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## OUR VISION

WE EXIST TO BLESS  
ISRAEL AND HER  
NEIGHBORS IN THE  
NAME OF JESUS,  
ACCORDING TO  
**GENESIS 12:1-3**

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*The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'"*



“ WE THANK GOD FOR YOU, OUR FRIENDS, WHO FAITHFULLY PRAY, INVEST AND PARTNER WITH US. ”

DEAR FRIEND,

As we close another year and I reflect on 2019, I'm thrilled to share remarkable stories about God's work in the Epicenter. I hope these stories encourage you and confirm your decision to support His work through The Joshua Fund. The Apostle Paul reminded us to give thanks to God, "who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 15:57.

It is some of those very victories that we will share with you in the pages that follow.

Before that, I would like to provide two big "thanks." First, we thank God for giving us the privilege of partnering with godly, dedicated men and women, pastors and ministry leaders, and many others who faithfully and daily advance His Kingdom on the mission field. We also thank God for you, our friends, who faithfully pray, invest and partner with us.

In 2019, your generous gifts allowed us to continue devoting strategic resources to four key priorities: Evangelism, Discipleship, Humanitarian Aid, and Educating the Global Church about God's love and plan for Israel.

Your gifts have enabled us to make far-reaching investments for the Kingdom of Christ. Through this *2019 Impact Report*, it is my prayer that you will see abundant evidence of how God is actively working – and using The Joshua Fund and our local partners for His glory. Thank you for your gracious generosity and for trusting us with your valuable resources of time, finances, and prayer. And thanks for partnering with us, as together we remain committed to blessing Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus. Together, let's continue to trust God to do great things in the Epicenter in 2020.

May He alone be glorified,

JOEL C. ROSENBERG

Founder and Chairman



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PRAY  
GIVE  
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## WHO WE ARE

The Joshua Fund is a charitable educational and humanitarian relief organization founded by evangelical Christian author and speaker Joel C. Rosenberg & his wife Lynn Rosenberg.

## WHY WE SERVE

In the book of Genesis, the Lord promised to bless those who bless the children of Abraham and curse those who curse them. Also, in Matthew 19:19, Jesus instructed His followers to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Those two verses, among others, compel us to serve Israel and her neighbors.

## WHO WE SERVE

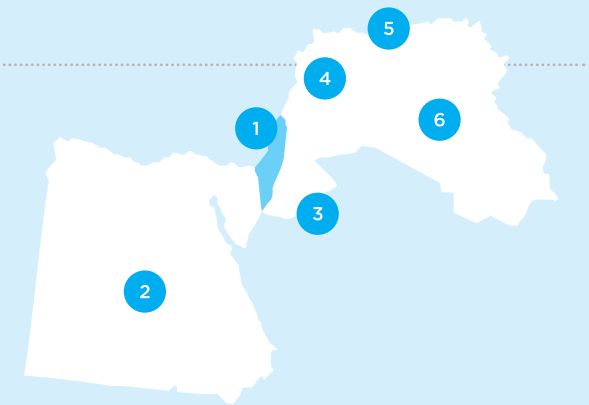
### ISRAEL & HER NEIGHBORS:

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| 1. Israel | 4. Lebanon |
| 2. Egypt  | 5. Syria   |
| 3. Jordan | 6. Iraq    |

## HOW WE SERVE

Through relief and relationship, The Joshua Fund participates in what God is doing in the Middle East by primarily partnering with faithful, fruitful, local congregations, whose ministry blesses Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus. This is accomplished through four main areas of impact:

- [1] Evangelism
- [2] Discipleship
- [3] Humanitarian Aid
- [4] Educating the Global Church about God's love and plan for Israel



# 2019

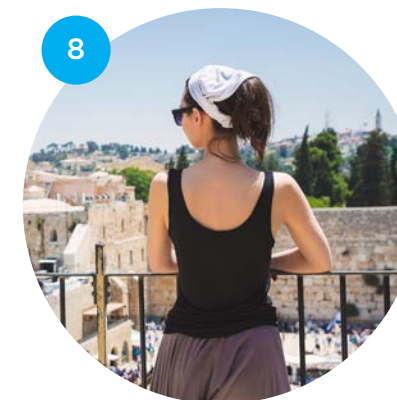
## AT A GLANCE

1. Supported **111** ministry workers<sup>1</sup>
2. Distributed over **3,000** Bibles in the nations of Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan
3. Opened **5** new food distribution centers<sup>2</sup>
4. Utilized **65+** distribution & ministry teams<sup>2</sup>
5. Served **2,100+** needy families a month<sup>2</sup> and gave away **229+** tons of food<sup>2</sup>
6. Provided language-specific Bibles, Bible study, and evangelism resources directly into the hands of hundreds of local ministry leaders in Israel and the West Bank
7. Through seminars and retreats we've hosted, more than **250** pastors, youth disciplers, and other key ministry workers were directly encouraged, equipped and strengthened in their proclamation of the Gospel and their teaching of the Word of God
8. Sponsored Bible college for **5** young Israelis
9. Created **25,000+** personal ministry touchpoints<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Conservative Estimation

