

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Jewish Voice
Ministries International

THANK YOU

FROM
JONATHAN
BERNIS

Dear Friend,

Looking back at 2020, I see a year that brought challenges no one could have expected and many struggled to endure. I also see a year God used you to open doors of hope for Jewish people and their neighbors around the world. We are grateful that we never had to close our doors, and in fact, through your support, God even enabled us to expand ministry in different areas.

Your generosity allowed us to expand into two new locations in Ethiopia. Together, 14,252 patients, including Jewish people and their neighbors received medical care in those two locations. In Zimbabwe, you helped us provide much-needed food relief to 3,110 households along with an encouraging message of hope found in the Gospel. Because of you, in each country, people placed their faith in Jesus as Messiah.

We also turned added attention to our partner ministries in Israel. You helped them address a vastly increased volume of needs caused by the coronavirus. Through you, they provided practical, emotional and spiritual support to hurting Israelis.

The effects of COVID-19 prompted *Hope in the Midst*, a new devotional to strengthen Believers during challenging times. 2020's unique trials also sparked an unprecedented Shavuot/Pentecost event. In partnership with CBN, "Night of Promise" brought the Messianic Jewish and Gentile Christian communities together in a virtual, televised event to uplift viewers and support Israel.

In 2020, you also helped us launch a new podcast, "A Jew & A Gentile Discuss," which is hosted by two of our executive leaders.

Your gifts made all this possible. As you look over our 2020 annual report, I remind you with great joy that each statistic represents individual lives you touched with the transforming love of Jesus. 2020 shook the world, but you helped minister hope, light, relief and the Good News to Jewish people and their neighbors who needed it more than ever. Thank you. Together, we can do even more in 2021.

To the Jew first and also to the Nations,



Jonathan Bernis
President & CEO, Jewish Voice
Ministries International



VISION

Jewish Voice Ministries Vision

**We exist to transform
lives and see all
Israel saved.**

MISSION

Jewish Voice Ministries Mission

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



**Now we know that all things
work together for good for those
who love God, who are called
according to His purpose.**

—Romans 8:28

JEWISH VOICE AND COVID-19

WE SAW GOD WORKING FOR GOOD IN 2020, EVEN AMID THE PANDEMIC.

COVID...

- Restricted travel and required social distancing
- Canceled the annual Messianic Leadership Roundtable
- Canceled or postponed Outreaches, speaking engagements and leadership training visits
- Made our regular Medical Outreach model unworkable in Zimbabwe for 2020
- Posed technical challenges to interviewing TV and podcast guests

But God...

- Enabled vital ministry to take place
- Allowed us to turn added focus on the Israel ministries as they met tremendous COVID-caused needs

- Made a way for us to hold a regular, COVID-compliant Medical Outreach in Dawro, Ethiopia
- Showed us how to meet essential needs in Zimbabwe while adhering to COVID restrictions
- Opened doors to new ministry options for the future
- Connected us virtually for speaking engagements and media interviews

COVID Tried to Discourage...

As the pandemic spread rapidly around the globe, fear, discouragement and even despair threatened many people's outlooks.

But God Delivered Hope through...

