



# 2017 Annual Report





# Thank You from Jonathan Bernis



2017 Celebrate Israel Tour participants



Jerusalem celebrating its 50th anniversary



Jewish Voice's 50th anniversary celebration



Kechene, Ethiopia, Medical Clinic lines

Dear Valued Partner,

Looking back on prominent headlines of 2017, I see a world that for all appearances seems out of control. Unnerving mass shootings, devastating hurricanes, and the threat of nuclear proliferation contributed to an increasing sense of instability. But we who trust in Yeshua (Jesus) know that God sits on the throne, is watching over us and remains in control.

Amid the year's tumultuous events, God used partners like you to help us transform the lives of so many in need through the provision of practical aid and the proclamation of the Good News. The ministry you enabled Jewish Voice to accomplish in 2017 produced amazing fruit. Through you, God touched tens of thousands of lives and brought hope to poverty-stricken Jewish communities.

2017 gave us many reasons to celebrate, including the 50th anniversary of Jerusalem back under Jewish control. My family and I and were thrilled to rejoice with JVMI's "Celebrate Israel Tour" participants as we joined festivities in Jerusalem honoring this historic event.

Jewish Voice commemorated another anniversary in 2017 – 50 years of ministry. The celebration lasted all year and culminated in a 50th Anniversary Jubilee banquet in December. People came from all over the world to share in the joy of what God has done in and through this ministry since we began back in 1967. We give HIM all the glory!

Our Global Outreach team enjoyed an outstanding year, treating more than 60,000 patients in six Medical Clinics and celebrating several historic ministry moments during the year. One notable milestone was reached: At our Kechene, Ethiopia, Specialty Clinic in September, Jewish Voice served our 1 millionth Outreach participant!

Then, just a few weeks later, we celebrated serving our 400,000th Medical Outreach patient; this number

was achieved in Zimbabwe, where 100,000 of these patients have been reached. We also initiated The Zehra Kids Program, a very successful new children's program through our Zimbabwe Outreaches. **None of this would have been possible without you!**

In Israel, you helped us provide much-needed dental and vision care to Holocaust survivors, including more than 1,200 pairs of prescription eyeglasses. We also opened our first official in-country presence with a new Jewish Voice office in Israel, which included hiring an Israel Program Director.

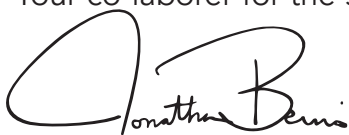
In addition, we produced another year of faith-building television programs and several new books, study guides and other offerings to educate and encourage the body of Messiah.

In 2017, our staff embarked on two dedicated weeks of prayer and fasting to hear from God and deepen our dependence on Him as we endeavor to go through some new doors He is opening for us. During this time, we prayed specifically for the Land of Israel, the salvation of the Jewish people, and for many of you, by name!

In this 50th year of ministry, God used you to help us accomplish more than we could have imagined. As you look over the details of this report, rejoice with us at all that God has done! The impact we are making together in the lives of Jewish people is incredible, and I thank God for you and your heart for the Jewish people.

With your help, we look forward to continuing to "transform lives and see all Israel saved" in 2018 and beyond.

Your co-laborer for the salvation of Israel,



Jonathan Bernis  
President & CEO  
Jewish Voice Ministries International



A little girl enters the Zehra Kids Program in Zimbabwe



A Holocaust survivor receives vision care in Israel



Jonathan teaches before a live studio audience



JVMI staff pray during a Week of Prayer and Fasting



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### *Vision*

Jewish Voice exists to transform lives  
and see all Israel saved.

### *Mission*

To proclaim the Gospel,  
grow the Messianic Jewish community,  
and engage the Church concerning  
Israel and the Jewish people.

Jewish Voice carries out this mission through a many-faceted ministry that includes humanitarian Medical Outreaches, large-scale international Festivals, congregation planting and leadership training, television, print media, digital channels, and speaking engagements.



# Jewish Voice 50th Anniversary

From the day Louis Kaplan walked into KHEP radio station in Phoenix, Arizona, in January 1967, Jewish Voice has responded to God's call to reach Jewish people with the Gospel of Yeshua the Messiah. In 2017, we celebrated 50 years of creative, inspired ministry that has grown, adapted and expanded over the decades but has never wavered from its focus to see all Israel saved.

In commemoration, a beautiful coffee table book was published chronicling the ministry's 50-year journey from a local weekly radio

program to the international outreach, humanitarian aid and teaching ministry of today.

The celebration culminated in a festive evening in December. Guests came from all over the world to join in the festivities, thanking God for what He has done in forming, shaping and using this ministry for half a century. Former employees and board members, dedicated Outreach Partners, and international team members from Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Israel joined together for a



Gil Kaplan



beautiful evening. Many of those who could not attend recorded inspiring messages, which were shared via video.

Musical artists Maurice Sklar, Marty Goetz and his daughter Misha performed, and guests enjoyed a video production illustrating the Jewish Voice story. Jonathan Bernis also chronicled the history of Jewish Voice Broadcasts and Hear O' Israel Ministries, the story of how he met the Kaplans and the eventual merger of the two ministries. Rabbi Bernis' presentation concluded with his vision for the future of Jewish Voice.

The evening also included recognition of those whose extraordinary contributions over the years have profoundly impacted the ministry. Special honorees included: Dennis

Phillips, whose relationship with Jewish Voice began on day one and continues today; Elliot Klayman, the longest-serving board member; Dr. Gil Kaplan, son of Jewish Voice Broadcasts' founder Louis Kaplan; Jolene Cummins, who retired after 23 years of employment with the ministry; Maddy Lindvall, board member emeritus, whose dedicated service in various capacities spans all five decades; and Roger West, former board member, whose vision to bring humanitarian aid to the "Lost Tribes of Israel" in Africa shaped one of JVMI's primary ministry outreaches today.

We can't imagine a more fulfilling calling than being a part of God's work to transform lives and see all Israel saved. And we are so thankful for your passion to reach His chosen people with the Good News of their promised Messiah.



