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Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

changed their religion. On December 25, 1989 this was interpreted by the Supreme Court of the Land, to apply to Messianic Jews.

There has been an exception for those, who are Christians of Jewish descent. Such people with a non-Jewish mother can demand citizenship and receive it. This has been verified a number of times in successful court cases.

Recently, the Ministry of the Interior enlarged its interpretation to not only apply to Christians, but to Messianic Jews with a Gentile mother as well (now a new special designation). Progress in this regard may seem slow, but it is sure. The Scriptures guarantee it.

"Therefore, the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion... (Isaiah 51:11).

In order to return, people (Jews) would have had to come from there in the past. The Messianics are the only Jews claiming to be redeemed. Toward this destiny we work.

In Messiah,

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Dear Fellow Workers,

This month will mark my fourth year as Executive Director of this ministry. Although I had been involved as an American delegate and member of our Executive Committee for 13 years, the actual day to day efforts were more involved than I had previously realized.

Some of you have been long time supporters and seen many changes over time. Like you, I also receive monthly communications from various non-profit organizations. Some of it is considered "junk mail", while others are read because of its interesting content.

Essay Style

You have perhaps noticed we do not emphasize the need for funds. Actually, while our revenues are not large, they allow us to cover our expenses and provide a blessing to ministries elsewhere, which do not have their own fund raising capabilities. Most of these works are largely done on a volunteer basis. We feel inclusion of a return envelope is sufficient to invite investment in our cause.

This approach allows us to write about issues and attempt to vary the focus. Sometimes it is about Israel. Other times it is about Biblical viewpoints or doctrine. We also try to tell about progress of either the Messianic Movement or our ministry.

Of course, because we represent so many different cultures and spiritual stripes, we try to be as inclusive as possible. Messianics are from such varied backgrounds, we don't always agree on all points. The views we express are an attempt to reflect the greatest consensus. Variety is our strength and not our weakness. We try to emphasize unity rather than uniformity.

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

Conferences and Visits

Last year travel for the IMJA amounted to 83 days away from home. Upon returning, there is always work, which has accumulated in my absence. In part, this has to do with being the Executive Director of both the IMJA and “The Messianic Times” newspaper. My wife helps me, but still the pace has been pretty consuming during the last year and a half.

This problem has resisted solution until now. It seems one of our writers, who is also an editor, has expressed a willingness to move to this area and help me in both ministries. Her name is Karen Meissner, who has been in the Messianic Movement for a long time. Her compensation will be shared by both ministries.

In order to have better contact with far away affiliates, a few designated representatives have been appointed. At our last international conference in Israel, in September 2007, Dr. Juan Carlos Krauthamer was appointed to represent us in the South American countries. He is from Argentina and his father is presently a vice-president, who has been in the Movement for many decades. This will solve my Spanish language deficiency and allow better focus in that area. Of course, his travel expenses will be reimbursed, but he is an unpaid volunteer.

Similarly, Lyle and Brenda Dauber (readers and supporters) learned some time ago of our interest in the Jewish Autonomous District in Russia, in the city of Birobidzhan. Benda awoke from a dream 36 years ago with this strange sounding word, but didn't know what it meant. She looked it up to find its meaning, but still didn't know why such a strange word should awaken her. That was until a year or so ago, when they read of our ministry participation in that location. In April, they finally visited there, after much planning and preparation, visas and the like, as our representatives. Now the full process of membership from Eastern Russia, as an IMJA affiliate has been completed. We have been helping this active evangelistic effort. Joseph Stalin created this colony, as his “final solution” to the Jewish Problem and sent many thousands to this Siberian location. Today, there are about 80,000 residents who live there.

There has also been an invitation to speak in New Zealand and also to attend a worldwide Messianic Youth conference in Berlin, Germany. We have inquired about a trip to our alliance in South Africa. Of course, all of this is subject to available finances. Next month, there is the conference of the

Mexican Alliance in Puerto Vallarta, which has become a regularly scheduled event. That same month is the Messianic Jewish Alliance of American conference in Grantham, Pennsylvania, which is our strongest affiliate and hosts up to 3,000 people. Last month the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism was held in Boston, which I attended.

Strategic Partner

A particularly gratifying experience has been as the Executive Director of “The Messianic Times” newspaper. In December 2006, the IMJA entered into an agreement involving some financing, use of my services and admitting some of our Administrative Committee to become members of their Board of Directors. It has worked out wonderfully well. Upgrades of the paper are continually being made. One of the ministries of “The Messianic times” has been to provide newspapers to many thousands of individual prisoners incarcerated across the U.S. This is done either at no charge or well below cost. Word has spread and now many chaplains at the prisons now request boxes of 25 newspapers. The papers are well circulated from prisoner to prisoner.

As a result, they see our IMJA advertisement for a free copy of our book *The Fig Tree Blossoms*, explaining the Messianic Movement. This results in over 500 requests per year for free copies. We send them the book and then a volunteer and supporter of this ministry, Wilma Nitsche, invites them to join a free discipleship course.

It is amazing how many people of Jewish background respond. One chaplain in Texas informs that the Messianic Movement is the second fastest growing sect in his State. (The first is Islam.)

These IMJA monthly communications can now be read on-line at the “Messianic Times” website www.messianictimes.com, which will be especially helpful in reaching further into foreign countries. An internet subscription is \$7.99 (\$5.99 until June 30th). This represents a savings as compared with the hard copy, which requires postage and handling. You can call toll free at 866-612-7770 to sign up for an on-line subscription.

Israel

There has recently been a lot of fanfare over “claimed changes” in the Law of Return pertaining to Messianic Jews. The law itself allows for citizenship, if a person can prove lineage from at least one Jewish grandparent. This is the same criteria used by Hitler to carry off the Jews to the concentration camps. This law was modified in 1970 to preclude anyone who has

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the *Holy Scriptures* are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

