic opportunity to partner with God's Heart as He continues to build the greater *Aliyah* from the USA.

Now is the time to increase your investment in prayer and giving.

Be a part of the miracle of *Aliyah*!



AGAINST ALL ODDS

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT & CEO

Then he will say, Keep building! Keep building! Clear the way! Remove everything blocking my people's path!"

Isaiah 57:14 CJB

We are witnessing an increasingly alarming display of world governments — including our own — operating in wickedness and lawlessness. They have chosen to defy God openly by their words and deeds. This defiance fosters a deep hatred, promoting acts of violent crimes throughout the world. It is a systemic matter around the globe — not just in the USA!

Anti-Semitism is growing rampant in America and throughout the world, bringing to the forefront an urgent matter that must be faced head-on by all Jewish people living outside of Israel. It is something that they cannot avoid! Jewish people in America must personally decide what Israel means to them and confront their true identity. They must conclude that now is the time to make *Aliyah*. Israel is their inheritance and the safest place for them to live as a people. It is a decision they cannot ignore or delay any longer!

WE JOIN OUR PRAYERS WITH ALL OF OUR COLLEAGUES CALLED TO ASSIST WITH ALIYAH FROM THEIR NATIONS!

The work in the USA will continue to be highly contested by the enemy. Our God commands us to be strong, courageous, and patient as we serve Him in these perilous times. *Aliyah* will not be stopped! Against all odds, the spiritual building of the *Aliyah* highways from our nation to Israel is growing exponentially. The LORD Himself is the master

builder — He is building up and expanding the highways in ways we do not see now! He calls and encourages His people to "*Go on through, go on through the gates...*" as in Isaiah 62:10.

Much prayer is needed to comfort and encourage the *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) who come to us for assistance. We're encouraged by the inquiries, applications, and testimonies of numerous courageous *Olim* who have decided to make *Aliyah* now and in the near future. They will face significant challenges throughout this process and in the Land. Israel may be standing alone, without allies they can trust. But God, the Shepherd of Israel, will never fail them! Let us not forget that this is a worldwide work. We join our prayers with all of our colleagues called to assist with *Aliyah* from their nations!

Save your people! Bless Israel, your special possession. Lead them like a shepherd, and carry them in your arms forever. Psalm 28:9 NLT

We are grateful to all of you — our friends and supporters. You are a vital part of this work, as the LORD has entrusted in you the revelation of the longing of His Heart to gather His children home! Let us continue to declare the power of His prophetic Word that removes all obstacles blocking the path of His people.

We are preparing to travel throughout the East Coast to raise the banner of *Aliyah* and visit churches and Jewish communities. We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months to thank you for your partnership and encourage you to be a voice for *Aliyah* in your own backyard!

May we willingly increase our prayer and giving to meet the need at hand by generously blessing all our Jewish friends. My prayer is that you will continue to prosper in the LORD. May He fill you with joy and peace as you lean on Him and put your trust in Him.

BUILDING THE ROAD HOME!

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSEN, ALIYAH DIRECTOR

Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night ...

Isaiah 60:11 NIV

“Return to the land of Israel” is a theme expressed in the prayers our Jewish friends recite three times a day. For many, the road of these prayers is long. For others, it is a sudden decision to start preparing their road home to Eretz Israel.

The changes witnessed by our Jewish friends in their communities and their personal lives have contributed to their decision to start down the challenging road of making *Aliyah*. With the rising anti-Semitism and growing unrest in the US, more and more of our Jewish friends are seeking ways to prepare the road to go home to Eretz Israel.

WHEN SHARING WITH THE OLIM, IT IS TOUCHING WHEN WE HEAR THE WORDS OF THEIR HEARTS.

More and more, we hear the urgency in the words of the *Olim* who contact us for assistance as they prepare for their *Aliyah*. The thoughts and prayers towards *Aliyah* have been revived in many Jewish hearts. Many share the urgency

they feel to prepare their journey home to Israel. They also sense the responsibility to encourage one another that now is the time to go home.

In these days, we are witnessing an increase in requests for assistance with *Aliyah* from the USA. We are seeing once again, with more urgency, that *Aliyah* is the fulfillment of prophecies that say God will take His people from all the nations and bring them back to their own land.

With our own eyes we are seeing an amazing thing happening as the God of Israel is leading His people home to Eretz Israel.

In the USA we are preparing to continue to support and comfort many of our Jewish friends who are starting their preparation towards *Aliyah* and fulfilling the dreams they have had for many, many years.

