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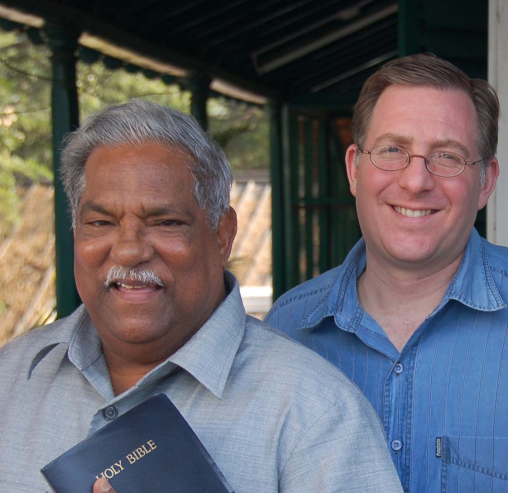
PRAYER-HEARING,

PRAYER-ANSWERING,

**WONDER-WORKING**

God

— Dr. T.E. Koshy



## FAITHFUL FRIENDS.





*Dr. T.E. Koshy and  
me on a preaching  
tour through Koshy's  
beloved homeland  
of India in 2009.*

My wife, Lynn, and I had a wonderful pastor in college who discipled us, married us, and later helped us establish The Joshua Fund. His name was Dr. T.E. Koshy. He was born and raised in India before the Lord moved him to Syracuse University where Lynn and I met him. Koshy loved to commune with his Savior in prayer, and no one taught us more about the power of prayer than did he. Koshy used to say to us in his thick Indian accent,

*"We serve a prayer-hearing, prayer-answering, wonder-working God."*

Koshy believed that one of the ways we can know and experience an invisible God is through the power of prayer. Not rote, routine, ritualistic prayers — but bold, audacious, even "crazy" prayers, so long as they were according to the will of God.

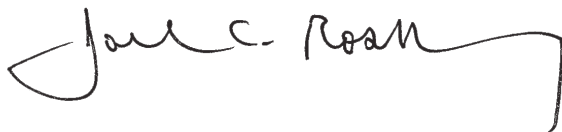
Through Koshy's influence we have learned what it means to pray for God's will to be done in the Middle East, the region we refer to as the Epicenter. And again this year, The Joshua Fund has seen God answer in the most extraordinary ways.



And that's why we're so grateful for you, who have chosen to partner with The Joshua Fund in this important mission to bless Israel and her Neighbors in the name of Jesus. In this year's Impact Report, we want to show how your prayers and financial support have furthered the work God has allowed us to do. It's our prayer that you'll stand in wonder of the ways our mighty Lord has moved throughout the Epicenter. And that as you look back on 2018, you'll be stirred to recall the times you've personally encountered our prayer-hearing, prayer-answering, wonder-working God.

Thank you for the opportunity to share in the joy of what the Lord is doing through The Joshua Fund.

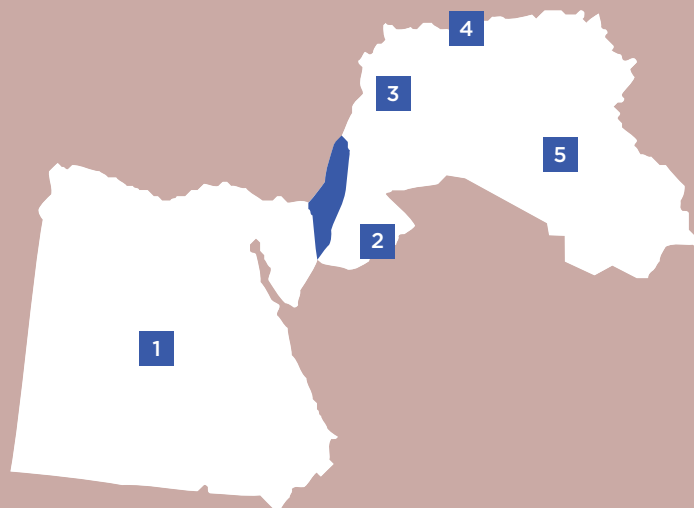
**May He alone be glorified!**



JOEL C. ROSENBERG

SINCE 2006, THE JOSHUA FUND

HAS MAINTAINED A HEART OF MINISTRY  
TO “BLESS ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS,” ACCORDING  
TO GENESIS 12:3.



ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS: 1/EGYPT 2/JORDAN 3/LEBANON 4/SYRIA 5/IRAQ

## OUR PARTNERS

Through relief and relationship, The Joshua Fund participates in what God is doing by primarily partnering with faithful and local fruitful ministries that bless Israel and her Neighbors in the name of Jesus.

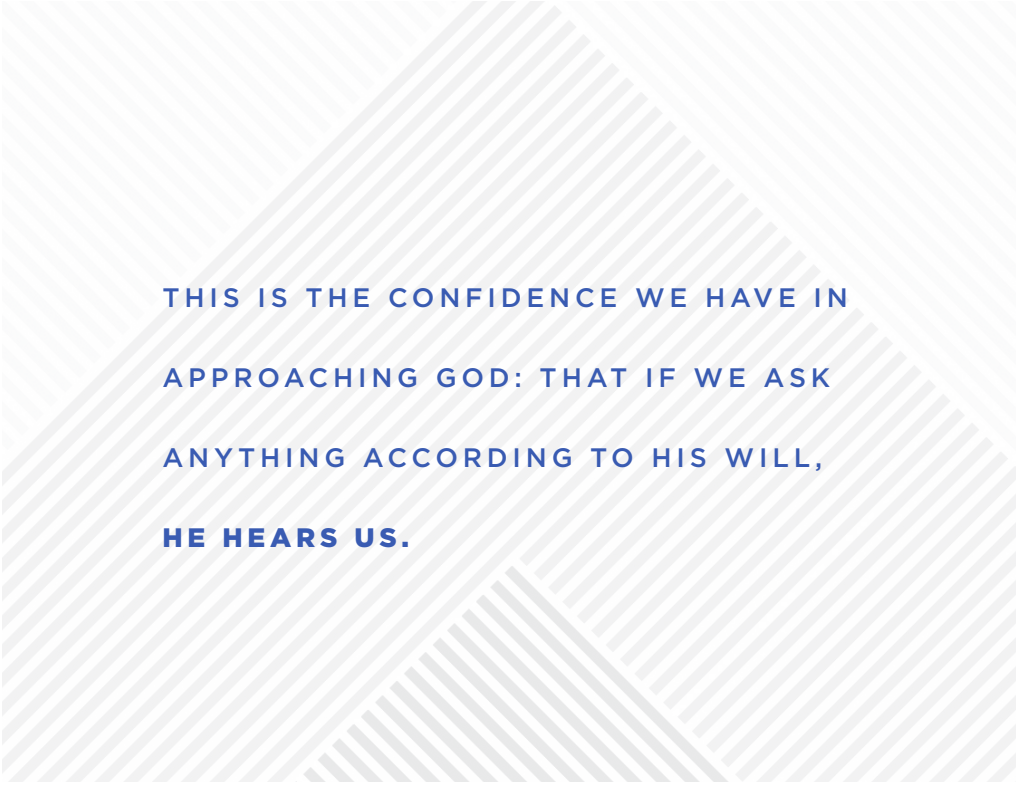
- Bedouin ministry
- Bible colleges
- Bible distribution
- Campus ministry
- Church planting
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Food centers
- Humanitarian aid
- Legal aid
- Media outreach
- Medical help
- Missionary support
- Pastor training
- Pregnancy centers
- Prison ministry
- Refugee relief
- Student ministry
- Women's ministry
- Youth ministry





PRAYER-HEARING

God



THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN  
APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK  
ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL,  
**HE HEARS US.**

FIRST JOHN 5:14

# EPICENTER CONFERENCE + ISRAEL TOUR

## WE SERVE A PRAYER-HEARING GOD (WHO HEARS OUR PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF THE EPICENTER)

Jerusalem was the setting for the 2018 Epicenter Prayer Summit presented by The Joshua Fund. Over 700 summit attendees gathered to be inspired, challenged, and informed to approach our prayer-hearing God on behalf of the Church in the Epicenter.

