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of History Revealed



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Dear Friend,

We are delighted to share the latest JVT magazine with you so that you can rejoice with us at how God is using our efforts together to build His Kingdom. After two years of diligent work, planning, and much prayer, we have completed our first major medical outreach among the Beta Israel in Tach Gayint, Ethiopia.

The outreach in Tach Gayint was one of the most physically demanding and challenging we have ever undertaken. We also faced a great deal of opposition in the spirit realm. The Beta Israel in Tach Gayint are victims of some of the worst anti-Semitism we have ever seen. Those who hate and oppress them there were not happy to see these precious Jewish People receiving help.

Yet our team of 200 volunteers and staff ministered to more than 11,000 Jewish People living there with much-needed medical attention. Thousands received urgently needed medicine, glasses, minor operations, and many received a touch from God in prayer.

But most remarkable were the 202 patients who professed faith in Yeshua as their Messiah!

We've included firsthand accounts from those who were there

and stories of signs and wonders that will stir your heart.

As you read these stories in the magazine this month, it is my prayer that your faith will be strengthened and that you will catch the vision for what is coming next! God continues to open great and effective doors of outreach for us, but it is only as generous and compassionate partners like you stand with us that we are able to continue these efforts.

We would love for you to join us for one of our upcoming outreaches—and we certainly welcome your prayers and financial support as we continue to work together to take the Gospel to the Jew first. May God speak to you and encourage you in the pages that follow.

Jonathan Bernis
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JEWISH VOICE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL



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John Marsh from Alaska, on his first outreach with Jewish Voice Ministries International, prays with a member of the Beta Israel community of Tach Gayint.

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Learning to Hope Again

BY JONATHAN BERNIS

*Go through, go through the gates.
Clear the way for the people!
Build up, build up the highway!
Remove the stones.
Lift up a banner over the peoples.*

– Isaiah 62:10



The back-breaking work of clearing stones from a field in Tach Gayint, Ethiopia, has been for the JVMI team both a prophetic picture and our prayer for a new frontier of ministry. An advance team of 20 people spent a solid week in January 2016 removing rocks from a piece of land in order to ready it for the more than 200 people who'd be camping on it the following week. A JVMI team of 54 medical personnel and a support crew of 150 Ethiopian nationals made the journey from Gondar, Ethiopia, the home of our long-established ongoing ministry to the Beta Israel (Northern Ethiopian Jewish community), to the rugged rural highlands of Tach Gayint.

Our outreach to this area came nearly two years after our Gondar-based staffers and leaders in the Messianic community first connected with some of the leaders of approximately 6,000 Jewish People from the Tach Gayint Beta Israel Jewish community. They heard a chilling string of stories of continuing intense persecution of the tiny minority Beta Israel by the surrounding majority, most of whom consider themselves part of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

One man's tongue was cut out of his mouth in public because his neighbors believed he spoke a curse against them. Beta Israel homes—and in a couple of cases, people—were set on fire without provocation. There was constant threat of violence against them. If someone in Tach Gayint became ill, the Beta Israel people were often blamed for the sickness. Generations of superstition, suspicion, and scapegoating made the Jewish People pariahs. They subsisted on the margins of a deeply impoverished community. Many work long hours in challenging conditions simply to feed their families.

Though we've heard many stories of anti-Semitism over the years, we were shocked by the intensity of the hatred the Beta Israel in Tach Gayint were experiencing at the hands of their neighbors. We knew God was calling us to act.

We knew from serving the Beta Israel people in other places that when we saturate our efforts with prayer and come alongside them to provide practical medical care to them and their sometimes-antagonistic neighbors, our presence transforms the way the rest of the community views the Beta Israel

people living among them. We always make it clear that we come to a region because there are Jewish People there. As we seek to relieve immediate physical suffering of all who live in a community in the name of Yeshua on behalf of their Jewish neighbors, the Beta Israel people begin to receive respect where they'd often encountered only scorn—or worse.

The persecution of the Beta Israel of Tach Gayint was among the worst we've encountered in more than two decades of outreach to the Jewish Lost Tribes people groups. In our early conversations with leaders in and near Tach Gayint, we learned that the Beta Israel had learned not to hope. So many people had hurt them. So many had broken promises to them.

