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From the Coordinator

This issue includes the 2013 annual reports from our LCJE Area Coordinators from around the world, as well as a great deal of information about upcoming events during 2014.

***** SAVE THE DATES! *** Our 10th LCJE International Conference is now set for Israel from 16-21 August 2015.**

Despite the current upheavals in Ukraine, we are still planning, God willing, to hold this year's LCJE European Regional Conference in Kiev, starting on April 28, 2014. Please pray for all the decisions and issues to be worked out for this conference. Pray especially for our Europe Area Coordinator, Jean-Paul Rempp, and our Ukrainian hosts, who have all worked very hard, despite the current difficulties in Ukraine, to try to make this a successful conference. The conference theme is: "Jesus, Still Today a Light to His People in a Post-Shoah Era."

Speaking of successful conferences, we just completed the 2014 LCJE North American conference, held in Wheaton, Illinois, near Chicago, under North American Coordinator Gary Hedrick's wonderful leadership, along with his fine staff. The conference theme was: "The New Testament's Use of the Old Testament (OT): How are the OT Passages Messianic?" Despite the bitter cold temperatures, the conference was very well attended, including an invitation extended to the Wheaton College student body. The Billy Graham Center hosts were very gracious and welcoming to LCJE.

Charles Klingensmith's devotional for this issue focuses on the incredible story of Soviet Jewish concert pianist and Russian Orthodox Christian Maria Yudina and her courageous letter to Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. Yudina's faith and bravery - putting her life on the line by what she put in that letter, reminds us a little of Queen Esther and the story of Purim. Her example can inspire us to continue to pray for and appeal to earthly leaders and authorities, no matter how wicked or indifferent they may be, that perhaps God will turn the heart of a king (Proverbs 21:1)

The new LCJE Search Engine at LCJE.net is now available for use online. It is about three times more powerful than the previous search engine - thanks to the code and assistance provided by Aaron Trank of Jews for Jesus. Please avail yourself of this wonderful research tool and check out the range of papers and materials available for your areas of interest and ministry. See the article on pages 19-20 for more information. We have this great treasure of resources on Jewish evangelism at our disposal today thanks primarily to one person - Kai Kjær-Hansen, who, over a period of some twenty years, organized and cajoled conference presenters to get their papers completed and turned in! We also thank Kai and Karsten Mumm for their faithful service all these years in handling the LCJE International Account in Denmark, which was closed in 2013. Information on that and last year's overall LCJE Financial Statement are found on pages 21-22.

In our sure hope for the coming salvation of Israel. *Jim Melnick*
Isaiah 45:17: "Israel shall be saved by an everlasting salvation..."

**Front cover photo: The memorial menorah at Babiy Yar, Kiev, Ukraine.
Photo by Jim Melnick (from Russian Messianic Leaders conference, 2012)**

Faith and Courage in the Face of a Dictator

By Charles Klingensmith, LCJE Japan



Maria Yudina

An Amazing Recording

Recently I spent time with a CD box set, some 16 CDs, by the Soviet-era Russian Jewish pianist Maria Yudina (1899-1970). To my ears, it included unparalleled Bach, insightful Beethoven, and compelling Schubert and Brahms.

And Mozart too: one recording especially I could not but be drawn into, was her recording from 1943 of Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23. It seems it was a struggle it seems to make the recording; it was made in the middle of the night with a hastily assembled orchestra, and it took three conductors to finish the work. The first had to be sent home in nervous prostration; the second couldn't think straight. Only the third conductor completed the assignment. But Yudina was at peace through it all.

The Connection to Stalin

This recording is one that we were never intended to hear. It was made in response to a request by one of many listeners the day before to a radio broadcast of that piano concerto. That listener was Josef Stalin. It was a live broadcast, and there was no recording! But he was not aware of that, and Stalin, deeply moved, called



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the broadcasters and asked that a record of what he had heard be sent to him. That's why the orchestra had suddenly to be called back, in sheer terror, to produce one copy of the music which had so moved this man.

Yudina's Prayer for a Dictator

Later, according to *Testimony: The Memoirs of Dmitri Shostakovich*, Yudina received a monetary gift sent in thanks on Stalin's orders. She in turn wrote a letter to Stalin, and famous composer Dmitri Shostakovich later heard of the contents from Yudina. He summarized her comments as follows: "Yudina wrote something like this in her letter: 'I thank you, Iosif Vissirionovich, for your aid. I will pray for you night and day and ask the Lord to forgive your great sins before the people and the country. The Lord is merciful and He'll forgive you. I gave the money to the church that I attend.'" Yudina sent this suicidal letter to Stalin. He read it and didn't say a word; they expected at least a twitch of the eyebrow. Naturally, the order to arrest Yudina was prepared and the slightest grimace would have been enough to wipe away the last traces of her. But Stalin was silent and set the letter aside in silence." (Volkov, page 194)

A Jewish Believer in Jesus

Yudina was in fact a Jewish believer in Jesus. She was baptized in the Russian Orthodox Church in 1919, after the revolution, hardly a propitious time to identify either with the enemies of the revolution, or in a land of pogroms, to identify with the persecutors of her Jewish people. If you read on in *Testimony* you learn that, to the annoyance of many, she was considered an eccentric, and dangerously dubious, for she was constantly sharing her faith, and testifying to prayer.

From our Messianic perspective, what can we say about this Jewish woman baptized years ago into the Russian Orthodox Church? Perhaps this, that she believed in Messiah just where she met Him, and made the most of that meeting, and was faithful to Him who was faithful to her. And is this not how we too want to live?

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Editor's Note: See also the YouTube video about Maria Yudina by Michael Odnoralov at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtmaRxxkXV4

"Maria Yudina: The Pianist Who Moved Stalin by Michael Odnoralov." It has also been claimed that when Stalin died on March 5, 1953, that "[s]pinning on his record player was Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23, performed by Maria Yudina." ("Stalin's Favorite Pianist," *The Austin Chronicle*, Feb. 13, 2004.

www.austinchronicle.com/music/2004-02-13/196899/).

Annual Report 2013 - LCJE Japan

By Charles Klingensmith, Chapter President, LCJE Japan

Praying for You

Shalom and blessings from Japan in the Name of Messiah to all co-workers in the worldwide LCJE network! We are always grateful to all of you for all that you do for His Jewish people in your many frontline evangelistic activities. We who are deep behind the lines pray for you and with you, and, may I say, envy you in the courageous work you do to bring Y'shua to His Chosen People. Our task in Japan's wholly Gentile culture is to support you in prayer, and to appeal to Japanese society at large on behalf of the Jewish people both in the State of Israel and throughout the world, and also to advocate in the Japanese church support for your work and participation in this urgent task.

This year 2014 marks LCJE Japan's twentieth anniversary. LCJE Japan hosts monthly

prayer meetings for Jewish evangelism in both east and west Japan, Tokyo and Osaka. The number of intercessors for your work is not especially large, but God is faithful as we pray, and members gladly travel several hours one way in packed trains to call down the Lord's blessing on your endeavors. Regular speakers in Osaka are Rev. Teiichi Kuroda, LCJE Japan Coordinator; Mr. Makoto Takase, LCJE Japan Office Manager; and myself, in rotation; in Tokyo, Rev. Mamoru Hayakawa has faithfully borne the burden of organizing and leading Tokyo's prayer meeting almost single handedly over many years. In addition, we try to host a speaker from Jewish evangelistic organizations abroad once a year. Last year in February 2013 we welcomed Wes Taber of Life in Messiah International for informative presentations both in Tokyo and Osaka, and this year

2014 to mark our 20th anniversary, we are planning the visit of our LCJE International Coordinator, Jim Melnick. Jim's visit will include talks in Tokyo and Osaka, with guest spots in local churches as well. We have also been able to publish over 170 consecutive monthly editions of our Japanese language LCJE News. We LCJE Japan Committee members (myself, Rev. Kuroda, Rev. Isaac Ishiguro, Rev. Kenichi Nakagawa, Rev. Mamoru Hayakawa, Mr. Makoto Takase, Mr. Takeshi Sano) write monthly articles in Japanese and prepare Japanese translations of many of the articles found in the LCJE Bulletin. These are usually published not very long after they have appeared in English. Many thanks to Rev. Ishiguro for his tireless and careful editing through the years. Please pray for us, too!

