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A selection of photos from the recent UK Aliyah flight

His word is being fulfilled

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them. For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers” (Jeremiah 16:14–15)

In this edition of our UK News you will not only find reports from the regions but also articles about our outreach to young adults with the Ebenezer vision. This is a new and exciting venture. A recent survey of our database revealed that the majority of our supporters are quite senior in years! Unless we reach young adults with the vision for Aliyah, our work could one day cease to exist.

I do want to personally thank all our regional representatives and prayer leaders across the UK for their enthusiasm and hard work in promoting and praying for Aliyah. I believe it is the Lord's desire for the WHOLE church

in this nation to once again embrace His plans and purposes for Israel and the Jewish people. It is through the dedication and faithfulness of our reps, prayer leaders and you our supporters we can see this achieved. I encourage you to get to know your regional rep and prayer leaders. Encourage them, support them, pray for them as they seek NEW openings into churches across this land. If you do not have a rep or prayer leader in your area why not prayerfully consider being one yourself or if your church or pastor would be interested in hosting an Ebenezer Operation Exodus event then please contact Jeff Holloway our UK Director.

Included with this bulletin is a brochure with booking form for our 2012 UK prayer conference entitled: “Seek His Face”. We believe that this is going to be a highly strategic conference as we hear God's Word and then turn to Him in prayer. We are delighted that the Rev. Willem Glashouwer is to be our main speaker.

May the LORD grant us His grace and mercy as we intercede for the Aliyah and look forward to the second exodus.



By **Ken Hepworth**
UK Chairman



“Standing with Israel”

The Spirit of the Lord descended yet again, people flocked together from all over the UK, to take their stand in Jesus’ Name for the second phase of the Engage-UK conference.

This time it was held at the World Prayer Centre in central Birmingham, on September 3rd 2011, where as the first conference was in Wales, in May.

The conference opened with praise & worship, led by Tom and his wife Olivia. Their carefully chosen songs and small gaps of instrumental provision made an opening for the Holy Spirit to move amongst the crowd. Andy Ernst (International young adults programme coordinator for Engage-Israel) has a great gift of communicating with the younger generation about Israel. He opened the conference and delved into the topic ‘Christians and the Return of the Jewish People.’

Stephen Briggs from (Hatikvah Film Trust) and Simon Barratt (Revelation TV) presented their Biblical findings

on ‘Why Jerusalem should remain the capital of Israel. Stephen Briggs presented a film ‘Jerusalem the Covenant City’, which talked about the present and future destiny of Jerusalem.

Gilli Brenner, a passionate Israeli Citizen and Director of “Stand With Us” believes that, “Education is the Road to Peace.” Gilli presented the three D’s: Delegitimisation, Demonisation and Double Standards. People went away impacted and thoughtful.

Benjamin Rubin (a Jewish person) gave an intimate personal story and testified, ‘What Jerusalem means to a Jew’. This was followed by prayer and proclamation for Israel delivered by Ken Hepworth (Operation Exodus). Ken then spoke about ‘Why Christians should actively support a Jewish return to the Land of Israel’ – (Aliyah).



By **James Tranter**
a participant on the 2011 Engage-Israel Tour to the Holy Land

Finally the conference ended with James Tranter singing “Amazing Grace” as a solo.

It was clear to see from the Engage Conference that God is looking for witnesses, intercessors, promoters, networkers and fishers to stand with Him in boldness for His plan for ‘the apple of his eye’, Israel, for His Names Sake.

The conference run by Engage-Israel was grounded in scripture, allowed for social interaction, audience participation, and more importantly it allowed for the Holy Spirit to move in people’s hearts. People left feeling positively challenged, sharpened and prepared as instruments to “engage” and proclaim God’s honest truth about the Holy Land – Israel, aliyah and the future of Israel!





Momentum – Shepton Mallet

Momentum is a 5-day conference for 18 – 30 year olds (roughly!) and it followed on from Soul Survivor, a Christian Conference for Teens. With around 5,000 delegates, it felt pretty large.

We had an Ebenezer Operation Exodus stand in the “Tool Shed” Exhibition Hall and there were many other stands, all vying for everyone’s attention. The people who came to talk to us had a whole spectrum of enquiries and opinions. The encounters were stimulating, and to say the least, “interesting”.

Most people we spoke to were positive, towards the end of a conversation. However, it became clear that many in the 18–30 age group are badly misinformed about Israel and the Palestinians. For instance the issues relating to Palestinian refugees constantly came up.

As a first-time exhibitor for Ebenezer I was a little unprepared for the opposition that was offered by a

few. Although the majority of those who began with ‘So, what about the Palestinians?’, left feeling at least better informed, if not challenged, about a one-sided perspective that has clearly been the focus of media attention.

