

Ethiopian Community – As a whole, the community of Jewish Ethiopian immigrants in Israel still struggles for social acceptance as well as prosperity. Sadly, internal persecution against believers within this immigrant community is some of the fiercest in the land. And thus, Messianic Jewish Ethiopians find themselves in a doubly disadvantaged situation. JCF has developed a friendship with several of the respected leaders in the believing Ethiopian community who have gratefully agreed to connect us to families in critical need.

House of Light – The House of Light is a Christian charity for social aid based in the Galilee. It grew out of a “Good News Club” held at the Barhoum family’s home back in 1984. Today it has become a vibrant center for evangelism and counselling, focusing on broken families, troubled young women, children, as well as addicts who seek help for rehabilitation. We at JCF have been happy to financially support many of their programs. We are particularly keen on helping their ministry to prisoners. Anis Barhoum, HOL’s director, is the only evangelical chaplain in the country with visiting rights to meet prisoners. Through him HOL seeks to nurture prisoners and their families with practical help and spiritual guidance towards a renewed mind and life.

Blind Club – The Tiberias Blind Club sought for many years to get its social programs for the blind residents of its region off the ground. But they often suffered from a lack of funding. JCF has been able to support the initiative of the volunteers over this past year and has plans to continue that support in 2008. They have created a wonderful program to encourage the blind in their community by helping them to spend productive and creative time with each other out of their homes. This relieves the isolation and depression of so many who have such limited mobility.

ALUT – The Israeli Society for Autistic Children is in a constant struggle to heighten public awareness of those who suffer from autism. The strong influence of shame based cultures on the society in this land often keeps cases of autism hidden or ignored, making it difficult to reach those in need of help. The services and care ALUT gives to autistic children throughout the land amounts to \$1000 a month per child. With thousands of children in their care they are always in great need of financial assistance. These are some of the little ones that we do not want to see abandoned because of the lack of funding.

Amcha – For the last year Amcha has connected JCF with two Holocaust survivors living in desperate circumstances. They live below the poverty line without adequate support from the government and their health in decline. They either do not have family who can help them, or their only family is mentally handicapped and unable to provide for their needs. As believers we feel especially called to care for these ones who have suffered so much loss at the hands of those who professed a connection to Christianity. During this next year we hope to continue assisting this desperately vulnerable part of the Israeli population and by our actions witnessing to the true love that comes from our God.

South Lebanese Christians (former SLA or South Lebanese Army) – Since their hasty exodus out of Lebanon in May of 2000 and most recently after the war in the summer of 2006, many of the South Lebanese Christian refugees have struggled to find adequate housing and employment in Israel and some have yet to receive any legal status. Over the past six years we have assisted a number of the more needy families helping to provide food, rent and utilities assistance and educational grants for improving job opportunities. More recently some of the SLA families were reunited as a result of the last war in Lebanon. Some of these risked their lives to cross the border and arrived in near-emergency conditions. In the coming year we at JCF will use our resources to help the most desperate cases amongst Israel’s newest northern community.

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2008 Programs and Projects

SOS Alumni – These adult orphans, having been brought up in the loving community of the SOS in Bethlehem, have to face making a place for themselves in a society that offers little opportunity and support for those without a family name and history. They are literally turned out at the age of 18 without recourse to financial support for education, training, or marriage. Recently some of them have joined together to form an organization that will in many ways provide the ‘family’ they need. Yet in addition to caring for each other’s needs, they have a strong desire to bless those around them, to help the needy and to take part in building up their society. Jerusalem Cornerstone Foundation has partnered with them during the formation of their organization and in their ministry to “at risk” families in Bethlehem. We value their integrated position which brings us into close contact with the needs of the Bethlehem community.

Sudanese Refugees – Our brothers and sisters who have fled Southern Sudan because of the 20 year civil-war are in a precarious position in Israel right now. Over a two thousand made the exodus from Egypt through the Sinai on foot, escaping the persecutions they encountered in their first country of asylum. Now they are at risk of being sent back to Egypt. JCF, along with other Christian organizations, is dedicated to helping these refugees find stability and a hearth of their own. While we continue to advocate on their behalf before the Israeli government, there is a great need for all the necessities of life from blankets and clothes to food, shelter, and medical treatment. Many of the refugees are working in minimum wage positions but do not have the capital to start life again for the third time.

Education Fund – What is it like not to be able to read, or to long for the trade skills that could change your life, or deeply desire to study the word of God, yet not have the means? In Israel we are surrounded by bright young minds eager to learn but without family or government institutions that can help. Some are young women from the West Bank pressured into marriage instead of going to University because there is no way to support them and their brothers. Others are orphans in desperate need of skilled training so they can provide for themselves and their future families but without a family to help them. Still others are refugees whose lives have been so unstable that they were never given the chance at literacy. Finally, some are eager bible scholars with a love for the Word of God but held back from digging into the original language because of funding. JCF hopes to change lives this next year by expanding its educational outreach.

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