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## GOD'S WORK ENDURES DESPITE MISSILE STRIKE

In the midst of the Iranian missile attacks on Israel, my wife and I were slowly making our way through check-in at Royal Jordanian Airlines. We were leaving Amman, Jordan, after escorting sixty-five Christian visitors out of Israel. At about seven in the morning we paused to pray, aware that the siren we had just heard over Jordan signalled a missile on its way to Israel. We did not yet realise this would be the very missile that struck our new Messianic Centre in Tel Aviv.

Only a few days earlier, on the 14th June, we had dedicated this new ministry centre with joy and gratitude. After more than two years of transforming bare concrete into a beautiful and functional space for gospel ministry, we were finally prepared to launch expanded outreach to families and young people in greater Tel Aviv.

Now, the thirty-storey residential building, home to more than a hundred flats, has been severely damaged, and our newly finished ministry space on the ground and first floors is likely to remain inaccessible for at least a year.

We are quite certain the Iranians did not intend to strike our specific facility. At the same time, we recognise that the conflict we face is not only physical but spiritual. We may not have been the intended target of Iranian aggression, but we do believe the enemy of our souls sought to hinder the work God intended to accomplish through this centre, situated among 4.7 million Israelis.

Yet the enemy did not succeed. Our ministry has not ceased, not even for a single day, just as God's covenant with the Jewish people cannot be set aside.



## STRATEGIC LOCATION, STRATEGIC MINISTRY CONTINUES

Through God's provision and our decision to maintain a rental property in the same neighbourhood our twenty-five staff members continued their work without interruption. The 1,600 square feet we have rented for seven years remains our operational hub for evangelism, discipleship, and benevolence ministries, all the more so in the aftermath of the 7th October.

"We're not waiting for the building to be restored in order to minister," one staff member explained. "The needs are far too urgent. Every day we meet with traumatised families, deliver meals to Holocaust survivors, support soldiers dealing with post-traumatic stress, and share the gospel with Israelis who are asking deeper questions about God than ever before."

The recent peace agreement between Israel and Hamas brings cautious hope, yet spiritual openness in Israel is currently at an unprecedented level. Whatever the political situation may hold, our commitment remains unchanged: to demonstrate the love of Jesus through practical care and through the proclamation of biblical truth.

Our new ministry centre connects via the Tel Aviv light rail to family-centred neighbourhoods such as Bnei Brak, one of Israel's most religious suburbs. It sits within a vibrant Tel Aviv community of families, young professionals, and long-term residents.

Before the bombing, we hosted monthly concerts and Sabbath meals that regularly attracted more than 100 people, mostly young Israelis, including both followers of Jesus and those exploring faith. We held multiple Bible studies each week and organised special children's activities. These were not simply events but opportunities to build relationships, where conversations about faith emerged naturally over meals and music.

"Space creates ministry capacity," our Israel director noted. Although we now work with limited room, we look forward to significantly expanding our ministry as soon as we are able to return to the new centre, which we hope will be within the coming year.



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## REBUILDING MORE THAN STRUCTURES

The recent surge in spiritual openness among Israelis lies at the heart of our wider vision. Our focus is not merely on repairing the building but on rebuilding lives, strengthening programmes, and launching new gospel-centred initiatives. We aim to respond proactively to the current moment rather than simply reacting to the damage.

Our priorities include:

- Strengthening our team to meet rising ministry opportunities
- Restoring the new centre when repairs to the wider building allow
- Extending relief and benevolence work, including food support, housing help, and biblical counselling
- Developing new post-war outreach initiatives such as Psalms of Hope, which helps Israelis explore a relationship with God through Scripture; more than 10,000 copies of the downloadable modern-Hebrew Psalms book have already been accessed

## ISRAELIS COMING TO FAITH IN YESHUA (JESUS)

We are witnessing remarkable ways in which the Lord is revealing Yeshua as Messiah to Israelis. Here are a few stories shared by our local ministry workers:

"Ori\* said, 'I had planned exactly how I would take my life. I didn't even believe in God, but I asked that if He was real, He would save me. For several nights Yeshua appeared to me in dreams, and I knew it was Him. He's completely changed my life.' Once an atheist, Ori read the entire New Testament after his encounter. God rescued him from despair and gave him new life in the Messiah."

"A young woman named Esther,\* from a religious Jewish background, began attending our mid-week gatherings. She shared that four years earlier she too had planned to take her life, but Yeshua appeared to her in a vision and saved her. God is extraordinary."

"Shai\* came to faith during a Messianic Passover Seder. He explained that the experience helped him understand the need for redemption and that God Himself would provide the way."

"One staff member has been sharing the gospel with online influencers, gamers, and streamers for years. Yoel\* spent a long time discussing Jesus with him over video and gaming platforms. He eventually recognised that Yeshua truly is the Messiah and Saviour. Recently he began studying Scripture with two of our workers and exclaimed, 'This is discipleship! This is amazing!'"

"Paul,\* a social media influencer with more than 250,000 followers, has also recently come to faith. As we mentor him, we are already seeing how God is using his platform to reach many others."

War and destruction have left many Israelis with profound spiritual needs, and our ministry continues to meet those needs with the good news of Yeshua. Greater space and renewed capacity in the future will only enable us to serve more effectively.

## 131 YEARS OF FAITHFUL PRESENCE

Chosen People Ministries has served in Israel since before the modern State of Israel was established in 1948. Through wars, conflict, and countless challenges, the ministry has remained present.

The missile that struck our new centre was intended to destroy, yet God is using this moment to propel His people towards something greater. We are not simply rebuilding a facility - we are helping rebuild lives, families, and communities, pointing many towards the truth that Jesus is our Messiah.

The new centre will reopen. Programmes will grow. New team members will join. And many Israelis will encounter Yeshua through the continuing ministry of Chosen People Ministries. From rubble to redemption, this has always been God's pattern, and it is the story unfolding in Israel today.

Here in the United Kingdom, Chosen People Ministries continues its longstanding work of sharing God's love with the Jewish community. This year we were blessed to welcome a Jewish visitor to our congregation, a reminder that the Lord is opening doors in His perfect timing. As a fellowship, we have also taken to the streets together, both to stand visibly with the Jewish community during a difficult season and to bear witness to the hope we have in Messiah through conversation, prayer, and even song. We remain deeply grateful for the Lord's steadfast hand upon us and trust Him to continue guiding, sustaining, and using our ministry, both in the UK and around the world, for His purposes and His glory. Thank you for being part of it. If you feel led, any donation towards the rebuilding of our \*Tel Aviv centre or any gift supporting our wider ministry would be most gratefully received. \*(Please mark your gift 'TelAv' if it's for the centre).

As we enter Hannukah and the Christmas season, we rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Messiah, God's greatest gift to the world and the light that shines in every darkness. May His peace fill your heart and home, and may His hope strengthen you for the year ahead.

Happy Hannukah & Happy Christmas  
and every blessing in Him.



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