### >> A Unique Experience

- Teaching of God's Word by Joel C. Rosenberg, Anne Graham Lotz, and Ronnie Floyd.
- Personal testimonies of local Jewish, Israeli Arab, and Palestinian Arab pastors and ministry leaders.
- Inspired by the teachings and testimonies, attendees prayed and interceded for our brothers and sisters in the Epicenter.

### >> Education At Work

One of the key tenets of The Joshua Fund is to help educate the global Church about the needs of the Church in the Epicenter. We are encouraged that over 700 attendees representing multiple churches on multiple continents and diverse backgrounds attended the 2018 Epicenter Prayer Summit, and even more online through videos at our website.

### >> Experience The Summit

Ask God to reignite your prayer-life and learn to effectively pray for the Epicenter. Get the 2018 Prayer Summit experience online at [epicenterconference.com](http://epicenterconference.com).

## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS. PRAY WITH US.

*We serve a prayer-hearing God (who hears our prayers on behalf of the Epicenter). Join us in continuing to pray for the long-term impact of this event, and preparations for the next.*





*"Today the light of the Messiah is shining more brightly than ever in the Epicenter. The Holy Spirit is on the move. More Israelis are coming to faith in Yeshua than at any time in 19 centuries. More Muslims are leaving Islam and coming to faith in Christ than at any time in 14 centuries."*

– JOEL C. ROSENBERG



*"If prayer is hard for you, that's because prayer is hard. One of the things that's helped me is if I can find a model prayer in Scripture in which I can pattern my prayers after. Daniel prayed so powerfully and so effectively that God answered his prayer and a nation was changed, Heaven was moved."*

– ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ



*"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin first with the extraordinary prayer of God's people. The time is now for us to come together before God in clear agreement, visible union, and in extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ."*

– DR. RONNIE FLOYD

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



## MINISTRY WORKERS

WE SERVE A PRAYER-HEARING GOD (WHO HEARS  
THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL MINISTRY WORKER)



### MINISTRY WORKERS IN ISRAEL & HER NEIGHBORS



50+



30+

**Types of work:**

*pastoral, missions,  
evangelism, media  
outreach, education,  
youth*

#### >> The Faithful Worker

God has enabled The Joshua Fund to encourage and support strategically placed individual ministry workers throughout the Epicenter. These faithful brothers and sisters are able to go places that more "official" or visible ministries could never approach. God is hearing their prayers as their ways are paved by personal relationships orchestrated through doors only He could open.

#### >> The Joshua Fund Promise

When The Joshua Fund befriends a ministry worker, we take seriously the responsibility of protecting the identity and mission of those involved. Even mentioning something seemingly broad like a city name in connection with a type of ministry has the potential to put someone in life-threatening danger, or undermining the impact of their life's labor. We choose not to share their names or faces, but we take opportunities to tell them you have not forgotten them and that you believe what they're doing is important.

## >> New Churches. New Risks.

In a city set along the sea coast, a small group of new believers gather quietly for their weekly worship service. Their pastor was recently brought in again for questioning by authorities. This time he was told to stop the discipleship efforts among the religious population of the country – Muslims. For the safety of his church family, the pastor now meets with these believers in various secure locations, to encourage them in the teaching of God's Word.

*Unfortunately, this scenario is quite common among new churches in the Epicenter. The Christian population is minuscule by comparison and the persecution and prejudice that exists towards them is often a blatant overture. Unable to officially register with the government, these groups of believers are incapable of renting buildings, so they choose to meet in homes and other identified safe places.*

## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS. PRAY WITH US.