We were determined not to disappoint them. But first, we needed to remove those rocks so our medical outreach team could pitch tents. Isaiah's ancient prophetic Messianic promise became our prayer: *"Go through, go through the gates. Clear the way for the people! Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner over the peoples"* (Isaiah 62:10).

The rocks in the field symbolized for us the many obstacles we'd faced in the 18 months leading up to the arrival of our medical outreach team. The spiritual warfare was among the most intense we'd ever faced leading up to and during the outreach. We saw God contend for us again and again... sometimes in ways we never could have dreamed.

For instance, we learned that our 60 applications for visas had been buried for months under a literal mountain of other applications. There were 10,000 visa applications waiting to be processed in the same office. As the date for our trip grew near, Mezmur, our JVMI Africa Director, received permission to comb through the paperwork in order to locate and expedite ours. He found the paperwork after about four hours of



combing through the piles. Finding the paperwork was a miracle, but we were completely stunned when our 60 visas were approved in a single day. Our prayer team received word of the approval just minutes after we'd gathered for prayer over the matter that morning. God had gone before us!

Though we've served in Ethiopia for more than two decades, this first-time outreach to this region unleashed what seemed at times an avalanche of spiritual opposition each step of the way. Community leaders delayed or denied us permits. A couple of weeks before our team was scheduled to arrive, we were told that the partially-finished hospital space where we were going to run our clinic was not available to us. Mezmur engaged in some very careful negotiations with local authorities. We prayed for favor and supernatural wisdom for him, and God worked through him to secure the space.

Locals spread rumors about the Beta Israel community... and us. Jewish leaders faced threats from their Gentile neighbors. As the outreach moved into high gear, the opposition intensified. We faced difficulty getting drinking water, and at one point, had our prayer room shut down.

Our prayer partners went to battle for us every step of the way, and we saw God move on our behalf. We were gripped with awe in the midst of the challenges and hardships we faced.

God gave our team testimony after testimony of His incredible faithfulness. And He gave us opportunities to demonstrate the nature of God's persistent love and goodness even to those who opposed us.

Yeshua told us if our mustard seed-sized faith is in Him, we could tell a mountain to move (Matthew 17:20). What is a mountain but a giant rock? We asked our prayer partners to join us in moving the rocks of opposition and preparing the way for the proclamation of Yeshua as Messiah—to the Jew first,

and to their Gentile neighbors as well.

We treated more than 11,000 people during our week-long outreach. We saw God heal both through the dedicated work of our medical teams and through the mountain-moving prayer of those on our support teams. Though we treated everyone, we prayed that God would allow us the honor of ministering to the Beta Israel community in the Tach Gayint region.

A group of us headed to some of the far-flung groups in the region. These efforts required driving

more than an hour from our already-remote campsite, followed by a three kilometer hike to reach the Beta Israel group who'd been driven out of the community by persecution. We felt as though we'd hiked to the ends of the earth, but were stunned when the elder of the group met our JvMI team with the words, "Take us to Israel." They'd maintained the core of their Jewish identity through generations of dispersion and suffering.

When we traveled out to another village, an elder told his people of a vision he's had for years. "I was on a dark



road, then the light came,” he said. “I was so full of joy I danced in the light.” He gestured at us. “The light has come.” Messianic Rabbi Matt Rosenberg shared the Good News about the light of Yeshua, and the entire village responded, indicating that they wanted Yeshua.

JVMI is in Tach Gayint for the long term. We’re currently distributing LifeStraws, the water purifying tool, to families across the region. We’re planning another large-scale outreach, possibly as early as January 2017, and we’re prayerfully considering how to best respond to the needs for practical support expressed by community elders.

In the wake of this first remarkable trip to the region, we at Jewish Voice Ministries International are praying the questions: “What is God already doing among the people of the region? And how are we to partner with Him in His work?” Won’t you join us in seeking Him for His answers?

We moved rocks. God moved mountains. And together with the prayers and support of our partners,



we are looking forward to the privilege of partnering with Him to bring salvation and dignity to the Beta Israel, while raising a banner proclaiming that Yeshua is Lord to the entire community in Tach Gayint. 🇪🇹



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THE LOST TRIBES



One of the Greatest Mysteries of History Revealed

For centuries, explorers, historians, archaeologists, and researchers studied and debated the fate of the fabled “Lost Tribes” of Israel. Following the conquest of the Northern Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, most of the members of the ten tribes were scattered throughout the empire. That was followed by the Babylonian captivity, and then still later the Roman dispersion that left few traces of a once great nation God had blessed.

