

DEAR FRIEND,

Greetings from Jerusalem. What an unprecedented and difficult season the Lord is taking us all through. Lynn and I are praying the Lord will keep you and your family safe, and provide His peace, and cover your every need. May you hold fast to Christ and His Word more than ever before. And may the Lord use you to love your neighbors in this crisis.

**Two Resources.** In conversations with pastors, lay people, and even the *New York Times*, I've been asked, "What does the Bible teach about pestilence, plagues and pandemics?" As a result, I've written a 12-page fact sheet as a resource for you. The Joshua Fund also commissioned a poll to better understand how Americans see the COVID-19 crisis and whether it is having an effect on their spiritual lives. Both the Fact Sheet and poll results are available at [joshuafund.com](http://joshuafund.com). I hope you'll find them helpful and will share them with others on social media.

**Needed More Than Ever in Israel.** Like you, our brothers and sisters in the Middle East have been significantly impacted by the virus, lockdowns and economic troubles. We are grateful to report that TJF's humanitarian aid team continues to operate in Israel, and are needed more than ever. By God's grace, we are providing food through local congregations and ministries to 2,000+ needy families. In several communities, municipal officials are asking believers to help feed the most vulnerable families. What an honor it is to be in a position to show God's love (at a safe distance!) to those who are hurting. We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers and financial support as they allow us to serve the most vulnerable during this critical time of need.

Thank you and God bless you!



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Helping feed the most vulnerable families.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

**1 ASK** that God would be glorified during the COVID-19 crisis and that many around the world would turn to Him.

**2 INTERCEDE** on behalf of TJF partners ministering in the Middle East; ask that God would provide all they need to care for their families, congregations and others.

**3 PRAY** that God would continue to provide financially for The Joshua Fund, and for TJF leaders to wisely steward the resources He provides.



DISCIPLESHIP

## STUDENTS CREATIVELY STUDY BIBLE DURING CRISIS

*"I received a new attitude to study God's Word! Such a deep understanding of every verse by knowing the cultural context and the [Old Testament]!"*

*"My friend and I, filled with encouragement from the conference, decided to start studying the Bible... We're both so thankful," said one university student who attended the conference.*

**R**eflect on your experiences as a young person, navigating university life and the transition to adulthood. If you were a believer then, your faith was no doubt challenged. Envision going through this in a setting where you have few peers who share your faith. Perhaps you would have secret struggles and wouldn't be confident you really understand your Bible. Many young believers in Israel experience these feelings. Add to that the sudden and disorienting shock of a world shutdown caused by a pandemic. But God provides for His people in ways that we do not expect!

One Joshua Fund partner recently planned a conference for believing university students. Students from Jewish, Arab, and other international backgrounds planning to attend the conference were set to learn how to inductively study the Word and gain insights from each other and spiritual leaders. However, Israeli government restrictions



to combat the virus threatened to bring everything to a screeching halt.

Rather than give up, the students and leaders chose to focus on what they could do and creatively continued the conference while upholding the quarantine. God ministered in unique ways. Students dove into the Scriptures and came away with a new understanding of their own ability to learn from the Word. Times of prayer and rededication to the Lord filled them with new resolve to follow Him. All of this happened despite circumstances that at first made it seem impossible.

We are grateful to hear testimonies of God working through difficult circumstances.

**Your investment makes all the difference during the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.**



### A GIFT FOR YOU!

*Included with your newsletter, you should find a magnet. We are grateful for your partnership and we hope you will display it as a reminder to pray for the work of TJF.*

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