### ISRAEL

*In Israel, many faithful ministry workers are engaged in tender, slow-growing efforts. Pray that God would show Himself strong on their behalf and continue to lead them into opportunities to make His name known.*

### NEIGHBORS

*In Iraq and Syria, the Christian population has shrunk to an alarming rate due to the migration away from these war-ravaged nations. Pray for the enormous pressure on these leaders to leave their countries in search of a better life.*

REAL PEOPLE.  
REAL MINISTRY.  
REAL SECURITY RISKS.



**Partner:** serving for 10+ years in ministry to Israeli prisoners, elderly Russian-speaking population, shut-ins

**Tools:** one-on-one evangelism, audio MP3 & print Bible distribution



**Partner:** serving for 4+ years in ministry to youth

**Tools:** martial arts club



**Multiple Partners:** ministering in recent years to individuals and youth throughout the West Bank

**Tools:** one-on-one evangelism, discipleship

PRAYER-ANSWERING

God



**IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE  
WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER**

MATT 21:22

“THERE IS NO GREATER WAY TO REACH A MUSLIM FOR CHRIST THAN TO SHOW AND DEMONSTRATE TO THEM GOD’S LOVE!”

## REFUGEE

### WE SERVE A PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD (WHO ANSWERS THE PRAYERS OF THE REFUGEE)

#### >> Meeting The Need

Millions in the Middle East have fled their homes in the wake of war. Realizing countless remained displaced from their homes, The Joshua Fund sought out ways to provide relief in the name of Jesus. God heard our prayer, and in 2018 we were able to assist over 100 refugee families.

Along with the basic necessities of life, refugee families receive personal deliveries of basic necessities along with a clear presentation of the Gospel. While ministering to their physical needs, they hear — many for the first time — God’s invitation to meet their spiritual needs.



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## SHARING HOPE

"Over 100 sets of eager eyes looked back at me. The veiled. The broken. Widows. Refugees. Each different, but all hurting women hungry for hope after a life marked by a trail of tears. Brutal fighting had pushed them out of their country, their home, their life. Many fled as young widows, small children in tow and nothing but the clothes on their back. Now living in a tent in a foreign land, what did life and the future hold for them?"

Though their outward needs were vastly different, the internal ones of the heart were the same as all women everywhere. To be loved. Heard. Understood. Cherished as a beautiful child of God. After sharing a message of hope to these precious souls, each one made their way to the front to share about the trail of pain that had led them to this place. They were heard. Understood. Loved. Prayed for. And encouraged that God had a purpose for each dear woman."



### SYRIA, IRAQ

*Refugees are fleeing  
**from** these countries*



### LEBANON, JORDAN

*Refugees are fleeing  
**to** these countries*

*The Joshua Fund has the joy of encouraging so many of the hurting women of the Middle East, bringing them a message of hope — that there is a Heavenly Father who cherishes them and longs to heal their hearts.*

*— Field staff team member of The Joshua Fund  
after a visit to a refugee camp*

## DESPERATE

WE SERVE A PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD (WHO  
ANSWERS THE PRAYERS OF THE DESPERATE)



### >> The Needy

The Joshua Fund's Distribution Centers have been used by God to answer the prayers of the poorest of the poor in Israel. Each food pack is accompanied with an invitation to share concerns and receive prayer. Some recipients ask why people they don't know would visit them, help them and listen to them. They are amazed when they hear the gifts are from people in North America who love God and love the people of Israel.

## ANSWERING THE NEED

16



The # of Food  
Distribution  
Centers in Israel

5,500

The # of special gift  
packs distributed to  
poor families to bless  
them during special  
holidays (Passover,  
Feast of Tabernacles,  
Christmas and Easter)

2,000

The average # of  
families who receive  
food packs each month



\$100,000

The amount saved annually  
that will now go directly  
to ministry projects. The  
Joshua Fund closed the  
warehouse it operated for  
nearly 10 years in favor of  
a cost-cutting strategy that  
frees up money to serve  
more needy families.

“THE FOOD PACKS HAVE GIVEN  
US A PLATFORM TO SPEAK TO  
THE VILLAGE.”

