

JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



2023 IMPACT REPORT



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A WORD FROM EZRA BENJAMIN,

2023 BROUGHT US NEW AND UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES AT JEWISH VOICE. WE WENT TO NEW PLACES, ENGAGED WITH NEW-TO-JVMI JEWISH PEOPLE GROUPS, AND INTRODUCED A NEW PROGRAM TO REACH JEWISH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH THE GOOD NEWS. THE "UNEXPECTED" INCLUDED A SUDDEN BAN ON INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION ON OUR ZIMBABWE OUTREACH AND LAST MINUTE OPPOSITION TO PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE AT AN ETHIOPIA OUTREACH.

THEN CAME HAMAS' BRUTAL ATTACK ON ISRAELI FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN ISRAEL ON OCTOBER 7, HURLING ISRAEL INTO A WAR THAT CONTINUES TODAY AS I WRITE TO YOU. I'M GRATEFUL TO SAY THAT YOUR SUPPORT IN THE LATTER PART OF 2023 HELPED OUR ISRAELI PARTNER MINISTRIES MEET NUMEROUS NEEDS AND SHARE THE LOVE OF YESHUA (JESUS) WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS GRIEVING OVER THE HOSTAGE SITUATION, LOSS OF LIVES AND HOMES.

JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER OCTOBER 7, JONATHAN BERNIS, JEWISH VOICE PRESIDENT AND CEO, FACED A LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CRISIS. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT, TODAY, JONATHAN IS QUICKLY PROGRESSING TOWARD A FULL RECOVERY. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE STAFF OF JEWISH VOICE, THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US THROUGH THE HEALTH CRISIS. JONATHAN'S PERSONAL THANKS ARE BELOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH JEWISH VOICE. AS WE BEGIN OUR BIGGEST-EVER MINISTRY YEAR WITH SEVEN OUTREACHES AMONG SCATTERED JEWISH COMMUNITIES, ONGOING SUPPORT FOR JEWISH BELIEVERS IN WAR-TORN UKRAINE, AND DIRECT RELIEF AND MINISTRY SUPPORT IN ISRAEL, WE'RE DEPENDING ON YOUR ENDURING PARTNERSHIP WITH JEWISH VOICE NOW MORE THAN EVER.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ezra Benjamin'.

A WORD FROM JONATHAN BERNIS,

I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND ONGOING SUPPORT. GOD REALLY PERFORMED A MIRACLE BECAUSE IN NOVEMBER, I WAS ADDED TO THE LIVER TRANSPLANT LIST, AND JUST FOUR DAYS LATER, A LIVER WAS FOUND FOR ME. IT WAS AT A TIME WHEN I DESPERATELY NEEDED THE TRANSPLANT.

I AM GAINING STRENGTH EVERY DAY, AND I BELIEVE THE LORD HAS CALLED ME TO MANY MORE YEARS OF FRUITFUL MINISTRY. I WANT TO EXTEND MY LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRAYERS, WHICH HAVE ENCOURAGED ME SO MUCH. I'M IN THE PROCESS OF FULLY RECOVERING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO REJOINING MY TEAM AT JEWISH VOICE AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I'M PRAYING THAT 2024 WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL, PRODUCTIVE, BLESSED AND HEALTHIEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE AND THE LIFE OF YOUR FAMILY.

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT 2024 IS HEADING TOWARD BEING A GREAT YEAR OF MINISTRY HERE AT JEWISH VOICE. WE'RE DEDICATED TO DOING AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE MOST REMOTE PARTS OF THE WORLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WITH LOVE AND GREAT BLESSINGS,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan Bernis'.



RABBI JONATHAN BERNIS : PRESIDENT & CEO OF JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



VISION & MISSION

JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES VISION:

WE EXIST TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND SEE ALL ISRAEL SAVED

WE WANT EVERY JEWISH PERSON TO KNOW THAT GOD'S PLAN FOR THEM INCLUDES JESUS THE MESSIAH.

JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES MISSION:

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE JEW FIRST

WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO UNREACHED JEWISH COMMUNITIES, EVEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

GROW THE MESSIANIC JEWISH COMMUNITY

WE GROW THE GLOBAL MESSIANIC JEWISH COMMUNITY TO BLESS THE NATIONS AND TO BE A VISIBLE

WITNESS OF GOD'S RESTORATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGH JESUS.

ENGAGE THE CHURCH CONCERNING ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

WE ENGAGE AND EQUIP THE CHURCH TO FULFILL THEIR CALLING TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE JEW FIRST.

