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Praying for Peace. Preparing for War.

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While we pray daily for the peace of Jerusalem, preparing for war has been on our hearts since we first traveled to Kiryat Shmona located very near the Lebanese border. Their location has made them a target for rocket fire cross-border attacks. During the 2006 Lebanese War, approximately half of the city's residents left the area and the other half who remained stayed in bomb shelters while over a thousand rockets hit the area. During our visit, the mayor of the city shared a video of some of those rockets exploding in his town. We heard the sirens and saw the

damage a Katyusha rocket causes. It's not something you forget. While there, we were able to take packages of food to some of the poorest Jewish citizens, many of them elderly. We then traveled to an undisclosed location to share food packages with a group of Lebanese who had fled Lebanon during the war to escape Hezbollah. That day we saw the faces of the victims from both sides of the border and were humbled to be able to show the unconditional love of Christ to these who had suffered in ways we had never before imagined.

It's not just the north that has faced the effects of war. Since 2005 when the Israelis withdrew from Gaza in an effort to give land for peace, Palestinian terrorists have launched thousands of rockets into southern Israel. In November of 2007, while in Sderot,

we personally experienced what it feels like to hear the warning sirens... warning that a rocket had been fired out of Gaza and was headed toward us. It meant we had seven seconds to get into a bomb shelter. In those moments we got a glimpse into the life these Israelis live. By God's grace, no one was injured by *that* rocket. Now we really understood the mother who told us she was afraid to send her children to school and the other personal stories we heard about living in a missile zone.

Since these early experiences, the rockets have become more powerful, reaching further and exposing more Israelis to the stress of wondering when the next one will hit and the very real threat of being killed or maimed—and at the same time, listening to the threats of their enemies who want to wipe them off the face of the earth. We know war is coming to the Land. The Lord's Word is very clear about this. He hasn't told us when, but as we spend time in Israel we have felt and seen the tensions growing. *Continued on pg. 4*

◀ At the beginning of the year, we started increasing our food stockpiles in preparation for war.



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A REPORT FROM OUR BOARD MEETING

The Joshua Fund board and staff recently gathered near Washington, D.C. for prayer and planning. The staff updated us on the preparations they are making for war, and on the following pages are some of those details.

During our meetings, I also provided to the board and staff an analysis of the current geopolitical conditions in the epicenter and the likelihood of war. The bottom line: I believe we need to be ready for the possibility that a massive, unprecedented war could start at any moment, while also considering several factors that could delay war.

Here are key excerpts from my report to our team:

We must be ready for an Israeli first strike against Iran's nuclear facilities—and a devastating series of counterstrikes from Iran and her allies—at any moment.

Prime Minister Netanyahu looks to me like a man at peace with ordering a strike at any moment. In part, this is because Netanyahu believes Israel has made just about all the preparations they can:

- Israel has aggressively employed covert operations (*computer viruses, the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientists, sabotage of Iranian nuclear facilities and missile facilities*); they have conducted multiple practice long-range bombing missions (to Greece and Italy).
- Israel has built, bought, deployed and battle-tested multiple missile defense systems (i.e., Arrow, Patriot, Iron Dome).
- Israel has conducted dozens of homeland security and civil defense drills to prepare municipalities, schools, first responders and the general populace for large scale missile/rocket strikes and WMD attacks.
- Israel has quietly received a “green light” for overflight rights from the Saudis and other regional governments who don't want Iran to get the Bomb.

Netanyahu's March visit to Washington accomplished his objectives:

- To make clear to the world that Israel believes time has all but run out and that Israel is ready to take unilateral action against Iran.
- To give the international community one last chance to take decisive action or be forewarned that Israel will.
- To gauge in person and face to face, the level of support—or lack thereof—from the U.S. government and the American people.

January 25, 2012 – New York Times Magazine cover story gives exclusive inside thinking of Netanyahu and Barak, and raises three critical questions that Israel's top leaders believe have been answered in the affirmative: A) Does Israel have the ability to cause severe damage to Iran's nuclear sites and bring about a major delay in the Iranian nuclear project? And, can the military and the Israeli people withstand the inevitable counterattack?; B) Does Israel have overt or tacit support, particularly from America, for carrying out an attack?; C) Have all other possibilities for the containment of Iran's nuclear threat been exhausted, bringing Israel to the point of last resort? If so, is this the last opportunity for an attack?

February 2 – The Washington Post publishes a story asserting that U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta believes Israel is preparing to strike Iran in April, May or June.



February 16 – Netanyahu and Barak say economic sanctions aren't working.

March 5 – During a visit to Washington to meet President Obama, Members of Congress, and speak at AIPAC, Netanyahu in Washington says “none of us can afford to wait much longer.”

March 14 – Haaretz reported that, “In his speech before the Knesset, Netanyahu urged his colleagues to reject claims that Israel is too weak to go it alone in a war against a regional power such as Iran and therefore needs to rely on the United States, which has much greater military capabilities, to do the job and remove the threat.”