Holiday music from Marty Goetz and Misha along with violinist Maurice Sklar

Jonathan Bernis addresses guests at the Jewish Voice 50th Anniversary Celebration





Outreach Partners Michael and Vered, joined by an interpreter, share the Good News with the people of Zimbabwe in the Prayer Tent in Mudanda/Buhera, Zimbabwe





# Proclaiming the Gospel

The heart of Jewish Voice Ministries is to introduce Jewish people to Messiah Yeshua and see lives transformed. The humanitarian aid we offer is driven by compassion for the tremendous needs we see in various Jewish communities around the world. It also opens the door to share the Good News and love of Yeshua with members of the communities we serve.



# 2017 – A Historic Outreach Year

Over the years, Jewish people and their neighbors have passed through many doorways to receive both physical and spiritual hope from Jewish Voice Ministries. Beginning with our first *Hear O' Israel! Festival of Jewish Music & Dance* in 1993 and continuing through our most recent Medical Outreach, you've helped us welcome them to historic theaters, athletic arenas, conference halls, granite-slabbed hilltops and dry, grassy fields. Through hinged and hydraulic doors, chain-link fencing and makeshift gates created by stakes in the ground, people in need have entered to hear the Gospel and receive care.

Through your support, you've joined with us in providing them with professional entertainment celebrating their Jewish heritage, medical and dental treatment to heal their bodies and save lives, and – most importantly – the Gospel of Yeshua.

As we commemorated 50 years of ministry in 2017, Jewish Voice also celebrated **three remarkable milestones** that you helped make possible.

In July, your support enabled us to conduct a Medical Outreach in Mudanda, Zimbabwe, a new location for us within the Buhera district. There, approximately five hours before the Clinic ended for the week, we treated our **100,000th Zimbabwean patient**. We only began serving the Lemba community and their neighbors in Zimbabwe in 2012. In just five years, more than 100,000 people have received medical, dental and eye care they likely could not





otherwise afford. Most importantly, they heard the Good News of Yeshua, and thousands have responded in a profession of faith in the Messiah.

Two months later, in Mberengwa, Zimbabwe, through your partnership, we greeted our **400,000th medical patient** since we began serving the “Lost Tribes of Israel” in 1999 through Medical Outreaches. These medical settings provide not only much-needed humanitarian aid but also a doorway to sharing the eternal truth of the Gospel. The care you help us offer has saved lives, welcomed babies into the world, and witnessed the desperately ill accept Yeshua moments before passing away.

In September, at our Specialty Clinic in the Kechene community of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, your gifts and prayers made it possible to welcome Jewish Voice’s **1 millionth ministry recipient**. You and others like you who love the Jewish people have touched the lives of 1 million people with the Gospel and through humanitarian aid. Whether during a Festival, a Medical Outreach, or – most recently – our dental and vision care clinics for Holocaust survivors in Israel, you have made a profound difference in their lives.

You are a big part of these historic ministry milestones. As we celebrate them, we also celebrate you. Thank you for making them possible. We are so grateful for you.



A sea of people wait to receive medical treatment in Masvingo, Zimbabwe



# Ethiopia

We serve three groups of Jewish people in Ethiopia: the Beta Israel, Beta Abraham and Gefat. All originated from the Beta Israel and, over the centuries, have settled in different areas and adopted new names.

We are excited to be partnering with Ethiopian Messianic congregations as they host an off-site prayer room during our Medical Outreaches, the location of which is often adjacent to the Clinic. Jewish Voice Outreach Partners join locals to share the Gospel and pray for all who visit. It is encouraging to see the local congregations ministering and serving their communities in this way and we rejoice to see the Lord continue to faithfully and surely bring new souls into His eternal Kingdom.



An aerial view of lines of people waiting to enter the Woliso, Ethiopia, Medical Clinic





# Woliso, Ethiopia

Woliso is about 70 miles southwest of Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa. On the two-hour drive, you'll see quintessential, round homes made of sticks and mud, topped with cone-shaped thatched roofs. The Gefat Jewish people who live in Woliso endure superstition, prejudice and persecution against them because they are Jewish.

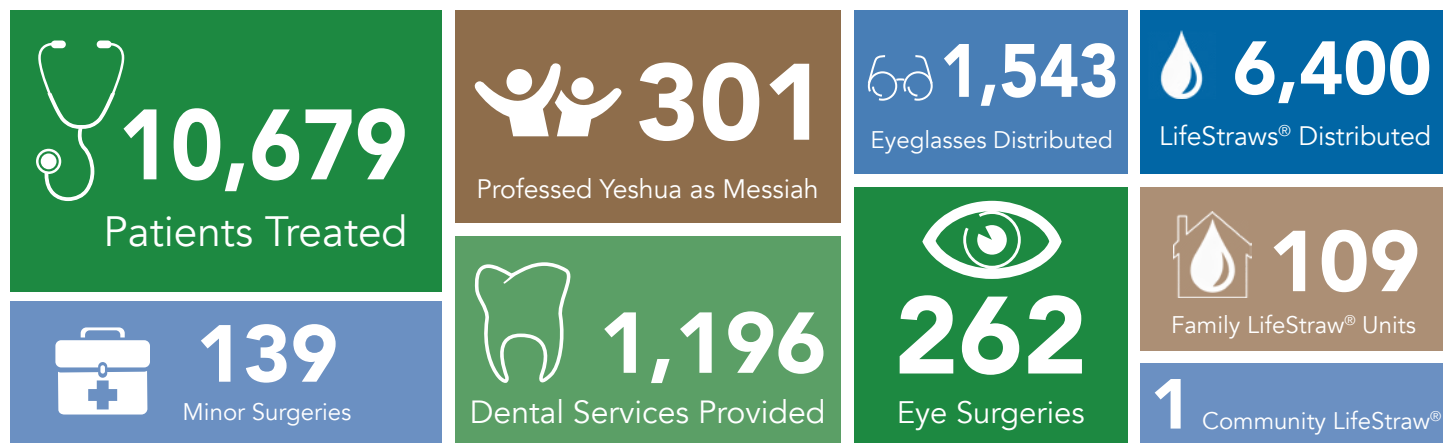
When does ministry begin on an Outreach? In the case of our Woliso trip, it started hours before the team set foot in Ethiopia. Enroute from the U.S. to Ethiopia, an airline passenger fell seriously ill, and the pilots had to divert course to the nearest city.