<sup>2</sup> Based on a 12-month timeframe from August 2018 to August 2019

<sup>3</sup> Based on the data provided by The Joshua Fund 2018 humanitarian aid team and our distribution centers





## EVANGELISM



# ESTHER'S JOURNEY

As the ferry reached the port city, Esther\* could still see both her homeland and her new land. Her past and her future. Her very long journey had both ended and begun at the same time.

Coming from a Muslim background, Esther started a journey in her late teens, passionately searching on the internet for a God that she had been educated about since birth. Her family enforced the religion's strict rules in their home, leaving her heart completely void. Her months of searching online for answers only increased her emptiness. She abandoned hope of ever really knowing God personally. Perhaps He did not exist?

“ESTHER NOW HAS A NEW HUSBAND, NEW COUNTRY, NEW FAMILY AND A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.”

Then it happened. In a chatroom visit, Esther was directed to a local pastor named Mordi,\* who is supported by The Joshua Fund. Esther had so many questions, and Pastor Mordi and his wife joyfully and patiently shared answers from the Word of God. They poured into Esther's life, taking time to love, minister and walk her through the deep wonderings of her heart. It was now settled. She would follow Jesus and leave behind the religion of her family.

Her new transformation was noticeable to all, including her family. Beaten and abused, she was severely threatened. But her love for Jesus would not allow her to go back. She knew she would lose her family, her schooling and her current identity.

With that she fled one night to the home of Pastor Mordi. Secretly he and his wife sheltered and cared for her. Eventually Esther returned clandestinely to the internet, where an online romance blossomed with a young Christian man from a neighboring Muslim nation. Pastor Mordi, acting as her father, received this young man for a visit to evaluate if he would be a suitable husband for Esther. And he was.

Pastor Mordi and his entire family protected and escorted Esther to the shores of the new port city. Esther now has a new husband, new country, new family and a new life in Christ.

Pastor Mordi and his family are living examples of the many pastors and ministry workers The Joshua Fund has the privilege of assisting through your support. These faithful ministers remain in difficult places, sharing the Gospel. Yet, your gifts enable us to offer them some hope and support as they labor in the harvest fields of the Middle East.

*\*Names have been changed to protect identities.*



## DISCIPLESHIP



# LEVI MEETS THE MESSIAH

Levi\* is a young Israeli who was raised in a believing family, attending a Messianic congregation. After recently completing his mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Levi participated in a vital discipleship program run by Tikvah – a Joshua Fund partner ministry. Tikvah provides an environment outside of Israel where young adults can grow in their faith and experience the healing and restoration they so often need after serving in the IDF.

Each year, 200-300 young Israelis from believing families enter the army. During this time, many can grow cold in their relationship with God. Others fall prey to temptation. Still others face such difficult adversities that they question whether they ever had their own personal relationship with Yeshua (Jesus). The daily questioning and challenges from religious or secular Jewish youth in the IDF only heightens their confusion.

As their IDF service concludes, these young people question their relationship with God. They may struggle with guilt or shame and be reluctant to re-enter the believing community. Unsure where to turn, some wonder if God is simply finished with them. Almost all young Israelis leaving the IDF travel the world to recover from the military experience and to retreat from Israeli society in general. They desperately need relief. At this critical juncture, Levi turned to Tikvah and found just what he needed!

The Joshua Fund has long been aware of this significant need among the youth in Israel. This summer, we were thrilled to support the first Tikvah session in England. Seven Israeli young people, including Levi, gathered for a six-week discipleship program in a setting that gave them a chance to rest, decompress and bond together. It was a wonderful time of deeply personal ministry – including one-on-one discipleship, encouragement and intimate fellowship. These sessions gave Levi and the others a chance to relax and to explore Scripture in a very loving, relaxed and non-threatening setting.

Levi came to the program with many unanswered questions, unsure of where he stood in his faith. Over the six weeks, however, many answers became clear to him. By the end of the session and after hearing many testimonies from other visiting pastors and ministry workers, this young man made a personal decision to commit his life to Yeshua and ask him to be his Savior and Lord!