That said, there are scenarios in which Israel does not launch a preemptive strike this year.

- Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could die of natural causes and be replaced by more reasonable, accommodating leaders who are not driven by Shia eschatology and the coming of the Twelfth Imam and the need to annihilate the U.S. and Israel.
- There could be a revolution or coup that could replace Khamenei and Ahmadinejad and the upper echelons with more peaceful, reasonable leaders.
- There could be a divine intervention that would either change the minds of Khamenei and Ahmadinejad or bring about the destruction of the regime.
- There could be external regional or global developments that change Netanyahu's calculus.

Clearly, tensions in the epicenter are running high and there are a lot of unknown variables. The Joshua Fund will continue to prepare for war, as we know from Scripture that a war will be coming, yet we also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, asking God to be merciful. The Joshua Fund team would be grateful for your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we proceed in the days and weeks ahead. Thank you for partnering with us!

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If you would like to partner with us in our preparations in the event of war, and for blessing people residing in the epicenter region, donations can be made online or by mailing a check to The Joshua Fund. See page 4 for more information.

1. TJF is purchasing satellite phones for our staff and key allies in the land for the likely event that the cell phone system would go down. This will allow our U.S. team to pray with our team and allies on the ground in Israel, hear directly what their needs are, allow our in-country team to better coordinate the delivery of additional relief supplies to them, maintain communication with our truck and van drivers and get information and prayer requests out of the country to believers in the U.S., Canada as well as around the world.
2. We have bought and are installing a large generator and reserve fuel supplies for our warehouse in case the power grid goes down.

3. We have purchased smaller generators for each distribution center.
4. We are continuing to increase our stock-piles of food, water, water purification pills and other humanitarian relief supplies to be provided to the poor and needy and those devastated during the war through our network of twelve relief distribution centers.
5. We have purchased battery operated radios for our warehouse and the distribution centers so they can receive the latest war-time updates from the Israeli government.
6. We have taken our staff and distribution center managers and volunteers through basic first aid and emergency preparedness training, in close coordination with the IDF.
7. We have purchased gas masks for our team and have fully outfitted numerous bomb shelters with food, medical supplies, chemical toilets, etc.



7 PREPARATIONS FOR POTENTIAL WAR IN THE EPICENTER



2012 Epicenter Conference
September 12-16 / Albuquerque, NM

With varying views and beliefs on Israel taught within the Church presently, what does the Bible say about the past, present, and future of Israel and the Palestinians? This is one of the critical questions facing Christians today, and one that has recently generated debate among Church leaders across the country.

Join us September 12-16th in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 2012 Epicenter Conference. Joel C. Rosenberg will be joined by several highly regarded theological experts to discuss in detail several essential issues relevant to the Church's view of Israel and the epicenter region as a whole.

For complete details and to sign up for our eNewsletter, visit the new epicenterconference.com.

2013 Israel Tour & Epicenter Conference
June 25-July 7 / Jerusalem, Israel

Join The Joshua Fund on our next tour of Israel—walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus and the apostles prayed, learn Israel's history, discover Israel's prophetic future, meet the people of the epicenter and draw closer to the Lord. During this unforgettable tour, join us for a special and unique day of service, providing a rare opportunity to meet and serve the poor and needy communities in Israel. In addition, the 2013 Tour will include participation in the "2013 Epicenter Conference" to be held in Jerusalem, featuring Joel C. Rosenberg, and several special guest speakers. The conference will feature in-depth Bible teaching, as well as panel discussions focusing on current events in the Middle East and God's work continuing in the epicenter.

Sign up to receive an email with complete details in the coming weeks on the [Israel Tours page of our website](#).

We have been blessed that the Lord has allowed us to care for the needy in Israel and have been so touched by the generosity of you, our donors, who have been our partners in all that is done in the Land. We'd like to highlight a few of the key preparations for war that the Lord has led us to make.

We have been stockpiling food for some time now, but have felt the Lord's urging to increase the amounts both in our warehouse and, where possible, in the twelve storefronts we supply across Israel. We are also stockpiling other supplies for war...water, water purification tablets, blankets, diapers and can openers.

Our staff and distribution center managers have gone through first aid and emergency preparedness training with the Israel Defense Forces Home Front Command.

In anticipation that the power may go down, we are installing a large generator and reserve fuel supplies for our warehouse. We have also purchased smaller generators for the twelve distribution centers. These include light strips so lighting will be available. Additionally, we have purchased battery operated radios for our warehouse and the distribution centers so we can receive the latest updates from the Israeli government.

We continue to seek the Lord to guide and direct us with any other preparations that would allow us to show His loving care to the people in the Epicenter, while we daily continue to care for the poor and needy. Please join us in praying that the love of Christ will touch hearts.



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