— *Distribution Center Manager*

## LIFE- SAVING KINDNESS

She sat down one minute, and was in tears the next. She had come to the Distribution Center's special Outreach Market day. Planning to get the items she needed for her home — food, supplies, necessities — she would leave with so much more. Just that morning she had decided that the toil of daily life had been too hard for too long. She had decided she was going to end her life. Through her tears she saw a local volunteer — a stranger — make her way over to her. They spoke about the love and care that God had — for her! Suddenly, this desperate woman had new hope, and asked to stay in touch with her new friend.

— *Field staff team member of The Joshua Fund at the Outreach Day in July 2018*

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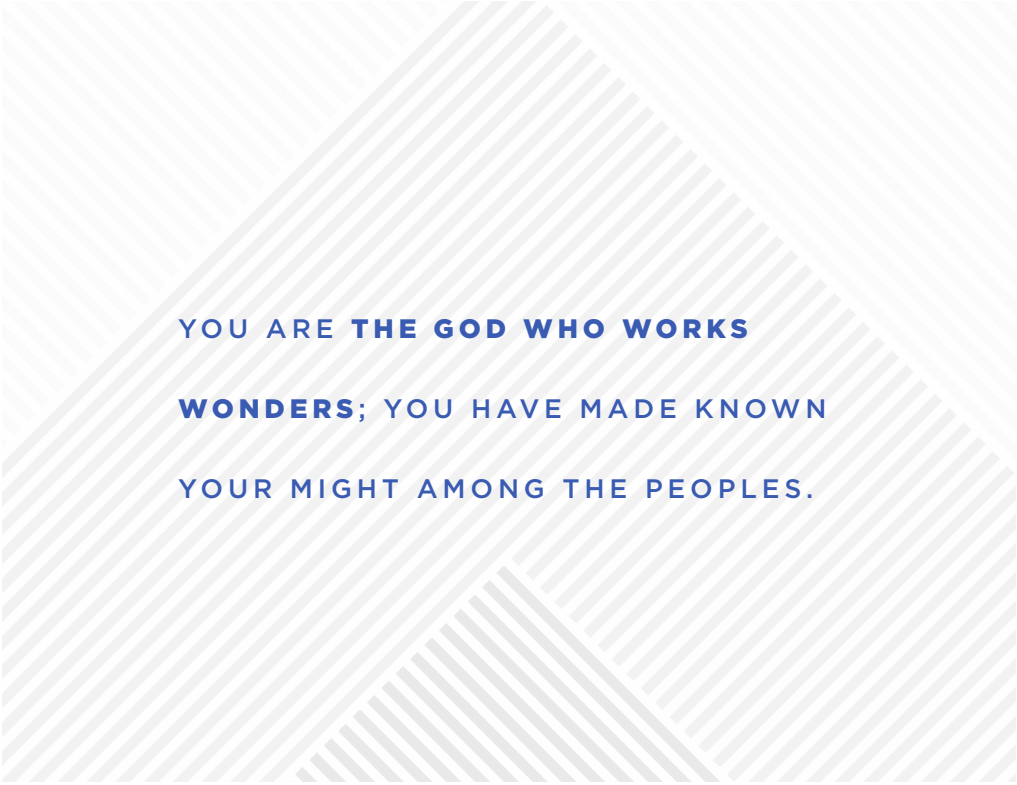
### Anticipated Answered Prayers for 2019:

- 1 / *4+ new Food Distribution Centers serving approximately 100 more families*
- 2 / *3+ Service & Gift Days serving approximately 500 families with volunteers from American Christian tour groups*
- 3 / *New creative ways to steward funds and serve more families*
- 4 / *Many more lives transformed through the gifts and prayers of God's people*

W O N D E R - W O R K I N G

God





YOU ARE **THE GOD WHO WORKS**  
**WONDERS**; YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN  
YOUR MIGHT AMONG THE PEOPLES.