When sharing with the *Olim*, it is touching when we hear the words of their hearts. Many share with us as they go through the many challenges, removing the numerous obstacles in their *Aliyah* journey, and how — step by step — they see their dreams being fulfilled. They share how they laugh and cry at the same time while packing their bags and preparing their documents, knowing they are doing this in preparation for going home.

The words shared by some of our *Olim*, whom we are blessed to assist through your faithful support and prayers, open the window of their hearts to us. Thank you!

Please consider getting more involved with the work of OEUSA.
Your prayers and support are vital to the work of *Aliyah*.

To learn more about how you can get involved today, visit our website at
www.operationexodususa.org/get-involved



My husband has been talking about making *Aliyah* since we were on our honeymoon... Thank you so much for helping us make our dreams come true.

Marcia & Nelson



Living in Israel has been a lifelong dream for my family... Now it is our turn to join them and to rebuild our home together in the holy land.

Isabelle & Family



We would like to raise our children in the Jewish people's homeland. In our daily prayers, we pray for the return of the Jewish people to Israel. We want, together with our children, to be part of this return Home.

Michal & Family



I feel as if I am family with the people of the nation who seem to inherently understand me and my family's history.

Justine



We are determined to fulfill what we are certain is God's desire for His children; as it says in Scripture, "On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,'" and again, "Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land."

Daniel & Amira



I am forever grateful for this opportunity to fulfill my dream of moving to Israel... I thank you in advance for your consideration and appreciate your support in helping bring my lifelong dream and the dreams of my family to fruition."

Lauren & Ariel



REMOVING THE STONES THROUGH PRAYER

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

...Remove the stones.

Isaiah 62:10b TLV

There are numerous external stones — some boulder-sized — that resist the work of *Aliyah*. They attempt to hinder, delay, and prevent the Jewish people in exile from returning to the Land. As an *Aliyah* ministry, we undermine them and remove their influence against *Aliyah* spiritually through praise, proclamation of the Word, and prayer. A few examples are Freemasonry, Communism, Globalism, and recently Covid and lockdown restrictions. Two examples of hindering stones through the Church are anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology. These obstacles are formidable if we face them in our own strength, but as we come against them through our faith, His strength, and the power of the Spirit, they cannot and do not prevail against *Aliyah*.

PRAY WITH US FOR GOD TO RELEASE HIS MERCY TO THOSE AFFLICTED WITH STONES IN THEIR HEARTS.

The stones that are more pernicious than the external ones are those in the heart. Psalm 84:5 underscores the role of the heart in making *Aliyah*: “Blessed are those...in whose heart are the highways to Zion.” (ESV). The original context speaks of those making the pilgrimage to Jerusalem (Zion) for the thrice-yearly Feasts. It is not much of a stretch to correlate this with making *Aliyah* from the nations today. Assimilation in the host country is a heart issue. The roots can go down very deep.

Another “heart stone” in certain branches of Judaism is a strong “Anti-Israel” or “Anti-

Zionist” belief system. One branch holds firmly to a religious belief that modern Israel is sinful, wicked, and ungodly; therefore, it is not legitimate in their view. Another branch is more secular and espouses humanistic and sometimes globalist attitudes, such as “Israel is unfair to Arab minorities” or “Israel ‘bullies’ its neighbors.” Both branches speak out with harsh and condemning words against Israel. Sometimes they demonstrate these heart attitudes through anti-Israel rallies that even include burning the flag of Israel. This information can be shocking to Christians, but it is not surprising to God, who is always searching the hearts of the inhabitants of the earth.

To our God, these heart attitudes are simply stones He foresaw and spoke of through the prophets. He has the remedy in which He has called us to participate! Whether it is assimilation, anti-Israel, anti-Zionism, or any other heart stone, He has provided for its removal. “And I will give you a new heart...I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a new heart...” Ezekiel 36:26, NLT. “I want you to understand this mystery...some of the people of Israel have hard hearts...and God’s mercy has come to you so that they too will share in God’s mercy.” Romans 11:25,31 NLT. It is such a joy to pray with great compassion and faith that God will remove these stones and give the sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob a new heart according to His promise. He is not offended by their rabid unbelief — He has clearly outlined His intentions through His word. He simply needs us to be in full agreement and give of ourselves in prayer for them.

Pray with us for God to release His mercy to those afflicted with stones in their hearts. May they all have the blessing of “having the highways to Zion” in their hearts — then it will manifest in their literal return to the Land.

THE JOURNEY OF ALIYAH

BY PASTOR MARIAN APPERSON, INTERCESSORY PRAYER LEADER

Call to Me, and I will answer you — I will tell you great and hidden things, which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3 TLV

For all *Olim* who make the physical journey back to Eretz Israel, there is first a decision-making process and preparation. This process may take weeks, months, or even years to complete. For Christians, there is also a journey and a process in becoming involved in the holy work of *Aliyah*. My husband and I pastor a house church, so our journey has been both personal and corporate.