You've heard the line in old movies, "Is there a doctor in the house?" Imagine the relief when those involved in this mid-air health emergency learned there was a *whole team* of doctors and other medical professionals onboard. Our doctors cared for the sick passenger until the plane safely landed, when airport emergency medical personnel were able to step in.

## Stories from the Field

### Visible Difference

*Jemel, a professing Muslim, couldn't walk without crutches. A tree limb had fallen on him, resulting in severe nerve inflammation in both legs. Along with medical attention, nursing partners shared the Gospel with Jemel, and he accepted Yeshua (Jesus). The partners also prayed over him, asking God to heal him. When he left the Clinic, he was able to walk without assistance. At home, his wife saw such changes in him that she came to the Clinic the following day to learn more.*





# Debre Birhan, Ethiopia



About 75 miles and a few hours northeast of Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa, Debre Birhan is situated at 9,300 feet above sea level. The city is home to a Beta Israel Jewish community. In 2017, Jewish Voice held its first Medical Outreach there.

We typically conduct our Outreaches in an existing local clinic. To accommodate the numbers of patients visiting a JVMI Outreach, we set up our own large event tents, which create additional departments, examination rooms and waiting areas. We also like to give the community an extra gift, by improving the spaces we borrow. In Debre Birhan, we built new restrooms for the local clinic that served as our base, resolving some problems and benefitting the community for years to come. In the process, we're often additionally able to employ locals to do the work.



Building new restrooms for the local medical clinic in Debre Birhan, Ethiopia



**12,300**  
Patients Treated



**254**  
Professed Yeshua as Messiah



**2,668**  
Eyeglasses Distributed



**10,925**  
LifeStraws®  
Distributed



**81**  
Minor Surgeries



**1,686**  
Dental Services Provided



**108**  
Eye Surgeries



**9**  
Family LifeStraw® Units



Veteran Outreach Partners noted that the first full day of our Debre Birhan Clinic was a bit slow due to rain and an Orthodox holiday. Even so, more than 1,000 patients came through the clinic. That's the nature of this exciting work – a "slow day" can mean treating more than 1,000 patients.

In Debre Birhan, Ethiopia, Danielle, Rebecca and Jessie distributed T-Shirts donated by a partner ministry



One of three babies born at the 2017 JVMI Medical Outreach in Debre Birhan, Ethiopia



The need is so great in this area that, when it came time to end the Outreach, hundreds of people sadly hadn't made it to the front of the line for treatment.

The hardest part of a Medical Outreach – saying goodbye to dozens or even hundreds of people who we didn't have time to see. This is why we plan to return.



# Kechene, Ethiopia



For the first time in three years, we returned to the Kechene neighborhood in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kechene is home to the Beta Abraham Jewish community. There, we offered our first Specialty Clinic, in which we provided emergency medicine along with OB/GYN, dental, eye and vision, dermatology, minor surgery and pharmaceutical care.

The Beta Abraham Messianic Congregation, located just a few blocks from the Clinic, sponsored our prayer room. Though the distance resulted in fewer visits, we were encouraged by the diligence and sincerity of those who made their way to receive spiritual hope. Additionally, young shoeshine boys working outside the congregation's building came inside and heard the Gospel. They accepted Yeshua and returned every day to bring friends to hear the Good News.



The team of outreach partners and staff in Kechene, Ethiopia



### *In the Right Place*

*A young boy stood at the Clinic entrance. He was alone and, without an adult accompanying him, he could not receive treatment. He'd discovered that the day before. But he knew he needed help, and he did the only thing he knew to do: he came back and he stood at the gate. It's easy to understand how his condition could be missed. A ground-level injury isn't readily detected amid a close crowd of people. And he had no one to speak up for him, no one responsible for him who would take him through the Clinic, and no one to explain his situation to the local workers helping at the gates.*

*Then Bill, a JVMI staff member, saw that his ankles were terribly infected. Bill took a local translator with him so he could learn about the boy's condition. As he listened, a woman passing by volunteered to escort the young boy through the Clinic. He received antibiotics to heal the infections that doctors said were so severe he could have lost his legs if they had not been treated.*



Bill greets an Ethiopian Boy who came to the Clinic



**8,973**

Patients Treated



**159**

Minor Surgeries



**53**

Professed Yeshua as Messiah



**1,339**

Dental Services Provided



**2,269**

Eyeglasses Distributed




**77**

Eye Surgeries



# Zimbabwe

The Lemba in and around Zimbabwe have clear ties to the ancient people of Israel, particularly the Levites. They have clung to their Jewish heritage yet many have accepted Yeshua as Messiah. As a result, they are often misunderstood and are pressured to conform to either Christianity or Judaism. When Jewish Voice first visited the Lemba, the Believers among them rejoiced to discover Messianic Judaism. At last, they found the expression of their Jewish heritage and practices could be combined with their faith in Yeshua. And each year, more members of the community accept Him as the promised Messiah of Old Covenant Scriptures.



Jewish Voice Outreach campsites in rural Zimbabwe are often set under brilliantly lit night skies



# Zehra Kids Program

In 2017, Jewish Voice launched a new children's outreach, called The Zehra Kids Program, for our Zimbabwe Outreaches. The Zehra Kids Program is a drop-in program offering spiritual and recreational activities for children attending our Medical Clinics. "Zehra" means "seed" in Hebrew. It's an appropriate name because, through Jewish Voice's Zehra Kids Program, you helped plant the seeds of the Good News of Messiah in precious Zimbabwean children while also reinforcing the value of their Jewish heritage as members of the Lemba community.

