

# THE JOSEPH storehouse

U P D A T E

## Coming Events 2008

### The Restoration of Israel and the Nations

**USA, April 10 to 12**  
 Conference Location: Heritage International Ministries (formerly Heritage USA/PTL)  
 375 Star Light Drive • Fort Mill, SC 29715,  
[www.visionforisrael.com](http://www.visionforisrael.com)

### The Netherlands, June 6 to 8

Conference location:  
 De Kroeze Danne, Delden  
[www.visievoorisrael.org](http://www.visievoorisrael.org)

### Vision for Israel Day

**UK, June 28**  
 A day of praise and thanksgiving for 10 years of The Joseph Storehouse including the dedication of the Joseph Storehouse in Bromsgrove  
[www.josephstorehouse.co.uk](http://www.josephstorehouse.co.uk) (Feb 2008)

### Succot Celebration

**Israel, October 14 to 17**  
[www.succotcelebration.com](http://www.succotcelebration.com)

## Impacting individuals, families and organizations in Israel

Shalom, I am a long term volunteer at "Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse" here in Israel. Volunteering here is absolutely amazing! Even before I had arrived, I had sensed God's presence in this charity and the power in which He is moving. I have been a volunteer before in Israel, in which, I was part of a small food and clothing center. I had become broken over the desperation, hopelessness, and poverty of many Israeli's. Though I had returned to the USA, I could not forget the haunting images of the homeless and suffering families. Everything kept bringing my mind back to their cries. As a professional social worker, I knew that I couldn't sit by and do nothing. I had become aware of the Joseph Storehouse while I was in Israel and was amazed by its impact on individuals, families, and other organizations. I have been called to love the broken hearted, satisfy the hungry, and give hope to the people of Zion (Isaiah 61:1-4). This is happening here at The Joseph Storehouse and I am blessed beyond words to be part of God's work here. *The needs are great but the laborers are few, please pray and ask God to send out laborers, especially for long term* (Matthew 9:37-38). *Perhaps, you have been called? C.B.*



### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

We are always in search of Medical supplies and equipment as well as Welfare articles.

Please contact our offices or website for further details

## Appreciation from Our Recipients & a Visit Report

### A Project to Train Children in Israel

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart in the name of 180 children who got your gift of toys and candy packages. With this donation, you are helping us to ease the lives of our children, who very much deserve it. Your gesture of good will and your readiness to help us all over the years makes us feel as if we are not alone in the battle for the rehabilitation of these children, whose future only begins now. A thousand thanks. (Avraham, General Manager)

### The Joy of Giving

We have heard the phrase that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" and this was definitely the case as we looked into the eyes of little orphaned children who had been placed in special homes to be cared for. We handed out packages that were personally prepared by the volunteers and staff at the Joseph Storehouse. Each home had house parents whose love spoke of sacrifice and generosity, and this was wonderful to see. What a privilege to see firsthand the joy and light shine in these children's faces as they received our gifts.

### We can't do this work of love without you!

Each one of you is part of this vital work; we can't do it without your love, prayers, support and care. So often we get phone calls from people from all over the world who are coming with groups asking us what the most needed items are. We so appreciate you as we see your love every day, as we walk by the shelves that are filled with wonderful high quality items and as we prepare the packages for those that are in desperate need. We say again thank you so much!

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## RESTORATION

"I, ADONAI, HAVE REBUILT THE RUINS AND REPLANTED WHAT WAS ABANDONED. I, ADONAI, HAVE SPOKEN: AND I WILL DO IT."



In 2008 the theme of Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse conferences and events in the USA and Europe is **The Restoration of Israel and the Nations**. The middle period of the nineteenth century saw the fulfillment of the prophecy God gave to Isaiah in chapter 6 verse 11: "Then said I, Lord, how long?" and He answered "Until cities lie waste without inhabitants and houses without man, and the land is utterly desolate." A traveler visiting what was called Palestine in the mid 1800's described the land as "monotonous and uninviting." The British Consul in 1857 wrote: "The country is in a considerable degree empty of inhabitants" and Mark Twain summed up his visit there in 1867 by declaring: "Palestine is a hopeless, dreary, heart broken land...desolate and unlovely."