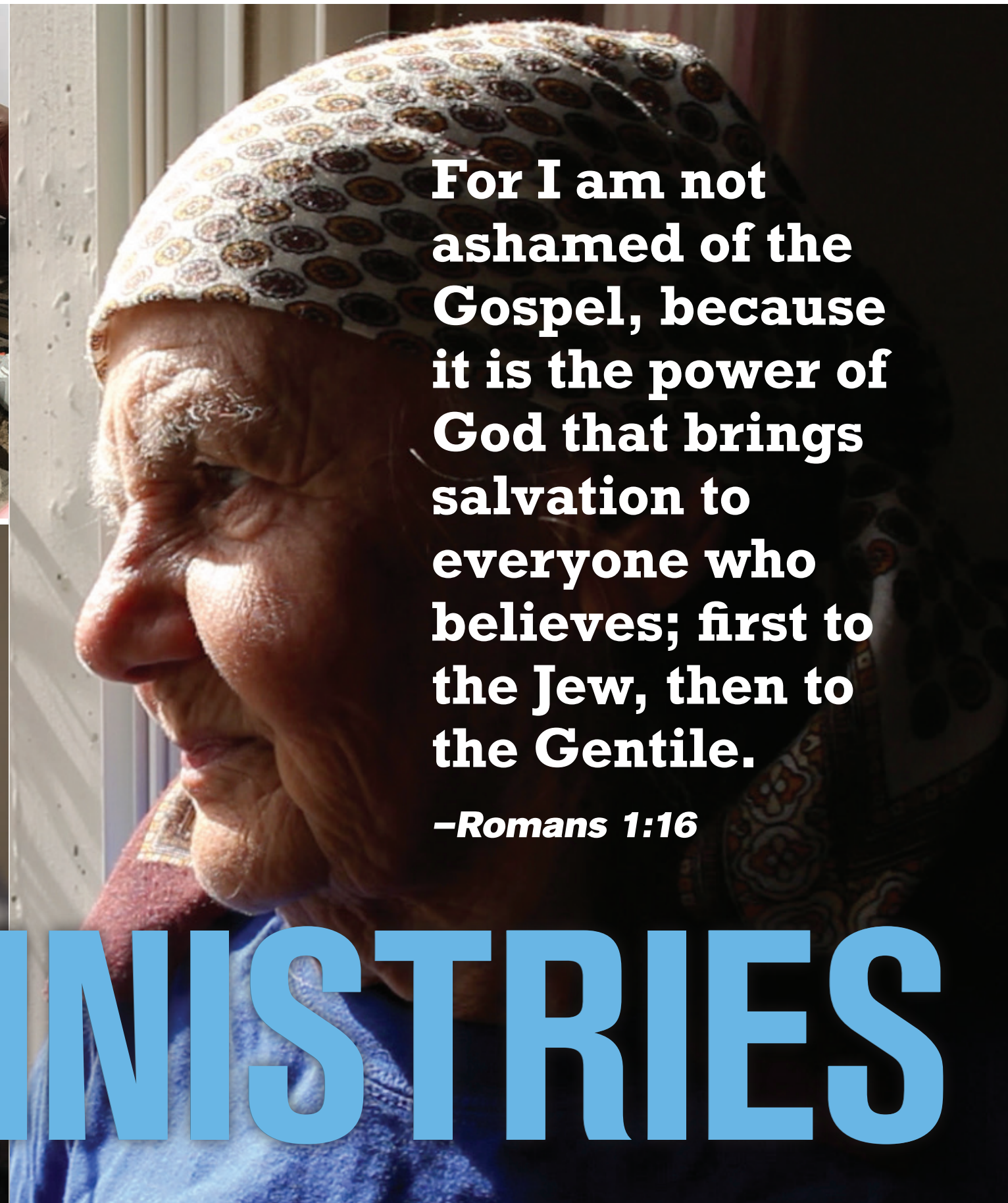
- A nine-week devotional series called *Hope in the Midst*, a collection of 7-day devotionals each written by a different Jewish Voice staff member and taken from a different book of the Bible
- Jonathan Bernis' daily social media videos, offering scriptural encouragements and faith-boosting messages
- *Night of Promise*, uniting Believers with encouragement, worship and raising support for Israel ministries (You can read more about it later in this report.)



Israel Ministries

Israel was struck hard by COVID-19 and endured multiple lockdowns. Pandemic restrictions slowed down our dental program for Holocaust survivors. Still, we were able to sponsor much-needed, complex dental work for 142 Holocaust survivors, relieving their suffering and restoring their smiles.

Ministries throughout Israel that you help us support were busier than ever as they stepped up to meet practical and spiritual needs heightened by the coronavirus. They served people laid off from work, children needing computers for distance learning, Holocaust survivors who didn't dare get out to buy groceries, and people whose distress led them deeper into crisis. Your support of Jewish Voice made a direct impact on the lives of hurting Jewish people in Israel.