2023 MINISTRY OVERVIEW



61,078

TOTAL PATIENTS SEEN



5,888

DENTAL CARE PATIENTS



13,851

PAIRS OF EYEGASSES



291

EYE SURGERIES



566

MINOR SURGERIES



907

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY THE LIVING WATERS PROGRAMS



8,107

CHILDREN AND TEENS MINISTETRED TO THROUGH ZEHRA KIDS



8,095

PEOPLE HEARD THE GOSPEL



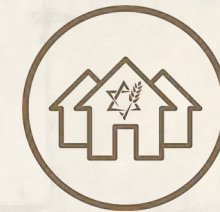
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PROFESSIONS OF FAITH



269

CONGREGATIONS SUPPORTED IN AFRICA



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NEW CONGREGATIONS PLANTED IN AFRICA





MINISTERING IN AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

KONSO

KECHENE

HOSANNA

WE RETURNED TO **KONSO** AFTER ONLY A FEW MONTHS FROM OUR INITIAL VISIT IN 2022. THE QUICK RETURN HELPED SOLIDIFY RELATIONSHIPS WITH KONSO'S KOREE JEWISH PEOPLE. WE DISTRIBUTED FAMILY LIFESTRAWS® AND SHARED THE GOSPEL IN JEWISH VILLAGES, AND SAW AN ENTIRE FAMILY OF 8 MUSLIMS VISIT OUR SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY AND ACCEPT YESHUA (JESUS) AS LORD.

IN **KECHENE**, AS WE DO FOR ALL OF OUR MEDICAL OUTREACHES, WE IMPROVED THE LOCAL CLINIC SITE WHERE WE CONDUCTED OUR MEDICAL CLINIC. WE BUILT A SIMPLE NEW STRUCTURE ON THE GROUNDS, FREEING UP SEVERAL ROOMS INSIDE THE CLINIC FOR ADDITIONAL PATIENT CARE. WE HAVE WITNESSED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH BECAUSE OF OUR YEARS OF SUPPORT THERE – SUPPORT THAT PARTNERS LIKE YOU HAVE MADE POSSIBLE.

OUR FIRST OUTREACH TO **HOSANNA** IN 2013 SAW MANY PEOPLE PLACE THEIR FAITH IN JESUS AND A GREAT WAVE OF REPENTANCE FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR PREJUDICE AND MISTREATMENT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AMONG THEM. 10 YEARS LATER, WE MARVELED AT THE DIFFERENCE AS WE SAW THE COMMUNITY COME TO THE SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY AND HEAR THE GOSPEL FROM JEWISH BELIEVERS FROM AMONG THE LOCAL GEFAT JEWISH PEOPLE.



MINISTERING OUTSIDE THE NORM

OUTSIDE THE **KECHENE**, ETHIOPIA, MEDICAL CLINIC, GLOBAL OUTREACH DIRECTOR ERIC PIRES WALKED AMONG THE LINES OF PEOPLE STRETCHING THROUGH THE STREETS OF KECHENE. A YOUNG WOMAN APPROACHED HIM. “MY MOTHER IS BEDRIDDEN AND HASN'T LEFT THE HOUSE IN 3 YEARS,” SHE SAID. “CAN YOU HELP HER?” ERIC ADMITS THINKING IT DIDN'T APPEAR WE COULD DO ANYTHING FOR HER. WITH CLINICS AS LARGE AS OURS, WE SIMPLY CAN'T MAKE HOUSE CALLS. FOR SOME REASON THOUGH, ERIC GAVE THE WOMAN HIS CELL PHONE NUMBER – SOMETHING HE NEVER DOES.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, SHE CALLED HIM. TO HIS SURPRISE, HE LEARNED THAT TWO OUTREACH PARTNERS HAD GONE TO THE WOMAN'S HOME A FEW BLOCKS AWAY AND CARRIED HER MOTHER TO THE CLINIC. THE MEDICAL TEAM TREATED HER AS BEST THEY COULD, BUT COULD NOT RESOLVE HER DEBILITATING CONDITION. THE PARTNERS CARRIED HER BACK HOME, WHERE THEY SPENT SOME VALUABLE TIME WITH THE FAMILY.

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER, THE DAUGHTER CALLED ERIC AGAIN, INVITING THE 2 PARTNERS TO HER HOME FOR DINNER AND A TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN COFFEE CEREMONY. HER FAMILY WANTED TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR COMPASSION AND FOR GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP HER MOTHER. THE ETHIOPIAN COFFEE CEREMONY IS A SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL EVENT, AND THE INVITATION WAS A GREAT HONOR. THE PARTNERS TREASURED THEIR EVENING WITH THE FAMILY AND, BEFORE LEAVING, SPENT TIME PRAYING FOR THE MOTHER, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THEIR HOME.

THIS INCREDIBLE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE OUR CUSTOMARY MODEL OF SERVING. GOD CALLED US OUT OF THE NORM AND ORCHESTRATED AN UNFORGETTABLE, SPECIAL-DELIVERY EXPRESSION OF HIS LOVE FOR THIS FAMILY. IF YOU HADN'T SENT US TO KECHENE, THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS TOUCHING ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE OF YESHUA.

ZIMBABWE

CHITSUNGO

GOKWE

IN 2023, WE REVISITED **CHITSUNGO**, ZIMBABWE, PROVIDING MEDICAL, DENTAL AND EYE CARE. THE OUTREACH CAME CLOSE TO NOT HAPPENING AT ALL. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, ONE FAMILIAR APPROVAL THAT WAS SUBMITTED WELL ENOUGH IN ADVANCE DIDN'T COME THROUGH. THE DAY BEFORE PARTNERS WERE TO FLY TO ZIMBABWE, OUR DIRECTOR MADE THE TOUGH DECISION TO CANCEL THEIR PARTICIPATION. THE PERMISSION CAME THE NEXT DAY, JUST 2 DAYS BEFORE THE ADVERTISED START OF THE MEDICAL CLINIC. OUR **FANTASTIC TEAM** SCRAMBLED TO GET EVERYTHING SET UP, AND THE LOCAL MINISTRY LEADERS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SERVED THOUSANDS OF **ZIMBABWEANS** WITH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE.

