

# Shalom,

**This has been a very dark year.** As millions around the globe struggle with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the countries we at The Joshua Fund care so deeply about are struggling.

One-in-five Israelis are out of work. Not a single tourist is allowed in the country. Lebanon is trying desperately to recover from the horrific and deadly blast in August. Fear and confusion grow throughout the region. I'm regularly asked by pastors, ministry leaders, radio and TV hosts, and journalists what the Bible teaches on the subject of pestilence and plagues and whether they factor at all into the future prophecy.

I've been studying these issues carefully. After all, The Joshua Fund seeks to educate the Church, and those interested, in God's plan and purpose for Israel and her neighbors.

There is no doubt in my mind that the pandemic is one of the "birth pangs" of which the Lord Jesus spoke in Luke 21. It is yet another sign that we are living in what the Bible calls the "last days." That's why we need to have a sense of urgency to fulfill the Great Commission and specifically obey our calling to bless Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus.

Now is the time for the Church to be demonstrating the love of God in real and practical ways. One of our projects is providing food and humanitarian relief monthly to thousands of Israelis and Palestinians. These are needy widows, single mothers, Holocaust survivors, refugees, and other families struggling to make ends meet. This work is especially needed now; so many in our region have gone through a partial or full lockdown.

It is an honor to serve them – and I hope you are encouraged by the many stories of life change from the last year, all of which serve as a testimony of God's faithfulness through your faithful investment and prayers.

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JOEL C. ROSENBERG Founder and Chairman

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# 2020 impact

Thank you for helping make all this possible.



was **granted directly to Lebanon** after the Beirut blast



50%

**of the budget** to Israel's neighboring countries funds Muslim outreach



monthly food or diaper packs delivered to the needy by local believers reaching over **1,800+ families** 



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Jordanian pastors were supported through COVID-19 with a one-time gift

# 110,000

health-safety equipment items distributed to needy families



long-term partnership **Distribution Centers** supported throughout Israel and operated by local believers, whose life is a living witness to Christ for recipients

### COVID-19

COVID-19 lockdowns left many with the inability to gather. Instead of meeting in person, we launched a virtual conference for distribution in 4 languages.

### HOW WE SERVE

# Serving together

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:

## Equip

Equipping the global church to learn, pray, give, and go, and mobilizing God's loving plan in the Epicenter.



### Serve

Serving the needy and mitigating the problem of hunger in Israel and to her neighbors.

# Teach

Teaching the Word of God through highly-vetted local organizations in the Middle East.



## Encourage

Encouraging pastors and investing in healthy church communities in the Epicenter.

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# Real faith.

## \$1.5M

**Invested** among vetted individuals and vital Spirit-led ministry efforts rom 9 years old to 90, Tanta (aunt) Karima's\* life has not been easy. She comes out of a Druze background, with a prominent standing in society, and was considered a princess. Her identification card still bears the title of "Lady."

Tanta Karima is an older woman now, but she still remembers the day she came to Christ as a young girl.

She left her earthly royalty status behind to seek Christ. As a result, she was persecuted for her faith and rejected by her family. Her wealthy husband disowned her, leaving Karima penniless.

When Tanta Karima spoke to us, she did not share these stories but about the faithfulness of the Lord she loves.

"Listen to what I say. It's not from my thinking or my own experience. I shall tell you what God did for me while I was still young. Thank you, Lord, that you care for me all the time. How many times I was in danger, people were trying to kill me, but you stood beside me, and you saved me from all the trouble I've had in my life.

Thank you, Jesus. You are here today. We don't see you, but you are here listening to what I am going to say. You don't leave us on the road, as we do with rubbish. We are not rubbish with God. We are precious stones."

Tanta Karima's faith is strong, but her body is weak. She is nearing the end of her earthly days.

The compassion and kindness of partners like you led to Tanta Karima moving closer to the Christian community. They love and care for her—helping her live the remainder of her days with dignity and joy.

The Druze people have been one of the most unreached with the Gospel. The Joshua Fund continues to reach out to and minister to these people, just like Tanta Karima.

### Druze

is an eccentric offshoot religion of Shia Islam with mixed elements of Judaism and Christianity.





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# Real love.

oneliness fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented depression levels. Across the Middle East, shutdowns plague the economy and force ministries to rethink how they engage. Job losses force many to make hard decisions that they likely otherwise would not have made.