**For I am not
ashamed of the
Gospel, because
it is the power of
God that brings
salvation to
everyone who
believes; first to
the Jew, then to
the Gentile.**

—Romans 1:16

ISRAEL MINISTRIES

IN ENEWARI, ETHIOPIA

6,020 patients were served, including:

1,737

PEOPLE RECEIVED
EYEGLASSES

219

PEOPLE RECEIVED
DENTAL CARE

105

HAD EYE SURGERY FOR
CATARACTS OR TRACHOMA

37

PATIENTS UNDERWENT
MINOR SURGERIES

1

BABY WAS BORN

3,504

PEOPLE RECEIVED
PERSONAL LIFESTRAW®
UNITS

99

PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH
IN JESUS AS MESSIAH

45

NEW JEWISH BELIEVERS



ENEWARI LIES SEVERAL HOURS NORTH OF ETHIOPIA'S CAPITAL CITY

of Addis Ababa in a region where religious strongholds rage against the proclamation of the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus) as Lord. Though we had the necessary governmental approvals for all our activities, locals banded together to bring an early end to the Medical Outreach.

Burned Out & Shut Down

In the first two and a half days of our Enewari Medical Outreach, we treated more than 6,000 patients and experienced a tremendous response to the Gospel. More than 80% of people who came to the Spiritual Care location operating parallel to the clinic accepted Jesus as their Messiah, and nearly half of them were Jewish.

On the third day, however, an angry mob arrived saying, "We said, 'No Gospel!'" Rioters damaged property while the team was ushered to safety inside a building around which we'd assembled our Clinic.

Another mob invaded our campsite a mile away and burned it to the ground, resulting in a total loss of ministry and personal property. Team members lost everything but what they'd brought with them to the Clinic for that day's work.

Later that night, secured by a military escort, we drove the long, dark hours back to Ethiopia's capital.

God protected us throughout the incident, and no one was hurt. He looked after us as we saw the generosity of our Ethiopian brothers and sisters who, though they'd suffered loss too, offered shirts, socks and whatever they could to help others get through the next few days. The embassy worked after hours, replacing every passport for us.

Despite the turmoil and loss, team members overflowed with the Lord's peace. They felt His grace and compassion toward the aggressors, and their primary disappointment was that the Outreach was forced to end early. What they wanted most was to continue proclaiming the Gospel and serving the people of Enewari.

ENEWARI, ETHIOPIA

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2020

A LASTING WORK BEGUN

It had been nine months since we were escorted to safety out of Enewari, Ethiopia. We hadn't been back to the country for Outreach events since.

COVID brought uncertainty to the whole world's plans, including ours. Throughout the year, we adjusted Outreach possibilities, and in the fall, a Medical Outreach took shape for Dawro.

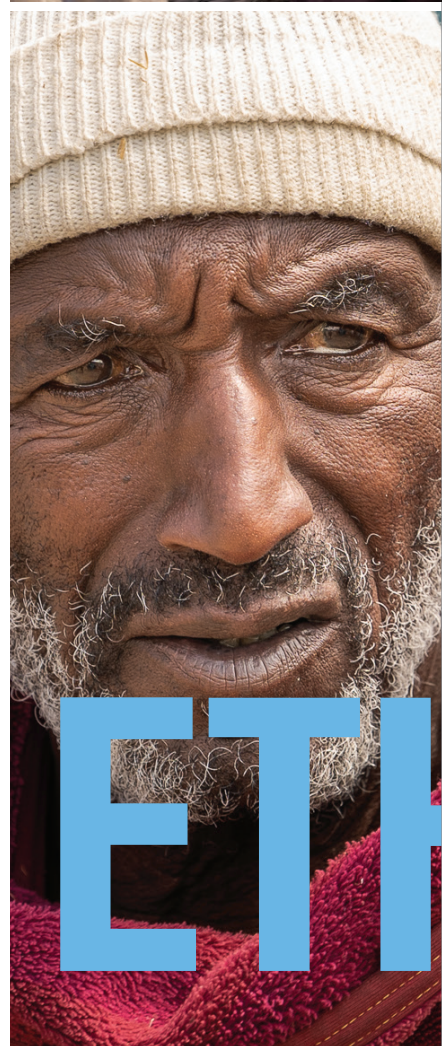
An Ethiopian Messianic congregation had planned to help us conduct the Spiritual Care aspect of the Outreach, but they were called away at the last-minute to mourn the sudden death of one of their congregational leaders. Instead, four pastors from two evangelical churches in Dawro joined us as chaplains for the Outreach. Later in the week, they invited us to speak to their elders at a special gathering.

