# WHO WE ARE

### OUR VISION: "TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND SEE ALL ISRAEL SAVED"

The mission of Jewish Voice Ministries International (JVMI) is to proclaim the Gospel, grow the Messianic Jewish community, and engage the Church concerning Israel and the Jewish people. Our vision is to transform lives and see all Israel saved. JVMI proclaims the Good News of the Messiah through a variety of print, online, and media strategies. Our syndicated television program is broadcast to more than 1.6 billion homes worldwide. Our global mission Outreaches include humanitarian and medical aid as well as large-scale international festivals of Jewish music and dance. Our Medical Outreaches involve both medical and non-medical team members, and every patient is invited to visit our Prayer Room where the Gospel is shared in one-on-one or small group settings. Our Festivals include a clear Gospel presentation revealing Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament.

### **OUR HISTORY**

In 1967, healing evangelist Louis Kaplan launched a radio program called Jewish Voice Broadcasts, airing for the first time on Christian radio in Phoenix, Arizona. Later, a television program was added which continues to air to this day. Not coincidentally, Israel reclaimed the city of Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War, in fulfillment of a prophecy in Luke 21:24 that directly connects the re-establishment of Jerusalem with the times of the Gentiles being fulfilled.

In 1984, Jonathan Bernis, a Jewish Believer in Yeshua (Jesus), founded Shema Yisrael Messianic Congregation in Rochester, New York. As the Berlin Wall came down, Jonathan sensed the call of God to take the Gospel to the former Soviet Union. Massive crowds of people responded, and when Jonathan realized that over half of them were Jewish, he formed Hear O' Israel! Ministries to continue reaching the throngs of hungry hearts in the region. The venues grew larger and larger, and soon he had to leave New York to found and pastor the first Messianic Center of St. Petersburg, Russia. There he helped prepare leaders and planted more congregations throughout the area.

Jonathan first met Louis Kaplan and his wife Chira in the early 1990s when they went to film one of the Festival Outreaches. Jonathan was called upon to take up the mantle of leadership for Jewish Voice Broadcasts in 1998 after Louis Kaplan suffered a devastating stroke. Kaplan passed away in 1999, and the two ministries merged in 2001, becoming Jewish Voice Ministries International – now a multi-faceted ministry bringing the Good News of Israel's Messiah to Jewish people and Gentiles alike all across the globe.



## WHAT WE DO & WHY

Jewish Voice Ministries brings the Good News - the Gospel - of Yeshua (Jesus) to people who are Jewish according to the flesh. That is, those who are descendants of Abraham through Isaac, whether through the blood line of the mother or father. We help them understand that those who place their faith in Israel's **Messiah Yeshua** should not disown or separate themselves from their Jewish race and Judaic heritage. On the contrary, they remain sons and daughters of Israel.

#### Why reach the Jewish people with the Good News of Yeshua the Messiah? The Gospel

is for everyone, but when it comes to sharing it, we have found that the Jewish people are one of the most neglected people groups. Besides that, they are God's Chosen People and a key to Yeshua's return.

Many Gentile (non-Jewish) Christians wrongly believe that the Jewish people have their own path to God and don't need Yeshua for salvation. This couldn't be further from the truth! Not only do the Jewish people need the Messiah for salvation like everyone else, but Romans 1:16 tells us that the Gospel is "to the Jew first."

### 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

Not all Jewish people reject Jesus as the Messiah. The truth is, many of them have no idea who He really is. We know that **Christ** is simply the Greek word for **Messiah**, but sadly, when a Jewish person hears the name "Jesus Christ," they think "the God of the Christians" rather than the Jewish Messiah, the Savior of the world.

Only about 10 percent of the Jewish community is orthodox or actively studies Scripture. The truth is, most Jewish people have never even read the Bible.

As we share with them key Scriptures of Messianic prophecy – such as Isaiah 53 and Jeremiah 31:31-33 – we witness the miracle of Jewish people accepting Yeshua as their Messiah. When the scales fall off their eyes, we hear many of them say, **"Why didn't anyone ever show me this before?"** 

We at Jewish Voice believe that we are nearing the return of the Messiah. The Land of Israel has been returned to the Jewish people, and God continues to gather His people back to the Land from the four corners of the Earth. On top of these, Jewish people are coming to faith in Yeshua in increasing numbers. Right before our eyes we are seeing End Time prophecy being fulfilled in our own day.

