



Operation Exodus USA
From Hope to Home

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE HEARTBEAT OF OPERATION EXODUS USA



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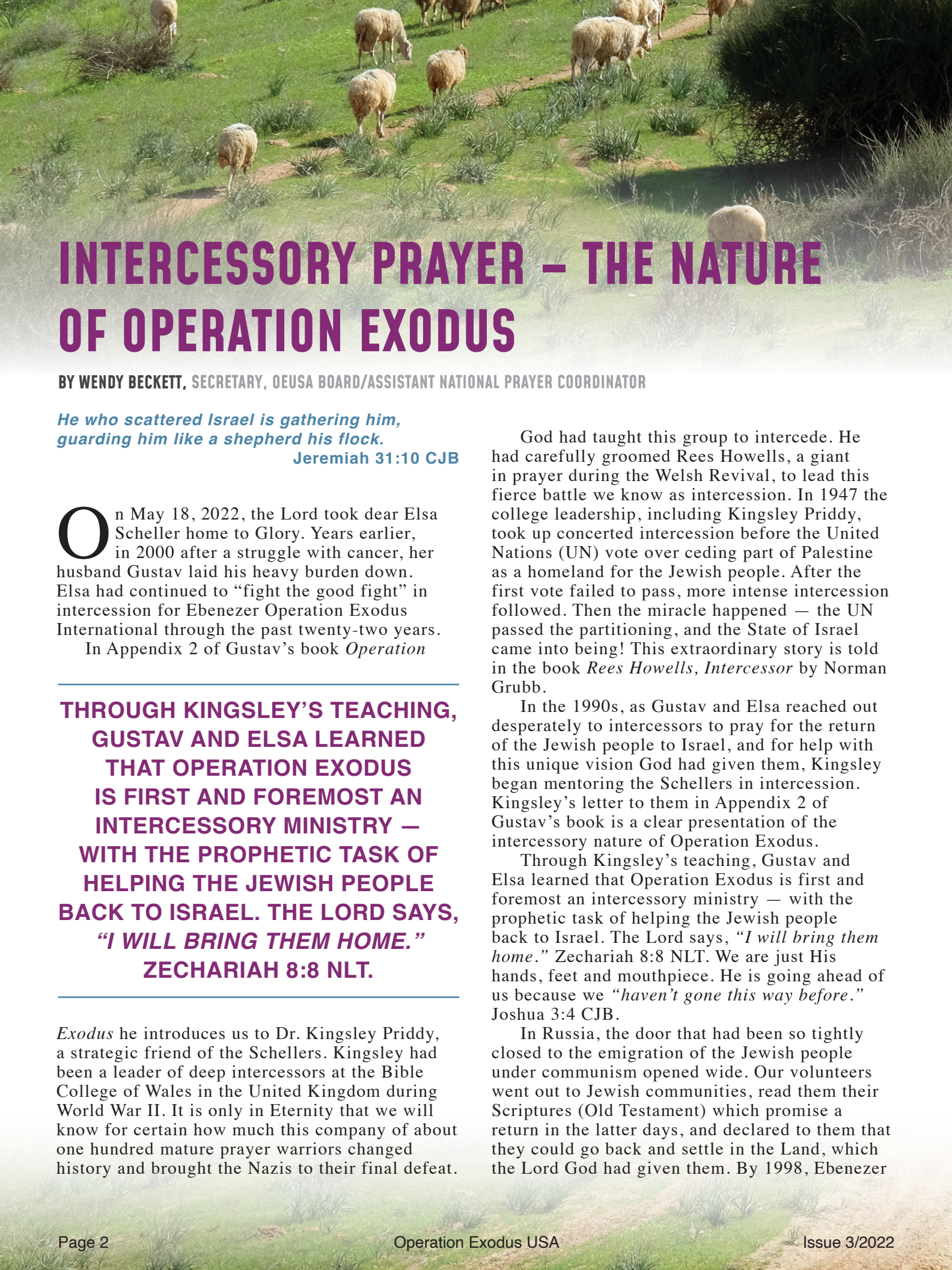
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER – THE NATURE OF OPERATION EXODUS

BY WENDY BECKETT, SECRETARY, OEUSA BOARD/ASSISTANT NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

*He who scattered Israel is gathering him,
guarding him like a shepherd his flock.*
Jeremiah 31:10 CJB

On May 18, 2022, the Lord took dear Elsa Scheller home to Glory. Years earlier, in 2000 after a struggle with cancer, her husband Gustav laid his heavy burden down. Elsa had continued to “fight the good fight” in intercession for Ebenezer Operation Exodus International through the past twenty-two years. In Appendix 2 of Gustav’s book *Operation*

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ZECHARIAH 8:8 NLT.**

Exodus he introduces us to Dr. Kingsley Priddy, a strategic friend of the Schellers. Kingsley had been a leader of deep intercessors at the Bible College of Wales in the United Kingdom during World War II. It is only in Eternity that we will know for certain how much this company of about one hundred mature prayer warriors changed history and brought the Nazis to their final defeat.