This meeting allowed us to share more about the Lord's calling on Jewish Voice,

His faithfulness toward Israel and His love for the Jewish people. Their interest and desire to serve the Jewish community were encouraging. Part of JVMI's three-faceted mission is to engage the Church regarding these things, and this opportunity was significant. As we left, we couldn't help thinking that God has more to come in our relationship with these local church leaders. Facilitating a lasting impact is always our aim, and we are eager to see where God leads in Dawro.

Aside from making a practical difference in thousands of lives touched in a Medical Outreach, we are committed bearing a good testimony in our treatment of the facilities we borrow. In Dawro, we installed a fence around the government clinic that served as our base. We added a Star of David to the gate as a testimony that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob loves Dawro.

The people of Dawro expressed tremendous gratitude for the humanitarian aid they received in Yeshua's name. Their thanks are for you because you made this ministry to them possible.



DAWRO,

ETHIOPIA

IN DAWRO, ETHIOPIA 8,232 patients were served, including:

2,200
PEOPLE RECEIVED EYEGLASSES

750
PEOPLE RECEIVED DENTAL CARE

113
HAD EYE SURGERY FOR
CATARACTS OR TRACHOMA

94
PATIENTS UNDERWENT MINOR
SURGERIES

3
BABIES WERE BORN

400
PEOPLE RECEIVED
PERSONAL *LIFESTRAW*® UNITS

70
FAMILIES RECEIVED LARGER
FAMILY *LIFESTRAW*® UNITS

2
COMMUNITY *LIFESTRAW*® UNITS
WERE GIVEN

39
PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH
IN JESUS AS MESSIAH

**NOV
2020**

IN ZIMBABABWE

Food Distribution in 5 Locations:

Buhera, Gutu, Chitsungo,
Masvingo, Mberengwa

3,110

HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED FOOD STAPLES

4,000

12-POUND BAGS OF RICE GIVEN

4,000

22-POUND BAGS OF CORNMEAL GIVEN

75

PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS

ZIMBABABWE



NOV
2020

IN OCTOBER, WE HAD LEARNED THAT ZIMBABABWE WAS FINALLY OPENING UP

after being closed to foreigners due to the pandemic. However, COVID restrictions limited gatherings to 100 people and three hours in duration. As we considered this, we also learned that what Zimbabwean Jewish communities we serve needed most was food. Our staff prayed, and through partners like you, we were able to distribute 8,000 bags of rice and cornmeal at Messianic congregations in five locations.

“How Are We Going to Eat?”

When the coronavirus hit Zimbabwe, it intruded on an already distressed economy, bringing even more trouble to difficult times. As a small group of people sat on the ground, a woman stood up and shared with us how she and her family – along with so many Zimbabweans – had eventually come to ask the question: “How are we going to eat?”



Zimbabweans are a resilient people, but with the nation's inflation, shortages and now COVID's consequences, they had come down to the most basic question about their very survival. Lemba Believers prayed. And you became part of the answer.

You helped us distribute 12-pound bags of rice and 22-pound bags of cornmeal – life-sustaining staples – to 3,110 households among the Messianic congregations in Zimbabwe. And you should have seen the joy! Smiles spread from ear to ear. Feet broke into dance, and voices sang out their happy thanks.

Even so, it is difficult for those in rural areas to express personal gratitude to others. But one woman stood right up and shared her deep thanks for the food gifts they had received. “Thank you so very much,” she said, “for the aid you have given us today. It is a great help. Thank you, Jewish Voice.”

Thank you for making this gift possible!

In each region where we distributed food, we also shared a biblical message of encouragement with congregation members. Many of them brought neighbors with them, so we shared the Gospel as well, and 75 responded with new faith in Jesus.