*\*Name has been changed to protect his identify.*

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HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF



## THE SLEEPING HEART OF A BEDOUIN WOMAN

The Bedouins are a grouping of nomadic Arab people who historically inhabit desert regions. It's not well known that the Bedouins also call Israel home.

If you'd like to learn how to survive in the Israeli desert, a great place to start would be amongst the Bedouin tribes in the south of Israel. Sadly, the nomadic culture is often connected to crime. Many Bedouin men are highly abusive towards women. They frequently practice polygamy, having children with multiple wives, and in many cases they only provide for the children of their "favorite" wife. Meanwhile, these women are bound to their "homes," which are simple makeshift shacks. There they live in the desert, typically with no utilities, little money and little contact with the outside world.

“THE DEEP AND LASTING RELATIONSHIPS THESE BEDOUIN WOMEN ARE BUILDING WITH CHRISTIANS WHO SHOW THEM CHRIST'S LOVE, WILL HELP TO EMPOWER THEM AND SLOWLY TRANSFORM THEIR HEARTS.”

In a village in the south of Israel, most Bedouin children do not attend school. They are too often left hungry with little hope for the future. However, in this particular community, a Messianic Jewish pastor teams up with Mary\* and other Arab believers to serve the Bedouin's "poorest of the poor."

By special permission of the Sheik, or tribe chief, this tribe's women are allowed to leave their home for a weekly meeting with the Messianic congregation's members. This is, in itself, evidence of God's hand as Bedouin tribes are exclusively Muslim. It is in this congregation where Mary and other women teach the Bedouin women how to read and write. There they learn other life skills, including how to express their feelings. This is not traditionally allowed among Bedouins.

Most of the moms who receive food packs donated from The Joshua Fund are married to men who have taken on more wives, and have left them to take care of their children. These women are essentially single mothers, forbidden to work as they live in the middle of the desert. Visiting with the local believers is one of the highlights of their week.

One of them recently admitted, "This is the one time a week in which I laugh." While laughter is important, The Joshua Fund knows that the deep and lasting relationships these Bedouin women are building with Christians who show them Christ's love will help to empower them and slowly transform their hearts. Additionally, the training will provide them valuable literacy skills that will serve them and their children for years to come!

*\*Names have been changed to protect identities.*





## EDUCATION



# EDUCATING THE GLOBAL CHURCH

From its founding in 2006, The Joshua Fund (TJF) has been fully committed to educating and mobilizing the Global church about God's love and plan – past, present and future – for Israel and her neighbors. TJF Prayer & Vision Tours to Israel, videos, newsletters and other communications vehicles highlight God's Work in the Epicenter and explain how God uses The Joshua Fund and our ministry partners for His Glory. Our Epicenter Conferences feature Biblical teaching from TJF Founder/Chairman Joel C. Rosenberg and others that focus on Israel's unique role in human history as outlined in the Scriptures.

“THE MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED WERE TREATED TO MORE THAN 13 HOURS OVER 7 DAYS OF BIBLE STUDY WITH JOEL...”

In 2019, we added a Joshua Fund cruise to our mix of educational opportunities. The more than 200 people who participated were treated to more than 13 hours over 7 days of Bible study with Joel, praise and worship, Middle East ministry updates, prayer time, Bible prophecy studies, panel discussions with Jewish and Arab ministry leaders, a Torah presentation and much, much more.

Many of those participating on the cruise expressed gratitude for the time spent studying Scripture together. Others suggested that the testimonies from ministry couples in the region touched their heart deeply. One couple who had recently received an unexpected influx of finances were so moved by the time that they planned to donate it all to help The Joshua Fund fulfill our calling.



DONOR  
TESTIMONY

“WE ARE ENCOURAGED  
BY THE JOSHUA FUND  
AND THE MINISTRY THAT’S  
GOING ON [IN ISRAEL].”

- PAUL BIEDERMAN



## PARTNERING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Through your prayers, financial gifts and participation in Joshua Fund events, you encourage and enable us to play an important part in the lives of many people in the Epicenter. Some of our prayer and financial partners are similarly encouraged by participating in Joshua Fund activities. Hear the story of one such couple, Paul and Jenny Biederman, who joined us on a recent Joshua Fund Prayer & Vision Tour.

“It was our first time in Israel and we had waited a long time to go,” says Jenny. “You are so overwhelmed with the sights, the sounds and the history, and the faces. We loved the service day, [where needy families are invited to receive household goods purchased by The Joshua Fund]. There were different stations of clothing, blankets, frying pans, and coffee pots. It was almost like being at a bridal shower....We had a little area set up with coffee and tea and cookies.”