Through your support, the Zehra Kids Program ministered to 1,884 children during three Zimbabwe Medical Outreaches. Each child's value was affirmed and they felt loved as volunteers led them in fun activities such as games, coloring and singing.

Some children entered the Zehra Kids tent with eager anticipation, faces beaming with wonder at what they might experience. Others entered uncertainly, but we saw their faces transform with smiles and laughter as they played and learned.

The Zehra Kids Program was so well received in the community that local schools brought groups of children each day. In Mudanda, approximately 75 children attended Zehra Kids each day. Many of them heard the Good News of Messiah Yeshua – and were later immersed (baptized).

During the program, adults met with children in small groups for prayer. One local worker commented, "This program makes kids want to pray." In fact, many children brought their parents to the Clinic's prayer tent afterward. Outreach Partners noticed that children who had been to Zehra Kids were significantly calmer and more receptive than those who had not attended.

You touched the lives of nearly 2,000 children and gave them one of the most exciting and inspirational experiences of their young lives. Many of them came to place their faith in Yeshua as Messiah because you made this child-focused, God-centered program possible. Thank you.





# Masvingo, Zimbabwe



Masvingo is a rural area located 185 miles south of Zimbabwe's capital city of Harare. The four-hour drive passes through beautiful countryside that includes rolling hills, farmland and grazing cattle. Outside circular thatched-roofed homes, clotheslines full of laundry splash the natural landscape with vibrant color. The Clinic compound is located on a granite hilltop, and Outreach Partners stay nearby in a campsite constructed by JVMI international staff.





## Stories from the Field

### Eternal Freedom

*During the Masvingo Outreach, a busload of 20 prisoners came for medical care. Guards accompanied them and took care to keep them separated from others in the Clinic. After the men received treatment, the entire group visited the Prayer Tent where Jewish Voice board member Rabbi Matt Rosenberg shared the Gospel with them – and the guards heard the message as well. Every one of the prisoners accepted Yeshua as Messiah!*



## Stories from the Field

### Every Last One

*Overnight temperatures hovered around 50 degrees during the Masvingo Outreach. Before the sun rose on the Clinic's final day, our volunteer photographer went to the Clinic site and discovered many people sitting in line. Determined and desperate to be seen, they had stayed all night on the cold granite ground. Through the darkness, locals approached on foot from all directions to join those already waiting. It was their last opportunity to receive medical treatment, and it was a short day at that. It didn't seem possible that we could treat everyone. But by the end of the day, each one in line had made it through to the Clinic, had been seen and treated!*



**9,645**  
Patients Treated



**322**

Professed Yeshua as Messiah



**1,046**

Eyeglasses Distributed



**90**  
Minor Surgeries



**1,676**  
Dental Services Provided



**561**  
Zehra Kids  
Participants



**4,936**

LifeStraws®  
Distributed

**1**

Community LifeStraw®



# Mudanda/Buhera, Zimbabwe

In 2017 we visited a new location in the familiar Buhera district of Zimbabwe. In Mudanda, we celebrated a milestone, a miracle, and the marvels of God's work in using your partnership to bring medical and spiritual aid to thousands.





### Memory's Miracle

A 44-year-old woman was brought in on a stretcher, unable to walk or speak. The woman, named Memory, had lost these abilities three years previously. Resigned to her mysterious disabilities, she'd come for other symptoms. Her younger sister, Tendaye, was with her.

While each JVMI Clinic treats thousands of patients, there are limits to what can be done in a week-long Medical Outreach. We have often seen God intervene to reveal His miraculous power to heal where medicine could not. So, there in the OB/GYN department, Dr. Karysse and Ingeborg, an Outreach Prayer Partner, prayed for the woman. And God stepped in. Memory began talking and walking!

The team shared the Gospel with her, and both Memory and Tendaye accepted Yeshua. Nearby in the dental department, two local workers who had been hired to help us at the Clinic witnessed the miracle, and they too placed their faith in Jesus. Two women who had been waiting for treatment saw God's power and asked for prayer as well.

Memory wanted to be immersed (baptized) right away. All four of these new Believers made a public affirmation of their faith in Yeshua the Messiah through immersion that day, along with several other patients from the OB/GYN department who had seen the hand of God supernaturally make Memory well. Dr. Karysse and Ingeborg assisted with the immersions, and Memory could not stop smiling!



 **9,610**  
Patients Treated

 **315**  
Professed Yeshua as Messiah

 **1,436**  
Eyeglasses Distributed

 **4,099**  
LifeStraws®  
Distributed

 **79**  
Minor Surgeries

 **1,632**  
Dental Services Provided

 **699**  
Zehra Kids  
Participants

 **99**  
Family LifeStraw® Units



# Mberengwa, Zimbabwe

It was exciting to reach the milestone of treating our 400,000th JVMI Medical Clinic patient when we returned in 2017 to Mberengwa, the location of our first Outreach in Zimbabwe five years earlier. Those 400,000 patients have included Jewish people and their neighbors in Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and several other countries. Along with medical treatment, they also received spiritual care, and tens of thousands have professed faith in Yeshua as a result. They are now growing in the Lord through Jewish Voice congregation plants.

Mberengwa,  
Zimbabwe  
**400,000th**  
Medical Outreach  
Patient

Mberengwa



### Clean and Living Water

Marie held up a cup of brown water. As she stood in front of an audience whose primary water sources are contaminated, she and the Water Education Team of our Mberengwa, Zimbabwe, Medical Outreach explained that clean water and basic hygiene are important factors in fighting disease.

Along with this valuable education, Jewish Voice distributed personal water filtration devices that provide up to a year of clean, safe drinking water for each individual. Those who use the filters come back and tell us they are healthier and feel much better than before they used them. Instructors demonstrated the filter during each class, and people saw brown water go in and crystal clear water come out.