I chatted with Jen Robinson from the CMJ stand. She shared with me the response that she felt God had given her for difficult conversations with Palestinian sympathisers. She said that many pro-Palestinians want to vilify Jews. What she said helped to make the debate a lot less intellectual and allow God into the equation a little more. She said that ‘Any love for one people group that causes you to hate another people group, cannot be of God.’ These are wise words for a polarised issue.



By Liz, Gaz and Naomi Crossley

So, was it worth being there? Yes, absolutely! While it’s easy to focus on the negatives there were many encouragements! We spoke to numerous people who had been to Israel, or were planning to go, and introduced them to Engage. We also pointed many people to scripture so they could reassess their own position with regard to Israel.

In all, it was a wonderfully fruitful time.



A strategic time for Scotland

In June, all the Regional Representatives and Prayer Leaders for Scotland gathered together in the beautiful surroundings of Glenshee, at the edge of the Cairngorms. Jeff Holloway took time out of his busy schedule to be present with us.

We encouraged one another, prayed together and planned a future strategy. Top of the agenda was how to engage with the church, especially leaders, and how to reach out to the next generation and give them an understanding of Israel and aliyah. We decided to hold an “Engage Conference” following on the lines of the one in Birmingham. We are starting from scratch and praying in faith that the Lord will lead us to churches where there is openness.

The event is set for Saturday 12 November. Please pray for this.

We decided to make better contact with our supporters on the Scottish Ebenezer Database by sending out a response questionnaire and setting up a programme of phone calls. Jeff put this in place as soon as he got back to his office.

We looked at the distribution of prayer partners across Scotland. We noted

that many were isolated and only a few could meet in small groups. We recognised the need to help new prayer partners to come together and get them started. We also prayed for the “empty” areas where there are no Prayer Leaders and Regional Representatives.

Overall the day gave us the preciousness of fellowshipping together, unity of purpose and definite goals.



By David Currie



Praise report from Wales



By **Sheila Mather**
National Prayer
Co-ordinator for Wales

It began in January in Jerusalem with celebrating Gods faithfulness for 20 years since the founding of Ebenezer. Then we had a meeting of the North Wales prayer partners in February.

This was followed by the first Engage conference in Mid – Wales with one of our own Welsh young people, James Tranter attending. James then joined the “Engage” tour to Israel in July and returned after a life-changing experience, eager to tell others of God’s heart for Israel and the Jewish people.

In July we had our South Wales Prayer Partner’s Day and Evian prayer initiative. On August 20th we gathered for the

prayer initiative marking the centenary of the Anti-Jewish riots in Tredegar, South Wales. This was followed on the 28th August by James and I sharing about Israel and aliyah at my church.

In November, Bridges for Peace are organising ‘A Night To Honour Israel’ in the City Hall in Cardiff. Israeli dignitaries will be present as will many from the Jewish community and Christians Together. Ellen Davis, who

escaped Germany on Kindertransport will be sharing, and James and I will be manning the Ebenezer and Engage stand. John Harrold and Ken Purves will be attending as Ebenezer Operation Exodus Representatives.

Finally there will be a meeting for all Prayer Partners in Wales – date and venue to be confirmed.

Praise God!

News from Ireland



It has been such a blessing to be able to gather for the Ebenezer prayer meetings. As prayer leader, I have learned to rely more on the Holy Spirit and God’s voice.

By **Diana Bradford**
Prayer Leader, Wexford

Taking over from Pastor Paul was daunting in the beginning but our last meeting was great. Nine people attended. The group is growing slowly and God is adding those who truly have a burden for the Jewish people, which is wonderful. Recently we have changed the time so that Pastor Pat can join us before his bible study which he holds on the same night.

Future plans are in God’s hands. I would love to see the whole church arrive to pray!! My heart’s desire is to see more people and churches in County Wexford and Ireland grasp the vision of what Ebenezer does and to become more involved. For this to happen we need a National Representative. Please pray that God would raise someone up for this position.

Pastor Paul writes:

*Please pray for the work in Wexford and that the Lord will keep His hand upon all that we do for Him! We stand firm on the promise that He is building His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it! It has been a great blessing to find someone like Diana, who loves Israel, to take up the Ebenezer Prayer Leader’s role in Wexford. I have an excitement that she will bring this to greater levels in the Lord! We are committed to maintaining the prayer group no matter how many people attend and we always desire prayer from our friends in the UK. I am delighted that Diana is attending the training weekend in Bawtry Hall and I know that you will all make her feel welcome and part of the Ebenezer family. I remember the love and friendship that I received when I attended two years ago! **Bless you all!***

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- **Funding for UK Group Aliyah flights ie £ 20k needed for flights to end of year**
- **Mentoring/integration of young adults into regional teams**
- **Building up of Regional teams**
- **Opportunities to speak in Churches about Ebenezer**
- **Follow up leads from questionnaires to plan for day conferences**



“For such a time *as this*”

At my first glimpse of Israeli soil God confirmed in my heart that He had brought me into the land “for such a time as this”. One hundred people in their 20s and 30s from 11 different nations, set off in two coaches to seek the Lord and explore Israel.