2023 ALSO BROUGHT US TO A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN COMMUNITY OF JEWISH LEMBA IN VERY REMOTE ZIMBABWE. THE **GOKWE** MEDICAL OUTREACH SITE WAS, QUITE LITERALLY, IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE ON A DIRT ROAD YOU'D NEVER FIND UNLESS YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHERE YOU WERE GOING.



NO ONE CAME BACK - UNTIL YOU SENT US

GOKWE WAS A FORGOTTEN PLACE. MICHAEL TADESSE, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER, WALKED WITH A LOCAL MAN ON THE GROUNDS WHERE WE SET UP OUR MEDICAL CLINIC. THE MAN TOOK HIM TO AN UNFINISHED, EMPTY BUILDING. "10 YEARS AGO," HE SAID, "SOMEONE PROMISED US A CLINIC. THEY BUILT THIS AND SAID THEY'D BE BACK TO FINISH AND STAFF IT. NO ONE CAME BACK." HE SAID AT ANOTHER SPOT ON THE PROPERTY, "5 YEARS AGO, WE WERE PROMISED A WELL. THEY SAID THEY'D RETURN, BUT NO ONE CAME BACK."

THEN, JEWISH VOICE VISITED AND SAID, "WE'LL COME AND CONDUCT A MEDICAL CLINIC TO SERVE YOUR WHOLE COMMUNITY." THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAME BACK. YOU ENABLED US TO KEEP OUR WORD TO THESE DISAPPOINTED, OVERLOOKED PEOPLE. AS A RESULT, THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS SAW THE LOVE OF GOD SPEAKING THROUGH TANGIBLE HELP THAT HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN THEM. HE SEES THEM AND CARES ABOUT THEIR NEEDS.

DURING THE GOKWE MEDICAL OUTREACH, 236 PEOPLE ACCEPTED YESHUA AS THEIR MESSIAH. 1 WAS A YOUNG MAN NAMED EMMANUEL, WHO CAME ONSITE BEFORE WE WERE SET UP. MEMBERS OF OUR ADVANCE TEAM SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH HIM, AND EMMANUEL PUT HIS FAITH IN JESUS. HE WENT HOME, TOLD HIS FAMILY, AND RETURNED TO SAY THAT HE AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY WANTED TO BE A PART OF WHAT JEWISH VOICE IS DOING IN GOKWE. MORE THAN **500** OTHERS REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS FROM THE LOCAL PASTORS. AS A RESULT OF YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS THAT SENT US TO GOKWE, THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE AND FAMILIES TO START 2 OR 3 NEW CONGREGATIONS.

ZAMBIA

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MUMBWA

IN MAY, WE RETURNED TO MUMBWA, ZAMBIA, AFTER OUR FIRST OUTREACH THERE LAST FALL. IT CAN OFTEN TAKE A SECOND VISIT TO EARN A PEOPLE'S TRUST THAT WE REALLY ASK NOTHING IN RETURN FOR THE MEDICAL, DENTAL AND EYE CARE WE OFFER TO A COMMUNITY. WE WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE A 73 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN THIS YEAR OVER LAST. WE ALSO HAD OVER 55 PERCENT MORE VISITORS TO THE SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY THIS TIME. MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY PEOPLE ACCEPTED JESUS AS MESSIAH THAN OUR FIRST OUTREACH THERE. AS THE PEOPLE LEARN THAT WE GENUINELY CARE ABOUT THEM – AND EVEN MORE PROFOUNDLY, THAT GOD LOVES THEM DEEPLY AND SEES THEIR NEEDS – THE DOOR OPENS WIDER FOR THE GOSPEL.



YOU CHANGED THEIR LIVES

A MOTHER CAME TO OUR MUMBWA, ZAMBIA, MEDICAL OUTREACH, CARRYING HER SON ON HER BACK. THE BOY HAD BEEN BORN WITHOUT FULL LEGS. SUCH A LIFE WOULD BE DIFFICULT NO MATTER WHERE ONE LIVES. BUT IT'S EVEN HARDER IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH FEW RESOURCES AND A CHALLENGING RURAL LIFESTYLE. FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, THIS BOY MUST BE CARRIED BY SOMEONE OR EVENTUALLY GAIN A MEASURE OF INDEPENDENCE USING HIS ARM STRENGTH TO HELP HIM MOVE ABOUT IN A WORLD THAT TOWERS OVER HIM.

ASIDE FROM THE PHYSICAL HARDSHIPS, SUCH CONGENITAL DISABILITIES AND OTHER CONDITIONS OFTEN MEET WITH SOCIAL STIGMA IN THE PLACES WHERE WE MINISTER, AND SOME ONLOOKERS PRESUME THEM TO BE A CURSE ON THE PARENTS. AT 1 POINT, THIS LOVING MOTHER LEARNED THAT THE BOY'S FATHER WANTED TO "GET RID OF HIM," WHICH SHE UNDERSTOOD MEANT KILLING HIM. THE REVELATION SHED LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF SOME OF HER PREVIOUS CHILDREN. SHE LEFT THE BOY'S FATHER AND STRUGGLES TODAY TO MAKE IT ALONE, COMMITTED TO HER SON.