OUTREACH IMPACT IN AFRICA 2020

14,252
PATIENTS SEEN

3,937
EYEGLASSES GIVEN

218
EYE SURGERIES
PERFORMED

969
DENTAL PATIENTS
TREATED

131
MINOR SURGERIES

4
BABIES DELIVERED

3,904
PERSONAL LIFESTRAW®
FILTERS DISTRIBUTED

70
FAMILY LIFESTRAW®
UNITS GIVEN

2
COMMUNITY
LIFESTRAW® FILTERS
GIVEN

213
NEW BELIEVERS

3,110
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED
FOOD STAPLES

4,000
12-POUND BAGS OF RICE
GIVEN

4,000
22-POUND BAGS OF
CORNMEAL GIVEN

Learn more about Jewish Voice Outreaches
at: www.jewishvoice.org/outreaches

Congregation and Leadership Development (CLD)

Jewish Voice is committed to growing the worldwide Messianic Jewish community through discipling new Believers, planting congregations and training leaders.

After being forced to cancel leadership training trips in the spring to Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, we were grateful to finally make those visits to both countries during the last few weeks of 2020.

The CLD team taught messages from 1 Timothy and encouraged congregations to look after their widows, particularly in these troubled times.

Ethiopia

- 3 new Messianic congregations planted
- Total: 46 Messianic congregations
- Praise! Ethiopian eldership showed great maturity and steps toward self-sufficiency by letting us know they want to bear the first responsibility for their pastors' needs and make formal referrals to us for help only as needed.



Zimbabwe

- 18 new small groups formed
- Total: 124 Messianic congregations
- Praise! The new small groups have the potential to grow into congregations in 2021.

Expanded Ministry

\$2,355,170 given through 211 grants to more than 80 ministries and congregations in Israel and elsewhere for their work:

- Aliyah assistance
- Children & youth
- Conferences & training
- Congregation support
- Disability assistance
- Discipleship & evangelism
- Food distribution
- Holocaust survivors
- Resources
- Widows, orphans, single moms
- Other



So Messiah's communities were strengthened in the faith and kept increasing daily in number.

—Acts 16:5



GROWING THE MESSIANIC JEWISH COMMUNITY

For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be ignorant of this mystery... that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

—Romans 11:25

ENGAGING THE



NIGHT OF PROMISE

When the Council of Nicea separated Easter from Passover in the third century, Shavuot and Pentecost also diverged on the calendar. In 2020, Shavuot and Pentecost lined up within two days of each other.

Two thousand years ago, in Jerusalem on Shavuot (Pentecost), the Holy Spirit came upon Believers. As the Jewish and Christian holidays converged in 2020, it was a fitting time to bring together the Messianic Jewish and Gentile Christian communities.

Night of Promise was a virtual, televised event, produced in partnership with CBN. It was held on Shavuot weekend, filled with worship, inspirational messages and support for Israel as COVID-19 devastated the country of God's Chosen People. More than 50 musical artists, pastors, ministry leaders and celebrities came together to encourage unity, revival and hope.

Night of Promise raised more than \$250,000 in support for Israel. 100% went to Israeli charities addressing the hardships of the time.

JVMI Speakers

JVMI Speakers visit congregations throughout the world delivering messages about the Jewish Feasts, how the New Testament is rooted in the Old and God's unfailing love for His Chosen People. Although COVID prevented travel from mid-March through June and caused the cancellation or postponement of approximately 60 scheduled events, we still had the opportunity to share messages with thousands of people.

- 40 live speaking engagements, 4 virtual
- 11 states and 5 countries

BLESS ISRAEL SUNDAY

2020 was the second year for *Jewish Voice's Bless Israel Sunday*, a specific day when churches can set aside time for the topic of blessing and supporting Israel. We added a social media component to *Bless Israel Sunday* in 2020, enabling partners to help spread the word about the Believer's biblical calling to align our hearts with God's for Israel. *Bless Israel Sunday* is gaining traction and reached over 64,800 people on social media. (We have some exciting things planned for 2021!)

