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BEFORE THEM; THEY BREAK THROUGH
AND PASS THE GATE, GOING OUT BY IT.
THEIR KING PASSES ON BEFORE THEM,
THE LORD AT THEIR HEAD.

MICAH 2:12-13 ESV

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I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob; I will gather the remnant of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men.

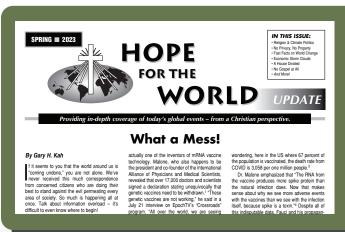
Micah 2:12 ESV

e have witnessed a significant uptick in worldwide Aliyah since the beginning of the Russia-Ukraine war one year ago. According to the Jewish Agency, the number of Jews making Aliyah in 2022 was the most in more than two decades – over 70,000 from ninety-five countries. They came in large numbers from France, the UK, Belarus, Ethiopia, Brazil, Argentina, South Africa, and North America (3,500 from the United States and Canada). However, these figures pale in comparison to the huge numbers of Jews who left Russia and Ukraine for Israel.

As an Ebenezer Operation Exodus International (EOEI) board member, I recently attended a meeting in Budapest, Hungary, which provided me an opportunity to gain a first-hand account of what is actually occurring in Ukraine and Russia – specifically on how the war is impacting Christians and Jews. EOEI has been assisting scores of innocent civilians who are fleeing their situations – some with only the clothes on their backs.

As a result of the war, more than 50,000 Russian and Ukrainian Jews have relocated to Israel over the past twelve months. We are expecting tens of thousands of additional Jews to pour across the borders in the months ahead, especially from Ukraine. These growing numbers stem from the fact that conditions in Ukraine are rapidly deteriorating, and because top Ukrainian rabbis have urged *all* Jews to be out of that country by the spring of 2024 (within 24 months of their original announcement). Clearly, they are expecting the war to intensify and spread.

My father, who is 91 and a World War II survivor, can barely watch the images of the refugees on the evening news. They remind him



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so vividly of how he and his family had to flee Croatia on short notice when the communists took over. Having lost everything, they said a permanent goodbye to their house, farm, and country as they ran for their lives. One day their lives were perfectly normal; the next they were struggling just to survive. The same holds true for so many people caught up in Ukraine's war. Living conditions in today's unstable world can literally change overnight!

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While we must continue to pray, and do everything possible to help those who are suffering in Ukraine, we must also prepare for what may soon be coming to our own nation. The handwriting is on the wall. Godless forces have become emboldened as they now control major centers of power in the US. As a result,

it is increasingly fashionable to be anti-Jewish. And historically, whenever this view has taken hold, the direct persecution of Jews – as well as Christians – has soon followed.

Now is the time to act, while many of our freedoms are still intact. Prayerfully seek the Lord about what you should be doing to prepare yourself and your family for the difficult times ahead.

Meanwhile, pray also for OEUSA as we position ourselves and our network for the biggest *Aliyah* in history, which is yet to come. Forty percent of the world's Jews currently still live in the United States. Many of these individuals – possibly even a majority – will be seeking to make *Aliyah* in the near future. We need to be ready to assist them, in fulfillment of Isaiah 49:22.

Please evaluate your gifts prayerfully, asking the Lord what role you should play in helping OEUSA to make ready the way of *Aliyah* for American Jews. Whether you join our prayer network, contribute financially, or open new doors, we appreciate your willingness to stand with us on behalf of the Lord and His people. Your actions will not go unnoticed by our great God.

Be Blessed in the Name of Yeshua!

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble: and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Nahum 1:7 KJB

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BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT, OPERATION EXODUS USA

He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king passes on before them, the LORD at their head.

Micah 2:13 ESV

liyah from the USA has become more complex and difficult for many Olim (Jewish immigrants). The social and economic tensions of today are leading factors prompting Olim to make Aliyah now. This unstable climate is fostering an outrageous increase in anti-Semitism. Many American Holocaust survivors are connecting the dots to the past atrocities they suffered at the hands of the Nazi regime.

As of now, life in America continues as usual for most Jewish people, but we recognize that our nation has entered into perilous times. The Holocaust was the tragic result of anti-Jewish hatred left unchecked by the vast majority of people. We must never forget that genocide took place in and around the Christian church. We join our voices with our Jewish friends, and we say, "NEVER AGAIN!"

