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## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



### DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to our gift catalog. The gift catalog provides a way for you to give to programs and projects that resonate with you.

Giving is an act of generosity that God uses to bless others. But did you know that according to the Bible, giving is more than just an action? It is a concept.

The word “to give” in Hebrew is *natan* and it is used more than 1,900 times in the Old Testament. It is a palindrome, which means you can write it forward or backward and get the same result. Or, to think of it another way, if you were to slice it in half, you would have two identical halves.

In Hebrew, the two-identical-halves nature of *natan* gives us a richer understanding of giving than we get from the English word *give*. It is the concept that when you give, it is given back to you. Think about it, the Bible instructs us to give back to God because He has given to us. God also promises to bless those who give and the only way to receive this blessing is to give.

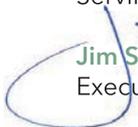
This concept was captured in the Old Testament when Solomon wrote, “He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given” (Prov. 19:17). Jesus said it this way, “Give and it shall be given to you” (Lk. 6:38).

As you consider a gift to one or more of the programs or projects in this catalog, it affords you the opportunity to *natan*—to give—and God will give back a blessing to you.

The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry was founded in 1938 when a group of Christians recognized they had to give assistance to the Jewish people suffering severe persecution in Europe. They acted because they believed God’s instruction to bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob still applied (Gen. 12:3).

Looking back over the years since, I am amazed at the many ways God has blessed and given back for our generosity to the Jewish people. It is *natan* at work, when you give it is given back to you. Today, the needs aren’t as desperate as they were in 1938, but they are just as necessary.

Serving the Messiah,

 Jim Showers, DMin  
Executive Director/President



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# CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



## CHILDREN'S CAMP

Thanks to you and your generous gifts, our children's camps are growing. These camps allow children from Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus to learn about the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Many of these children face daily hardships due to rising anti-Semitism and unrest in their countries. Camp gives them a place of refuge, where our workers show them the love of the Messiah. Children joyfully sing songs, learn Bible stories, play games, and learn of God's everlasting love.

But the outreach doesn't stop there. Because of your gifts, we are able to host reunion parties and invite the campers' parents. These parties provide open doors

for our workers to share with entire families the story of God's love and salvation.

When you sponsor a child, your money pays for a child's week at camp, visa paperwork, and transportation, since many times camp locations are outside the child's home country. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child, and pray God would continue to change lives and produce lasting fruit in His Chosen People through this ministry.

You can send a child to camp for \$300 or share the cost with someone.

**\$300 sponsor a child**  
**\$25 cost-sharing gift**



### **CLOTHES AND SHOES FOR CHILDREN**

Inside the countries of the former Soviet Union are children caught in the middle of political unrest. Families have been ripped from their homes and forced into temporary housing because of conflict between their government and rebels. Many children and their families lack basic necessities. They desperately need friends to provide clothing and shoes, especially during the cold winter months. A gift of \$30 will provide essential clothing to an Eastern European Jewish family in need.

**\$30 suggested gift**

### **LIVING BRIDGES**

Our program Living Bridges takes young Christians from Poland to the land of Israel. Why is this important? Because sadly, anti-Semitism permeates Eastern Europe, which now mirrors the society of pre-World War II. Our Eastern European representatives work tirelessly to change the anti-Semitic views of the next generation.

Through Living Bridges, young people serve the Jewish people and experience a life-changing trip to the Holy Land. They see how the Jewish people live, thrive, and strive for peace in their homeland. Polish young adults return home forever changed and as true friends of Israel.

If you would like to help stop the growth of anti-Semitism in Europe, you can sponsor a young adult's trip to Israel.

**\$850 sponsor a young adult  
\$50 cost-sharing gift**



### ISRAELI SUMMER CAMPS

Many of us fondly remember going to camp as children. For Israeli children, camp means a week away from the fears and pressures of daily life.

Every year, congregants of Rehovot Messianic Assembly in Israel take a group of young people to summer Bible camp, where children enjoy Bible teaching and fellowship with their peers.

Many families do not have extra money to send their children. For \$140, you can sponsor an Israeli child to attend summer Bible camp for a week.

**\$140 sponsor a child**  
**\$25 cost-sharing gift**

### ISRAELI MUSIC AND ARTS

Music is an important part of Israeli life. From generation to generation, Jewish families pass down their love of music. But sadly, most Israelis cannot afford to send their children to music school or take time off to teach their children to play music. The cost of living in Israel is higher than in the United States' most expensive cities.