WHEN SHE ENTERED OUR MEDICAL CLINIC, WE KNEW WE HAD TO PROVIDE WHATEVER HELP WE COULD. THAT TOOK THE FORM OF A WHEELCHAIR. THIS MOTHER'S SMILE TOLD THE STORY OF HER OVERWHELMING GRATITUDE AND RELIEF. AS HER SON GREW YEAR AFTER YEAR, SHE WONDERED HOW LONG SHE COULD CARRY HIM. NOW, HE HAD MOBILITY. HE HAD MORE OF A LIFE. IT WAS A LIFE-CHANGING GIFT TO THEM BOTH – THAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE. WHAT A DIFFERENCE YOU HAVE MADE IN THE LIVES OF THIS BOY AND HIS FAITHFUL, LOVING MOTHER.

LIVING WATERS

“WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, RIVERS OF LIVING WATER WILL FLOW FROM WITHIN THEM.” –JOHN 7:38

THROUGH OUR LIVING WATERS PROGRAM, WE TAKE LIFE SAVING WATER FILTERS TO JEWISH VILLAGES OUTSIDE THE MAIN LOCATION WHERE WE HOLD OUR MEDICAL OUTREACHES. PERSECUTION OF JEWISH PEOPLE BY THEIR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OFTEN RESULTS IN THEIR INABILITY TO ATTEND THE MEDICAL CLINICS THAT WE’VE INTENDED FOR THEM. SO, WE OFTEN BUS THEM IN FOR MEDICAL CARE AND TAKE OUR CLEAN WATER PROGRAM TO THEIR VILLAGES. WE SHOW THEM HOW TO USE THE FAMILY-SIZED WATER FILTERS, DEMONSTRATING THAT WATER THAT WENT IN BROWN AND MUDDY COMES OUT CLEAR AND PURE. WE ALSO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THEM, EXPLAINING THAT GOD LOVES THEM SO MUCH THAT HE SENT YESHUA, THE MESSIAH, AND RIVERS OF “LIVING WATER” FOR THEM.



GAME CHANGER

KONSO, ETHIOPIA, HAS BEEN IN A SEVERE DROUGHT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HAND-DUG WELLS REACHING SOME 15-20 FEET DEEP OFFERED ONLY A FEW INCHES OF MUDDY WATER AT THE BOTTOM. BUGS, VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE, SWAM THROUGH THE BROWN WATER THAT PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO COLLECT IN VARIOUS CONTAINERS.

BUT THEN, WHILE OUR 2023 OUTREACH WAS UNDERWAY THERE, GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE ON THE PEOPLE OF KONSO. IT RAINED! IN FACT, IT POURED! GOD OPENED UP THE SKIES AND LET IT RAIN LONG AND HARD ON THE PARCHED GROUND OF KONSO. THE PEOPLE BROKE INTO DANCE, SINGING AND PRAISING THE LORD FOR BRINGING THE RAIN AND JEWISH VOICE TO THEM TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

WATER FLOWED AND PUDDLED ON THE GROUND. BUT IT WAS STILL MUDDY. AND THE LONGER IT SAT, THE MORE IT WOULD TEEM WITH HARMFUL BACTERIA AND INSECTS. DURING THE KONSO OUTREACH, THE LIVING WATERS TEAM DISTRIBUTED **200** FAMILY AND TWO COMMUNITY LIFESTRAWS® TO OUTLYING JEWISH VILLAGES. EACH FAMILY-SIZED UNIT REMOVES 99.999 PERCENT OF BACTERIA, VIRUSES, PARASITES AND DIRT, PRODUCING ALMOST 5,000 GALLONS OF PURIFIED, SAFE WATER. CLEAN WATER IS A GAME CHANGER – A LIFE CHANGER – WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH, AND YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF KONSO. THANK YOU!

ZEHRA KIDS PROGRAMS

THE ZEHRA KIDS PROGRAM IS A SCRIPTURALLY BASED MESSIANIC JEWISH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MINISTER TO CHILDREN DURING OUR MEDICAL OUTREACHES. ZEHRA MEANS “SEED” IN HEBREW, AND THROUGH SONGS, LESSONS AND PLAYTIME, WE SOW SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL AND JESUS’ LOVE FOR EACH CHILD SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THE LORD AND THE FULLNESS OF HIS IDENTITY AND HERITAGE. IN 5 MEDICAL OUTREACHES IN 2023, **4,867** CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS HAD A BLAST AND LEARNED ABOUT GOD’S LOVE AT ZEHRA PROGRAMS AT THE CLINIC SITE. AN ADDITIONAL **3,240** PARTICIPATED IN THE “MOBILE VERSION” WE WERE INVITED TO MINISTER AT LOCAL SCHOOLS.

ZEHRA PROGRAMS HAS GROWN TO INCLUDE OTHER YEAR-ROUND CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES IN AFRICA, SUCH AS FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND SHABBAT SCHOOLS, ALONG WITH A SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.