Then a miracle began to unfold, one that has continued to this day. Small groups of Jewish pioneers began to return from the Diaspora to purchase and reclaim the barren land. The First World War came; Palestine fell into British hands from the Ottoman Empire and the Balfour Declaration set in motion the process of Eretz Israel becoming once again the Jewish homeland. In spite of the failure of the British Mandate, God's plan for Israel could not be thwarted and on 14 May 1948, sixty years ago, the Jewish State was declared and a nation was born in a day, (Isaiah 66:8). It is no coincidence that it was a second Balfour Declaration, made in 1926, which laid the foundation for the British Commonwealth and the dismantling of the greatest Empire in history. During the period in between the two declarations Britain reneged on her commitment to establish Palestine as the rightful homeland for the Jewish people, and divided the land, creating the state of Transjordan, which is today Jordan, providing the basis for the conflict that has continued to this day. This is a stark reminder to the United States, the most powerful nation in the world today, not to oppose the God of Israel by working to divide Jerusalem and the land of Israel through the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. "I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all who lift it shall be sorely wounded" (Zechariah 12:3).

Despite the conflict that surrounds Israel today and the desperate state of the nations of the world, those who believe in the Word of God know that there is a day coming when Israel will be fully restored, when "the mountain of Adonai's house will be established as the most important mountain. It will be regarded more highly than other hills and peoples will stream there. Many Gentiles will go and say 'Come, let's go to the mountain of Adonai, to the house of the God of Yaakov! He will teach us about his paths.' For out of Zion will go forth Torah and the word of Adonai from Yerushalayim" (Micah 4:1 and 2, CJB).



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## 1,600,000 People living in Poverty

Every third child in Israel lives below the poverty line, according to an annual National Insurance Institute (NII) poverty report released recently.

Over 400,000 families in Israel suffer from "nutritional insecurity," a euphemistic term for "hunger." 28% of Israeli citizens, or 1,600,000 people are living in poverty. Among them are more than 600,000 hungry children. Those experiencing "nutritional insecurity" eat smaller portions, skip meals and, in extreme cases, don't eat for a whole day. Diets may be high in carbohydrates and lacking or almost devoid of meat, dairy products, vegetables and fruit. In Israel, 22% of families are deemed moderately insecure and 8% suffer from severe insecurity.

A family's situation is considered moderately insecure when the parents deprive themselves of food to ensure their children get what they need. In families whose situation is severe, the children are deprived as well. 60% of nutritionally insecure are Jewish, 20% are Arab, and 20% new immigrants.



80% of nutritionally insecure people reported deterioration in their situation in the last 22 years, as Israel economic conditions have deteriorated. About 24% of Israelis are forced to make choices between food and other expenses such as the mortgage, rent, medicine, heating and electricity. About half choose to get along with less food. The 'poverty line' in Israel in 2002 was NIS 4,500 a month (\$937.50) for the average Israeli family of four - mother, father and two children.

Signs of how severe the problem is are all too apparent on the streets of Israel. In Jerusalem, for example, nearly 1,000 people a day come to four soup kitchens at which hot meals are served. It is also commonplace to see older men and women picking through the garbage at outdoor markets in Israel's cities. The collapse of the economy has taken a great toll on the lives of Israel's poorest families, and many children from middle-class families are now joining their ranks. Unemployment in Israel is around 20%, and the difficult economic situation has taken its toll on huge numbers of Israelis.

## Roots & Reflections on more Television Channels

The television program **Roots & Reflections** hosted and produced by Barry is unique in its mixture of history, teaching us day to day life in Israel. This fast moving program is becoming increasingly popular and is now showing on television channels around the world. Recently it has been taken by **WHBR TV 33 in Florida** and also in Finland. It is also being shown on **Revelation TV in the UK on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 9.30 pm during March and April.**

Please note the latest viewing times and thank you for your continued support.

**Genesis TV: Sky Channel 772,** Sunday evening at 7 pm, mornings from Monday to Friday at 10 a.m.

**God Europe: Sky Channel 761,** every Sunday at 1 p.m.

**The God Channel: Direct TV, USA, Channel 365. Sky UK, Channel 760,** Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

**WHBR TV 33 Pensacola, Florida:** Sunday 10.00 a.m.

The whole series of **Roots & Reflections** to date can be viewed on the Jerusalem News Network website at [www.jnnnews.com](http://www.jnnnews.com)

## Target Your Prayers with Jerusalem on the Line

Each week we send out an email newsletter from Jerusalem bringing you the latest news and comment about events in Israel with a relevant scripture to help you pray for Israel and the Jewish people. Jerusalem on the Line also keeps you up to date with conferences and events organized by Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse. If you would like to receive this weekly update please send us your email address to [info@visionforisrael.com](mailto:info@visionforisrael.com), mentioning Jerusalem on the Line. The following are two paragraphs from one of the January 2008 issues of Jerusalem on the Line:

**Olmert agrees to allow in 50,000 Arab 'refugees':** The issue of "Arab refugees" has long been a matter of widespread consensus in Israel, with even left-wing parties declaring that allowing them into the country would endanger Israel's existence as a Jewish state. In a recent private meeting between PM Olmert and PA Chairman Abbas, the two agreed that in a final-status agreement, Israel would withdraw from 92% of Judea and Samaria, including all the non-Jewish neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem. It was also agreed 50,000 "refugees from 1948" would enter and live in the State of Israel. (INN) "He deprives the leaders of the earth of their reason; he sends them wandering through a trackless waste." Job 12:24

**Netanyahu to Bush: Jerusalem under Israeli control for eternity:** At a meeting last week, MK Benjamin Netanyahu handed President George Bush a Jerusalem coin dating from the Judean revolt against the Romans in the first century. The coin, engraved with Hebrew writing, was given to the American leader as a reminder the Jewish people's connection to Jerusalem which has lasted for thousands of years. Netanyahu clearly stated "Jerusalem belongs to the Jewish people and will remain under Israeli sovereignty for eternity." President Bush is eager for peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians to conclude with a peace deal by the end of 2008, even if it means pressuring the Jewish nation to divide its holiest city, Jerusalem. (Haaretz) "May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy." Psalm 137:6

**Don't forget that you can purchase many fine Judaica items, books, CDs and DVDs from the Greetings from Jerusalem website, [www.greetingsfromjerusalem.com](http://www.greetingsfromjerusalem.com).**

**Here is a letter from a supporter in South Africa who is enjoying our CD, "Go Through The Gates" which is available from the GFJ website:**

Shalom Barry and Batya, I write to thank you so much for your music ministry. I have just bought myself your CD, "Go through the Gates." I was lifted up today and actually left my office for an hour in order to listen to this carefully. You are correct; Batya has the healing voice. My favorite track is Shimcha Kadosh. When she sings, it is as if I see Yeshua ha Mashiach next to me. It is powerful when you hear praise and worship in the Leshon Hakodesh and I am very motivated, "Sh'ma Yisrael" is a very popular CD in a local gospel radio station, Rainbow FM, here in South Africa.  
Motshoanedi Lesejane, South Africa

## The Joseph Storehouse in the Netherlands

We have been greatly encouraged by the growth of The Joseph Storehouse in the Netherlands and for the faithful efforts of Peter and Carla Nissen who lead the work there. Not only are they organizing our European conference in June this year, but they also are collecting aid in the Netherlands. This year we are expecting our first container to be sent to Israel from mainland Europe, a truly historic event. We send our thanks to Peter and Carla and all those who are supporting the work of The Joseph Storehouse in the Netherlands.

## CALLED TO SERVE IN ISRAEL

Maybe God is calling you to come and serve in Israel at The Joseph Storehouse? Possibly you are able to come and assist us at Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse branches in the USA or the UK? Please contact [info@visionforisrael.com](mailto:info@visionforisrael.com). We have recently been blessed by Bill and Cindy who were volunteers, and here are some reflections from Bill on his time at The Joseph Storehouse in Israel:

One of the ministries of "Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse" is providing free medical supplies for hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical facilities throughout the nation of Israel. The medical warehouse in west Jerusalem receives medical supplies from all over the world. As a physician volunteer at JSH, I have been highly impressed by several aspects of this important ministry.

First, is the high quality of most of the items which have been received. The medical warehouse has thousands of separate items of top quality medical equipment and supplies which are readily usable by medical centers around the country. I can personally attest that the vast majority of medical supplies received are in excellent condition. If an item is expired or cannot be used in the donor's own country, it cannot be used in Israel. The Joseph Storehouse is constantly looking for donations of new or like new equipment and supplies for distribution.

Secondly, I have been impressed by the incredible organization of the medical supplies inventory. Every item is cataloged upon arrival in Israel, and is entered into a sophisticated computer database. It is then stored by category in the warehouse where items of a similar nature are kept together, and where they can be easily retrieved when requested. Thirdly, the retrieval and distribution system is quite efficient. When a hospital or medical center needs supplies they contact the warehouse. Once a request is received, it takes only a matter of a few days to process the order and have the supplies identified, retrieved, boxed and ready for delivery.

The charity could use more physicians (and/or nurses) volunteers who are willing to come to Israel for one, two, or even three months at a time. (Retired physicians, like me, are ideal.) Perhaps the greatest frustration I encountered was the realization of the tremendous potential to do even more if we had the adequate manpower to make it happen. I pray that this report will inspire physicians and other health care providers to consider volunteering their time and their medical expertise in helping to expand this excellent and much needed ministry. I am reminded of these words in the Book of Esther: "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place...Yet who knows, perhaps you have come into The Kingdom for just such a time as this." (Esther 4:14)

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