For these reasons, one of our assemblies in Jerusalem has opened a music school to provide lessons to Jewish children and adults. For \$25, you can provide an opportunity for someone to attend music lessons.

**\$25 suggested gift**



## SUPPORT ISRAEL'S MILITARY

### ISRAELI CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

One of the hardest things for Christian young adults is making their families' faith in Jesus their own. Fewer than 500 known Christian soldiers serve in the IDF, and many of them are the only Christians in their groups.

Peer pressure and persecution may cause many to fall away from their faith. We know they need encouragement and friends. The book of Proverbs says, "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (27:17).

You can help to provide Israeli Christian soldiers with godly mentors. Our local assembly in Jerusalem reaches out to them, providing Bible studies, counseling, and a place to call home while they're away from their families and local assemblies.

For \$50, you can support these Christian soldiers and provide them with materials to strengthen their faith. This is a great way to show your love and support for the nation of Israel and fellow believers.

**\$50 gift to a Christian IDF soldier**

### ISRAELI BACKPACKERS

What better way to show the love of our Savior and Messiah than to open our homes to the Jewish community! Many young people from Israel, after serving two or three years in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), travel to foreign countries to relax and backpack. Our workers in New Zealand and Australia allow these former soldiers to stay in their homes while they travel.

At first, many backpackers are nervous to enter strangers' homes. But once they realize our workers are evangelical Christians who love Israel and the Jewish people, they are put at ease, and some even extend their stays.

The backpackers often join our workers for dinner and spend Friday nights celebrating Shabbat (Sabbath) with them. Wonderful conversations take place around the table, and new friendships form. The soldiers leave encouraged, rested, and assured they have Christian friends all over the world supporting and praying for them. A gift of \$50 will help us to house a group of backpackers for a weekend.

**\$50 suggested gift**



## ORIGINS

For more than 10 years, The Friends of Israel has taken young adults to Israel on our ORIGINS trips to serve the Jewish people. ORIGINS stands for "Our Resolve Is Giving Israel Never-ending Support."

Every year, we stand amazed at how God puts together a team of young people eager to serve for several weeks in Israel. For many of them, ORIGINS is their first trip to Israel, yet they love its people even before going. Why? Because God loves Israel!

On the trip, our young people work as volunteers in a major hospital outside Tel Aviv. It is not easy work, but they work for the Lord. And although a language barrier separates them and the hospital workers, they successfully form relationships and share the Messiah's love.

After the trip, our volunteers return home forever changed, and—most importantly—as lovers of Israel and the Jewish people. You can sponsor a young adult to go on ORIGINS.

**\$2,900 sponsor a young adult**  
**\$50 cost-sharing gift**

## YOUTHFEST

Many fun teen weekend retreats are offered throughout the United States, but YouthFEST is different. YouthFEST brings together full-time Christian missionaries from all over the world to encourage and challenge high school youth to commit their lives to the Lord through vocational Christian ministry.

Several days each year, youth from all over the country join full-time Christian workers from several organizations to learn, pray, worship, and fellowship. These workers pour into the youth during this time, and many teens leave feeling called to full-time ministry.

For \$150, you can send a teen to this life-changing retreat. We've already seen several from YouthFEST become full-time Christian workers both in the U.S. and abroad. Would you sponsor a student for a weekend that could potentially change his or her life?

**\$150 sponsor a teen**



### **G'SHERIM**

*G'sherim* is The Friends of Israel's official internship program in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 100,000 Jewish people live in Las Vegas, and more continue to move there from major metropolitan areas for the warm climate.

Our unique internship program allows young people to serve actively in the Jewish community. Because of the relationships we've formed within the community throughout the years, interns can minister in Jewish organizations and even serve Holocaust survivors and their families.

Through *G'sherim*, we desire to mentor and shape interns whom God might call into full-time ministry with The Friends of Israel. But even if He doesn't, we remain encouraged that the interns leave as lifelong advocates of Israel and have formed genuine friendships within the Jewish community.

Interns must raise funds for the program. Your help can lessen the financial burden for these young people.

**\$40 suggested gift**

### **UNIVERSITY OUTREACH**

Did you know we have workers in the United States who are impacting students on both secular and Christian university campuses? In the increasingly pluralistic society in which we live, our workers boldly proclaim the truth and love of the Messiah to college students in the public square.

On any given night, you can find our workers opening their homes for Bible studies to Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and secular students. And on Christian campuses, our workers organize pro-Israel clubs and educate Christian students about God's unique plan for Israel.