It is Jewish Voice's vision to take the Gospel "to the Jew first." We focus our medical clinics in impoverished, and often persecuted, Jewish communities in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and other locations. We focus our festivals in worldwide city centers that have a large concentration of Jewish people. We give aid to and share the Good News with any who come to us, but it is the Jewish population that draws us to each of our locations.

It is truly exhilarating to be a part of introducing God's chosen people to their Messiah, Yeshua! You can participate in this exciting move of God by joining us on one (or more!) of our Outreaches where we share the love and hope of Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) "to the Jew first."







# WHERE WE GO

#### Medical Outreaches: Ethiopia and Zimbabwe

Several times a year, Jewish Voice and teams of dedicated Outreach Partners offer desperately needed, free medical and dental care to poverty-stricken Jewish communities in developing nations such as Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and elsewhere. We also distribute water filtration devices and educate people about the importance of clean water and hygiene to help reduce the spread of disease.

These groups of Jewish people are part of the "Lost Tribes" of Israel, and the impact these medical clinics have is life-changing. We treat an average of 13,000 patients on each medical mission trip. But our Medical Outreaches offer more than physical healing.

Patients are also invited into our Spiritual Care area where they have the opportunity to receive compassionate prayer and hear the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus). In this way, we have welcomed thousands into God's Kingdom. The Spiritual Care ministry of our Outreaches provides a unique opportunity for other volunteers to participate in our Medical Outreaches. Other non-medical roles include line management, patient registration, and administration, all of which are vital.

The heartbeat of our Outreach ministry is changed lives. Yours will be changed too. Your smile, touch, skill and heart can make an eternal difference. We'd love to have you come along. There's a place waiting for you!

For more information, visit **www.jewishvoice.org/medicaloutreach**. You may also contact our Outreach Engagement Manager directly at **800-299-9374** or email **outreach@jewishvoice.org**.

#### Holocaust Survivors: Israel

There are approximately 180,000 Holocaust survivors living in Israel today, and their numbers are dwindling every day. Many of them are living below the poverty line with meager incomes often forcing them to choose between food and medication. After all they've endured in their lives, it's a joy to be a part of providing them with dental care and eyeglasses that would otherwise be well out of their reach. Jewish Voice conducts clinics in Israel to help ease the final years of these precious survivors.





### Congregation and Leadership Development: Ethiopia and Zimbabwe

After a Medical Outreach, we leave behind hundreds of new Believers. Jewish Voice is committed to discipling new Believers and training up young leaders in the places where we minister. Over the years, we have helped establish and develop new congregations in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe that are thriving and multiplying. With regular leadership conferences in these countries, we continue strengthening leaders and supporting congregational development.

**Festivals of Jewish Music & Dance: Eastern Europe & Large Jewish Population Centers** Festivals of Jewish Music & Dance bring a spectacular event of professional dramatic, musical, and dance performances depicting the nation of Israel's history. Known to draw crowds of thousands, our Festivals take the Gospel to large city centers around the globe in places with large Jewish populations. At each performance, Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Bernis gives a stirring message that presents Yeshua as the Messiah who Jewish people have longed for and who came to set us free from the guilt of our sin. Over the years, more than a guarter of a million people have come to faith in Yeshua!







# HOW WE REACH PEOPLE

#### Financial, Prayer and Outreach Partners

There are several ways to come alongside and partner with Jewish Voice Ministries in the exciting work God has called us to. Joining us as an **Outreach Partner** on either a Medical Outreach or a Festival is a powerful faith-builder as you become the hands and feet of Jesus to a hurting world. Our vital team of **Prayer Partners** faithfully lifts up the needs of the ministry and the people we serve. **Shalom Partners** are monthly financial supporters who receive special appreciations throughout the year, and **Abraham Promise Fund Partners** are dedicated to leaving a legacy through planned giving. For more information, visit **www.jewishvoice.org**.