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Annual Report 2013 - LCJE Israel

By David Zadok, LCJE Israel Area Coordinator

One of the ways that I can characterize the year 2013 in Israel would probably be the work of evangelism and increased openness to it. While there is always a need for more and more workers for evangelism among Israelis, yet nevertheless we are seeing a growing involvement among congregations and organizations that are keen to bring the Good News of the Jewish Messiah to the Jewish people in the land.

This welcomed growth can be

seen in a few different areas. First, there are the new evangelistic websites that are being published, as well as the increase in traffic to these sites. The One for Israel website (oneforisrael.org) shows a steady increase in number of visits and Google search done by Israelis on issues related to Jesus, Messiah, the New Testament and other related terms. In addition, we are seeing an increase in the number of congregations that are actively involved in evangelism, and initiating the production of tracts and other tools that they use in their lo-

cal evangelistic works. Another important increase is seeing in the number of evangelistic books that are being published. In the last few months at HaGefen Publishing (ha-gefen.org.il), we have printed some 35,000 books and booklets for evangelism in Hebrew and Russian. One of them, called *The Case for God* by Jim Jacob, has been the second most-wanted book by Israelis, after the New Testament. I believe that all of these and many other developments are a sure sign that God is on the move in Israel, and we have to look eagerly at the field and

hope for a great harvest.

An LCJE Israel activity is planned for June 5th of this year. The conference on that day will concentrate on the work of evangelism to various groups, including Holocaust survivors and young Israeli backpackers and also various means of outreach, including the social media. We hope

to have some forty or so people in the conference and trust that it will help provide a network for those who are involved in outreach.

Finally, together with our International Coordinator, we have been working on planning the 10th International Conference here in Jerusalem in 2015. The dates and venue have been

set and we are working on the theme, speakers and events for this special event in our network. Please jot down the dates of the conference that will be 16-21 August 2015.

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Annual Report 2013 for AustralAsia

By Bob Mendelsohn, Area Coordinator, LCJE AustralAsia

Overview: CMJ and Good News for Israel

One of the most gratifying aspects of our region at present is the stand being taken by our Australian Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, who has taken on the role of Chair of the UN Security Council. In this position, she has challenged the widely held assumption that the Israeli settlements are illegal.

Another blessing to count is the good relations we continue to enjoy with the Jewish communities in this country – especially here in the West through Friends of Israel WA. For example, this Association, which represents the 7,000 + strong Jewish community in Perth sent out Christmas greetings to its Christian constituents!

1. Contribution to CMJ Israel. The first bi-ennial International Conference (IC) involving the global CMJ family was held last November 2012. Australia was represented by Board Member (and LCJE Brisbane man) Fraser Harding and me. It was an inspiring time hearing about the work in other nations and the establishment of branches in Europe and in South East Asia. The IC also received a report on the Crossroads Conference held at Christ Church to promote reconciliation be-



Bob Mendelsohn

tween Arab and Jewish people.

Under the direction of the newly ordained Don Stanley, CMJ Israel (from Melbourne) is now governed by an international Board with two Israeli (Messianic) representatives. This 'centre' of the global family has continued to carry out its mission, encapsulated by the 3 E's:

- 1.1. Evangelism – to the Jew first, sharing the gospel in culturally sensitive ways. Fraser and I experienced first-hand the unique resources (e.g., heritage centres) which CMJ has in the north, on the coast and in Jerusalem';
- 1.2. Encouraging Jewish believers – in Messianic congregations, with schools like Makor HaTikvah and by acts of service / mercy;
- 1.3. Educating the Church by teaching at Christ Church, Shoresh Tours, hospitality, school-ing, and leadership training.

2. Tour to Israel Fraser Harding and I conducted a very successful 'Shoresh' (Hebrew Roots) tour of Israel in November last year. Participants included pastors and elders from four different congregations. In addition to visiting the ancient stones in the Land, we took a fresh look at the Torah in the full sense of that word and studied Jesus the Jew. Some of our experiences were documented on our blog.

Another feature of this tour was visiting not only the sites but also the 'living stones' who testify to the power of peace & reconciliation to be found in Yeshua haMashiach. Participants experienced how the hope of Israel (for Jewish people) - far from denying the hope of Ishmael (for Arabs) - actually complements it in the plan and purposes of God for all of His people as they manifest the 'one new man' (Jew and Gentile believers) in the Land. A number of tour members testified to the fact that they underwent a paradigm shift in their biblical worldview as a result.

3. Conferences held in partnership with like-minded organisations.

For the second year running, we partnered with Fraser's

"Good News for Israel" and Western Australian friends like Craig Beech and David Cohen to hold conferences not only in Perth and Brisbane but also in Melbourne, Geelong and Sydney as well. Last year, we hosted Palestinian Christian Tass Saada whose worldwide bestseller, *Once an Arafat Man*, has made a huge impact on people around the world in discovering the key to true peace in the Middle East. He shared a platform with Australian-born Christine Sakakibara, who has lived in Israel for the past 37 years. Titled 'Seeds of Hope', this series of meetings lived up to its name - planting hope in the hearts and minds of those who were able to hear these powerful messages. Not a hope against hope, but rather a hope based on the testimonies of those who have walked the talk of peace and reconciliation in an area where this can exact the ultimate sacrifice.

Other meetings to which we contributed this past year included the launch of Kelvin Crombie's book, titled, *El Alamein: Halting a Possible Holocaust in the Middle East* at Parliament House in Perth. This provided an opportunity to showcase the Montgomery Bible for one more time before it was returned to Christ Church in Jerusalem.

Both Don Stanley and I also reported to CMJ's Swanwick Conference held in the UK in July 2013.

On the local front here in Geraldton WA, Keven McIldowie partnered with David Cohen again to run a seminar on the prophecies of Daniel.

Our last Board meeting took an in-principle decision to re-invent ourselves as CMJ Australia – New Zealand. It will take time to implement this agreement, but the move is

consistent with the IC policy of encouraging the work of CMJ to develop in new areas.

Upcoming events include:

- The fourth LCJE AustralAsia conference to be held in Sydney in July 2014; CMJ is also scheduling its international meetings in 2015 to dove-tail with LCJE's conference in Jerusalem so that as many of us as possible will be able to attend;
- Partnering with Friends of Carmel to host David and Karen Davis both in Perth and in Brisbane in August 2014;
- Another 'Shoresh' tour of Israel in September 2015 - this time to be led by Anglican minister John Simons and myself.

Anti-Semitism in the Church

As is the case in most Western countries, anti-Semitism continues to rear its ugly head not only in the world but also in the Church here in AustralAsia. The antidote to this evil lies in our holding fast to the unity we have with those who, like us, are fully persuaded that those 'branches' which are cut off from the root somehow fall short of being a true manifestation of the Body of Christ. The fellowship which we experience in AustralAsia under the umbrella of LCJE is one in which we are able to attain to this unity of faith together (Ephesians 4:12). During the 18 months since we last met, those of us who have been involved in this association of organisations have been using a Prayer Calendar to express this God-given unity. I trust that this network of support and encouragement will grow from strength to strength in the increasingly difficult days that lie ahead.

--submitted by Martin Weatherston (Chair)

Yeshua Tsidkenu

2013 has been an encouraging year for Yeshua Tsidkenu, a Russian-speaking Jewish Congregation in Sydney.