“This dirty water is just like our sin,” Marie told the class. “But Yeshua (Jesus) takes away our sin, removing it from us forever.” Marie shared the Gospel using the life-giving water filters as an illustration. As a result, 17 people professed faith in Yeshua in one session!



**8,124**  
Patients Treated



**367**  
Professed Yeshua as Messiah



**994**  
Eyeglasses Distributed



**73**  
Minor Surgeries



**1,278**  
Dental Services Provided



**624**  
Zehra Kids  
Participants



**2,172**  
LifeStraws®  
Distributed



**16**  
Family LifeStraw® Units



# Israel





The generation that survived the Holocaust is dwindling every day. In Israel, many of them live below the poverty line and some have to choose between buying their medication and other necessities. Because eyeglasses are very expensive in Israel, the cost prevents many of these aged survivors from being able to keep up with their changing vision needs.

In 2017, Jewish Voice expanded outreach to this unique group of Jewish people by conducting two traveling vision Clinics, one in July and one in October. Optometrists spent a few days in various locations around Israel, where they tested vision and distributed eyeglasses. In a small city in Northern Israel, our team worked in a hostel for the elderly, a facility that falls somewhere between a retirement home and a nursing home. There we served patients who had left their homes during World War II to escape Nazi persecution. Home visits ensured that we also met the needs of several patients who could not come to the Clinics.

The cost of eyeglasses in Israel is high enough that, for some needs, it is less expensive to fill the prescription in the United States and mail eyeglasses to the patients. Approximately 20 percent of the patients we saw during the Israel Clinics had vision needs complex enough that, after performing in-depth eye examinations, we shipped their corrective lenses to their homes.

Each patient received one or two pairs of eyeglasses. Multi-focal lenses are so costly and uncommon among the people we served, they were often more comfortable with two separate pairs of glasses. Patients also received a cleaning cloth, instructions in Russian for how to clean the lenses, one pair of sunglasses and cloth cases – handmade by volunteers – for their glasses. In addition, each patient was offered 2-3 Gospel books with most accepting at least one.



### Israel Clinics 2017 - July & October



**791**

Patients Treated



**1,233**

Eyeglasses Distributed







A man in a dark suit and glasses stands at a wooden podium, gesturing with his right hand towards a large, diverse crowd of people seated under a makeshift tent. The tent's structure is made of wooden poles and its roof is covered with a mix of orange and grey tarps. The scene is set outdoors, with natural light filtering through the tent. The man is seen from the side, facing the audience. The crowd consists of men and women of various ages, some looking attentively at the speaker. In the foreground, a golden menorah is partially visible on the right side.

# *Growing the Messianic Jewish Community*

Jewish Voice helps disciple new Believers, train emerging leaders and plant Messianic congregations. The Congregation and Leadership Development (CLD) team invests in the maturing of new Believers and young congregations through on-site visits, annual leadership conferences and ongoing training and guidance. As local congregational leaders mature in the Lord, they provide follow-up and discipleship of new Believers who come to faith at our Medical Outreaches.



## In Ethiopia



There are 18 Messianic congregations in Ethiopia. Among them, we trained 85 leaders in various levels of ministry through in-country Messianic Leadership Training conferences.

We are excited to see growing cooperation between the congregations and our JVMI Global Outreaches as the Spiritual Care Program portion of our Medical Outreaches has, out of necessity, changed. We are working with local Messianic congregations, whose leaders are stepping in to administrative roles and have more responsibility. Messianic leaders partner with JVMI Outreach Partners to provide prayer counseling and share the Good News of Messiah with those who visit the prayer station located outside the Clinic grounds.

Congregations in Ethiopia continue to reach out to the Jewish communities among them to improve the lives of the Jewish people and share the Gospel with them.



Congregational leaders of the Beta Abraham Messianic Congregation with Jewish Voice CLD leaders in the Kechene neighborhood of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Congregational leaders in Ethiopia with CLD leaders

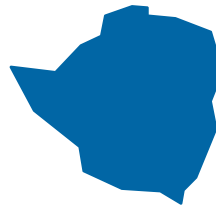
# 18

Messianic Congregations

# 85

Leaders trained through JVMI





## In Zimbabwe

At the end of 2017, there were 86 Messianic congregations in Zimbabwe. The Messianic Leadership Training conference further equipped 125 leaders from around the country. The Lemba are reaching out to their communities through establishing Early Childhood Development Centers that prepare pre-school age children for entering the education system. These centers provide opportunities for sharing the love of Yeshua with the children, their parents and the community. In 2017, Jewish Voice assisted in adding seven more such centers in Zimbabwe.

We also helped 155 children go to school through the School Fee Assistance Program.

A National Council was officially recognized to oversee ministry in Zimbabwe, and it now conducts quarterly review meetings to work in coordination with the National Overseer's office to administrate and expand the ministry to the people of Zimbabwe.



Early Childhood Development Center in Zimbabwe



Lemba Congregation National Council in Zimbabwe, with CLD leaders

# 86

Messianic Congregations

# 125

Leaders trained through JVMI



# Messianic Leadership Roundtable (MLR)

The annual Messianic Leadership Roundtable (MLR) conference welcomed 415 leaders from among the worldwide Messianic movement. Participants came from the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Israel, Russia, Ukraine and Southern Africa. MLR provides leaders the opportunity to refresh and renew their vision through the messages of a keynote speaker and networking with other leaders. Roundtable discussions throughout the conference allow leaders to discuss matters pertinent to their particular avenues of ministry, share ideas and encourage one another.