A PLACE FOR TEENS

THE ZEHRA KIDS PROGRAM DURING OUR MEDICAL OUTREACHES REACHES THOUSANDS OF YOUNG CHILDREN ANNUALLY WITH THE GOSPEL AND GOD’S LOVE. THIS YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED US TOUCH YOUTH IN ANOTHER DISTINCT AGE GROUP. DURING THE HOSANNA MEDICAL OUTREACH IN ETHIOPIA, WE LAUNCHED ZEHRA TEENS. THE MINISTRY, GAMES AND CURRICULUM ARE TAILOR-MADE FOR THIS PIVOTAL AGE GROUP, HIGHLIGHTING HOW LOVED AND VALUABLE THEY ARE. THE PROGRAM SHARES THE GOSPEL WITH THEM AND SHOWS THEM, THROUGH A JVI-WRITTEN CURRICULUM BASED ON NEHEMIAH, THAT THEY HAVE THE POWER TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THOSE AROUND THEM. **415** OF HOSANNA’S TEENAGERS LEFT THEIR ZEHRA TEENS TIME ENCOURAGED, INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED TO LIVE GOD-HONORING LIVES THAT CAN TRULY CHANGE THEIR COMMUNITIES.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

CONGREGATION PLANTING IS VITAL TO OUR MINISTRY AMONG JEWISH PEOPLE GROUPS. AFTER EACH HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH, LOCAL MESSIANIC CONGREGATIONS YOU HELP SUPPORT FOLLOW UP WITH NEW BELIEVERS. THEY VISIT FAMILIES, BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, HOLD BIBLE STUDIES, CONTINUE SHARING THE GOSPEL AND BIRTH NEW CONGREGATIONS. JEWISH VOICE PROVIDES LEADERSHIP TRAINING, ONGOING GUIDANCE, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ENSURING THESE CONGREGATIONS FLOURISH. NEW BELIEVERS GROW INTO MINISTERS AND HELP PERPETUATE THE MINISTRY CYCLE, ENABLING A LASTING IMPACT AMONG THEIR PEOPLE AND EXTENDING THE GOSPEL FAR BEYOND OUR OWN REACH.

THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, YOU HELPED SUPPORT **269** MESSIANIC JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN AFRICA WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, GUIDANCE, AND RESOURCES:

- **95** IN ETHIOPIA, **5** OF WHICH WERE NEWLY PLANTED IN 2023 AND **5** MORE BEGAN THE PLANTING PHASE IN 2023
- **170** IN ZIMBABWE, **3** OF WHICH WERE NEWLY PLANTED IN 2023
- **4** IN ZAMBIA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PLANTED IN 2023



LOCALLY “OWNED AND OPERATED”

REGULATIONS PROHIBITED AN ONSITE SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY AT THE LOCAL CLINIC WHERE WE HELD OUR MEDICAL OUTREACH IN **KECHENE**, ETHIOPIA. INSTEAD, **97** LOCAL PASTORS AND LEADERS CONDUCTED STREET EVANGELISM DURING THE OUTREACH. **3** THINGS ABOUT THIS EFFORT STAND OUT AS ENORMOUSLY ENCOURAGING.

- THE BETA ABRAHAM MESSIANIC CONGREGATION (BAMC) IN KECHENE INITIATED, ORGANIZED AND IMPLEMENTED THIS MASSIVE OUTREACH TO THEIR JEWISH COMMUNITY. **12** FROM THE SMALL CONGREGATION PARTICIPATED IN THE DAILY EVENT
- THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF THE EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY INDICATES A GROWING UNITY BETWEEN THEM AND MESSIANIC BELIEVERS IN THE AREA. **85** PEOPLE JOINED THE BAMC TEAM TO WALK THE STREETS OF KECHENE IN PAIRS, SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF YESHUA
- IN TOTAL, THE GROUP SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH **7,817** PEOPLE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF KECHENE, NESTLED WITHIN THE CAPITAL CITY OF ADDIS ABABA. THE TEAMS PLANTED THE SEEDS OF ETERNAL LIFE IN EACH ONE WHO LISTENED. **97** PEOPLE ACCEPTED JESUS AS MESSIAH DURING THAT WEEK ALONE AS GOD CONTINUES TO GERMINATE THE SEEDS PLANTED IN OTHER HEARTS

IN **GOKWE**, ZIMBABWE, WHEN INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS AND STAFF WERE SUDDENLY FORBIDDEN FROM PARTICIPATING IN OUR MEDICAL OUTREACH, THE CLINIC PROCEEDED WITH AN ALL-ZIMBABWEAN TEAM OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS. YEARS OF INVESTMENT IN JEWISH LEMBA LEADERS PREPARED THEM TO CONFIDENTLY TAKE OVER AND RUN THINGS IN OUR ABSENCE.

THE OWNERSHIP AND SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY IMPLEMENTATION BY LOCAL BELIEVERS AND CONGREGATIONS THAT WE WITNESSED IN 2023 IS PRECISELY THE FRUIT DESIRED IN INDIGENOUS, CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY. THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT THAT PROVIDES LEADERSHIP TRAINING, YOU’VE PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE GROWTH, MATURITY, CONFIDENCE AND PASSION THAT ENABLED THIS MINISTRY TO TAKE PLACE.