PSALM 77:14

## NEXT GENERATION

WE SERVE A WONDER-WORKING GOD (WHO WORKS  
WONDERS TO RAISE UP THE NEXT GENERATION)

# DISCIPLING YOUNG ISRAELI BELIEVERS

### **Before:**

"Before the program I did know God, I loved Him and I'd been following Him. But there were things which weren't clear to me. I didn't feel like going to the congregation, and I wouldn't talk much about my faith, since I couldn't explain clearly what I believed in. I lived among non-believers and I was lukewarm."

### **After:**

"Through the program God began showing me different things, changing me and working in my heart. God changed my attitude towards my family, He gave me love and compassion for them and a desire that they would get to know Him too. I grew in my faith and my love for God. I can honestly say that this program has changed my life completely. I feel that I'm standing on both of my feet now."

*The experience of this young Israeli believer was made possible by a youth discipleship program supported by The Joshua Fund. Today in Israel, there is a great need for programs like this that inspire and equip young people to own their faith.*





## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS. PRAY WITH US.

### Pray to our wonder-working God:

*Young Israeli believers face persecution and the temptation to let their faith grow weak. Pray for strong teaching and discipleship for these young men and women who need help from our wonder-working God to mature in their faith.*

## ISRAEL & PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USAGE



79%



68.6%

Part of raising up the next generation means developing digital resources. That's why The Joshua Fund has invested in effective internet evangelism, video discipleship, and other creative digital platforms.



# JESUS APPEARS TO YOUNG MUSLIM MEN

In one of the most holy Islamic cities in all of the Epicenter, where no church is located, five young men gathered for an evening of enjoyment, playing video games and smoking the hookah (a Middle Eastern tobacco pipe). Suddenly Jesus appeared before them, filling the room with His presence. With no Biblical framework for their experience, the Holy Spirit moved in their hearts to seek out answers at a church located several hours away from their home city. Today these young men, living in one of the most religiously radical regions in the Middle East, are being disciplined in their newfound faith.

— *Field staff team member of The Joshua Fund  
after visiting a partner in the region*



Throughout the Muslim world today men and women are seeing visions and having dreams, as foretold in the book of Acts — leaving Islam to follow Jesus. The Joshua Fund is committed to strengthening these Muslim background believers who are the future hope of the Church in the Epicenter.



## **GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS. PRAY WITH US.**

**Pray to our wonder-working God:**

*When Muslims decide to follow Jesus and leave the religion of their family, they may lose their jobs, their family and friends, and even their lives. Pray for these new believers, and ask our wonder-working God to continue to show Himself to young Muslim people.*

**HOW AMAZING IT IS TO WATCH OUR PRAYER-  
HEARING, PRAYER-ANSWERING, WONDER-WORKING  
GOD IN ACTION ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

While some might say that God stopped working miracles shortly after the Bible was completed, please ponder His handiwork in making these “miracles” happen in the Epicenter in 2018:

*When Joshua Fund teams take Bibles into Muslim nations and walk past Customs officials and there are no questions asked and no bags checked...*

*When Jewish and Arab pastors and ministries stand together, worship together and pray for each other in an otherwise hostile climate...*

*When Arab families flee their homes in the middle of the night and give up nearly everything they own and cherish out of fear for their lives, including their religious cultural heritage, only to find a new life in Christ in the middle of a refugee camp...*

*When aging Holocaust survivors view God in a new way after conversations with and gifts from North American believers at a Joshua Fund Outreach event.*

Our work would be futile without the blessing of a prayer-hearing, prayer-answering, wonder-working God and the generosity of those who follow Him. Thank you for joining us in blessing Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus.



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**TIM LUGBILL**

EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR





## LOOKING FORWARD WITH YOU

Because of your faithful partnership, the Lord has allowed The Joshua Fund to be involved in ministry both directly and through the local body of Christ in the Epicenter. With negative thoughts towards Israel, and the nations distancing themselves from her, you matter.

From those whose hearts have opened to God through the ravages of war in Iraq and Syria, to the over 100 million still lost living in the ancient Biblical lands Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, you are needed.