### Television

Our syndicated television program, Jewish Voice with Jonathan Bernis, is broadcast to more than 1.6 billion homes throughout the world via satellite, cable, local stations, and streamed video. This half-hour program features biblical teaching and expert guests discussing Bible prophecy, current events, the Jewish roots of Christian faith, and many more important topics to encourage and inform Believers today. To watch our show and view the schedule, visit **www.jewishvoice.tv**.

### Print & Online

Jewish Voice Today magazine provides educational content to inform readers about world events, understanding the Jewish foundations of Christianity, Bible prophecy, the role of Israel in the Last Days, and more. Our Connections newsletter reports on our Outreaches with photographs and stories from the field. Other resources include books and teaching DVDs by Jonathan Bernis and Jewish Voice Ministries. To read our current magazine and newsletter, visit

### www.jewishvoice.org/publications.

The Jewish Voice website is rich with educational content concerning Yeshua (Jesus), Messianic Judaism, prayer, and the Jewish roots of our New Covenant faith. You'll also find our blog as well as information about our Outreaches, TV schedule, and events.

Our web store contains a large selection of products from both Jewish Voice and our television guests including books, DVDs, CDs, and gifts. Check it out at **www.jewishvoice. org**!

#### **Speakers Bureau**

Jewish Voice also has a speaking ministry through which the Church has the opportunity to discover more about the Messianic vision set forth in Scripture, experience a Passover Seder, and be inspired to become a part of the End Times harvest as Jewish people come to meet Yeshua their Messiah. To invite a Messianic Rabbi to speak at your congregation, visit **www.jewishvoice.org/speakers**.







# **2020 OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS**

We look forward to the many amazing works God will do in 2020 and we ask that you prayerfully consider being His hands and feet with us by joining us in going to the "Lost Tribes" and their neighbors in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Southern African nations on one of our Medical Outreaches.

Currently, we need doctors (generalists, specialists, and surgeons), ophthalmologists, opticians, optometrists, registered nurses, dermatologists, pharmacists, dentists, and dental hygienists to go with us and treat those who desperately need medical care. Additionally, we need non-medical volunteers to help with line security, patient registration, and spiritual care.

**SOUTHERN ETHIOPA** 

October 22 - November 1, 2020

### **GARAMWERA, WEST BUHERA, ZIMBABWE**

October 29 - November 8, 2020

### CHITSUNGO, ZIMBABWE November 12 - 22, 2020

\*Pleae note, these dates are subject to change.

Our turnkey missions program makes it simple for your group of volunteers to go. We plan every logistical detail. All your group needs to do is register, fundraise, and go! We will do all we can to ensure you have a successful Outreach experience and empower you to serve as the Lord's hands and feet.

To stay up-to-date on future Outreaches, visit: **www.jewishvoice.org/medicaloutreach** 

## **JOIN US!**

The Jewish Voice Ministries International Outreach program offers you outstanding "turnkey" service opportunities. What does "turnkey" mean in the context of mission trips or Jewish Voice Outreaches?

It means that we take care of virtually every detail:

- Finding locations based on long-term relationships with local indigenous leaders
- **Planning** evangelistic and medical Outreaches, from the smallest details to contingency plans
- **Providing** all medical equipment and other Outreach supplies necessary to reach the most
  - individuals and meet the greatest needs
- Providing training in the area where you will serve
- Providing time-tested fundraising ideas and tools to help you raise the funds to go

All you need to do is be willing and eager to serve, sign up for an Outreach, and plan your fundraising drives!

We will do all we can to help you make your Outreach a phenomenal success and empower you to serve as the expression of the Lord's love in far-flung places around the globe.

Whether you are a medical professional or not, you have skills that can change the world. Your abilities and compassion will make a powerful impact on thousands of lives when you go on a Jewish Voice Ministries Outreach.

You will be a part of bringing physical and spiritual healing to Jewish people and their neighbors who are in such great need of both.

You can bring hope to the hopeless, and change desperate lives with the love and Good News of Jesus.

We would love to serve Him with you!