IGRAVITATED TOWARD ACCOUNTS OF JEWISH PEOPLE... MY HEART ACHED WITH COMPASSION FOR THEM.

My own journey towards the work of *Aliyah* was a divine setup! The Lord began preparing me in grammar school as I read The Diary of Anne Frank. I readily and heartily identified with Anne, a Jewish teenager hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Her story marked me forever. That same war deeply impacted my dad. Too young to enlist himself, he’d seen many friends enlist. Influenced by his sentiments, I gravitated toward accounts of Jewish people during that period. My heart ached with compassion for them. That identification with, and compassion for, Jewish people was fundamental in my later becoming involved with *Aliyah*.

Years ago, my husband and I realized we’d been “infected” with the lie of Replacement Theology — the belief that the Church replaced Israel as God’s chosen people and heirs of His promises. Thankfully, the Lord corrected this

through sound Biblical teaching and study. Having pastors’ hearts to be sure the Church walks in “the whole counsel of God” Acts 20:27, we taught those same truths to our local church. The book *Exodus Cry* by James Goll pointed us towards *Aliyah* and the Church’s mandate to help God’s people return to Israel.

“Thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations [KJV Gentiles], and set up My standard for the peoples; they shall bring your sons [Israel] in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.’” Isaiah 49:22 NKJV

I was particularly drawn to Operation Exodus USA because they prioritize Holy Spirit-led prayer, followed by Holy Spirit-led and empowered activity.

All our love, commitment, and work for the Jewish people come from intimacy with the Lord and having His heart for them. For me, the physical *Aliyah* of *Olim* is a prophetic picture of all of God’s people (Jews and Gentiles) coming back to our eternal home in His heart. As pastors, we could not be more committed to that, especially now!

Join us as we raise a clarion call to the Church — to understand Jewish people’s God-inspired desire to make *Aliyah*. The Church must carry God’s people home, as in Isaiah 49:22:

“...They will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.” (CJB)



GENERATIONS COMING TOGETHER

BY CONNIE HAMMOND, PILLAR OF FIRE

...I will return them to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down...

Jeremiah 24:6 NLV

My passion for Israel is truly a gift that God bestowed upon me when I cried out to Him, “Break my heart for what breaks yours!” Desperately wanting to dive deeper with God and radiate the desires of His heart in all I do, I patiently waited for Him to show me what breaks His heart. As soon as God revealed to me how precious Israel is to Him, I knew I was called to support His people with all my heart, soul, and strength throughout my life, and to pray for the Jewish people’s return to the land of Israel.

IT IS AN EXCITING TIME TO BE ALIVE AND WITNESS PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED...

I started putting my passion and love for Israel into action as a college student at Oral Roberts University when I was 18 years old. Since then I have had the pleasure of standing with Israel and the Jewish people — and partnering with God in His restoration of the Jewish people to the land of Israel through my involvement in Operation Exodus USA.

I first became involved with Operation Exodus USA while in college by joining the Pillar of Fire Young Adult Group. It is made up of young adults across the United States who have a passion for

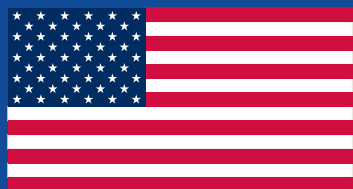
praying for *Aliyah*, Israel, and the Jewish people — and for God’s purposes to be accomplished through His people Israel. My passion for praying for *Aliyah* and the return of the Jewish people to Israel has only continued to grow each year.

One of my favorite parts of being involved in Operation Exodus USA as a 26-year-old young adult is praying for *Aliyah* with women and men of God of various generations. I am a bridge-builder and genuinely enjoy learning from the generations before me and after me.

I want to encourage the next generation to join me in praying for the return of the Jewish people to Israel with assistance from Operation Exodus USA. I also want to encourage the older generation to share the message of *Aliyah* with the younger generation. Many young people like me are hungry for discipleship and want to learn more about how God is moving on the earth in the times we are living in. This is an exciting time to be alive and witness prophecy being fulfilled through the restoration of the land of Israel. It is also a true privilege to be a part of the next generation of Operation Exodus USA.

If you’re a young adult (16-35+) or know any with a heart to intercede for Israel and *Aliyah*, we invite you to join our Pillar of Fire Young Adult Group.

To learn more, contact us on our website at www.operationexodususa.org/contact



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