SCOUTING NEW LOCATIONS



NEW LOCATIONS IN ZAMBIA & ETHIOPIA

AS PLANTED CONGREGATIONS PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-SUSTAINABILITY, WE BREAK NEW GROUND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE PRESS FORWARD, EXPLORING, SCOUTING AND WORKING TOWARD BEGINNING THE MINISTRY PROCESS WITH JEWISH PEOPLE GROUPS THAT ARE NEW TO JEWISH VOICE.

SCOUTING TRIPS ENABLE US TO: EXAMINE THE ORAL HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE GROUP; SEEK OUT A LOCAL “MAN OR WOMAN OF PEACE” CARRYING A HEART BURDEN FOR THEIR JEWISH NEIGHBORS AND WITH WHOM WE COULD WORK; AND DISCERN THE PROSPECT OF CONDUCTING OUTREACHES AND SUBSEQUENTLY PLANTING MESSIANIC CONGREGATIONS AMONG THEM.



IN 2023, WE VISITED NEW LOCATIONS IN ZAMBIA AND ETHIOPIA, AND WE ALSO TOOK TRIPS TO RESEARCH PEOPLE GROUPS PROFESSING JEWISH HERITAGE IN COUNTRIES WHERE WE'VE NEVER WORKED BEFORE. WE TRAVELED TO TWO HEAVILY MUSLIM AREAS, WHERE WE HAD ENCOURAGING MEETINGS WITH LOCAL BELIEVERS AND LEADERS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL MINISTRY THAT MAY DEVELOP FROM THESE SCOUTING TRIPS.

MINISTERING IN UKRAINE, ISRAEL & BEYOND



BLESS ISRAEL VIRTUAL 5K

IN THE SPRING, OVER 200 REGISTRANTS WALKED OR RAN A 5K TO BLESS OUR ISRAEL MINISTRY PARTNERS. THROUGH THE BLESS ISRAEL VIRTUAL 5K, THEY SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR ISRAEL AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS THAT THE BIBLE URGES ALL BELIEVERS TO STAND WITH ISRAEL. ISRAELI MINISTRY PARTNERS THAT YOU HELPED SUPPORT SENT IN SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS AHEAD OF THE 5K, AND PARTICIPANTS PRAYED FOR THEIR NEEDS. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT THE EXTRA RESOURCES AND PRAYERS GENERATED BY THIS EVENT WOULD BOLSTER THESE MINISTRIES IN ADVANCE OF THE HORRIFIC ATTACK ISRAEL AWOKE TO ON THE SHABBAT MORNING OF OCTOBER 7.



ISRAEL MINISTRIES

JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES SUPPORTED MORE THAN 85 MINISTRY PARTNERS IN ISRAEL IN 2023. THEIR WORK INCLUDES EMERGENCY HOUSING AND AID, HOMELESS SHELTERS, SOUP KITCHENS, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT, CRISIS INTERVENTION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY, CHILDCARE, PRO-LIFE SUPPORT, AND MUCH MORE ALL ACROSS ISRAEL. MOST OF ALL, THEY SHARE YESHUA'S LOVE IN WAYS THAT BRING HEALING, TRUE HOPE AND ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL.

ISRAEL AT WAR

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF OCTOBER 7, 2023, SOME 3,000 HAMAS TERRORISTS INFILTRATED ISRAEL'S BORDERS FROM THE GAZA STRIP IN A SURPRISE ATTACK ON MILITARY POSTS, POLICE STATIONS, AN OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL AND RESIDENCES IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL. THEY BRUTALLY MURDERED 1,200 PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM CIVILIANS, INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, BABIES, AND THE ELDERLY. THE VICIOUSNESS AND PLEASURE WITH WHICH THE TERRORISTS MURDERED AND ASSAULTED ISRAELIS SHOCKED THE WORLD. PARENTS WERE MURDERED IN FRONT OF THEIR CHILDREN, CHILDREN WERE KILLED IN FRONT OF THEIR PARENTS, AND 240-SOME PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE INTO GAZA. THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS TRAUMATIZED. WITHIN HOURS, ISRAEL WAS AT WAR.



EMERGENCY SUPPORT

JEWISH VOICE'S ISRAEL MINISTRY PARTNERS, ENDURING THEIR OWN SHOCK AND GRIEF, GOT RIGHT TO WORK MEETING THE NEW AND URGENT NEEDS AROUND THEM. THEY PROVIDED FOOD BOXES, BLANKETS, DAILY ESSENTIALS, HOUSING FOR DISPLACED CITIZENS, SUPPLIES TO SOLDIERS, MINISTRY TO CHILDREN, COMFORT, PRAYER, LOVE, AND SUPPORT, ALONG WITH THE WAYS THEY HAVE ALWAYS SERVED THEIR NEIGHBORS. JEWISH VOICE SENT EMERGENCY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP THEM DO ALL THIS EXTRA SERVICE, TRANSFERRING 100 PERCENT OF FUNDS RAISED FOR ISRAEL TO THESE ISRAELI MINISTRY PARTNERS.