Through the years, the fate of the Lost Tribes has been of great interest. There were strange reports and rumors and fanciful theories that piqued interest but did little to add to the truth. Then a

series of remarkable discoveries began to be made in places thousands of miles away. People groups were discovered in remote areas that followed many ancient Jewish customs and had tribal traditions and legends that they were connected to Israel. In 1985, when news of the Operation Moses airlift that covertly brought some 8,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel was leaked, it was the first time that many people discovered that the Lost Tribes had indeed been found.

God has uniquely positioned and equipped Jewish Voice to reach out to these newly found groups. For many years now, we have been conducting outreaches in remote areas, meeting physical needs of these often poor people groups, and sharing the Gospel of Yeshua.

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We have seen thousands come to faith in Him during these outreaches.

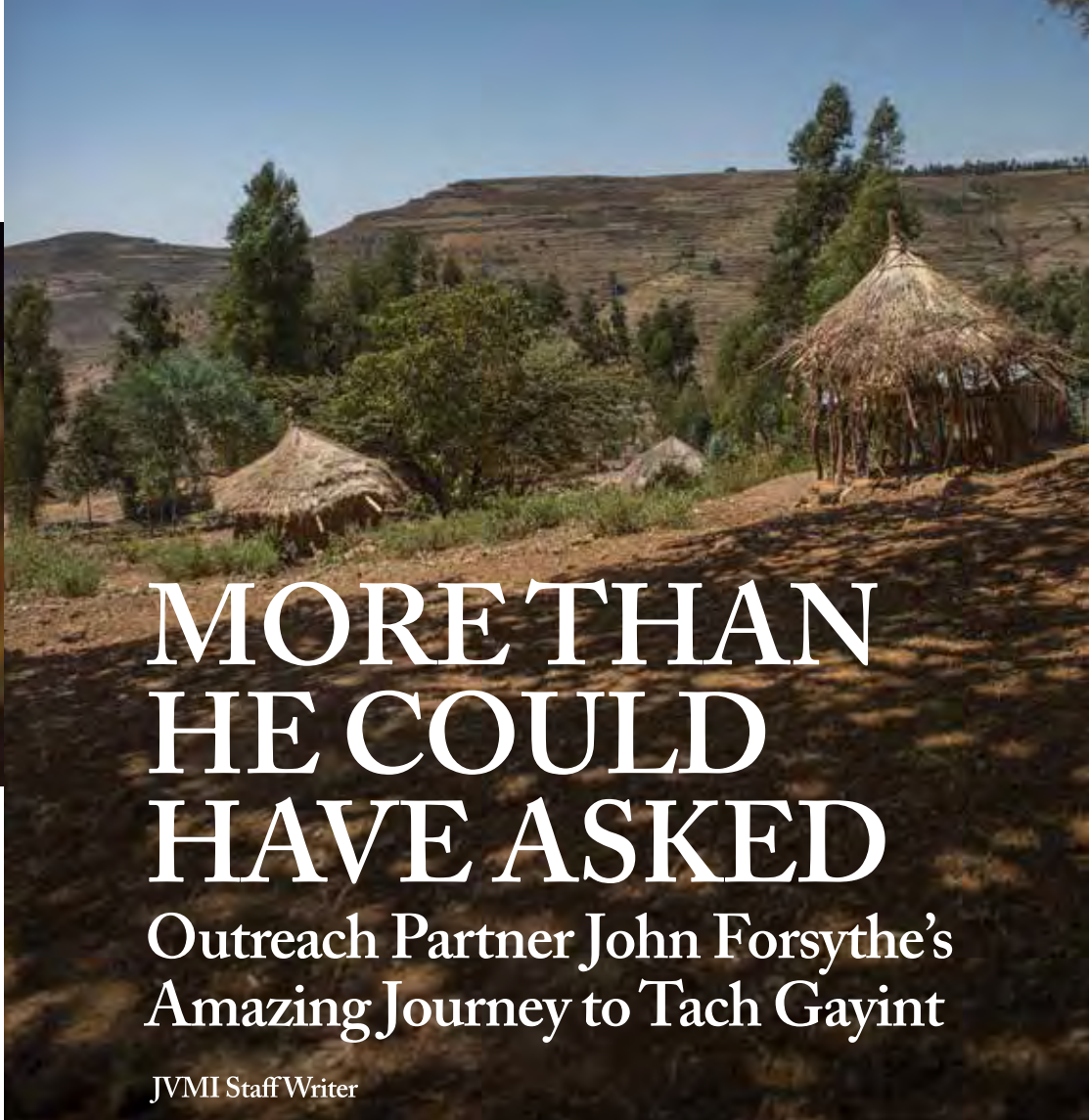
Today, we are delighted to share with you an update on the status of the scattered Jewish People groups and our work among them in a new edition of *The Lost Tribes of Israel* photobook. We invite you to join us for a celebration of God's preservation of His Chosen People in these wonderful pages.