Our regular mainly elderly Rus-

sian Jewish folk have faithfully attended the four major outreaches we had in 2013, and we were encouraged to have a few first-timers as well. The Resurrection Sunday Celebration and the Birth of Messiah Celebration were also well attended by selected Jewish unbelievers with a good response.

- The highlight of the year was the salvation of a Russian man just before his death. He was the husband of a Jewish believer in our congregation who attended services on a regular basis, resisted God for 15 years, but gave his heart to Jesus in a hospital six hours before his death!

- The other positive development was the start of a new Bible study for 3 unbelieving Jewish women and one Jewish man who have been coming to outreaches for several years and finally took the step to go further.

- Another new venture for Yeshua Tsidkenu has been the start in the Bondi area of a book table and handing out witnessing brochures. This is a new area for us and is the most Jewish area in Sydney. We have been praying for new contacts there, and God is answering our prayers, as we already are acquiring new contacts.

- We have a strong indication that God is leading us to eventually start a congregation in the Bondi area, and our plans for 2014 are to start a monthly outreach meeting in that area and gradually it build up with God's help.

--submitted by Rev Kostya and Natasha Michailidis Russian Jewish Alliance Congregation

Annual Report 2013 for Latin America

By David Sedaca, LCJE Area Coordinator, Latin America



David Sedaca



Manuel Goffman

"EVANGELIZING THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE LAST DAYS"

The first Spanish conference on Jewish evangelism in North America

Organizing the Conference

On November 1 – 3, 2013, the first conference in Spanish on Jewish evangelism was held in the city of Miami, Florida. Co-sponsored by Chosen People Ministries, ELIM Missionary Assemblies, the Greater Miami Hispanic Evangelical Pastors Association and the Association of Hispanic Christian Churches of South Florida, the first conference on Jewish evangelism was organized with the theme, "Evangelizing The Jewish People In The Last Days."

David Sedaca started working with local pastors beginning in January 2013, speaking in local associations and evangelical churches to raise and awareness for the need to reach the Jewish people with the gospel. According to Jewish agencies, there are over 500,000 Jewish people in the United States who speak Spanish. Of these, nearly 60,000 reside in South Florida. Miami has become the center for Jewish people who emigrated first from Cuba in the sixties, then in his seventies and eighties ways of Jewish immigrants came from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. In spite of the growing and effective work of Hispanic evangelicals in Florida, they

have not been able to reach out to Spanish-speaking Jewish people. After traveling once a month to Florida, a local committee of evangelical Hispanics pastors was set up under the leadership of David Sedaca, vice president of Chosen People Ministries and LCJE of Latin American Coordinator, to organize the event.

The venue for the conference was ELIM Missionary Assembly, starting Friday night and continuing through Sunday night. Having been promoted for months on Spanish speaking radio and TV stations in South Florida, the conference was well attended with people from all parts of United States and Mexico, Honduras, Argentina and Canada.

The worship was led by a Praise and Worship team that volunteered their time and traveled at their own expense. On Friday night, the event started with a Shabbat service. David Sedaca opened the conference speaking on "God's Plan for Israel." On Saturday morning the conference continued with a Shabbat service led by Messianic Rabbi Manuel Goffman, who spoke on "The Gospel in the Book of Isaiah." On Sat-

urday afternoon there were break-out seminars, and each of the 180 registered attendees was able to participate in all four workshops on 'Judaism and Jewish Evangelism.' The workshops were led by Rick Kunz and Guillermo Katz from Argentina, Jorge Sedaca from Canada, and Manuel Goffman and David Sedaca from the US. Saturday night Guillermo Katz spoke on "Why We Need to Bring the Gospel to the Jewish People." The program continued on Sunday morning with a powerful message from Ruben Lopez, Senior Pastor of the host church, who preached on the theme, "Has God Rejected Israel?" Sunday night the conference closed with a message from Jorge Sedaca, National Director of Chosen People Ministries, Canada, who spoke of "Why and How to Pray for Israel." All the messages from this conferences are available on the Internet by clicking on: <http://chosenpeople.com/spanish/index.php/videos>

Because of the growing numbers of Spanish-speaking Jewish people in the US, similar conferences are being planned for the future: in 2014 in New York City and in 2015 in Dallas,

Texas. These programs are intended to get the local churches involved in Jewish evangelism. With the printing in Spanish of books such as "Isaiah 53 Explained," "The Heart of the Apostle: a Commentary on Romans 9-11," and "Israel Holy Days in Type and Prophecy," more Hispanic evangelicals are being made aware that Jewish evangelism isn't just the work of Jewish missions, but the work of every believer.

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Annual Report 2013 for North America
By Gary Hedrick, LCJE Area Coordinator, North America

Greetings from your LCJE brothers and sisters in North America!

We had an eventful year in 2013. Our annual meeting last March was in Boca Raton, Florida. It was a great time of fellowship and presenting papers and was well attended. In May, we packed our bags again and headed for Switzerland for the 2013 CEO conference. Rob Styler, Michael (my son), and I had a great time with the leaders of many other LCJE-related ministries from around the world. The discussion times were well-planned, so there was a great deal of helpful information - almost more than we could absorb in such a short period of time!

Support of Billy Graham Center for the Conference

Our 2014 annual conference is just completed. It was held in Wheaton, Illinois, near Chicago. We're especially grateful to the Billy Graham Center (BGC) at Wheaton College for hosting this year's conference. In North America, Wheaton is in many ways the center of the evangelical universe because so many Christian institutions are based there (or otherwise have connections there).

We are grateful to our long-time friend and colleague, Susan Perlman of Jews for Jesus, who first saw the potential for a BGC-sponsored LCJE conference and helped us open the initial lines of communication. Working with Amy Hilstrom and the BGC staff has been a wonderful experience, and it's going to be hard to go back to dealing with hotels and secular conference centers next year!

Our Conference Theme

The conference was held during the first week of March. The theme of the conference was, "The New Testament's Use of the Old Testament: How Are the Old Testament Passages Messianic?" Our speakers/presenters included: Walter C. Kaiser (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), Michael Rydelnik (Moody Bible Institute), Darrell Bock (Dallas Theological Seminary), Daniel Block (Wheaton College), Randall Price (Liberty University), John Monson (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), and a number of others. Wednesday's activities (March 5, 2014) included a panel discussion (moderated by Tim Sigler of Moody Bible Institute) about how the New Testament uses the Old Testament - and specifically, how those Old Testament prophecies which the New Testament cites are Messianic. There are two or three



Wheaton College Todd M. Beamer Center (on right), where the 2013 LCJE North American conference sessions were held. Beamer, a Wheaton College alumnus, was killed in the 9-11-2001 Islamic terrorist attacks against the U.S.

different views among Christian scholars on this question, and, although the discussion can sometimes become quite technical, it is nonetheless fascinating, even for those of us who aren't immersed in the scholarly world.

'A Conversation'

Another interesting development at the conference was an optional evening session that included 'a conversation' with Dr. Gary Burge of the Wheaton College faculty. As many of our LCJE folks know, Professor Burge has been an outspoken critic of the State of Israel and its policies toward the Palestinian people. Many of us here in North America are strongly supportive of Israel, so we tend to be drawn like a magnet to discussions where Israel is being labeled with terms like 'racist' or 'apartheid'. So we appreciate very much Dr. Burge's willingness to meet with us - even though he may have felt a bit like Daniel walking into the lion's den - and to listen to our concerns about the anti-Zionist movement he represents.

Our hope and prayer is that our presence at the BGC in Wheaton helped raise the awareness of mainstream evangelicals about the legitimacy, importance, and priority of Jewish evangelism in the midst of the church's overall missions strategy. We've

lingered on the fringes for too long. It's a good feeling to have a small part in claiming a seat for LCJE in the broader church's missiological table in the 21st century.