God had taught this group to intercede. He had carefully groomed Rees Howells, a giant in prayer during the Welsh Revival, to lead this fierce battle we know as intercession. In 1947 the college leadership, including Kingsley Priddy, took up concerted intercession before the United Nations (UN) vote over ceding part of Palestine as a homeland for the Jewish people. After the first vote failed to pass, more intense intercession followed. Then the miracle happened — the UN passed the partitioning, and the State of Israel came into being! This extraordinary story is told in the book *Rees Howells, Intercessor* by Norman Grubb.

In the 1990s, as Gustav and Elsa reached out desperately to intercessors to pray for the return of the Jewish people to Israel, and for help with this unique vision God had given them, Kingsley began mentoring the Schellers in intercession. Kingsley’s letter to them in Appendix 2 of Gustav’s book is a clear presentation of the intercessory nature of Operation Exodus.

Through Kingsley’s teaching, Gustav and Elsa learned that Operation Exodus is first and foremost an intercessory ministry — with the prophetic task of helping the Jewish people back to Israel. The Lord says, “*I will bring them home.*” Zechariah 8:8 NLT. We are just His hands, feet and mouthpiece. He is going ahead of us because we “*haven’t gone this way before.*” Joshua 3:4 CJB.

In Russia, the door that had been so tightly closed to the emigration of the Jewish people under communism opened wide. Our volunteers went out to Jewish communities, read them their Scriptures (Old Testament) which promise a return in the latter days, and declared to them that they could go back and settle in the Land, which the Lord God had given them. By 1998, Ebenezer

Operation Exodus was helping thousands a year to return home from every corner of the former Soviet Union.

The years 2000 to 2010 were marked by many prayer journeys. In one of the first, the intercessors travelled to the remote parts of Siberia. The purpose of these trips was to open the highways in the Spirit, to pray that the barriers to Jewish exodus would crumble, and to “*Keep building! Clear the way! Remove everything blocking My people’s path!*” Isaiah 57:14 CJB.

The pivotal point in these prayer journeys took place at the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. At a prayer meeting in St. Louis, Quay Messner, our current OEUSA National Prayer Coordinator, heard Hos. 11:10 (CJB): “. . . *he will roar and the children will come trembling from the west.*” He gave Quay a vivid impression that He was already at the Statue of Liberty, waiting for us to join Him there to clear away the blockages. After several trips, the Ebenezer Operation Exodus and Operation Exodus USA boards walked through Liberty Island proclaiming freedom from all the forces that had kept the Jewish people in bondage to America.

Looking back on the decade 2010 – 2019, we can see how God was at work in OE. The *Aliyah* was growing year by year — not just from the former Soviet Union, but from Western Europe and the Americas as well. God was quietly preparing us. We were learning to obey faithfully the Lord’s call to undergird everything in prayer.

Covid sharpened us still further and continued to display the power of God through the miracle of *Aliyah*. When all other planes were prevented from flying to Israel, only *Aliyah* flights were allowed to land, bringing the precious Jewish people home! The Lord had His intercessors covering the courageous *Olim* (immigrants).



Gustav & Elsa at Ben Gurion Airport in 1991 joyfully welcoming the first *Aliyah* flight sponsored by Ebenezer Operation Exodus.

Now the war in Ukraine has mobilized our Ebenezer leaders across the globe. We are united in this mission to bring out as many *Olim* as possible. Here in the US, we are sending funds for food, water, transportation, and housing for fleeing Jewish refugees. Flights to Israel are departing from Poland, Romania, Moldova, and even Western nations. The mobilization has occurred with amazing speed. Just as we were forewarned, we have had to be nimble and ready to move swiftly.

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I’ve shared this history to remind us how absolutely essential intercession has been through the decades. Even as in Gustav and Elsa’s days, we must seek the Lord for His direction. We must continue to cry out for the Jewish people of America to answer His call to go home!!

Lead on, O King Eternal!

Operation Exodus USA is affiliated with **Ebenezer Operation Exodus**, a ministry supported by Christians in over fifty-two countries around the world. We have been assisting Jewish people to return to Israel from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere since 1991. To learn more, visit: <https://ebenezer-oe.org/>.