CHURCH



“Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis” is a weekly television program that encourages and strengthens Believers’ faith through insightful Bible teaching and expert guests. Viewers learn about the Jewish roots of faith in Jesus, events taking place in the Middle East, Bible prophecy and more.

TV GUESTS

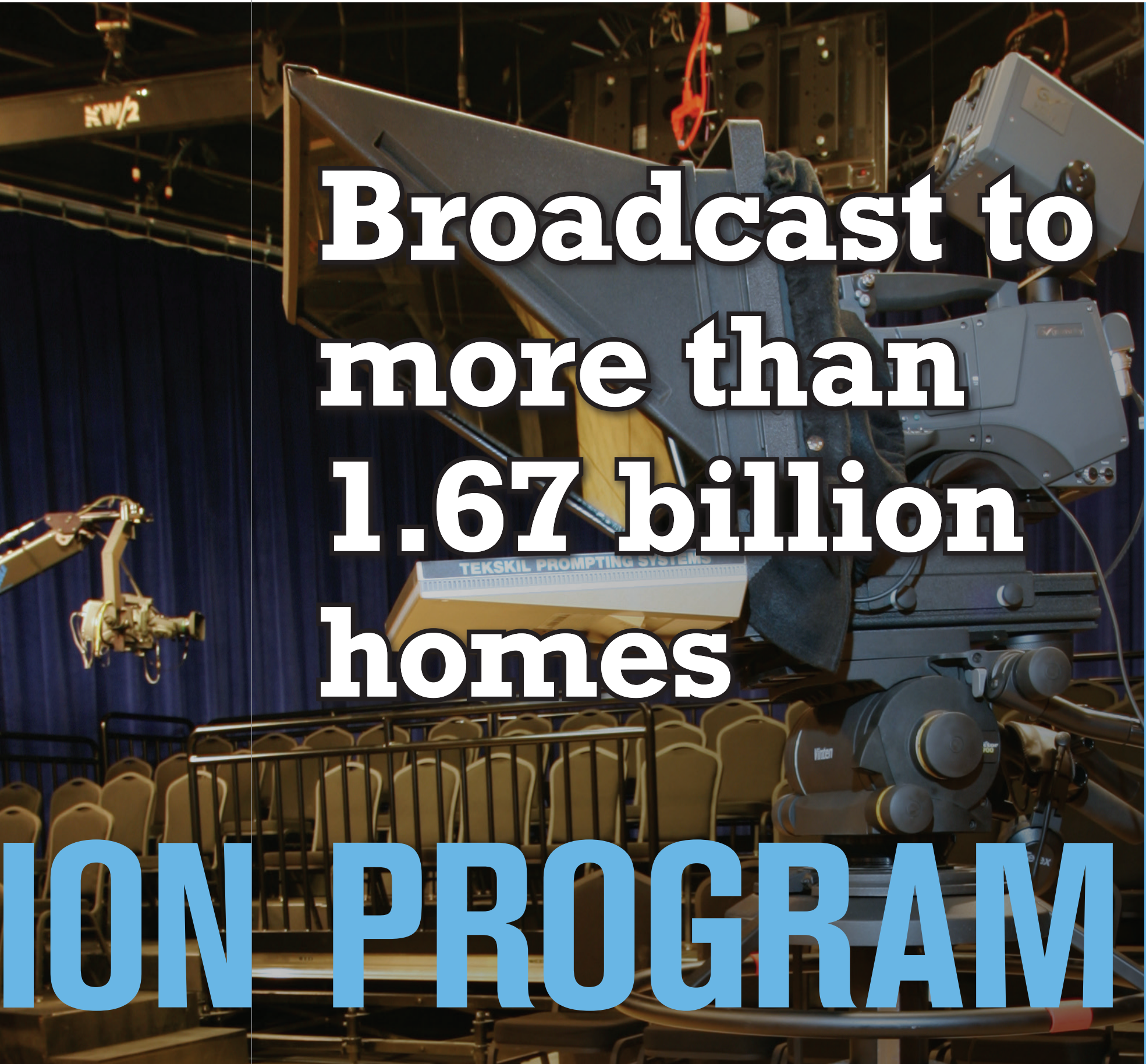
Dr. Michael Brown
Daniah Greenberg
Eric Metaxas
Marilyn Hickey
& Shae Wilbur
Carl Gallup
Dr. Randall Price
Jonathan Cahn
Erick Stakelbeck
Joel Richardson