### One thing is crystal clear to many Christian ministries: people need to feel love.

Miriam\* is someone special to God, and needed the love of Christ. Miriam grew up in a Christian home in Nazareth; however, during her early adult life, she embraced communist ideals and became a devoted communist.

Sarah<sup>\*</sup>, a member of a partner church sponsored by The Joshua Fund, contacted Miriam's mother after a family member visited a church service. Sarah began to frequently stop by Miriam's home to minister to her, pray, and to deliver food as needed.

Miriam witnessed the love of the church and felt drawn to the love of God. She started asking questions about Jesus and God's Word because she was very skeptical of religion and faith. However, because Miriam saw the love of Jesus in action, she was moved. Soon, she started attending church services and gave her life to Jesus. Hallelujah! Soon tragedy struck when Miriam's mother died suddenly. Miriam had a crisis of faith, and she left the church.

Church members reached out to support Miriam during this time through prayer and regular visits and to show God's unconditional love despite the circumstances and sadness.

Sarah kept in touch and would regularly take Miriam food, pray for her over the phone, and visit her at home to support her.

One day, Sarah received a phone call from Miriam. She wanted to thank her for the love and care that she had shown her. Miriam also mentioned that she had started tuning into online church services. One service touched her so profoundly it even left her in tears. She felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sarah asked if she wanted to pray, Miriam agreed. At that moment, Miriam rededicated her life to Christ. Then she once again began attending prayer meetings and church services.

Your partnership helped make a difference in the lives of isolated men and women across the Middle East.

### **3.4M**

**Total views** 

on education & YouTube content totaling 130,000 hours





123,307

New visitors came to **joshuafund.com** in 2020—more than any previous year

# Real help.

SERVE

### 300,000+

**People were left homeless** after the Beirut blast (estimation) magine your country was unwillingly thrust into two of the largest crises in our lifetime at the same time. That was the case for Lebanon. COVID-19, and the Beirut blast, wreaking havoc, in tandem. Fear and uncertainty ran through minds in the Middle East after a massive explosion rippled through Beirut, Lebanon, while dealing with significant health and economic crises.

August 4th, 2020, has been deeply etched in the minds of the people of Lebanon. A day when their beautiful capital city of Beirut exploded and was on fire. The lives of hundreds of thousands changed in a moment.

Nearly 200 people dead, 6,500 injured, and an estimated 300,000 people left homeless. The explosion destroyed grain silos with 15,000 tons of grain, leaving Lebanon with minimal food reserves. While ministering in Lebanon just after this disaster, our Joshua Fund team had the opportunity to visit a "tent-home" of a Syrian refugee family. There, The Joshua Fund met a family surviving in deplorable conditions and who is now under the care of one of our Lebanese ministry partners. For our team, meeting Abdel\* was a beautiful testimony of why your partnership with us was critical in Lebanon.

While we were there, Abdel shared, "we were completely out of food this past week when your group came with the food packages." "I had no idea how I would feed my family..."

Our hearts sank as we considered that! He continued... "My sister also attends the weekly Bible study, so we are so grateful for your group!" said Abdel, with tears in his eyes.



This year, because of your partnership we are working through the local Lebanese churches, and have provided hundreds of food packages to the suffering Lebanese and Syrian communities. This type of rapid response is critical in disaster situations like these.

The Joshua Fund set out to help Lebanon's people, and many responded so graciously with kind prayers and compassionate gifts –thank you. We know that another disaster is always around the corner. We want to be prepared with critically needed supplies.



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# Real focus.

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Pastors and Gospel and ministry workers whose labors we resource

### 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!

"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]!"

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.

"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.

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.

**Pastor Jim Gallagher** 

Calvary Chapel Vero Beach, Florida



# Partnering with a purpose

The Joshua Fund has been instrumental in encouraging and equipping believers to reach into their homeland, Israel, and beyond with the message of the Cross.

ver the past several decades, God

has been doing fantastic work among believers within Israel and their neighbors. As a result,

the Gospel is not only impacting the region but potentially spreading from its birthplace once again. When the apostles asked the risen Lord about restoring His kingdom, Jesus responded;

"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:7-8)."

It was God's plan for the Gospel to spread from Ierusalem to the ends of the earth.