This stunning coffee table book is filled with beautiful color pictures from different Jewish People groups in Ethiopia, India, and Zimbabwe. You will meet the Beta Abraham, the Gefat, the Lemba, the Beta Israel, and the

Bnei Menashe—confirmed by DNA evidence to be descended from the scattered Tribes of Israel. It will give you a new sense of their needs and the doors God has opened for us to reach them. 🇪🇹



Pre-order your hardcover copy of *The Lost Tribes of Israel* when you send your gift of \$50 or more to support the work of Jewish Voice around the globe.



MORE THAN HE COULD HAVE ASKED

Outreach Partner John Forsythe's Amazing Journey to Tach Gayint

JVMI Staff Writer

John had carried a deep burden for the Jewish People from the time he was a young child in Northern Ireland. When he'd

watch news stories about events in the Middle East, he was filled with longing to offer comfort and care to those living in Israel. "I must get over there somehow," he said. "It doesn't matter if all I do is wash their feet or dig a hole for them. I just wanted to help." Before he was a Believer, he was committed to providing financial support to organizations aiding the Jewish People.

After he came to faith in Yeshua (Jesus) at age 45, he desired to connect with organizations that would couple practical care with bold, faithful proclamation of the Good News. That led him to JVMI. "Ah ha!" he said, laughing in awe. "I thought, 'This is the vehicle that will bring me to Israel to serve.'"

JVMI did bring him to the Jewish People to serve, but it turns out his first opportunity to do so wasn't Israel, but Tach Gayint, Ethiopia. "When I saw the stories about the Beta Israel on the Jewish Voice [with Jonathan Bernis] broadcast, I'd cry. When I went to

prayer meetings, I'd ask for prayer for the people. And I'd cry. I'd cry every time I saw them." John took a step of faith and registered for the trip, trusting that God would provide "exceedingly abundantly" for both his financial needs and the spiritual equipping he'd need to minister to the people he'd been carrying in his heart for years.

"About a month before I was scheduled to leave, a word of prophecy was given for me in my home church. The Lord said, 'Listen very carefully. This is how I am going to expand your boundaries. And I will provide for all your needs.'"

John had seen God's faithfulness in provision of the funds he needed to make the journey. When he scribbled that verse on his boarding pass, he knew it was just the beginning of a new experience of God's provision in his life.

"Just obey me," the Holy Spirit reminded John. He learned that obedience came in simple ways.

While in Tach Gayint, he walked by two men digging a giant hole and felt the Lord's prompting to jump into the hole. The men were surprised, but through an interpreter, John explained, "I'm from Ireland, and the Irish people are really good diggers. Get me a shovel, and I'll dig this hole for you."

After he finished, he told the pair that God had brought him from Ireland to tell them of Yeshua's love for them. As he prayed with them, he was filled with wonder. God had answered his childhood prayer to be sent to the Jewish People, even if it was simply to dig a hole. "I've never experienced anything like that before," John said. "I wanted more!"

He experienced "more" throughout the trip. He served in the prayer tent and saw first-hand both the intensity of the spiritual opposition and the power of God to heal, deliver, and equip. "I saw an angry man storm toward the tent with a woman and young girl in tow. The woman came to talk to us and explained that her husband was into witchcraft." John told her he'd come from the distance to tell them Yeshua was calling them to Himself. The prayer team prayed for the medical needs of the nine-year-old child who needed her sight restored. God healed her on the spot!

John then shared the Good News about Yeshua simply but powerfully with the woman. "I told her God's love could cleanse her heart with forgiveness, that He wanted to fill her heart with His love," he said. She was overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When she rose to her feet after her prayer encounter with the living God, John said, "We could see a change in her. Her head was up. Her countenance changed," he said.