Future Conferences

As we look to the 10th International LCJE Conference in Israel in August 2015, as well as the Lausanne Movement's Young Leaders' Gathering (YLG 2015) to be held in Kiev, Ukraine (also to be held during August 2015, with dates still to be determined), we anticipate a high level of participation in Jerusalem. We hope to see many of you there! We are also nominating several of our younger leaders for the conference in Kiev as well. We believe it is important for us to participate on the international level and to network with like-minded ministries from all over the world.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada - 2015

We're always pleased to have friends and colleagues from other regions join us for our North American conferences. Please note that our next North American gathering will be in Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada) from April 20-22, 2015. Please check our webpage (www.lcjen.org) for more details as we get closer to that time. At this year's conference we had several visitors from Israel and at least one from Africa, and it was wonderful to see them there. So, please consider this your formal invitation to join us!

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Annual Report 2013 for Europe

by Jean-Paul Remp, Area Coordinator, Europe

Belarus

The Apple of His Eye (AOHE) Ministry

On November 7-10, 2013, we started a new campaign with "Open your Hand Ministry" (serving retired Jews). Together with young volunteers from Norway (NCMI) we were able to provide food for 50 people. But beyond that, we were able to talk with many and pray for their needs, as well as talking of Jesus' love for Jewish people. The whole campaign was sponsored by non-AOHE funds (we simply don't have any money for that in our budget).

We hope to have new campaign in Belarus in February, and this time we plan to give food to a hundred people in Minsk and in a new location in western Belarus. Please pray for these events, especially for funds.

Internet Radio

We continue our work with Internet radio www.mashiah.info. Nikolay Haskin, our missionary in Minsk (totally sponsored by NCMI) keeps recording new programs and interviews. Unfortunately, the number of listeners has been decreasing. Because of health issues, I have not been able to spend as much time as I spent before; however, we still have 40-60 listeners every day.

Publishing Ministry

We are preparing a new edition of *Shalom* magazine; we pray that we will have a new edition by February 1st. We alter the magazine content a lot. If before, 90% of materials were translated from Finnish, now we also add materials from different sources (Russian, American, Israeli etc). We hope to print a new *Shalom* magazine edition in a press run of 3,000 copies. This edition of is totally supported by the Finnish organization "Friends of Israel". (News given by Alexey Shepelev,



Jean-Paul Remp

The Apple of His Eye Russia)

Bulgaria

Work among the Bulgarian Jews: Background and History

We have had Jewish people in Bulgaria since ancient times. A larger population came when the Jews were expelled from Spain in the fifteenth century.

Among us, Jewish people lived a very secure life. We were under the Ottoman Turks at the time, but, nevertheless, they thought that they lived "in Jerusalem."

The problems arrived with the start of WWII. Bulgaria was on the side of the Germans, and we were expected to persecute the Jews. There were laws issued for such purposes. But that was it! The Bulgarian people did not allow anything more to happen. They did not allow Hitler to deport Jewish people from our country. We saved 70,000 Jews during the War!

The Church was the engine for saving the Jews. In our church we had a great work among them during that time. We have even had an ordained minister from a Jewish background. Today in Bulgaria we have less than 3,000 Jews. Most of them made aliyah to Israel after the Communists came to power in Bulgaria.

We serve them in a variety of ways. We supply them with humanitarian aid and help take care

of their physical and medical needs. I often drive some of them to hospitals, different institutions and use the time to talk with them about the Lord.

Making friendships is the main tool that we are using to approach them. Meeting them in different places, visiting their homes, seeing their relatives has been my approach for years.

We also organize seminars, conferences and small groups for Bible study. There is some tiny success with that approach as well. In my group I have two Jewish believers. I am also trying to open a web page and to meet with Bulgarian Jews online. I think this is another good opportunity to share the Gospel.

It is a slow process, but there is fruit from it. I have seen several of my Jewish friends to come to faith. The church still is the main factor of my work here. Without the church I could not do anything. I am grateful to the Lord, that he is letting His body be a witness for Him among the Bulgarian Jewish people. Pray for the salvation of Israel!

(News given by Stanislav Alexiev, Christian Witness to Israel - CWI)

Denmark

Update from the Danish Israel Mission for 2013.

In 2013 we were able to continue our projects and keep our commitment to our partners in Israel. We are grateful for that and do not take it for granted. We have been able to develop our partnership with the student move-

ment in Israel and find that this cooperation is a mutual blessing, and we hope to strengthen these ties over the next year.

Also, our cooperation with Jews for Jesus was expanded a little in 2013. One of our staff members, Arne Pedersen, together with a member of our youth movement (IU) took part in the outreach in Moscow and another person from IU went to Budapest to be part of the campaign there. This is separate from the three Danish stewards who helped out in the New York campaign.

These may seem insignificant activities, but I want to mention them here in this LCJE report because they show what a network can be used for. It is also our experience that, when we are able to introduce young people to Jewish evangelism in this way, it has a lasting impact on their engagement with our mission.

In line with this, we have together with other LCJE members taken part in the Mission Net conference for young people held every second year in Germany. I think we owe it to the next generation of mission-minded people to also present the challenge of Jewish mission to them and give them ideas of how they can be involved. The Mission Net conference gathers around 3,000 young people from all over Europe for a five-day conference over the New Year.

In 2013, the rescue of Danish Jews to Sweden in 1943 was celebrated and commemorated throughout Denmark and by many different bodies. In the Danish Israel Mission we also used the 70-year anniversary to stop and reflect and tell our part of the story. Members and key persons in our mission played a role at that time, as did so many others in Denmark, and it was an opportunity to dig into our archives and find out more. This is not a finished project. Kai Kjær-Hansen was able to publish a few articles in our magazine but hopes to be able to collect and present more on that story in the future. Among

the 7,000 Danish Jews rescued to Sweden, there were also a number of Jewish believers in Jesus. Their story still needs to be told.

The end of 2013 also means an end to the service of Lise and Jakob Nielsen in Jerusalem. They have been our missionaries there since August 2009. They have been responsible for the work of the Danish congregation in Jerusalem - Jakob as part-time Danish pastor and both he and Lise as coordinators of our volunteer program. Jakob has also worked part time as coordinator of Caspari Center's international programs in Jerusalem. Beginning of January 2014, they will be replaced by a new Danish family, Elisabeth and David Serner. David will also be assigned part time to Caspari Center.

We look forward to see LCJE friends at the European conference in Kiev in April and hope that many of you will be there so that we can continue networking together.

(News given by Bodil Skjøtt, Danish Israel Mission - DIM)

England

All Nations MTh in Messianic Jewish Studies

Two students have graduated so far with publishable dissertations on Messianic Jewish Arts Ministries and Jewish responses to Trinitarian thought. Others are still in the program.

CMJ celebrated the 200th anniversary of Beni Abraham, the first congregation of Jewish believers in Jesus in UK in modern times. Speakers included: Martin Goldsmith, Tom Mayr-Lori, Alex Jacob and Richard Harvey. Presentations are available from CMJ and at <http://tumblr.co/Zd-S1isuvpKZr>.

(News given by Richard Harvey, All Nations Christian College)

CMJ

CMJ staff have been involved in outreach work, often working closely with other Christian

mission groups in three main ways: firstly, reaching into the New Age communities (which often include significant numbers of Jewish people) through attendance and mission activities at New Age festivals (especially the Mind, Body and Spirit event in London in the spring of 2013); secondly, through street outreach work, primarily in the Stamford Hill area of North London; thirdly, via a range of personal contacts, carefully fostered by our outreach staff.