By **Bekah Eglington**
Engage:Israel

Throughout the following 14 days, as the Lord unveiled more of God’s heart I realised that He had been preparing me for this trip for the past year.

We had a physically, mentally and spiritually challenging nonstop schedule. Each day began in prayer and worship. We hiked through the Golan Heights, had teaching on Elijah’s mountain, walked through the valley of Elah where David fought Goliath,

together at the Holocaust museum and cried out to the Lord from the Mount of Olives.



Jesus” and to be an ambassador for Israel to counter the anti-Israel sentiment that has grown so strong over recent years and to help the Jewish people return home. My eyes have been opened to the revelation of the Lord’s heart for his people, and to understand the pivotal role that Israel has to play in the end days. My prayer is that more of Jesus’ bride, His beautiful church, will continue to open their eyes to the Lord’s unfailing love for Israel.



prayed for the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, worshipped with Messianic Jews and Christian Arabs, enjoyed a night prayer walk through the desert, rode camels, served the local community in the desert town of Arad, bobbed in the Dead Sea, wept

We spent time with young Jewish people living in Sderot who have grown up with the threat of daily Qassam rockets from Gaza. We wept with them as they told us about the death of their friend the last time rockets fell. The next day we heard that bombs had fallen where we had been. At the time, I knew that no one back home in the UK would have heard that on the news, as our media is so biased against Israel. They would only have heard about the IDF military response to the rockets. God has touched my heart for our Jewish brothers and sisters.

Perhaps though, the hardest part of such a transformational trip is not the gruelling schedule, but what I am to do with it now that I am back.

Bekah has since attended the engage meeting in Birmingham and will now become part of the local Regional team.



What stays in my heart is a hunger to understand more of the “Jewishness of





Woodberry Down Conference

On Saturday 10th September Jeff Holloway joined Rod Langston & Phil Lumley from the South East Regional Team to present a conference on aliyah at Woodberry Down Baptist Church in North London.

Troels and Birgit Truelson reinforced the team and spoke about their experiences fishing in the fSU. Jeff showed a DVD and gave an overview of the work. Rod spoke about making friends with the Jewish people and Phil spoke about prayer and shared several stories of Jewish people who had made aliyah.

Although there was only a small group for the conference, the Pastor of the Church was thrilled to host the day. He had previously met Ebenezer many years ago while studying in the Ukraine. God also spoke to one of



the people in the church and said that she should become a Prayer Leader with Operation Exodus! The pastor endorsed this and wants the prayer meeting to be established in his church.

The next day, at the Sunday morning service, Troels and Birgit spoke to the whole church congregation. There was great enthusiasm and Pastor Charles called the church to pray and support the work of aliyah and Operation Exodus. Several people signed up to become prayer supporters. We

were given a huge gift for the work of Operation Exodus and went away thrilled. Three people from South East London, together with an Associate Pastor, went away to consider having an Ebenezer Conference in their church. Later in the week Phil went back to the church to talk to Pastor Charles and our new Prayer Leader, to give help, support and guidance.

For the first time in the history of Ebenezer Operation Exodus God has established a base of intercession in the capital city, London. It is based solidly in a church, and the church is in the heart of Stamford Hill, a very orthodox Jewish area. We are expecting our new Prayer Leader to be at the Bawtry Hall Training Conference and looking forward to the development of an ongoing relationship with the church.

We can expect aliyah from London to increase!

EVENTS

UK Speaking Tour with Zhanna Kim, 2 – 11th October (see www.operation-exodus.org)

5 th Oct.	Redditch Assemblies of God, Elm Road Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6HJ	7.00pm	Niel Bishop 01527 529095
8 th Oct.	Central Lancs, Stanley Road Baptist Church Hall Morecambe	7.00pm (NOT 7.30)	John Godfrey 01772 749124
10 th Oct.	Devon, The Riverside Christian Centre Okehampton St. Exeter, Ex4 1DU	7.30pm	Jeff Holloway 077 4682 2645
14 – 15 th Oct.	CFI Conference	Eastbourne	
24 th Oct.	UK Group Aliyah Flight		
12 th Nov.	engage day conference	Glasgow	Ann Gardner 01419 563 437
18 – 20 th Nov.	Youthworks	Eastbourne	
24 th Nov.	A Night to honour Israel	Cardiff	Sheila Mather 07879 241 174
22 nd – 25 th Nov.	UK Trustees meeting	Bawtry Hall	
25 – 27 th Nov.	Reps and Prayer Leaders training weekend	Bawtry Hall	
19 th Dec.	UK Group Aliyah Flight		
Spring 2012	engage 1 day conference	Ireland (to be finalised)	
29 th June – 1 st July	Bi Annual Conference	Swanwick, Derbyshire.	

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