He was a part of a team that headed to a distant village to meet with the Beta Israel living there. He noted all were wearing Orthodox crucifixes due to forced "conversion" foisted upon them by locals. As the team affirmed the Jewishness of the Beta Israel people and shared the Good News that Yeshua was their Messiah, John noted that joy and dignity replaced the shame they'd carried for so long.

"We prayed with one man there who was no more than three feet tall. He just came to life when we prayed with him. He stood up and rejoiced when we

"All we do and will do is unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or even think by His Holy Spirit working in and through us." John Forsythe scribbled these words from Ephesians 3:20 on his boarding pass before he departed from London's Heathrow Airport for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He was on his way to join our outreach partners for his first-ever ministry trip with JVMI from January 28 through February 7, 2016.



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 UNTO HIM. WHO IS ABLE, TO DO
 EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL
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 BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT WORKING IN
 AND THROUGH US. AMEN

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finished. It was truly awesome!”

Throughout his time in Tach Gayint, John continued to be impressed with the JVMI team. “What a family focused on serving Yeshua HaMashiach. I’ve never experienced anything like it.

The Jewishness of the whole thing from start to finish... the music, Shabbat, and the emphasis on reaching the Jew first, but being a blessing to all. I’m so grateful to the Lord God Almighty for the honor He gave me of doing just a little in His name for those people.” John Forsythe may have felt he did “just a little,” but the God he served did “exceeding abundantly more” in Tach Gayint. 🇺🇸

GOOD REPORT

Bob Baublitz has been on more than a dozen Jewish Voice outreaches. His first was to Nezhny Novgorod, Russia, in 1999. On our medical outreaches, Bob works in Line Management directing throngs of patients to the correct lines and compassionately maintaining an orderly environment for their long waits.

“To see all the need, to see all the people coming for medical needs, and then they get to hear the Gospel... for me, it’s a very satisfying work. I don’t get that anywhere else. There are always material things, and there’s more and better bells and whistles. You’re never satisfied with material things, but this work I know has an eternal value which, there is nothing better. There is nothing that can satisfy any more than that, and that’s why I keep coming back.”

Bob was on our Tach Gayint outreach, breaking ground and removing stones with us in this new area. “The last day, they closed the clinic, and there were so many people. There were probably at least 1,500 people that did not get into the clinic to see a doctor. It’s heartbreaking.”

Bob tries “to focus on the ones that we could help, not the ones that we could not,” saying “we’ll be back, God willing, and our hope is in the Lord. That’s all we can do. We trust in Him and not in man.”



Bob admits the work can sometimes be challenging. “It’s hot and dry, dusty, dirty, and I love it. I’m 52 years old, and I hope to do it until the Lord returns.”

A photograph of a man in blue scrubs and a brown cap with 'BOMBERS' on it, smiling. He is holding a young child who is wearing a white head wrap and a denim jacket. The child is holding a small stuffed monkey.

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FROM PARALYSIS TO PRAISE!

JVMI STAFF WRITER

She heard there was a medical clinic taking place in Tach Gayint and walked for nearly six hours that morning to seek help. Her limp right arm was wrapped in strips of yellow cloth.

Her arm had been of no use to her for two years.

Two years of struggling one-handed to care for her family and do the hard physical labor required to survive in a region where people eke out a meager living from the rocky soil. Her arm was paralyzed after surgery to remove a goiter from her neck had gone terribly wrong.

She and a cousin rose before dawn to make the trek to a place where they hoped she'd be able to receive help after they heard about our JVMI clinic the day before. It was the kind of journey only a desperate person chooses to make. God answered her cry for help, and He used our outreach team to do so.

After a doctor saw her, the women stopped by our prayer tent. As some of our outreach team members prayed for her, the woman with the paralyzed arm discovered she could move it. In fact, she could raise her arm over her head!



Amazed laughter poured from her as she circled both arms in the air and clapped her hands together for the first time in two years.

Right after the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the first Shavuot (Pentecost) after the resurrection of Yeshua, God used Peter to heal a lame beggar who used to ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate outside of Jerusalem's Temple. Acts 3 details the story.