As we enter into 2014, CMJ has just produced a new Evangelistic training resource called, "Putting People on the Moon" (Please see the CMJ website for more details). This five-session introductory course aims to equip churches and individual Christians to reach out to Jewish people with confidence, courtesy and understanding. CMJ has promoted this course among about 500 CMJ-supporting churches and has sent details to about another 150 churches situated in areas that contain significant numbers of Jewish people. The course will hopefully be followed up by CMJ staff supporting church groups in developing a number of evangelistic events and helping churches reflect upon outreach plans and wider engagement with Jewish communities and individuals.

CMJ also values our links with LCJE and will be sending a representative to the meeting later this year in Kiev. » (News given by Alex Jacob, The Church's Ministry among Jewish – CMJ in UK)

Chosen People Ministries (UK)

Chosen People Ministries (UK) has moved into new offices in Golders Green, London, and our staff are currently active in personal outreach and congregation planting in the area. We had an outreach campaign two summers ago seeking to

interest Jewish people in our book, *Isaiah 53 Explained*, in conjunction with the 2012 Olympics. This went very well, and it is my understanding that CWI and JFJ also had good outreaches during that summer as well. » (News given by Daniel Nessim, Chosen People Ministries - CPM)

CWI

In the first half of 2013, CWI's Israel Field Leader David Zadok was appointed as pastor of the Grace and Truth Congregation, and the congregational building was opened, almost twenty years after the building project began. Also, two decades after the project began, HaGefen Publishing, CWI's ministry in Israel, completed the final volume of the children's illustrated Tanakh in modern, easy-to-read Hebrew. Work has begun on the New Testament and HaGefen hopes to find a secular publishing house willing to market the ground-breaking new translation of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Two outreaches to New Age Jews took place, one in the spring and the other in the autumn. After being turned down by one of the New Age events, in the autumn we chose to take our 'Jesus Experience' stand to a much smaller event, and more Jewish people than ever visited the stand and made professions of faith. Remarkably, following that outreach, the organisers of the bigger event called us to ask if we would like to go back to their exhibition next year.

In July, a team of volunteers from England, Scotland, the USA, Israel and Eastern Europe came together in Budapest for the purpose of evangelising the Jewish community of Budapest. CWI's field workers in Hungary, Feri and Bogi Kozma, had put together a programme of learning, and evangelism that was remarkably blessed. There is a great deal of political anti-Semitism in Hungary, and we wanted to let the Jewish people know we were not anti-Semites and that we were for them. We wanted also to attract the attention of the general public,

including the anti-Semites, and presented four reasons why they ought to love the Jewish people, including the fact that the Saviour of the world is a Jew.

In October, Shmuel Aweida the Arab pastor of Beit Eliahu Congregation in Haifa spoke at a series of meetings around the UK. The meetings took the form of an 'In Conversation' event, with questions and answers at the end. Shmuel handled the questions in a masterly way, making the point each evening that Jesus is the answer to the problems in Israel and the Middle East. The response each evening was enthusiastic and a number of people confided after the meetings that they had been guilty of virtually idolising Israel and the Jewish people.

For some years we have been concerned to help Christians share Jesus with their Jewish friends, and in the autumn of 2013 a series of one-day events were organised to introduce Christians to Jewish history, culture and religion with a view to helping them in their witness. A number of those who attended the 'Love Your Jewish Neighbour' events wanted to continue to go further, and so, over the winter and spring months of 2013/14 a regular meeting has been held in northwest London. Czech TV is producing a documentary about the children who were airlifted from Czechoslovakia by the Barbican Mission to the Jews (CWI came into existence when the Barbican Mission merged with the British Society for the Evangelization of the Jews in 1976), shortly before the Nazi invasion of the country in 1939. The two producers spent a morning researching through the archives at Head Office, and they hope to complete the programme sometime next year. » (News given by Mike Moore, Christian Witness to Israel - CWI)

Europe and former USSR

Jews for Jesus.

Here's a quick update on some

of the outreaches that characterized the work of Jews for Jesus in Europe and in the former USSR during 2013.

2013 marked the 40th anniversary of the official founding of the ministry of Jews for Jesus. As a result, much of our work this past year was infused with a sense of gratitude to the Lord who has sustained us through this first generation in our ministry's life. Our verse for the year has been, "From Generation to generation, we will proclaim Your praise!" (Psalm 79:13). The highlights were our street outreaches. In London, staff members and volunteers ministered to the crowds at the Wimbledon Matches. We thought it was very gracious of the Lord to bring so many people from all over the world to Wimbledon, just so that they could hear the Gospel from us Jews.

In Germany and Hungary, we continued our "Life from the Dead" campaigns with summer outreaches in Berlin and Budapest. "Life from the Dead" is our project, focusing upon bringing the Gospel especially to the cities that have such a tragic history for our people. For us Jews to proclaim God's message of eternal Life in the places where so many of us died – that's "Life from the Dead."

Leading up to the High Holidays, our colleagues in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus held a combined two-week outreach on the streets of Moscow that we called "Operation Jericho." We actually held this campaign to mark the 20th anniversary of the very first Moscow campaign in August 1993. God has been so faithful to keep the doors open and to keep the testimony going out.

Our Paris office came out with a new evangelistic DVD in French and German, titled "The Ruth Gottlieb Story." Ruth is a Jewish former French Resistance fighter and Holocaust survivor whose journey to faith took her through many difficult

trials and personal tragedies. But God not only brought her through every trial; He brought her to Himself.

As the year came to an end, demonstrations erupted on the streets on Kiev, and the demonstrations are still going on as I write this brief report. And so, our colleagues have taken to the barricades as well - but not to protest. Rather, they're on the streets to let people know that the real answers to all life's questions will not be found in a political change, but in a relationship with a personal Redeemer.

(News given by Avi Snyder, Jews for Jesus at work in UK, France, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus)

Finland

JUST

The activities of the LCJE Finland in 2013 in Finnish Juutalais-evankelioimisen Suomen työryhmä (JUST) - consisted of one gathering, which was The Jesus for Israel seminary at The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Helsinki on the 22nd of April. The guest speakers were Kai Kjaer-Hansen from Denmark and Evgeny Blinov from Russia. Our main topic was the "difficult questions in Jewish evangelism." The seminar was planned for the experts in Jewish evangelism. There were some sixty-five listeners in the seminar.

The JUST group had five meetings. We form a network of many Jewish and Gentile mission organisations in Finland, also some individual members belong to the group.

During the year we began to plan to take part in the gathering "Trans4mission2014" in October. The gathering is for young adults who are interested in mission work. Since November 2009, the LCJE Finland has also belonged to the Evangelical Alliance in Finland (Suomen Evankelinen Allianssi) and is part of its networks.

(News given by Juhani Koivisto,

LCJE Finland - JUST)

France

CPM

Other than the Berger d'Israël magazine and other publications tailored for a Jewish audience that we want to introduce to Yeshua, we spend a good deal of time helping and collaborating with other like-minded ministries. We do it by making our tools available to them. This is why we have a relationship with the messianic congregation of La Louvière (Belgium), Gan Eden in Marseille, or « La Maison d'étude » (The Study House) in Geneva.

The highlights of our work of co-laboring were the Hatikvah 2013 conference in Nogent sur Marne, conferences in Strasbourg and the Greater Paris Region. We also organize a ministry retreat in Strasbourg in the spring where the majority of our friends and various ministries to the Jewish people in France, Belgium and Switzerland gather for prayer and fellowship. We also co-labor with Life in Messiah and Jews for Jesus. In 2014, we are planning several new publications as well as a concert with the Belgian Messianic group Kineti in May. (News given by Guy Athia, Chosen People Ministries – CPM)

CWI

We thank the Lord again that a good number of delegates will come from France to the LCJE European Conference in Kiev in April 2014, despite language difficulties. CWI perseveres in witnessing to the Jewish people in both main cities of France, Paris and Lyon.