Within the book of Acts, we follow the Gospel from its humble beginnings to its unprecedented impact upon the Roman world. Not since the first century have we seen this process repeated.

Over the past ten years, it has been my privilege to participate in some small way with tremendous laborers in the vineyard. By seeing the hands-on ministry approach and thoroughly-vetted ministry of The Joshua Fund firsthand, I'm confident they are doing good work in Israel and neighboring territories.

On behalf of The Joshua Fund and the believers in the Holy Land, I would encourage you to pray for The Joshua Fund and consider partnering with them to "bless Israel and her neighbors in the name of Jesus."

# **Financial snapshot**

The Joshua Fund is strongly committed to our values of faith, integrity, compassion and excellence that guide everything we do, including our financial stewardship. We are committed to ensuring that we maximize the use of every dollar received to benefit those in need.

#### 2020/2019 Revenue Comparison

\$6,154,248 2020 Budget: \$5,400,000 \$5,571,452 2019

The Joshua Fund receives an annual independent financial audit at the end of every year. View our consolidated financial statements online at joshuafund.com.

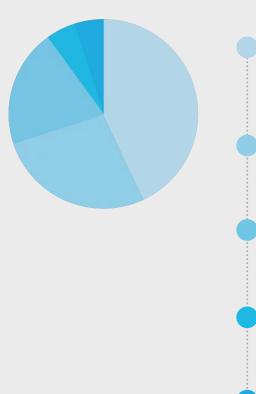
\$845,909

#### Humanitarian aid & distribution to the needy

(includes directly-required logistics such as product transport and rental of distribution/ outreach/hosting facilities)

#### **2020** Program Expense Allocations

#### **2020** Total Functional Expense Allocations



### 1.3% 43% Fundraising **Israel Special** 18.3% **Projects** Administration 27% Israel's Neighbors 20% Humanitarian **5%** Operations **Programs 5%** Education



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. 2021

# Impact through prayer

When we commit to making a difference, together 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.





# **Pray with us**

Please cut out this prayer card as a reminder to join us in making an impact through prayer in the Epicenter.

- **Monday** Ask the Lord to continue to reveal ways to minister through the pandemic and recovery.
- **Tuesday** Pray for those families in the Epicenter who are experiencing financial hardship.

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Wednesday Intercede for those who receive our food packs that they would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

**Thursday** Ask the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of our faithful partners and donors in the coming year. **Friday** Pray for those in the Middle East, as Friday is their traditional "holy day," for hearts to turn from false gods.

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**Saturday** Ask the Lord to rejuvenate the spirit of his laborers to not grow weary in well-doing.

**Sunday** Request God's total provision for The Joshua Fund as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

### DR. CARL A. MOELLER

Executive Director



# **Real change.**

In 2020, The Joshua Fund has weathered trials similar to many other organizations. This year, three global themes have reinforced that we are in a battle against the spiritual darkness in our world: COVID-19, racial strife, and the Beirut Blast.

We made in-stride strategic pivots best to serve the Middle East's vulnerable and needy. These have proved to define the year and have produced abundant fruit.

Truly, we are not in a battle against flesh and blood, but the evil in the world! When you give to The Joshua Fund, your investment works to dissolve racial barriers in the Epicenter through loving both Israel & her Arab neighbors.

To that end, this year, we have seen the most historic peace treaties to ever come from the region and you helped us launch one of the largest humanitarian responses we've ever seen, showering Lebanon with love after being struck by the most massive non-nuclear explosion in the history of the world.

Your generous and prayerful support has made all this possible in one of the world's most complex regions, but there is much more to do! Will you partner with us to make an impact in 2021?

### Ways to partner

### Individuals

Visit **joshuafund.com** to give a one-time gift or recurring monthly gift securely online.

### **Donate Now**

#### **Churches & Small Groups**

Be the one in your church or small group who helps mobilize a new body of believers to "bless Israel and her neighbors." Contact us to learn more about partnership opportunities at (703) 860-0166.

#### **Corporations**

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.

#### **Foundations, Estates & Stocks**

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.

## 80.3%

### 80.3% of all our donations go directly to our ministry programs

### "I will bless those who bless you" - Genesis 12:3a

We exist to bless Israel & her neighbors in the name of Jesus.



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