Peter's dramatic words were ours as our prayer teams ministered to many just like this woman: *"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you—in the name of Yeshua ha-Mashiach ha-Natzrati, get up and walk!"* (Acts 3:6).

As Peter helped the beggar to his feet, the man's legs became instantly strong and vital. Scripture tells us, *"Then*

grabbing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong" (Acts 3:7).

The young woman with the paralyzed arm was overflowing with unfiltered, unfettered praise to God for her healing, too. We knew that when she and her cousin returned to their town, all those who knew her as the one with the limp arm would be filled with the same kind of awe the lame beggar encountered as he jumped for joy in the temple courts. *(continued page 16)*



Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you—in the name of Yeshua ha-Mashiach ha-Natzrati, get up and walk!

— Acts 3:6

BY THE NUMBERS...



4,500
General Medical Visits



100
On-site Minor Surgeries



2,300
Pairs of Eye Glasses



202
Patients Profess Faith in Yeshua

This woman reminded our outreach team that sometimes God heals an arm in order to help someone see Him more clearly and set the person free to respond to Him in faith.

Prior to our visit, local health officials had told us one of the greatest medical needs in this remote area was eye care. Because of this information, we doubled the number of optometrists and surgeons on our outreach team. We saw twice as many patients (a total of 1,934) and performed twice as many eye surgeries (more than 260 cataract and trachoma surgeries) compared to clinics we had done in other locations.

Our medical outreach partners facilitated more than 4,500 general medical visits, as well as doing over 100 on-site minor



surgeries. They provided dental care, handed out over 2,300 pairs of eyeglasses, and specialists including pediatricians, gynecologists, and dermatologists provided care to many other patients.

This care was given in the name of Yeshua, and we offered prayer to any who were interested. Our prayer room outreach partners saw 202 patients profess faith in Yeshua from both the Beta Israel people as well as the surrounding community. Locals were so alarmed by the reports of healing and new faith coming from the prayer tent that they insisted the tent be shut down partway through our clinic week. We had never had a prayer tent shut down before, but the effort was just another chapter in the spiritual opposition our outreach teams had faced every step of the journey.

Our prayer partners from around the world had been saturating this outreach in 24/7 prayer before and during the trip. We simply switched gears, and our prayer teams ministered to people waiting in line and saw God move to touch and heal just as He had within the four walls of the tent.

There were so many crying out for help. So many had traveled great distances with the hope of seeing a doctor. We were heartbroken on the last day of the clinic when we

looked out at the crowds, and knew we wouldn't be able to serve all of them on this visit.

We also know that when another JVMI team returns to the area in the future, many more will come because of the testimonies like the woman who could now raise her arms in praise to God. We are praising Him, too, and we cannot wait to go back to Tach Gayint to be a part of the next chapter of JVMI ministry in the area. 🇪ጵ

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How to Partner with Jewish Voice



OUTREACH

JOIN AN OUTREACH

Every year we have a full schedule of outreaches, and we are urgently in need of compassionate, willing hearts to join us on the mission of a lifetime! Our greatest need is for medical professionals, but we also require prayer intercessors and administrators to make our outreaches successful. Our current outreach schedule is online so you can see which trip will work best for you!

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REJOICE AT HOW GO TOGETHER TO

More than 200 patients professed faith in Yeshua as their Messiah through one-on-one meetings with prayer volunteers.



We distributed 8,000 LifeStraws® and education programs providing individuals and families access to filtered water.



AND IS USING OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM!

1,934 patients received care through
our optometry station.



*One who is kind to the poor
lends to ADONAI, and ADONAI will
reward him for his good deed.*