Following the workshop on Jewish evangelism which I have been asked to lead at the 7th Forum of Evangelists-Europe – the largest network of evangelists in French-speaking countries – in January in Lyon, I received various invitations in France but also in French-speaking Belgium and Switzerland. I hope to be able to an-

swer them after this summer.

A relationship is also developing between the French branch of CWI and Evangeliumsdienst für Israel – EDI. Please pray for the meeting I will have in Stuttgart within the framework of EDI on June 28, 2014.

Concerning my ministry among churches, I am grateful to the Lord that my book, *Israel: A People, a Faith and a Land*, continues to be well received among several evangelical circles in France and abroad. I thank you for your prayers for the preparation of two other books to follow this first one. In both of them, my purpose is to help Christians in their witness to their Jewish friends, as well as challenge the latter from their own Jewish culture and heritage.

(News given by Jean-Paul Rempp, Christian Witness to Israel - CWI)

Germany

Beit Sar Shalom

We currently have a total of 31 people ministering with us (seven of them are in administration). We are represented in 18 cities within Germany (Berlin, Duesseldorf, Osnabrueck, Bielefeld, Erfurt, Potsdam, Nuernberg, Herborn, Koblenz, Munich, Wuerzburg, Bayreuth, Bamberg, Essen, Moenchengladbach, Sollingen, Bonn, and Duisburg) with plans of starting ministry in two other cities (Detmold, Chemitz).

The ministry activities that we conducted in 2013 in Germany included:

- Congregational planting
- Bible studies
- Evangelism through visiting people and public outreaches
- Hospitality to travelers, especially to young Israelis
- Messianic Institute – educational seminars and their distribution
- Conferences and seminars
- Training and mentoring of new leaders
- Promoting unity between Jews

and Gentiles in the Body of Messiah

- Humanitarian aid and helping the needy

- Ministry to Holocaust survivors

In addition to our existing ministry activities in 2014, we are planning on:

- Developing a German interactive Internet and social network presence

- Starting ministry in three different cities

- Making progress in establishing the Berlin Messianic Jewish Theological Academy

The messianic center in Berlin has become too small for our congregational worship services and activities. We are considering the possibility of purchasing another messianic center – either in addition to the existing one or one instead with a synagogue room for about 300 people.

(News given by Vladimir Pikman, Beit Sar Shalom)

Mission Net - Impacting the next generation

The conference booth of LCJE Europe at the Mission Net conference in Offenburg/Germany was a very successful operation. In our encounters with some of the 2,800 young people from 40 European states and 15 non-European states we could display that there is a "tribe of Jacob" - Jewish people around the world who need to hear about their Messiah Jesus. Even though the conference was taking place in Germany, it appeared that the majority of the attendants of Mission Net were not from Germany itself. Europe itself was indeed well represented there.

Who was there from LCJE?

At our stand we had young adults from the Norwegian Church Ministry (NCMI) and the Danish Israel Mission (DIM), as well as Jews for Jesus/Germany and Evangeliumsdiens for Israel (EDI)/Germany (Gospel Ministry for Israel). We had material on the tables in addition to the mentioned organisa-

tions from the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das messianische Zeugnis an Israel (AMZI/Schweiz) and Christian Witness to Israel (CWI/UK).

We attracted at least around fifty more people who took part in a quiz about Israel, Judaism and the Bible. By answering the questions we helped them and could engage into deeper conversation with them. The winner of the quiz will receive an iPod shuffle in his or her favorite colour. The quiz resulted in having the email addresses of 46 young people. All participating LCJE organisations will have the chance to once more present some information about their organisation by sending an email to them. A second opportunity to reinforce our message to the young people we met and talked to.

Seminar on Reconciliation Ministries

Evangeliumsdiens für Israel (EDI), together with Heidi Vega (NCMI), who took part in the Bridgebuilder Programme by Caspari Center Jerusalem and the Philippusdiens (a ministry based in Germany supporting reconciliation in Israel, also organizing Yad be Yad) participated in a one and a half hour seminar about the challenge of Messianic Jews and Arabic-speaking believers living together in Israel as one body in Christ.

The main theme of the day was social justice. Our seminar was quite well attended, and I believe it was well understood that reconciliation ministries are an important contribution towards "social justice and peace in the Middle East." Our reconciliation through Christ poses an encouragement to build lasting relationships with one another on the basis of the unity in faith in the Messiah. This could be an example for the political realm.

What is next?

I believe we as LCJE Europe should consider taking part again in the next Mission Net conference or similar conference in Europe. We need to be present where young Christians meet. The context of such conferences sometimes might not fully match our theological or missiological positions. But the young people who attend these events are open to listening to our message and ready to think through what we have to say - at least for a while! I think this is an encouraging fact for all of us (elderly and wise theologians) who are already set in our own theological frameworks. Our God can do more out of our encounter with the young generation than we can imagine. Let's impact the next generation with the message that there is no hope for Israel other than in the Messiah Jesus.

Weblinks

- Website Mission Net: <http://www.mission-net.org/mission-net/home/>
- Mission Net Manifesto: <http://mission-net.org/mission-net/node/2066>

(News given by Armin Bachor, Evangeliumsdiens für Israel-edi)

Norway - NCMI

The Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel (NCMI) is a Lutheran based mission organization with the purpose of awakening Christians to their responsibility for the Jewish people, proclaiming the Gospel among the Jews and serving them in Christian love. Due to a very small minority of Jewish citizens in Norway our main focus is on Israel and East Europe.

Israel

Beit Eliahu Community Center in Haifa was established by NCMI but is now an independent Messianic fellowship with a local leadership – although it

still retains a close connection with NCMI. This also includes some financial support. This congregation had a nice growth in the numbers of children taking part in the Shabbat School classes last year and had to divide the children into three groups. Also in Immanuel Church in Tel Aviv there has been a growth of participants in the Shabbat Schools. It is required that the children have just as good teaching on their level as the grown ups have on theirs.

FELM (The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission) has had a close relationship to NCMI in some of the projects in Israel. In 2013 FELM employed and sent a homosexual couple for missionary service in Cambodia. This has made the cooperation complicated, not only with NCMI but also with many of their partners in Israel. Some have already ended their relationship with FELM. Mostly there have been emails and meetings about the situation. A final conclusion about joint projects and cooperation will be settled after FELM has had their national board meeting in February 2014.

Caspari Center in Jerusalem, founded by NCMI and partner organizations, had a change in leadership last year. The new Caspari Center CEO is Elisabeth Eriksen Levy. She has been involved both in the Norwegian and the Israeli Bible Society before she came to Jerusalem in this position. Educational programmes and practical training for local believers, combined with courses for church leaders world wide, are ongoing activities.

Ebenezer Senior Citizens' Home in Haifa is working on extending the institution by adding a nursing ward to the regular senior citizens home.

This will require more medical staff, as well as adding another floor to the building. NCMI is also supporting and partnering with the Bible Society in Israel, Jews for Jesus, Machaseh Association and Musalaha reconciliation ministry.

Eastern Europe

NCMI is partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and local mission organizations through Gisle Johnson Institute. In mid-November there was a well-visited seminar on anti-Semitism at the Lutheran Theological Faculty in Budapest. This conference was also covered by the Hungarian media.

NCMI is partnering with the Russian branch of Apple of His Eye Mission through seminars and financial support to the web radio www.mashiah.info and a local Messianic pastor in Belarus. They are already involved in a helping project called "Open Hand" in Minsk, giving food and other kinds of support to poor and elderly Jews in the area. This year the work expanded and "Open Hand" is now established also in Crimea.

NCMI is supporting a Norwegian financial administrator, working with Jews for Jesus in Ukraine and FSU. We also support a Messianic congregation in Bucuresti, Romania. A Messianic congregation in Iasi is about to be established. Heitmann has also been visiting Messianic fellowships in Moldova.