Your \$50 donation can support this crucial college ministry so our workers can continue their ministry of teaching and shaping the next generation with truths concerning God's Word and His Chosen People. By donating, you can take part in changing lives for eternity!

**\$50 suggested gift**

# IN OUR HOMETOWNS & TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

## WORK AT HOME

It's safe to say the United States isn't what it used to be. In some ways, that's a good thing. But in many ways, it's not. We've seen the disintegration of society's biblical foundation, the family, and the church.

Let's be clear: God's Word hasn't failed us, nor will it. But people's refusal to acknowledge God's Word and apply it to their lives has weakened society and caused it to slip into moral decay.

That is why now—more than ever—our workers at home in the United States need your support. Many churches falsely teach God is finished with the Jewish people. Our workers equip pastors and churches with the necessary tools to teach their congregations the truth about what the Bible says about Israel, the Jewish people, and end-times prophecy.

Many of our workers also serve on the front lines at universities, challenging young people's views on Israel and the Messiah. Other workers simply hold a Jewish person's hand as he or she is given a health diagnosis no one wants to hear.

Many of our U.S. workers lack enough support and desperately need your help. Would you help bring biblical truth home again to America by supporting our workers? While equipping our churches and leaders, we are equipping our next generation's families and leaders.

**\$100 suggested gift to work at home in the U.S.**

## PUBLICATIONS TRANSLATIONS

For only \$15, you can provide a book or *Israel My Glory* magazine to someone in another country. Many Christians in non-English-speaking countries hunger for biblically sound materials. You can participate in the Great Commission by making the translations of books and materials available to people overseas.

**\$15 suggested gift**

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## THANK GOD FOR ISRAEL DAY

"I wonder if you love the Jewish people more than I do," a Jewish student told one of our workers at a Thank God for Israel Day. The student had listened to our worker give a speech entitled, "Five Reasons I Love the Jewish People." The student had never heard an evangelical Christian speak with such love for his people, let alone hear one speak side-by-side with a rabbi.

If we are honest about Christian history, we know many Christians have allowed the persecution of the Jewish people for 2,000 years. As a result, many Jewish people view the cross as a symbol of Christian hatred and blame toward the Jewish people.

Thank God for Israel Day can forever change a Jewish person's perception of Christians. At these events, Jewish people meet Christians who love and honor them—all in the name of Jesus! Do you desire to be a friend to the Jewish people from your own home? You can support our Thank God for Israel Day events, which happen all over the United States in both churches and on college campuses.

**\$30 suggested gift**



### HESED

Year after year, our volunteers from the U.S., Canada, and Australia return to Israel to work and volunteer at a hospital outside Tel Aviv. Friendship is the theme of Hesed, our adult volunteer trip to Israel. Volunteers gladly clean and work on projects around the hospital, all while making lasting friendships with the Israeli people in the Messiah's name.

Hesed members always leave Israel with a deep love for the Jewish people and a desire to return. If you are unable to go on the trip, you can send someone to love the Jewish people on your behalf!

**\$3,800 sponsor a team member**  
**\$25 cost-sharing gift**

### INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES

The Institute of Jewish Studies (IJS) offers online courses uniquely focused on broadening students' understanding of Israel and the role of the Jewish people in redemptive history. This in-depth study of the Scriptures provides an excellent working knowledge of the Bible and enriches both students' lives and ministries. IJS equips pastors, church leaders, and lay people to reach and teach people all over the world.

Since many of our students are lay pastors and leaders struggling to juggle family, work, and leading a church, you can help ease a struggling student's burden by providing a scholarship.

**\$180 student scholarship**  
**\$20 cost-sharing gift**



# MEETING MEDICAL & PHYSICAL NEEDS



## ARGENTINA CLINIC

While watching his ailing mother struggle to pay for adequate health care, a young boy determined in his heart to one day provide free health care in the name of Jesus. The desire God birthed in his heart is now a reality in his home country, Argentina. Tucked in-between several Jewish neighborhoods in Buenos Aires, three doctors and many nurses labor around the clock to provide free medical care to patients.

But not only do they provide for patients' physical needs—they also meet patients' spiritual needs by providing daily Bible studies at the clinic. Would you take part in God's work in the lives of those in Buenos Aires? You can help in the following ways:

### MEDICAL CARE FOR THE DAY

About 80 people visit the clinic every day. Your gift of \$50 will cover life-saving medical care for one patient.

**\$50 suggested gift**

### GENERAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Providing 24-hour care is expensive. The clinic needs disposable medical supplies, such as glucose testing strips. A gift of \$15 will provide daily medical supplies.