As we prepare for the future Aliyah, we must look to God and focus our faith on His prophetic Word. The following Scripture reminds us that God does His best work in the unseen realm. All we need **now** is faith that He will fulfill all His promises to gather, restore, and redeem all of Israel! Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:1-3 ESV

Please join us as we pray for open doors into Jewish communities around us – especially on

the East Coast of the USA. Making connections with Jewish leadership is a multi-faceted, slowgoing process. Praying for open doors that will encourage building strong relations and trust in Jewish communities will promote their confidence in God's covenant with Israel. This partnership focuses on Holy Spirit-directed intercession that "removes boulders" from the Aliyah highways.

The Church must have a presence and a voice on the Aliyah Highway. Church partnership and support are crucial for our preparation and readiness for the road ahead. This commitment is vital to building a strong structure to facilitate Aliyah now and in times of distress.

NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND FIRM, TO TAKE COURAGE, AND TO BE STRONG IN OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD TO HELP HIS PEOPLE RETURN HOME.

I appeal to you, those whom the LORD is prompting in this critical time, to partner with Him in this holy work. We must stand firm, take courage, and be strong in our commitment to help God's people return home. Each of us must act and not allow history to repeat itself! We look forward to hearing from you!

We are grateful to God for all our friends and partners who are standing with us on behalf of God's chosen people! The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

SEEDS OF FAITH PLANTED IN PRAYER PREVAIL IN CRISIS

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

Jesus had ascended a high mountain with several disciples. The other members of His team remained below to carry on the ministry. They were somewhat "seasoned" – having previously gone out in pairs to heal the sick and cast out demons with great success. This was faith-building experience – right? But suddenly they were in a crisis, confronted with a manifestation of the enemy that was different and seemingly stronger than anything they had encountered thus far. Their authority appeared to wither, and they could not accomplish the deliverance. Jesus returned and set the oppressed boy free. Confused and humiliated, they later asked Him:

"Why could we not drive it out?" Matt 17:19b, TAB¹. He answered: "Because of the littleness of your faith...For truly I say to you, if you have faith (that is living) like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." Matt 17:20 TAB

Their assignment was to cast out a demon in a crisis situation. Our assignment is to focus on being able to engage in effective intercessory prayer in a time of crisis. The assignments are different, but the reason for failure and the remedy for success prescribed are the same. Let us examine, receive, believe, and apply Jesus' teaching.

At first, it seems the rebuke was about the size of their faith. But further examination indicates that was not the issue. Even faith the size of a teeny-tiny mustard seed, when planted

in the fertile soil of God's living Word and His faithfulness to fulfill His promises, is sufficient against (humanly) impossible opposition.

Consistent planting of God's Word in prayer yields consistent, bountiful answers. "...Truly I say to you, if you have faith...whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith...you will receive."

Matt 21:21-22, TAB

A professional athlete faithfully practices his/ her skills daily. This consistent investment builds mental and muscle memory. During a game, when a multitude of other factors, sometimes even a *crisis*, confront the player, his whole being automatically functions, bringing success.

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Let us continue to practice investing our "little" seeds of faith by planting Word-based prayer in the heart of God. The key is that our faith is *alive*. Seeds carry life, but they must be planted to germinate and bring forth life. By daily planting in prayer now, we are preparing ourselves to prevail even when facing a crisis.

¹The Amplified Bible







OLIM BELIEVE IN THEIR LIFELONG DREAM OF MAKING ALIYAH

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, USA ALIYAH DIRECTOR

And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will be left, Just as there was for Israel In the day when they came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 11:16 AMP

In these challenging days, we know that there are obstacles on the *Aliyah* highway. However, many of the potential *Olim* have faith that their dream to return home to Eretz Israel will come true.

Making Aliyah is about having determination to overcome. When delays arise and challenges seem endless, it is important to comfort the Olim to be courageous and strong. In doing so, we remind them that their God, the God of Israel, will always be with them – to give them hope, strength, and comfort. They value our friendship and, most of all, our prayers as we walk with them on the highway of Aliyah. We have witnessed how impossibilities became possible through answered prayers.

When we pray for the Jewish people from the USA and other nations to return to Israel, we are praying according to God's will. We witness how the Lord moves in the hearts of the *Olim* as they prepare for their *Aliyah*.