TEACHING TOPICS

Covered by Jonathan Bernis and Ezra Benjamin

- The Lost Tribes of Israel
- Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures
- Hebrew Names of God
- Jacob Becomes Israel
- Holidays – *Purim, Passover, Easter through a Jewish Lens, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Chanukah*
- Shabbat
- The Shema
- The Mezuzah
- The Serpent in the Wilderness
- The Parasha

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WHAT LISTENERS ARE SAYING:

"This is perfect for me!
I am a teacher who loves the history of the Jews. I have learned so much already! Ezra and Carly are perfectly fitted for this assignment. This stops a lot of us from teaching in error, and explains how to truly love and respect our brothers and sisters."

"This podcast has become one of my favorites! The hosts are very knowledgeable and have a heart to share with others. I have learned so much from listening to this podcast! 10/10."

NEW PODCAST

A JEW & A GENTILE DISCUSS



"A Jew & A Gentile Discuss" Podcast debuted in September and is hosted by two members of the Jewish Voice executive leadership team who present casual, honest and fascinating conversations about faith in Jesus from their two different backgrounds. Ezra Benjamin, Vice President of Global Ministry Affairs, is a Messianic Jewish Believer, and Carly Berna, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, is a Gentile Christian.

Check out the podcast at
www.ajewandagentilediscuss.org.

PODCAST TOPICS COVERED

- Difference Between Messianic Judaism and Christianity
- Misconceptions Jews Have About Christians and Christians Have About Jews
- Holidays – Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Thanksgiving, Chanukah
- New Year's Resolutions, Jewish and Christian Style
- Israel – the Land, Political State, and People
- Holiday Foods and the Stories Behind Them
- Indigenous Jewish Ministry
- 2020 Elections and Aftermath
- Jewish Believers in Politics
- Sabbath

Jewish Voice Today Magazine

The Jewish Voice magazine is a quarterly publication informing you about the Jewish roots of faith in Jesus, the “Lost Tribes of Israel,” Bible prophecy and world news relating to Israel and the Jewish people.



You'll find current and past issues of the Jewish Voice magazine and newsletter at www.jewishvoice.org/read.

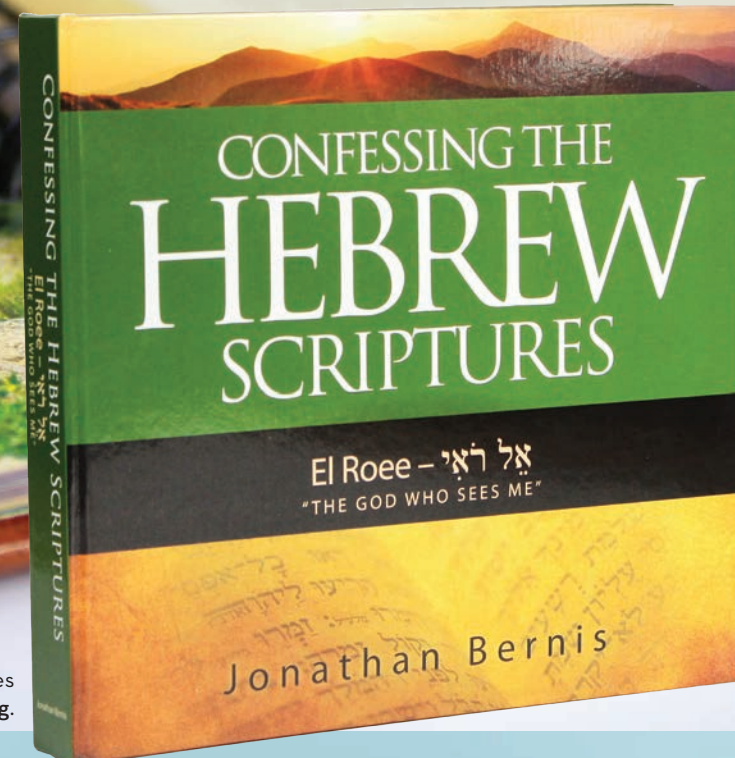
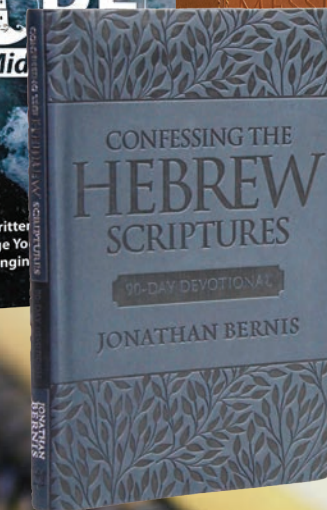
Connections/Good News Newsletter