Susan Perlman shares her insights about millennials in the Messianic community



## **MLR attendees testimonies:**

*"MLR is a must conference for any who would lead in any significant capacity within a Messianic context. There is no other conference that brings together such a large cross-section of the Messianic movement."*

*"The MLR is the most critical gathering in the Messianic Movement today. It attracts leaders from all areas of the movement."*

*"Had a great time, and was able to network and reconnect with others working to reach the Jewish people. Left inspired!"*

*"This was a surprisingly useful conference. I had no idea how widely representative the participants were going to be, and I met numerous colleagues who I didn't know would be there."*

*"We sensed that the Spirit is moving afresh in a way not seen in Messianic Judaism for possibly 20+ years."*



Andrew Gudgeon leads worship at MLR







A photograph of a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and jeans, speaking into a microphone. He is holding an open book. He is standing outdoors under a wooden pergola-like structure. In the foreground, the backs of several people's heads are visible, showing they are listening. The background is filled with lush green foliage and trees. The overall scene suggests an outdoor church service or a community gathering.

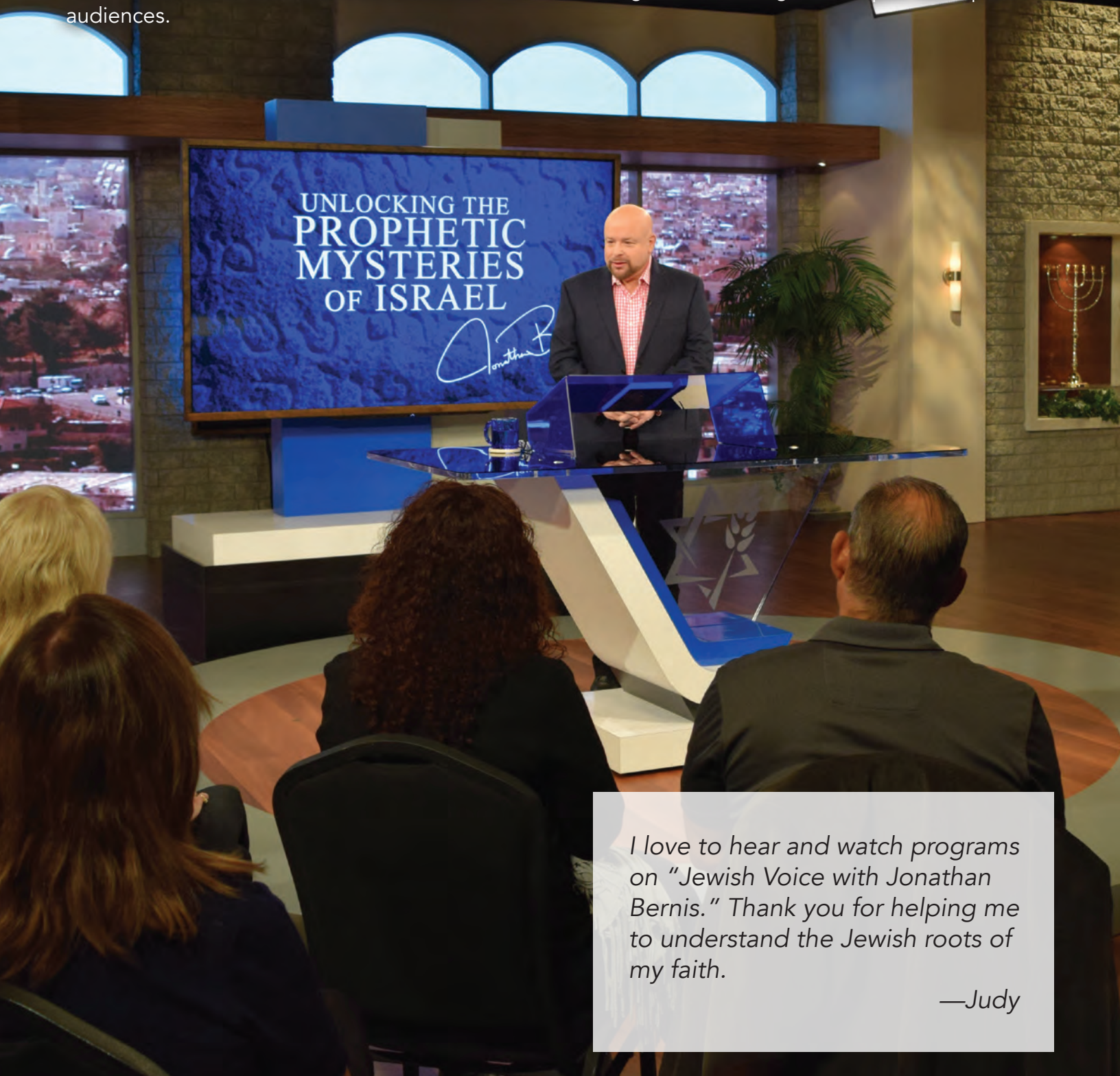
# Engaging the Church

An important aspect of JVMI's vision is to engage the Church regarding the Jewish roots of our faith and God's ongoing commitment to the Jewish people. The God of the Bible is the same yesterday, today and forever. Understanding the Jewish context of His New Covenant interaction with us reveals the depth of His character and redemptive plan that cannot be seen otherwise. Engaging the Church is also critical to correcting misbeliefs that God has abandoned His everlasting covenant with Israel and in communicating the urgency of the Church's role in reaching the Jewish people for Messiah.



## Television

The weekly television program “Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis” encourages, informs, equips and strengthens Believers in their faith. Through expert guests and insightful Bible teaching, viewers discover the Jewish roots of our faith, learn about events in the Middle East, Bible prophecy and much more. Personal testimonies of Jewish Believers along with musical guests inspire and uplift our audiences.



