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A quarterly newsletter from Focus on Israel, providing information, teaching & news about Israel, and offering opportunities to support or discover our work in the land.



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① RE-VISION

Throughout its almost 100 year history, Focus on Israel has always been an outreach organisation. From the 1920s to the end of the 20th century we sent out and supported faithful Pentecostal men and women who shared our vision to spread the message of the Gospel among Jesus' own people, the Jews.

For the last 20 years, however, we have struggled to know our place in the scheme of things. The Messianic (Jewish Christian) movement in Israel has advanced and expanded beyond all imagination. A new generation of congregation and ministry leaders has sprung up in the Land, reaching their own people far more effectively than we, as foreign Gentiles, could ever hope to do. In fact much of what we would like to do in our own plans would just get in the way of what God Himself is

doing quite well without us!!

Earlier this year, the "Home Board" of FOI spent time praying into our very purpose as a Christian charity. If we can't carry on as we used to, what is our future? How can we support Messianic Israelis without being a hindrance? Our prayers led us back in time to the roots of our involvement in the Land (then called "Palestine" and under British rule) and we have adopted the following vision statement :

To be a source of encouragement and blessing to the people and nation of Israel, supporting their historical rights to the land according to ancient promises found in the Bible

To educate people about the ongoing purposes of God for the Jewish people through teaching and organised tours to Israel.

This vision is founded on promoting and supporting God's desire for His people to return to Him spiritually as well as physically - a two-fold "return": a physical return to the Land of Israel and a spiritual return to God.

Our prayers as a board led us to adopt this vision statement going forward. In the next two articles you will see how this will develop.



② RE-STRUCTURE

In order to follow the vision we believe God has given us, we need to restructure FOI. For us on the board, a most exciting part of these changes is that we are engaging our first National Director to lead our restructuring and renewal of vision. This is a huge faith step for us that we believe will see us move into a much larger dimension of work and blessing.

Mark Baker, whom many of you have met on tours and through his teaching in churches, will be our first Director.

② RE-STRUCTURE Cont'd

Through Mark we will be actively seeking stronger links with British churches, enabling UK pastors and ministers to build relationships with their opposite numbers in Israel and expanding on our own brand of small focused tours for both pastors and others interested in studying the Bible "on the spot" as it were.

This linking of British Christians, churches and leaders with Messianic and Arab fellowships in Israel is both evangelistic and prophetic. By supporting smaller congregations in the Land, we will fulfil our mandate to reach out to both Jews and Arabs.

Prophetically, a number of Bible references talk of Gentiles joining with and supporting their Jewish brothers and sisters (eg Isaiah 60), something we are excited to be initiating.

A SPEAKER TO BOOK FOR YOUR CHURCH

Mark has been in ministry for over 35 years; his ability as a clear, charismatic and influential speaker is well known, as is his depth of knowledge of the Hebraic background of scripture.

Subjects Covered

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- ✓ The Hebraic background of scripture
- ✓ The parables of Jesus
- ✓ God's continued purposes for the Jews
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- ✓ Is the church the new Israel?
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- ✓ Biblical Leadership

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③ RE-NEW

"I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known..." Habbakuk 3:2, NIV.

Habbakuk's words are a prophetic cry to God to renew His work in the prophet's own day. It is the cry of FOI as well as we step out in faith with a fresh vision and a new structure.

We believe we are following the leading of the Lord in these steps and so we believe that our obedience will lead to a renewal of God working through FOI to bless, encourage and support Israeli believers while educating Gentile ones in God's purposes.



Are we deserting our missionary roots?

No - we are rather boosting the efforts of many in the Land reaching out to their own people more effectively that we can today. This is a more efficient use of resources in mission than attempting to stay with methods and strategies that do not work in today's Israel.



Honouring your support for outreach

For those of our supporters who give generously to FOI for "outreach", that is exactly what your gifts will continue to promote - outreach to Jewish people by Jewish people, with our support.

All dedicated gifts for outreach will be passed on to that end. We will be publicising and communicating how this is put into action.

Requesting your support for prayer

FOI is approaching these changes with excitement and energy. We are convinced that the re-visioning and re-structuring we have outlined will lead to a renewal of God's blessing on our work and on His people Israel.

Please continue to support us in this new and phase of our life as an organisation and please pray for wisdom allied to boldness for the Board and our new National Director Mark as we carry it forward.

For more information of what the Lord is doing through Focus on Israel, please go to our new website www.foiuk.org

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