It's never been more vital for Christians to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and find practical ways to bless Israel and her Neighbors in the name of Jesus (Genesis 12:1-3). Let's look forward to the upcoming year and anticipate the wonderment as our "Wonder Working God" continues to move in the lives of many in the Middle East.

**Give your gift to bless Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus.**

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# 81%

OF ALL FUNDS  
GO DIRECTLY TO  
OUR MINISTRY  
PROGRAMS

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## BLESSING ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS IN 2018

### Through Relief

- Provided non-perishable food packs monthly to an average of 2,000 needy families through 16 Distribution Centers operated by local congregations and ministries
- Hosted an Outreach Day with 6 Distribution Centers where TJF Tour participants served hundreds of families
- Gave support and counseling to single mothers with newborn babies and needy Israeli women
- Facilitated legal support for believers who are discriminated against, denied citizenship or persecuted because of their faith
- Enabled local congregations to stand with believers who are in dire financial need
- Funded medical costs for life-changing surgeries by Israeli doctors of children from neighboring countries
- Conducted outreaches during Jewish holidays including Passover, distributing food and gifts

- Supported a Mother's Day evangelistic event for Arab women in the Galilee region
- Helped local churches offer spiritual care via Bible studies, discipleship and physical care for refugees living in Lebanon
- Partnered with those giving humanitarian relief, trauma counseling and medical aid to Iraqi, Arab, Nubian and Yazidi communities
- Hosted women's conferences, discipleship programs, Bible teaching and fellowship for women marginalized by violence in the Epicenter

### Through Relationship

- Supported trusted Christian ministry workers throughout the Epicenter, including Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Syria
- Distributed Hebrew, Arabic and Russian language audio Bibles, plus hundreds of print Bibles via trusted ministry partners

- Hosted retreats and trainings that provided Bible study and encouragement for Jewish/ Arab pastors and ministry leaders, young people and underprivileged segments of the body of believers
- Undergirded the production and staff support for key Hebrew and Arabic evangelistic videos
- Hosted a pastor's conference, giving training for evangelistic work among both Jews and Arabs
- Sent Arabic language Bible teaching radio broadcasts into the West Bank
- Conducted outreach amongst Arab cities and the West Bank
- Support for student ministry workers at Bible college
- Supported ministry of a special women's outreach
- Funded evangelistic retreats for IDF soldiers
- Sponsored evangelistic trips for new immigrants from Ukraine to Biblical sites



Please detach and use this bookmark as a reminder that we serve a wonder-working God.

- Gave scholarships and funding for a kids camp for children from Israel and her Neighboring countries, serving both non-believers and believers
- Hosted Jewish holiday celebrations and evangelistic bus tours of Israel for Holocaust survivors and others
- Supported evangelistic bus tours for Russian background Israelis
- Funded unique sports ministry that offers evangelistic outreach to youth
- Supported pastors, church leaders and evangelists in the war-ravaged nation of Syria
- Provided aftercare and evangelism for families in the Neighboring countries who return to their home country after receiving life-saving surgeries in Israel
- Support for Christian bookstores in Neighboring countries that offer a lifeline for people displaced due to persecution

### Through Education

- Hosted the 2018 Prayer & Vision Tour of the Holy Land and Epicenter Prayer Summit — July 11-12, 2018
- Posted messages from our Founder, Joel C. Rosenberg, and others to [joshuafund.com](http://joshuafund.com), [epicenterconference.com](http://epicenterconference.com), and social media to help Christians around the world pray for, and better understand what the Bible teaches about God's heart and plan for Israel and the Neighboring Nations
- Distributed newsletters highlighting answered prayers and stories of how God is moving in the Epicenter
- Hosted events in Tennessee, Texas and Colorado where donors received an update from our Founder.

The Joshua Fund is a member of the ECFA, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. All contributions are tax deductible in the USA. If The Joshua Fund is successful in raising our financial goal for a specific project for which you have designated your donations, all excess funds for that project will be applied to related projects or to the general fund of The Joshua Fund.



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PRAYER-ANSWERING, **WONDER-WORKING**

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