GOD'S WORD — THE BATTLEGROUND

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT, OEUSA

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, . . .
2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NIV

We are in the midst of a violent war that is raging against God — opposing the truth and the power of His Word. Many modern-day prophecies warned of perilous events that would forever alter our way of life. Some have come to pass, and we are experiencing the consequences of a society's decision to deny God. Millions of souls are slaves — caught in the grips of hatred and deception birthed in the hearts of evil-doers.

As servants of God, we at Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) have a unique perspective on events that are unfolding in our time. We are an intercessory ministry with a prophetic task — to pray His Word, and to assist and encourage Jewish people making *Aliyah*. This is a “holy work”

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birthed in the heart of God — a divine assignment that cannot be determined or controlled by the plans of men. The success of our work is deeply rooted in decades of fervent and persistent prayer

of God's Word for the *Aliyah* of His people. His Word is the divine power that effectively demolishes the strongholds keeping God's people in bondage.

The *Aliyah* of each Jewish person is a testimony of the LORD's faithfulness to His prophetic Word. Through these dark and perilous times, the LORD is setting the stage to display His Glory to the nations.

‘. . . Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.”’ Ezekiel 36:23-24 NIV.

The LORD continues to send many “fishermen” to remind and encourage Jewish people to return home. He is also sending many “hunters” to hunt them down, as in Jeremiah 16:16. Thousands of Jewish people throughout Eastern Europe are fleeing for their lives; many are finally returning to their God-given Land. It is important that we realize that the LORD is sending the “hunters,” but it does not mean that He is turning His back on His people! We are witnessing the mercy and love of God for the Ukrainian Jews right now. The LORD is continuing to perform great miracles to deliver and bring His people home.

Thank you, dear and faithful friends, for your fervent and persistent prayers. Let us continue to intercede for our Jewish friends in the USA to make *Aliyah* now, while they still have time to prepare and plan their going home. *“May the high praise of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hands.”* Psalm 149:6 NIV.



THE LORD IS WORKING ON BRINGING HIS PEOPLE HOME

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, USA ALIYAH DIRECTOR

... For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers. Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

Jeremiah 16:15b-16 ESV

The miracle of *Aliyah* and God's promises to the Jewish People continues. Every day we witness the Lord bringing His people back from the North, the South, the East, and the West. We are witnessing an urgency in many areas of the nations that *Aliyah* is the step they need to take. We often speak about fishers and hunters.

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In these days we not only speak about it, but we see it happening. We see the fishermen going out in challenging situations and encouraging the Jewish people that now is the time to go home to Eretz Israel. At the same time, we are seeing the hunters in different ways and situations causing the Jewish people to flee from where they are to Eretz Israel.

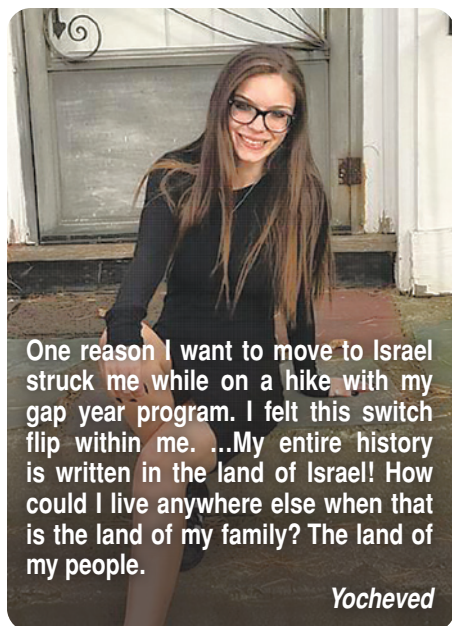
We know the Lord is faithful to fulfill His promises to His people — to bring them back to Eretz Israel. Every day we continue to bring

encouragement and support to the Jewish people here in the USA as they take steps towards fulfilling their dreams to make *Aliyah*. More and more we witness that there is an understanding that the days of waiting are over. At Operation Exodus we have been called and have a role to be part of the work of *Aliyah*. Our part is to pray, to encourage, to comfort, and to assist.

There is joy when we witness how — one by one — our Jewish friends contact us and share their needs, their concerns, and their excitement with us as they plan their steps towards their *Aliyah*. We get to witness how they go from Hope to Home. For many there have been years of waiting and dreaming. For others it is a quick and urgent decision. The Lord works in the hearts and plans of His people to bring them to the point of returning. He is gathering His people back one by one. To God be the Glory.