Our “Connections Newsletter” is now called “Good News.” In this quarterly update, we share inspiring stories of lives impacted through JVMI ministry activities.



Encouraging Your Faith through New Resources Created in 2020

- New Passover Seder Kit
- New JVMI Haggadah
- Planting Seeds, Zehra Kids Program photobook
- Names of God Journal
- Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures Devotional
- Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures: El Roe - The God Who Sees Me
- Hope in the Midst Devotional
- Shalom Olivewood Artwork
- Psalm 122:6 Artwork
- Aaronic Blessing Wall Decal
- Pray for Israel Scripture Cards



Find these and many more resources at www.shop.jewishvoice.org.

PUBLICATIONS & NEW RESOURCES



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

The year 2020 proved that things don't always go the way of carefully made plans. As good stewards, we plan and submit our projects to the Lord. With that in mind, we entrust the following to the Lord for 2021.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL **Adding a New Outreach Model**

We have a lot of great “tools” with which to serve the Jewish people. In 2021, we’re adding a few more to help us meet location-specific needs in Ethiopia. We’re introducing a targeted mobile outreach model to provide much-needed specialty care.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL **Expanding Our Partnership to Israel Ministries**

Our partner ministries in Israel are a vital means of reaching Jewish people with the love of Jesus, meeting their needs and sharing the Gospel. We look forward again to supporting their effective work, including focusing on at-risk communities like Ethiopian youth.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL **Global Outreach Schedule**

FEBRUARY 18–27: FICHE, ETHIOPIA

APRIL 8–18: ZIMBABWE

MAY 27–JUNE 6: ETHIOPIA

JULY 15–25: ZIMBABWE

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 10: ETHIOPIA

NOVEMBER 4–14: SOUTHERN AFRICA

***DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021

GROWING THE MESSIANIC JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Congregation and Leadership Development team hopes to resume training and discipleship visits to congregations in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.

After being forced to cancel in 2020, we look forward to holding another Messianic Leadership Roundtable conference in 2021.

ENGAGING THE CHURCH New in 2021

- 5K Virtual Walk/Run for Bless Israel – Walk where, when and how you want
- Jewish Voice MESSENGER – Our newly re-designed, all-digital magazine
- Coming Resources: Confessing the Hebrew Scriptures: El Elyon – God Most High, Torah Portions Devotional

Prayerfully Returning in 2021

- Night of Promise – bringing Jewish and Gentile Believers together again around Shavuot/Pentecost
- Israel Tour 2021 – October 10-20
- Messianic Leadership Roundtable

Continuing in 2021

- JVMI Speakers are looking forward to more speaking engagements
- TV – Inspirational teaching and exciting guests to grow your faith
- Podcast – New guest interviews, personal testimonies, holiday discussions and more for you
- Good News Newsletter, Middle East Updates, Jewish holiday blog posts and an engaging social media presence.

“...reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah.”

-Philippians 3:12 (NKJV)



ISRAEL TOUR 2021
October 10-20



Thank You for changing so many lives in 2020!

We always thank God, the
Father of our Lord Yeshua
the Messiah, whenever we
pray for you.

-Colossians 1:3



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