May we continue to be ready to comfort and assist the *Olim* as they prepare to make *Aliyah* and return home to Eretz Israel. Beth, who recently made *Aliyah* with her family, shared the following testimony and also sent us a hand-written thank you note:

"We have lived in several countries and none of them is home to us. We are tired of wandering and want to go where we belong. We want our children to grow up celebrating their faith and heritage and never having to hide or explain who they are. We want to contribute to the goodness of the Startup Nation."



Dear friends,

We want to thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for the assistance you gave us in our *Aliyah* process. We've been longing to go home for many years and just can't wait to start our lives there.

While your generous donation has considerably eased our financial burden in these challenging times, it has also been incredibly uplifting to know that we're making this important move with the support of your community.

Wishing you every blessing and success, Beth and family







MATCH GIFT FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN ALIYAH SUMMER 2023

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Deuteronomy 15:10 NIV

he USA is home to over 6,000,000 Jewish people. Millions came to America (USA) seeking refuge from persecution. Today our nation is peering into an abyss of unprecedented acts of hatred against them – simply because they are Jewish. The USA is no longer a "safe refuge" for our Jewish friends. This is a shocking statement, but unfortunately, it is true!

Perilous times demand strong faith and great courage! The LORD is seeking those who will collaborate with Him as He gathers His people home to the Land He gave them as their inheritance. Our personal response must be a demonstration of our love and obedience to our God, motivating us to go deeper in intercession and sacrificially give of our finances in support of the greater *Aliyah* of God's people.

It is with much gratitude that we announce a recently-made pledge of \$100,000 to help us raise an additional \$100,000 in preparation and readiness for the greater Aliyah that is upon us. With your fervent prayers, we are confident that we will achieve our goal. Every dollar that you give designated to the match gift campaign will be matched "dollar for dollar," – doubling your investment! During this time, please let us know if you would like to designate your monthly donation to this special campaign. Thank you!

Please make a special donation as you are able; no gift is too small! If you have never given, now is the time to be an active participant in this modern-day miracle of *Aliyah* – the ascending of God's people to Zion!

I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your partnership in blessing God's people on their *Aliyah* journey. If you have already made a special gift toward this match gift campaign, we say, THANK YOU!

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Together, we can make a significant impact and bless God's chosen people. The LORD will bless you and bless everything you put your hand to!

Pray for peace in Jerusalem. May all who love this city prosper. O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls and prosperity in your palaces. For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "May you have peace." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem. Psalm 122:6-9 NLT



BY JEREMY SMITH, NATIONAL COORDINATOR, EBENEZER OPERATION EXODUS ISRAEL

Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land (Israel), with all my heart and with all my soul.

Jeremiah 32:41 NKJV

or the past fifteen years, Ebenezer Operation Exodus in Israel has been helping needy Jewish people as they sought to immigrate here to the Land.

Even though Israel closed its airports during the COVID epidemic, the government still let new immigrants come. With the lockdowns, many new immigrants in the Jewish Agency absorption centers lost their jobs – and consequently their income – so they needed financial support to get food. When we heard about this, we made the need known, and many in the nations donated so that we could provide food cards, enabling the immigrants to get food.

Since the onset of the Russia-Ukraine war, Israel has become home to thousands of refugees seeking safety and a new start. Among them are Jews, with proof of their Jewishness, who receive an absorption basket to start their new life in Israel. Many others, though, do not have the necessary proof and are left struggling to survive.

Working closely with the mayor's office in Jerusalem, we seek to help those in desperate need. Since the end of 2022, we have provided essential items such as blankets, duvets, and

pillows to help people through the cold winter. Additionally, we have provided financial support for families, allowing them to sign up for six months of food support from the King of Kings congregation in Jerusalem. Ebenezer Operation Exodus continues to do what it can to aid those in need.

In addition to welcoming Ukrainian refugees, Israel has recently become home to over 30,000 Russians fleeing their country. Many Russians do not support the war with Ukraine, and they seek to avoid military service. Israel has welcomed others whom Russian authorities have labeled as a danger to the state.

Since 2019, Ebenezer Operation Exodus has had a sizeable, three-story house – which we call the Haifa House – in which we have been able to host up to twenty (and sometimes more) new immigrants. The authorities won't let some new immigrants come without having a first address, which the Haifa House provides. This is often a critical time for the immigrants, as they may feel overwhelmed and disoriented in a new country with a different language, culture, and customs. Fortunately, the Haifa House provides a welcoming environment where they can rest, recover from the stresses of their journey, and begin planning their next steps.



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