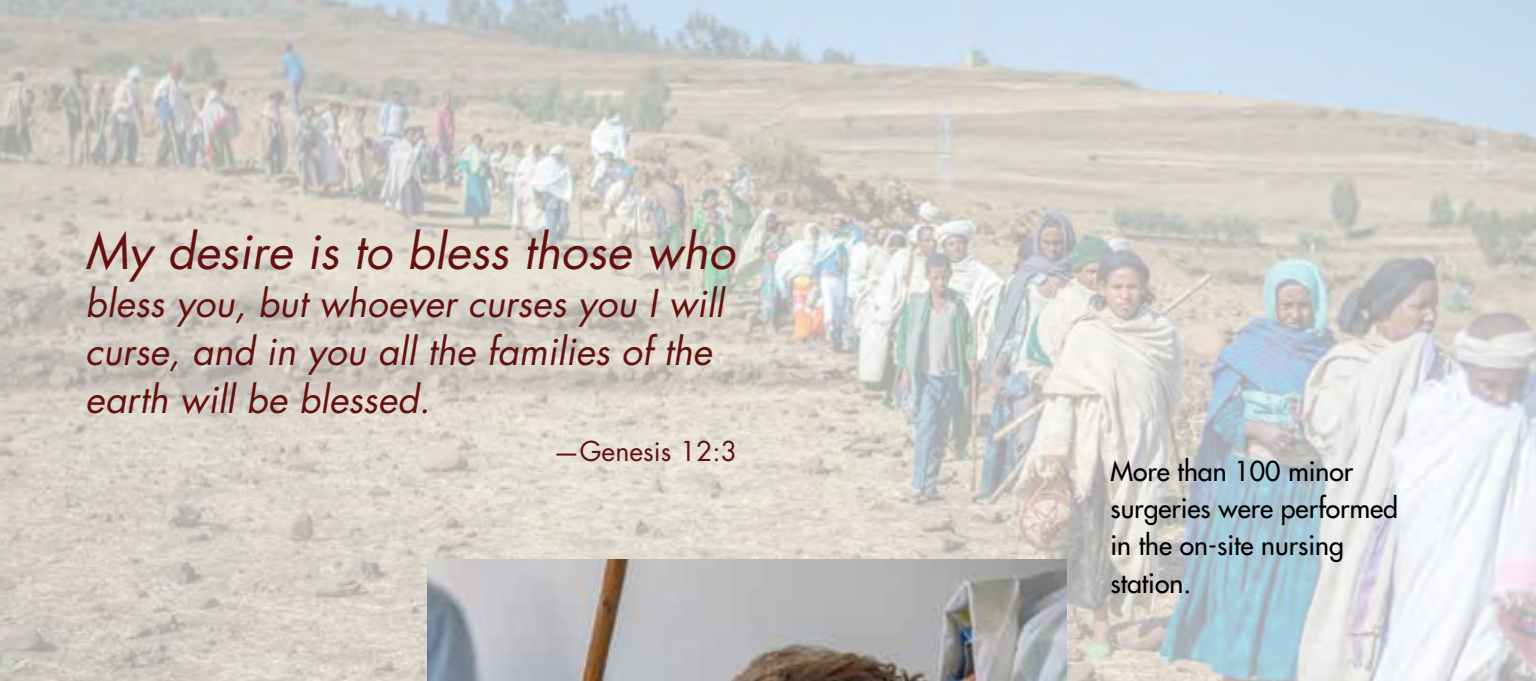
—Proverbs 19:17



My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

—Genesis 12:3

More than 100 minor surgeries were performed in the on-site nursing station.



2,351 eye glasses were distributed, and over 260 eye surgeries were performed, treating cataracts and trachoma.

723 patients received pediatric services unavailable to them any other way.





1,233 dental patients received critical treatment.

Over 4,500 received much-needed general medical attention and treatment.





GOD IS CALLING US BACK TO GUTU

JVMI Staff Writer

We first visited Gutu in 2014, and it was there that we passed an exciting milestone in our ten years of medical outreaches. In Gutu, we treated our 250,000th patient since we began providing free medical and dental care to Lost Tribes of Jewish People around the world.

But the work there isn't done.

God is calling us back to Gutu for our 3rd trip July 21 – August 1, 2016. We desperately need your continued support and prayer before and during this outreach.

Gutu is an impoverished area that urgently needs our help. This was evident when we were there last year and

over 10,000 patients were seen in just one week! That's over 10,000 individual lives that witnessed the love of Yeshua through the compassion of strangers who came from across the world to help them in His name.

Because of your support of this important outreach, lives are being transformed!



We're seeing incredible growth and new beginnings in Gutu. Eight babies, including one set of twins, were delivered during our last outreach by our outreach partner and OB/GYN,



We need compassionate, willing hearts to join us on these important outreaches. Our greatest need is for medical professionals, but prayer intercessors and administrators are also vital to our outreach. To find out more about how you can come with us to Gutu this July to serve and minister to the Lemba, visit jvmi.org/2016outreach or call **800-299-9374**.