“I couldn’t speak Hebrew or Arabic, but I could speak a little bit through translators” Jenny continues. “I just hugged the ladies, smiled at them, and loved on them. One particular lady was glowing, she couldn’t stop smiling, and she didn’t want to leave. That touched my heart. I felt that she was blessed and it was neat to see that.”

Admittedly, Jenny’s husband Paul came hesitantly. However, once he arrived in Israel something started to happen. “The reason it took us awhile to get there is because I was dragging my feet for 10 years and my dear wife kept encouraging me...I think just the goodness and sovereignty of the Lord let us go with The Joshua Fund.”

“It was such a blessing,” Paul adds. “It was probably the highlight of our life. It’s changed our life in many ways. Spending time with Joel and Lynn is wonderful. Worshipping on the Mount of Olives and looking out over the city of Jerusalem, it’s profound. Rubbing shoulders with the ministry leaders is unique to The Joshua Fund. It’s really meaningful and you walk away encouraged spiritually. We were encouraged by The Joshua Fund and the ministry that’s going on there.”

2020

PRAYER  
VISION

**PRAY** that God would continue to raise up people around the world who will faithfully intercede for God's work in the Epicenter.

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**PRAY** that God would continue to "open doors which no one can shut" (Revelation 3:8) when it comes to sharing God's love with Jewish and Arab leaders. In recent years, Joshua Fund Founder/Chairman Joel C. Rosenberg has been invited by heads of state in the Arab world to bring delegations of U.S. evangelicals. These delegations seek to build bridges of understanding and explain to Arab leaders what evangelicals believe.



*Joel C. Rosenberg talks with the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*



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**PRAY** that the Lord would use The Joshua Fund to fulfill his Kingdom purposes in the Middle East in 2020 and that we would be faithful stewards with the funds entrusted to us.

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**PRAY** that local church and ministry leaders in the Middle East would continue to faithfully proclaim the Gospel and disciple young believers.

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**PRAY** that God would reap a harvest of new Jewish and Arab believers throughout the Middle East, including those that come from a Muslim background.



# PARTNER WITH US

## INDIVIDUALS

Bless Israel and her neighbors through The Joshua Fund. When we individually commit to making a difference, collectively we mobilize the Church to make an enormous impact for the cause of Christ. Your gifts of prayer and finances can collectively help us make a difference in one of the world's most complex regions.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### **Sponsor a needy family | \$20/mo.**

Provides the finances that allows our humanitarian team to feed a needy family of four.

### **Equip a pastor | \$42/mo.**

Provides funding for a brief ministry sabbatical for an evangelical pastor at a Joshua Fund retreat filled with Biblical study, fellowship and prayer.

### **Support Women's Conferences & Pro-Life Ministry | \$100/mo.**

Helps fund Joshua Fund retreats for women affected by violence and hardship. Or offers assistance to poorer mothers in Israel through a pro-life ministry by covering the costs that their babies will need during their first year of life.

### **Donate through your workplace**

Make your gift go even farther by utilizing your company's matching gifts program or link your giving directly through your workplace. Feel free to call our team and they will help walk you through this process: (703) 860-0166

### **Leave a legacy through a planned gift**

Use your retirement assets, stock, or will to help support The Joshua Fund's work. There are a variety of giving options that provide a generational impact. Call for assistance: (703) 860-0166

These are provided as examples of the types of work you are enabling through your giving. Your gift will go to support our general fund and we will use the funds in areas where they are most needed.



**OF ALL DONATIONS  
GO DIRECTLY TO OUR  
MINISTRY PROGRAMS**

## COMPANIES & OTHER GROUPS

### **Align your business to the cause of Christ**

The Joshua Fund unifies companies of all sizes and other organizations who are compelled by the love of Christ to make a difference in the world. By practicing fiscal integrity and displaying a commitment to loving God and loving others, your business can be a model example for the world of how to both run a successful company and serve the vulnerable.

**Make an investment in corporate social advocacy.** Provide a model example as your business serves your clients while changing lives through in-kind donations, financial gifts, and programs to educate your employees, clients, and constituents. Call to learn more: (703) 860-0166.

## CHURCHES

### **Serve "the least of these"**

Jesus tells His followers to serve the least of these in the world. When we take that charge to heart, we serve Christ. Be the one in your church who helps mobilize a new body of believers to "bless Israel and her neighbors" and serve "the least of these" at the same time. Contact our team to discover ways that your church can partner with The Joshua Fund: (703) 860-0166.



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