The youth department of NCMI, called *return2sender*, had a team outreach in Minsk, Belarus, in November, where they joined Shepelev and Haskin in spreading food support, visiting and praying for old people and taking part in the service.

Sweden - 'Kaelan'

The Swedish Mission of Israel had come to an end, but was re-established in 2013. "Kaelan" is now working for supporting mission to the Jews in addition to their congregational work in Sweden, in close connection to NCMI.

Norway

"*return2sender*" also sent a teen age choir, Soul Children (mixed from three parts of Norway), to Israel this autumn who visited a few Messianic as well as Palestinian Christian congregations. They were touched by the country and the relations to brothers and sisters far away and they are now inspired to challenge more young people in Norway to take part in the mission for His people and for reconciliation. A new trip is planned for 2014 where they also would like to inspire children and teen agers in the Middle East to sing songs of praise to the Messiah.

The Helsinki Consultation on Jewish Continuity in the Body of Jesus the Messiah was held in Oslo in June. It was organized in joint cooperation by the NCMI, The Messianic Jewish Theological Institute, and Studium Catholicum, Helsinki.

Participants from Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Norway, Russia, the UK, and the USA presented papers before an invited audience on the theme of the conference, "Fulfilling the Torah in Jesus Christ." The Helsinki Consultation is a groundbreaking collaboration that brings together respected scholars – all of them Jewish – from a wide range of Jesus-believing traditions. It includes some of the leading thinkers in the Messianic Jewish world; the Latin Patriarchal Vicar for Hebrew-speaking Catholics in Israel and several brilliant researchers from the Russian Orthodox Church and the Lutheran world. The event is co-led

by a French Jewish Dominican priest and an American Messianic rabbi.

There is a good relationship between the small Jewish community in Norway and NCMI.

In May 2014, as part of the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian constitution one of the profiled Norwegian Jews will give a lecture for NCMI on the paragraph that denied Jews the right to enter the country – and to speak about the present situation for Jews in Norway. »

(News by Jorunn Anderstad Langmoen, Norwegian Church Ministry to Israel - NCMI)

Romania

2013 meant interaction with mostly secular Jews and sharing with them the love of God. We had the privilege to be in different Christian environments and to share about the place of Yisrael in God's plan; share about the Holocaust with high-school youth; to visit different congregations and to draw their attention to the Jewish roots of the Christian faith...

In 2014, we will continue to invest ourselves in the lives of those Jews whom we have contact with share with them the love of God and to help them desire to follow the God of Yisrael.

In early 2014 we are to commemorate the victims of the pogrom that took place in Bucharest.

For a couple of months we have been visiting different congregations, meeting and talking to different pastors and believers about commemorating this event and asking Adonay forgiveness for what happened in our nation.

I have been shocked to find out that many servants in these congregations did not have any clue that there is a Holocaust Museum in Bucharest, to say nothing about their knowledge of what happened here almost

73 years ago.

The plan is to gather as many Church leaders as possible and visit the Holocaust Museum with them and after that go to the former "slaughter house" (where Jews were killed and hanged like animals). The plan is to have a time of public confession and repentance, asking Adonay to heal our land and remove the curse.

On the 25th of January we planned to meet with all the three Messianic Congregations in Bucharest and the Christian leaders and affirm our commitment to the Biblical Jewish values.

We seek your prayers... We know how limited we are and we need HIS favor and the Holy Spirit's guidance to the right people.

The Jewish authorities in Bucharest do not view with a good eye what we plan to do; we pray for protection and wisdom in talking with them. Pray for people with a godly heart who'll join with us in this.

Shalom v'brachot... Shalom and blessings.

(News given by Florin Suci, Comunitatea Evreilor Mesianici Bucuresti)

Switzerland - AMZI

The year 2013 was a special one for AMZI for a number of reasons: for the first time St. Chrischona near Basel (Switzerland), the "mother" of AMZI, had the honor of hosting a CEO conference of LCJE. St. Chrischona with its theological seminary had sent young men out to Jerusalem, trained both as craftsmen and preachers as early as 1846, willing to serve Arab and Jewish people in the Ottoman empire with the Gospel and acts of practical love - with Christ Church, Jerusalem, as a center of worship.

It was in late June when AMZI held a one-day meeting for supporters with guest

speakers from Israel. Our three guests, representatives from Kehilat-ha-Carmel, Haifa, our three guests gave an impressive example of reconciled diversity in themselves, enabled by the Prince of Peace, Jesus-Yeshua - they included an Arab-Israeli, a Jewish-Israeli and a Gentile-American-Israeli. It is our intention as a joint Swiss and German ministry to invite our supporters to a similar day of fellowship every year, alternating between Germany and Switzerland every other year.

AMZI is a small ministry with no full-time workers in the Middle East. We support both Messianic-Jewish and Arab-Christian believers via our partners, i.e. congregations and other ministries such as Israel College of the Bible or the Bible Society in Israel. Our support is to a large extent a financial one. It is our concern, however, to be in close contact with our partners and consider together what might be the next God-given steps in their ministry. Last year we saw a growing willingness to understand and practice partnership in that way.

Well aware of the crucial role of intercession in our and our partners' ministry, amzi sends out a weekly prayer mail on the basis of short news with both joys and sorrows of our partners. This weekly mail service in a number of languages reaches around 3.500 subscribers.

(News given by Martin Rösch, Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das messianische Zeugnis an Israel - amzi)

LCJE Europe report compiled by Jean-Paul Rempp, LCJE coordinator for Europe, CWI France jpnremppbn@wanadoo.fr

Annual Report 2013 for South Africa

By Cecilia Burger, LCJE Area Coordinator, South Africa

LCJE Prayer Meetings

I'm glad to report that we could continue with the LCJE prayer meetings in Cape Town during the past year, even though these meetings were not always well attended. I still see the LCJE network as a wonderful platform encouraging co-operation between various organisations working together in the field of Jewish evangelism. This ideal became a reality as LCJE members attended one another's projects and worked together in reaching out to Jewish friends.

Cape Town - October 2014

We did not have a conference in 2013 and are in the beginning stages of planning a national conference in Cape Town towards the end of October 2014. The details of this conference are still to be decided upon. The planning committee is in agreement that the needs of Jewish believers should be a priority at the upcoming conference.

Reports from the fields

Some LCJE members gave a report on the work of their respective ministries:

David and Jonathan Foundation (from Jack Carstens)

The David and Jonathan Foundation is pleased to report that 2013 saw the organisation growing in depth and character. Our Shabbat celebration meetings were well attended. New people seem to be added on every occasion. We were also able to broaden our footprint from the northern and southern suburbs of Cape Town to Somerset West. We were also asked to speak at a Shabbat gathering of Emet Ministries in Pretoria.

D&J have partnered with Emet Ministries in Pretoria and with Michael and Hannah Lee Kaiser of



Cecilia Burger

Living Stones Ministry in Kwa-Zulu/Natal. We have also drawn closer with Simcha Ministry in Cape Town. These partnerships are helping each ministry to reach new areas and new people with the truth about Israel and helping people to support the Messianic believers in South Africa and Israel.

The highlight of our year was the meeting that we arranged with Simcha Ministry that brought together 40 Messianic believers from Cape Town. The meeting was attended by both Jew and Gentile, and we felt something of the promise of the "One New Man" Paul wrote about in his letter to the Ephesians. The theme of our meeting was: "Our Identity in Messiah". The speakers were Herschel Raysman of Beit Ariel, Baruch Maayan of Back to Jerusalem Ministries and Manfred Nochamowitz of Emet Ministries. We know of two Jewish people who accepted Jesus as Messiah as a result of this meeting.

Emet Ministries

(from Manfred Nochomovitz)
Firstly, it is a privilege to be part of LCJE. 2013 was a wonderful and amazing year for Emet Ministries in that we saw 17 Jewish souls come to faith – 14 in Pretoria/Johannesburg and 3 in Cape Town.