Even if you aren't able to come and help, you can give a financial gift of support. It takes a lot of resources to do what we do, but it's worth every penny. **Every gift makes a difference. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.**

Dr. Emmanuella Cherisme. The staff of the rural hospital which formed the base of our clinic said they don't see that many births in a month! The head nurse in charge said, "It must be your group! You brought the anointing with you!"

But the most exciting report is over 4,000 people visited the prayer room, and 2,156 of them prayed to receive Yeshua as their Messiah! Praise God!

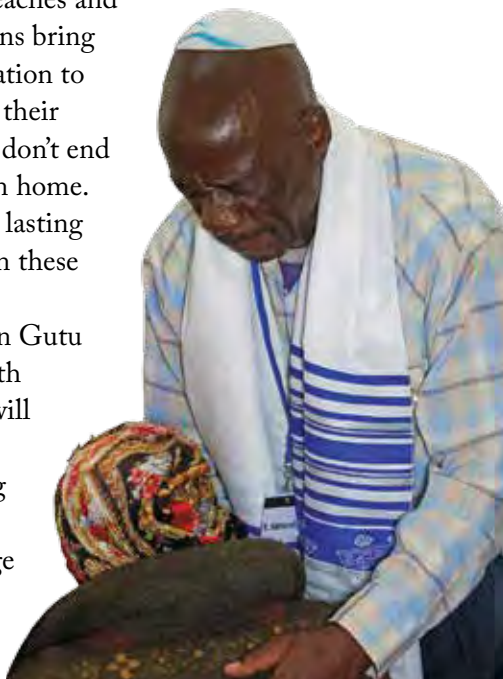
Thank you so much for continuing to stand with JVMI. Through your prayers and financial gifts, together we're touching lives in some of the most remote parts of the world. You are truly being His voice to the nations.

We've heard some people call our outreaches "medical missions," but that's just where it begins. Our medical outreaches minister to an individual person, a community, and even a nation. The work taking place in Gutu can only be attributed to the Lord and His work through us.

We are so grateful He has placed it on your heart to stand with Jewish Voice through your prayers and partnership!

And please remember to continue praying for the patients and families we will be ministering to in Gutu. Outreaches and medical missions bring physical restoration to thousands, but their spiritual needs don't end when we return home. Please pray for lasting spiritual fruit in these precious lives.

The need in Gutu is great, but with your help, we will continue to go there and bring the hope and healing message of Yeshua to the lost and hurting. 🇳🇵



The Lemba of Zimbabwe

The Lemba are believed to have fled Jerusalem after the Temple was destroyed around 586 B.C. The Jewish People were scattered when the Southern Kingdom of Judah fell to Babylonia. During the 70 years of Babylonian captivity, many Jews intermarried. When they returned to Jerusalem, the High Priest instructed them to separate from their wives and families of other faiths. Lemba tradition states that some of them did not want to forsake their families, so they left to resettle in Yemen. They lived peacefully in Yemen for many years until they began to experience persecution from the Muslim population.

Some went to Tanzania and Mozambique then later moved south to Zimbabwe. Members of the Lemba tribe have been tested and found to possess large portions of the Cohanim DNA, clearly affirming their ties to the ancient people of Israel, particularly the Levites.

There are many Lemba Believers in Zimbabwe who have maintained their Jewish identity amid an evangelical or orthodox form of Christianity. They forbid intermarrying, practice circumcision, and obey dietary laws including having their own kosher butchers. When Jewish Voice Ministries met the Lemba and introduced them to Messianic Judaism, they were elated to finally find a way to worship that fit them as Jewish Believers in Yeshua.

The district of Gutu is located in the Masvingo Province of Zimbabwe, home to one of the highest concentrations of Lemba in the area. Our Lemba-at-large representative, Mr. Hamandishe lives in Gutu and serves as an advisor to JVMI on the Lemba and their history.



TRANSFORMING Thousands of Lives, ONE SOUL at a TIME



The Ruach of ADONAI Elohim is on me, because ADONAI has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. —Isaiah 61:1

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Will **YOU** be His voice?

Will **YOU** be the one who says **"YES"** and demonstrates God's compassion and shares His message of eternal life?

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It's our way of saying "thank you" for supporting the important worldwide outreaches of JVMI and standing with the Jewish People. "One who is kind to the poor lends to ADONAI, and ADONAI will reward him for his good deed" (Proverbs 19:17).

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