*I love to hear and watch programs on “Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis.” Thank you for helping me to understand the Jewish roots of my faith.*

*—Judy*



# 2017 Television Guests Included:



Former Israeli Ambassador  
Danny Ayalon



Dr. Danny Ben-Gigi



Jonathan Cahn



Dr. Timothy Dailey



Joseph Farah



Dr. John Garr



Dr. James Goll



Dr. Jack Graham



Daniah Greenberg



Marilyn Hickey & Sarah Bowling



Mo Isom



Cindy Jacobs



Marcus & Joni Lamb



Guillermo Maldonado



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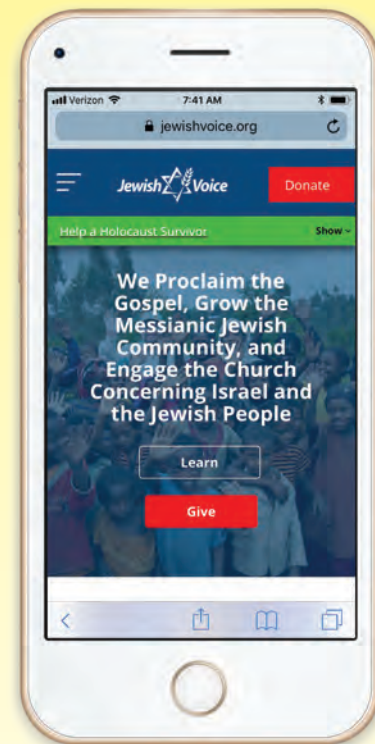


# Online

## Website

Jewish Voice launched a new website in 2017 where you can learn about Messianic Judaism, register for an Outreach, find recent product offerings, watch previous television programs and even donate to the ministry.

Web designers worked for months to create a web experience that is easier, faster and more enjoyable for our partners. The new layout is clean and easy to read. Simplified menus and reorganized content provide a more pleasing browsing experience, and increased search capabilities produce better results.



## Social Media



Jewish Voice reaches out to uplift and educate Believers through social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. In 2017, you helped us achieve **more than 1 million Facebook "Likes."**

*Thank you so much for posting this! It's right on time. God bless you and perfect everything concerning you.*

—Lisa

*Thank you for sharing this very valuable teaching. This is so important!*

—Rochelle



## Email

In 2017, 184,000+ new friends began receiving our informative and inspiring updates through email. That brought the total to more than 302,000 people who receive news about Israel and the Middle East, prayer requests and events updates from Jewish Voice. That's a 28 percent increase in the number of people blessed in 2017!



# Publications & Products

Jewish Voice is committed to building up the body of Messiah through encouraging and informative publications to strengthen your faith. Various product creations also provide inspirational items for your home to uplift and energize your walk with God.



**"Jewish Voice Today"** magazine offers important articles from leading spiritual authorities about the Hebraic roots of our faith, Bible prophecy and world events relating to Israel. It also reveals the importance of standing with Israel and fighting against all forms of anti-Semitism. In 2017, JVT was delivered to more than 98,000 homes.



**"Connections"** newsletter provides an intimate look at the difference you've made through supporting Jewish Voice Medical Outreaches, Festivals and Vision Clinics. Personal stories of changed lives reveal the life-saving impact that friends like you have had on thousands of individual lives throughout the world. Connections was sent to more than 115,000 homes in 2017.

Additionally, Jewish Voice introduced a number of books and special products in 2017.



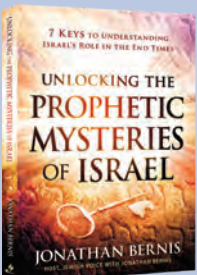
**Jewish Voice: A Look at 50 Years** chronicles the fascinating journey of the ministry with more than 200 photographs along

with biographies, stories and reflections from television guests, partners and staff.

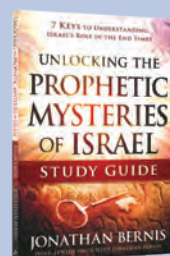


**A Rabbi Looks at the Last Days Study Guide** – Jonathan Bernis has begun developing study guides for the many uplifting and informative books in his acclaimed "Rabbi" series. These new guides can

help you go deeper and are designed to be used by individuals or study groups.



**Unlocking the Prophetic Mysteries of Israel** is a look at one of the most fascinating and pivotal topics in Bible prophecy. Jonathan Bernis updated and expanded his popular booklet into a full-length, informative book in 2017.



**Unlocking the Prophetic Mysteries of Israel Study Guide** allows you to dig deeper into the role Israel plays in God's redemptive plan for the world.



# 2017 Celebrate Israel Tour

Another exciting way of building up Believers and strengthening their connection with the Jewish roots of their faith is our Celebrate Israel Tour. In 2017, we led a group of 280+ travelers on an unforgettable tour of Israel. There we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem right in the city, on Jerusalem Day. We also visited an Israeli military base, enjoyed a Bedouin dining experience, swam in the Dead Sea, and many tour members participated in a marriage vow renewal ceremony on the Sea of Galilee. An immersion ceremony was also held on the banks of the Jordan River.



Touring the Sea of Galilee



Immersion ceremony at the Jordan River

## 2017 Israel Tour

### What participants told us:

*"I had a wonderful experience. We were like family before the end of the trip, and I feel I left part of myself back in Israel."*

*"One of the most amazing experiences of my life!"*

*"It was an unbelievable and life-changing experience. It was amazing to see and touch places where Jesus, the disciples and Paul lived, traveled, witnessed and died. It hit me very deeply."*

*"I've played my videos and photos back so many times since coming back, and I'm still excited and lifted by it all."*