Prayer Points

- Psalm 145:6. Let us never fail to recognize the fact that *Aliyah* is an ongoing miracle. This will keep us fervent and fresh in our prayers, giving and work.
- 1 Chron 12:32. Let us pray to understand the times — crossover days where fishers are still at work; but hunters are coming on the scene as well — so we can pray effectively.
- Neh 8:10. The joy of the LORD is our strength. Let us pray that our hearts are constantly filled with His joy of this miracle we are a part of — the joy will then be imparted to the *Olim*.





THE SECRET INGREDIENT OF EFFECTIVE, ESSENTIAL, ENDURING INTERCESSION

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

How does a company of people who are called to consistent prophetic prayer maintain focus and fervency for a decades-long work of God such as *Aliyah*? How do they remain faithful to the task of prayer in the midst of the demands and delights, the sorrows and happiness, and the rigors of daily life? How do they stay steadfast in the call in the face of social and spiritual upheaval? What enables them to give precious time, attention, and their hearts to continue to pray for the small, seemingly mundane aspects of the work, as well as for the removal of seemingly overwhelming obstacles and often unexpected, urgent needs without becoming weary?

The answer is simple but explosive. It is real, often it can be tangibly felt, and it is not of this world. It is in direct opposition to the prevailing attitudes of the world. It comes directly from the LORD to those who pray. It is revealed in the Scriptures:

“I will bring them to My holy mountain . . . and will fill them with joy in My house of prayer.”

Isa 56:7 NLT, emphasis added

“ . . . you have come to Mt. Zion . . . the heavenly Jerusalem and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering.”

Heb 12:22 NLT, emphasis added

“The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their very eyes they see the LORD returning to Jerusalem.”

Isa 52:8 NLT, emphasis added

“Sing with joy for Israel . . . Shout out with praise and joy: “Save your people, O LORD, the remnant of Israel!”

Jer 31:7 NLT, emphasis added

The answer to the question posed above: it is the joy of the LORD! I have been serving in the intercessory prayer aspect of this ministry for almost a decade and a half – fourteen years — and I testify that the joy of the LORD has been present without fail. Every personal time of prayer, every corporate gathering (whether in person, on the phone, or video), every prayer journey, and every time of quiet waiting on His direction have been permeated with a sense of His joy.

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The challenges are beyond us, the spiritual climate of the world is too much for us in our own strength, and the ability to not grow weary in this well-doing is not inherent in our frail natures, but the joy of the LORD is our strength (Neh. 8:10). The LORD is inherently joyful about this task of regathering His people to the Land; He is rejoicing over them to do them good. When we engage with the Holy Spirit in this holy, prophetic prayer ministry, the joyful presence of the LORD enters our hearts in a unique, enduring, precious, and powerful way. This is the secret ingredient that ensures our sharing in His victory through essential, effective, and enduring prayer.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY APPOINTED AREA REPRESENTATIVES

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, USA OUTREACH DIRECTOR

*Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the
curtains of your habitations be stretched
out; do not hold back; lengthen your
cords and strengthen your stakes . . .*

Isaiah 54:2 ESV

Praises be to our God for answering our passionate, effective, persistent prayers to grow the awareness and increase the footprint of Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA). Persistent prayer is the key to conquering the fierce opposition to the truth and power of God's Word on the *Aliyah* highways in America.

Dear friends, on behalf of OEUSA, it gives me great joy to introduce to you this special group of newly appointed Area Representatives for OEUSA. They invested their time to visit

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our national headquarters to spend a few days in prayer, fellowship and review of our ministry curriculum for area representatives. Our OEUSA team members are honored to call each one of

them our friend and partner in this work — God's holy work of *Aliyah*.

You may be asking, who are these people? We can tell you with complete confidence that they are *Christians living a victorious life in Christ Jesus. They are men and women of fervent and persistent prayer with a unique godly love for Israel and the Jewish people! Each one is steadfast in their commitment to be a "voice" and share the importance of the miracle of Aliyah during these crucial times. All are committed to reach out to the Church and the Jewish communities in their regions. Investing their time and resources on the things that matter to God, they are Kingdom builders — well equipped by the Word of God, and operating in God's authority and power. They are faithful servants of God!*

Please join us by praying for God's blessings, protection, and unusual favor over them as they go forth in this season of their lives to fulfill God's call during these crucial days. *May they "go out in joy and be led forth in peace."* Isaiah 55:12 ESV.

Our country is vast; we have millions of American Jewish people who need to hear the beckoning of the LORD for them to make *Aliyah* — now, before it is too late. Please pray about joining our family of intercessors and area representatives. The need is great and urgent! Will you be a "voice" in your area of influence? This is an investment with a great return: eternal rewards! Thank you.



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