**\$15 suggested gift**

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Medical equipment is costly. The clinic invests in necessary equipment, such as ultrasound machines, heart monitors, and oxygen machines. A simple gift of \$25 can help with these costs.

**\$25 suggested gift**

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

Patients need good nurses to properly heal. That is why our clinic provides both classroom and on-the-job training for nurses. Since nursing school is costly, your donations toward our nursing program will greatly aid the clinic's outreach.

**\$50 suggested gift**

### NEW AMBULANCE

Many cannot reach the clinic on their own. Our doctors answer calls, often in the middle of the night, to help those who are sick in their homes. They need reliable transportation and supplies. A new ambulance can be fully stocked and ready to answer these calls for \$10,000. You can share the cost too.

**\$10,000 ambulance cost**  
**\$50 cost-sharing gift**



### CARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES

We are in the final years of having the privilege to help Holocaust survivors and their families. Regardless of how long ago the horrific event took place, scars still run deep. But we know the Healer of all wounds, and we love to tell others about Him. You can provide encouragement to these survivors by meeting their physical needs. A gift of \$25 goes a long way in helping our dear Jewish friends.

**\$25 suggested gift**

### ELDERLY CARE

Many of our workers have developed relationships with elderly Jewish people. Desiring to be the hands and feet of our Savior, they provide medicine, transportation, listening ears, and hands to hold. Sometimes a simple holiday basket filled with their favorite holiday treats shows that someone cares. We are grateful for your support in this area.

A gift of \$25 can provide lifesaving medicine and food to our elderly Jewish friends all over the world.

**\$25 suggested gift**

## **EASTERN EUROPEAN RELIEF**

Year after year, our Polish workers travel to countries inside the former Soviet Union like Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine to help care for Jewish people in dangerous areas—areas where many choose not to go. Our workers choose to go because they love the Jewish people.

Families and elderly are left without basic necessities and are forever changed when our workers and their volunteers come to their aid. Life-saving medicines are being given as well as life-saving Truth from the Word of God.

Would you support our workers as they minister to the Jewish people of Poland, Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine?

**\$30 suggested gift**



### **AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND AID**

The Friends of Israel has an office in Australia that reaches people in both Australia and New Zealand. For more than 20 years, we have been ministering to the Jewish people and teaching biblical truth about Israel to churches in these areas.

The Lord has mightily blessed this ministry: many Christians in Australia and New Zealand are hungry for solid, biblical teaching and have requested that our workers speak at their churches about Israel.

Due to the demand, we have added more staff to expand our ministry to the Jewish communities in these areas. You can be a part of this growing ministry in the beautiful countries of Australia and New Zealand through your donations.

**\$30 suggested gift**

### **WESTERN EUROPEAN AID**

We had no idea how much Western Europe would need our help. The number of Muslim immigrants to this area has increased dramatically, which in turn has increased Jewish persecution. Reports reveal that half of France's Jewish population probably will be gone in only a few years.

Our workers in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom are busy helping the Jewish people. By giving, you can help aid the Jewish people in these countries and let them know that even though the world is turning a blind eye to their plight, you will not turn your backs on them.

**\$30 suggested gift**



### ISRAEL RELIEF

In a few short years the generous gifts to our Israel Relief fund have saved lives all over the country. Numerous bomb shelters have been provided in Israel's dangerous areas. Funds have helped purchase ambulances and medical products for Israel's only blood donation center. Many men and women who are trapped in lives of drug addiction and prostitution have found freedom in God at a holistic drug and treatment center in Tel Aviv. Single Israeli mothers and their babies have been given a fresh start, thereby saving lives from abortion.

When you give to the Israel Relief Fund, 100 percent of your support goes to Israel and helps to save lives both physically and spiritually. When you donate, you are being a true friend of Israel!

### \$50 suggested gift

### BRINGING THEM HOME

We're excited to introduce this year a new ministry to which you can give. Isaiah 49:22 says, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.'"

It is with great joy that we offer a way to bring our Jewish friends home. Home to Israel. We have partnered with The Jewish Agency for Israel, an organization that helps Jewish people make *aliyah*. The Jewish Agency for Israel not only helps Jewish

people from all over the world make *aliyah*, but they also help them to integrate into Israeli life by providing language courses and job training.

Because of your generous donations, over the course of only a few months we have already helped 40 Jewish people make *aliyah* to Israel. A donation of \$100 will help us aid Jewish people from all over the world escape persecution and move home to Israel, the land God gave them.

### \$100 cost-sharing gift



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