# Speakers Bureau/Church Relations

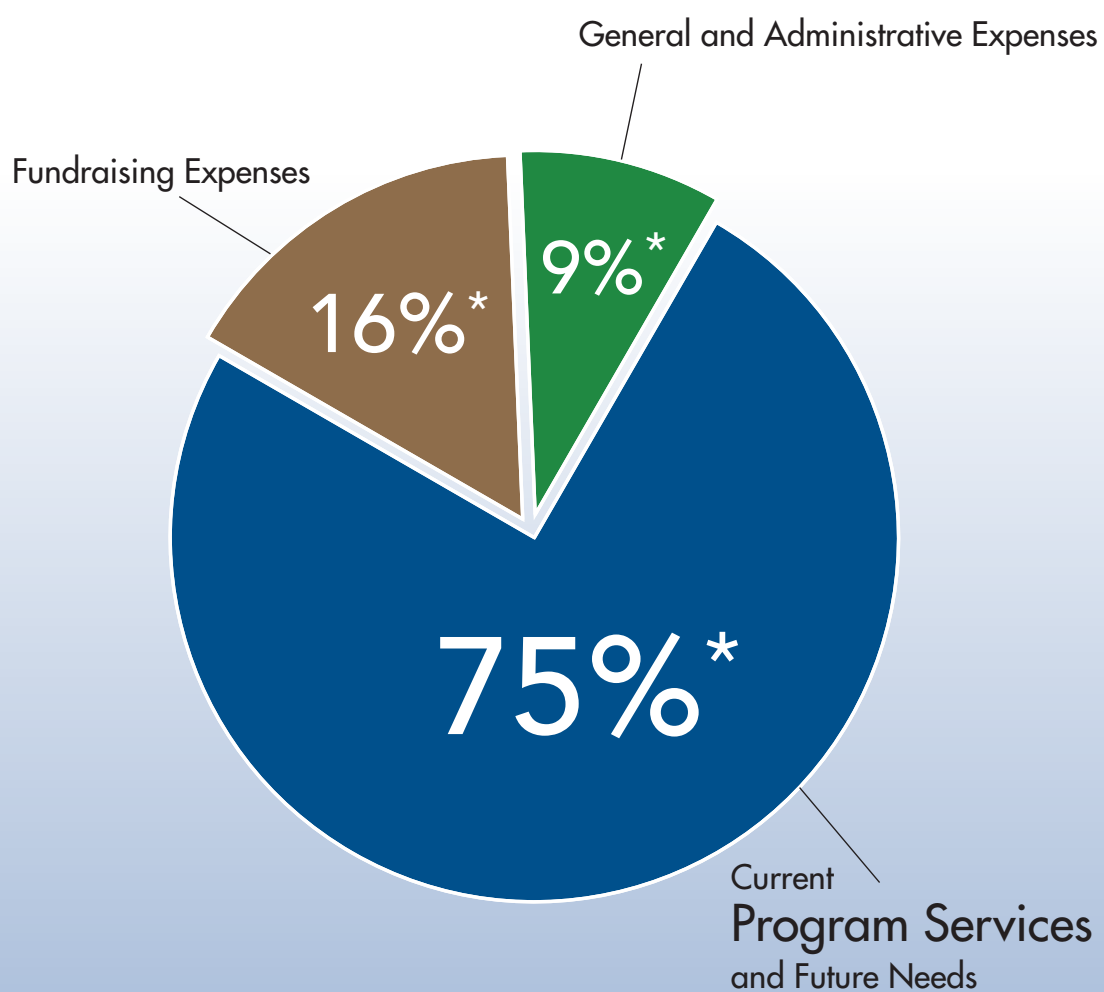
A regular ministry of Jewish Voice each year is traveling to churches and congregations to share the Jewish roots of the faith. The Jewish Voice Speakers Bureau participated in dozens of speaking engagements throughout the United States and other North American cities in 2017. Events include conducting Passover Seders that reveal exciting connections between Passover and Yeshua, teachings on the Jewish feasts, God's everlasting covenant with Israel, and more. In 2017, JVMI traveled from Alaska to Connecticut and Arizona to Florida, sharing with 87 congregations and groups in 19 states as well as Canada, the United Kingdom, Republic of Georgia, Estonia and Israel.



Rabbi Jack Zimmerman teaches members of Calvary Chapel Surprise about the Jewish roots of our faith while conducting a Passover Seder in Surprise, Arizona







# 2017 Financial Breakdown

\* % of Total Expenses



# Looking Ahead to 2018

2018 Medical Outreaches include three new locations: Enfranz and Jijiga, Ethiopia, and Chitsungo, Zimbabwe.



Our Congregation Leadership and Development team will continue investing in indigenous leadership by conducting Messianic Leadership Trainings in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe as well as sponsor another Messianic Leadership Roundtable conference here in the United States.



The "Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis" television program is planning another year of Bible teaching, guests and topics to grow your faith. The 2018 Celebrate Israel Tour will be extraordinary as it includes festivities celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary as a reborn nation.



Along with these exciting ministry opportunities, Jewish Voice looks forward to introducing several new publications in 2018 that will encourage and strengthen Believers, including:

- *Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures – El Roee, The Lord My Shepherd*
- *Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures – El Shaddai, God Almighty*
- *A Hope and A Future Study Guide*
- *A Rabbi Looks at Jesus of Nazareth Study Guide*
- *The Spring Feasts and Purim*
- *The Fall Feasts and Chanukah*
- *Appointments with God – Reflections on the Jewish Feasts*



# The Next 50 Years

After 50 years of ministry, the mission of Jewish Voice is unchanged. We are called to transform lives and see all Israel saved. Looking to the future, we will be ever watchful for new strategies to implement our mission of proclaiming the Gospel, growing the Messianic Jewish community, and engaging the Church concerning Israel and the Jewish people.

With your partnership, we will continue to explore reported Jewish communities in remote nations around the world that are open to the Good News of Messiah. We'll expand our mission to build the Messianic Jewish movement in Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Southern Africa and other nations. We are also looking toward enlarging our outreach to colleges and universities, while also reaching younger generations through the internet and social media.

If the Lord delays His coming for another 50 years, you can be certain that Jewish Voice Ministries International will still be here, serving Him, touching lives and preaching His Word. If He returns before then, God will find us watching, waiting and working with all our strength while relying on Him to help us fulfill the vision He has given us.

As we think of our ongoing mission, we are reminded of how much you mean to us. You are an encouragement for so many reasons. Your love for the Jewish people and Israel shines brightly in a world darkened by growing anti-Semitism. Your desire to proclaim the Good News of the Messiah throughout the world results in many new members added to the family of God. Your compassion to meet the needs of hurting Jewish people and their neighbors brings relief, healing and restoration to tens of thousands of lives each year.

*We are deeply grateful for you!*

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