PROVIDING A LOVING PLACE TO EVACUATE

AS ROCKETS STILL SOARED INTO ISRAEL FROM GAZA IN THE WEEKS AFTER THE HAMAS ATTACK, THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN ISRAEL'S SOUTH WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR KIBBUTZIM (COMMUNAL FARMING VILLAGES) AND CITIES. MESSIANIC CONGREGATIONS AND FAMILIES IN THE NORTH TOOK IN SCARED AND TRAUMATIZED EVACUEES, ONLY TO SOON FACE THREATS FROM THE HEZBOLLAH TERROR GROUP IN LEBANON AT ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER. MINISTRY PARTNERS IN THE CENTER OF ISRAEL TOOK OVER TO RECEIVE AND CARE FOR FAMILIES FROM THE SOUTH AND NORTH, INCLUDING THE GIRLFRIEND OF A YOUNG MAN NAMED NETTA EPSTEIN. HUDDLED IN A SAFE ROOM, NETTA AND HIS GIRLFRIEND COULD HEAR TERRORISTS OUTSIDE THE DOOR. THE DOOR BROKE OPEN, AND THE TERRORISTS THREW A GRENADE INSIDE. NETTA JUMPED ON IT WITHOUT HESITATION TO PROTECT HIS GIRLFRIEND, PERISHING AS A TRUE HERO. ONE OF OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS YOU HELPED SUPPORT TOOK THE GIRL IN AND CARED FOR HER.



STILL STANDING WITH ISRAEL

FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF OCTOBER 7, JEWISH VOICE SENT EMAIL UPDATES TO PARTNERS, CREATED A SPECIAL WEBPAGE, RECORDED AND DISTRIBUTED VIDEO UPDATES, AND PROVIDED SPECIFIC WAYS TO PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE. AS PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTS QUICKLY HIJACKED WORLDWIDE ATTENTION AWAY FROM SYMPATHY FOR ISRAEL, WE FOUND THAT MANY PARTNERS LACKED A TANGIBLE WAY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL TO THOSE AROUND THEM. IN RESPONSE, JEWISH VOICE DESIGNED A "STILL STANDING WITH ISRAEL" T-SHIRT AND RECEIVED MORE THAN 500 ORDERS DURING THE 14-DAY OFFER.



COMFORTING CHILDREN

MANY OF THE ISRAEL MINISTRY PARTNERS THAT YOUR SUPPORT HELPED FUND, ADDRESSED THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO WERE TRAUMATIZED BY WHAT THE TERRORISTS DID ON OCTOBER 7 AND THE ONGOING ROCKET FIRE. THEY SET UP PLAY CENTERS, PROVIDED GAMES AND MINISTERED TO CHILDREN EVACUATED WITH THEIR FAMILIES TO HOTELS AWAY FROM THE GAZA BORDER. THEY PROVIDED RESOURCES TO FAMILIES TO HELP CHILDREN COPE WITH THE WAR, AND SOME OFFERED SHABBAT SCHOOL CLASSES BY ZOOM. THEY SUPPLIED RESOURCES TO FAMILIES TO HELP CHILDREN COPE WITH THE WAR. SOME OFFERED SHABBAT SCHOOL CLASSES BY ZOOM OR PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT TO HELP CHILDREN WHO NEEDED TO TRANSITION TO ONLINE SCHOOL.

MINISTERING TO SOLDIERS

WHEN NEWS OF THE HAMAS ATTACK SPREAD, THOUSANDS OF ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) RESERVISTS DROPPED EVERYTHING AND REPORTED FOR DUTY, EVEN BEFORE RECEIVING OFFICIAL ORDERS. SOME LEFT SO IMMEDIATELY THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN PACK A BAG AND DROVE STRAIGHT TO THEIR ASSIGNED BASES, DODGING TERRORISTS AND ROCKETS ALONG THE WAY. MANY OF THE YOUNG ADULTS WHO ESCAPED THE TERRIFYING MASSACRE AT THE SUPERNOVA MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE OPEN DESERT WERE ALSO CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY.

OVERNIGHT, THE ISRAELI ARMY TRIPLED IN SIZE, TAXING THE IDF'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SUPPLIES TO SOLDIERS. OUR ISRAELI MINISTRY PARTNERS JOINED ALL OF ISRAEL IN COLLECTING AND PURCHASING THINGS LIKE MEALS, SNACKS, TOILETRIES, AND EVEN PROTECTIVE GEAR TO FILL IN THE GAPS. THEY BOUGHT CELL PHONE CHARGERS SO SOLDIERS COULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY. THEY BOUGHT SHOCK-RESISTANT WATCHES FOR SOLDIERS HEADED INTO BATTLE, WHERE CELL PHONES (TODAY'S MOST COMMONLY USED TIMEPIECE) ARE FORBIDDEN FOR SECURITY REASONS. THEY DELIVERED HYGIENE PRODUCTS, HEADLAMPS, SLEEPING BAGS AND DAY-TO-DAY NECESSITIES - ALL THE WHILE LETTING THEM KNOW THAT CHRISTIANS AND MESSIANIC JEWISH BELIEVERS PROVIDED THE SUPPLIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. YOU WERE A PART OF THAT.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

AS OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS ESTABLISHED DONATION CENTERS FOR RESIDENTS AND MILITARY, ISRAELI CITIZENS DROPPED OFF SUPPLIES OR CAME FOR ASSISTANCE, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE SLOW AND SENSITIVE PROCESS OF SHARING THE GOSPEL IN ISRAEL. SOON AFTER THE ATTACK, 1 WOMAN, PICKING UP A PACKAGE FOR A FAMILY WITH NO FOOD, TOLD ONE OF OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS THAT SHE HAD GONE FROM FUNERAL TO FUNERAL AND HAD TO CHOOSE WHICH ONES TO ATTEND BECAUSE SO MANY OCCURRED SIMULTANEOUSLY. THESE EMOTIONAL ENCOUNTERS AND THE SHARED GRIEF BONDED ISRAELI MINISTRY PARTNERS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS AND FELLOW ISRAELIS LIKE NEVER BEFORE. AS MESSIANIC JEWISH MINISTRIES SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS AND COMPASSION OF JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH BELIEVERS IN JESUS, HEARTS SOFTENED TO THE GOSPEL. 1 CONGREGATION REPORTED THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR MESSIANIC MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY WERE RECEIVING QUESTIONS FROM THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS ABOUT YESHUA.

UKRAINE

THE NATION OF UKRAINE STILL SUFFERS THE DEVASTATION OF WAR FROM 2022. JEWISH VOICE PARTNER MINISTRIES CONTINUE MEETING THE PRACTICAL NEEDS OF CITIZENS WHOSE SENSE OF NORMALCY HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN FOR 2 YEARS NOW SINCE RUSSIA INVADED UKRAINE IN EARLY 2022. THE RESOURCES YOU HELP PROVIDE BRING THEM WARMTH, HEALTH AND EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS. THEY COMMUNICATE THE COMFORTING MESSAGE: "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN." MOST OF ALL, JEWISH VOICE PARTNER MINISTRIES IN UKRAINE AND EASTERN EUROPE DELIVER THE SPIRITUAL HOPE OF YESHUA'S LOVE AND THE GOSPEL'S PROMISES OF ETERNAL LIFE.



IN 2023, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED PROVIDE **650** WOOD STOVES TO UKRAINIANS LIVING IN DAMAGED HOMES WITHOUT ELECTRICITY FROM THE WAR. NOT ONLY THAT, YOU HELPED FUND A MOBILE DENTAL MINISTRY THAT PROVIDED SPECIALIZED DENTAL CARE TO PEOPLE IN THE DE-OCCUPIED PARTS OF UKRAINE AND SOLDIERS FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATION'S FREEDOM.

AND BEYOND...

ASIDE FROM IN ISRAEL AND UKRAINE, YOUR SUPPORT OF JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL TOUCHES LIVES THROUGH MORE THAN 75 OTHER PARTNER MINISTRIES AND CONGREGATIONS WORLDWIDE. THEIR WORK REVEALS THE LOVE OF YESHUA IN ACTION AS THEY ALSO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH. HERES A SUMMARY OF WHAT THESE MINISTRIES DO AND WHERE THEY'RE BASED:

- MESSIANIC JEWISH CONGREGATIONS IN ETHIOPIA, ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, UGANDA, HUNGARY, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE U.S.
- CONNECTING GENTILE BELIEVERS WITH THE JEWISH FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH IN JESUS THE MESSIAH IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HUNGARY AND THE U.S.
- DISCIPLESHIP, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND EQUIPPING PRAYER AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES IN BRAZIL AND THE U.S.
- INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID, OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM MINISTRIES BASED IN ETHIOPIA, BRAZIL, THE UK, BELARUS, THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND THE U.S.
- MEDIA AND PUBLICATION MINISTRIES BASED IN SWEDEN AND THE U.S.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO 2024, WE ARE EXCITED TO STEP INTO THE PLANS GOD HAS DIRECTED US TO. HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT WE ANTICIPATE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

- TRAINING A GROWING NETWORK OF CONGREGATIONS IN EAST AFRICA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AS WELL AS SOUTH AMERICA
- ONGOING PARTNERSHIP WITH ISRAEL MINISTRIES IN RELATION TO THE CRISIS THERE
- CONTINUING TO WORK WITH PARTNER MINISTRIES IN UKRAINE AS A RESULT OF THE WAR THERE
- LIFTING UP OUR JEWISH VOICE IN BOLDER WAYS THAN EVER BEFORE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH COMMUNITY, EXHORTING THEM TO MAKE THEIR CHOICE TO STAND WITH ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING IN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH

- GOING TO EXTREMELY RURAL, ENTIRELY MUSLIM AREAS IN THE **HORN OF AFRICA**
- MAKING EXPLORATORY TRIPS INTO POTENTIALLY JEWISH COMMUNITIES AMID MUSLIM STRONGHOLDS ALONG THE **EAST AFRICA SEABOARD AND THE MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA**
- GETTING IN TOUCH WITH GROUPS CLAIMING HISTORIC JEWISH DESCENT IN THE **ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC AND OTHER EXTREMELY REMOTE AREAS**





Thank You

FOR CHANGING SO MANY LIVES IN 2023!