At the end of last year, God gave us a vision to establish Jewish ministry (in terms of taking the gospel to Jewish people) in the four main cities in South Africa: Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. We thought that we may accomplish this by around 2015; however, God did it in less than a year, and now Emet Ministries is established in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town (through the David & Jonathan Foundation in Cape Town with whom we partner).

We visited and ministered in a number of countries in 2013, including: Israel, Zimbabwe, USA and Australia.

One of the highlights of 2013 was our visit to Melbourne, Australia, where we took part in two conferences. The first conference was the 'Simcha' conference put on by Lawrence and Louise Hirsch of Celebrate Messiah, Australia, and the second conference was the Chosen People Global Ministries' conference.

By the grace of God, much ground was taken for the Kingdom during 2013, and we have great anticipation of what God is going to do in 2014. We are trusting the Lord for a multitude of Jewish (and other) salvations through Emet Ministries.

For all that has happened, the biggest thank you must go to our incredible, awesome, faithful and wonderful God; without Him, there would be no Emet Ministries.

Jews for Jesus

(from Michael Sischy)

2013 was a very busy year of equipping and sharing the gospel, both locally and abroad. Weekly Bible studies and Shabbat services, hosted by Messianic Congregation Beit Y'Shua, formed part of the regular week's responsibilities, with visitation of Jewish believers and seekers continuing on an ongoing basis. Support for evange-

lism in the Northern Hemisphere through our generous donors allowed us to financially partner with a campaign in Moscow.

We also were able to put 'feet on the ground' in Berlin in the middle of the year by training an amazing group of mid- and Eastern European people, as well as joining them for the street evangelism which followed. This was really a blessed time as we saw the Lord open many Jewish, Israeli and Gentile hearts to hear about Y'shua in the very place that was used to try to remove the gospel! Our support of Israel and the gospel continued as we kept the evangelism team in prayer during the 'Behold your God' Negev campaign in November 2013. We rallied our supporters to double up on their prayers when Barry Barnett from the UK work was arrested and then deported for sharing the gospel. We are really grateful for the many prayers and supportive emails we received for him during this ordeal in which he was imprisoned for four days. Sensitising the Body of Christ to the need to share the gospel with their Jewish neighbours and friends has continued with a very active schedule of church appointments during the year, as well as 'Christ in the Passover' and 'Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles' tours in the first half and second half of the year respectively.

Messiah's People (from Edith Sher)

God blessed us this past year in causing the ministry to expand, not just geographically but spiritually. Human logic told us to try to re-establish ourselves in the Johannesburg area where the largest Jewish community in South Africa lives. However, God clearly directed us to the province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), where there is a small Jewish community. As always, God knows best. Our new worker, Kath Embling, made contact with Messianic Jews who thought they were the only ones in the

area. She was able to connect them through sharing Shabbat meals together and in other ways. The Lord also opened a way for Kath to work one day a week in a Jewish day school where there are other Christian teachers. In this way she has contact with Orthodox Jews and is able to present a positive image of Jesus.

Here in Cape Town we have established two Torah study groups, one for young adults and one for over-35s. The young adults group numbers between 20-30 members and the over-35s averages 60 people each week, sometimes even 70. There is a hunger for deeper teaching. Several of the young adults attend churches that preach replacement theology and only read the New Testament. We have been able to open up their minds to a different way of looking at the Bible. One of the people who attends the over 35s group is an unsaved Jewish woman. We are praying for her salvation.

We continue to reach out to the Jewish community, not necessarily through in-your-face evangelism. Our director studies Torah with a group of Orthodox Jewish men who have accepted him and even recently told a visiting rabbi, "He knows more than we do." He has been able to witness in a low-key manner, and his respectful manner has in turn earned him respect and the right to speak.

Messianic Testimony from Leigh Telli

The Lord has opened up an ongoing opportunity for me to minister at a retirement home in a Jewish area. I thank the Lord for the seeds that have been sown during coffee times in the lounge and for opportunities to host services in the games room. Throughout the year, I have had a number of conversations pertaining to God and the Messiah and have established ongoing friendships with many

of the Jewish people. Three meetings from 2013 really stand out for me. One was the variety evening with the Mayaan family (labelled as the von Trappe family from "The Sound of Music"!)). The second, a talk that I did on "The Names of God," included a look at the title of God as our Saviour. Last but not least, was a performance by the "Damascus Road Worship Team" and the "Arise" dance team. The night was filled with a sense of God's presence as we celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. I gave a short talk on Sukkot from a Christian perspective, and a Jewish lady spoke about the feast from a Jewish perspective - I was surprised when she mentioned Jesus in her talk! The next day H. phoned with a question pertaining to the coming of Messiah.

I have been overwhelmed by the positive response that I've received from many of the elderly folk at the home. I know God is moving, and I'm thankful for the difference He's enabled me to make thus far. Please pray that in 2014 the Lord will pour out His Holy Spirit upon the seeds that have been sown thus far.

Simcha Ministry to Jewish People (from Cecilia)

Both Francois Wessels and I, working together in this ministry of the Dutch Reformed church, visited congregations and Christian groups to create an awareness of the need to bring the Gospel to Jewish people. Visits to Jewish people and efforts to bring them the gospel, as well as weekly Bible Studies, form an important part of this ministry.

As members of Beit Ariel Messianic congregation, we work towards creating a home for Jewish believers. By inviting Jewish friends to Shabbat services and celebrating the Jewish holidays, we are trying to show Jewish people that Jesus is indeed the Jewish Messiah.

Working together in bringing

Jewish believers together, as reported by David & Jonathan Foundation, was a highlight of last year's activities. Jewish believers were encouraged by the testimonies of their own people - many of them total strangers until that day.

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**Fourth Bi-Annual LCJE
AustralAsian Conerence
Stanwell Tops, NSW, Australia
21-24 July 2014
Contact: Bob Mendelsohn
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New LCJE.net Search Engine More Powerful



Screenshot of new LCJE.net search page

Website Search Capability Upgraded

LCJE now has a much more robust search capability on our LCJE.net website. This new capability is faster and about three times more powerful in its search functions than the previous search engine. It has farther 'reach' back into the very rich resources on Jewish evangelism that are available on the site.

A Wealth of Resources

There is a wealth of papers and reports on the main LCJE website that have been posted over the decades. This is due to the faithful work of my predecessor, Kai Kjaer-Hansen, as International Coordinator, and Chris Skjøtt, who helped maintain the website, as well as all those involved in the past design and maintenance of the site.

Comparing the Two Search Engines

As shown in the chart on the next page, the new search engine displays approximately three times as many "hits" (search results) as the old one. The first two sample search terms - "An-

glican" and "anti-missionary," display this well. The next three search examples contain two words or names, as in "Sephardic Jews", "Louis Goldberg", or "Messianic Judaism". In the latter example, the improvement using the new search function is especially striking: 38 hits were obtained with the old search engine and 210 hits with the new one. That is a nearly 600% improvement!

Try it out!

LCJE members are encouraged to go to the Home page of the site, click on "Search" and try out the new search engine with their own sample search terms.

A Very Productive Lunch in Bangalore...

This upgrade of the LCJE.net search capability actually started in, of all places, Bangalore, India! Aaron Trank of Jews for Jesus and I were sitting in an Indian restaurant in Bangalore - guests of a local Indian pastor and his family (I mentioned this pastor's aptly named church, the "Shalom Church," in my

comments on the Lausanne Movement Global Leaders Forum conference in Bangalore in the August 2013 issue of the Bulletin). While we were waiting to eat, the subject of the LCJE website and search engine came up. Aaron explained that he could improve the search function on the site. After we both returned from India, he sent me the adapted code, which is based on the Google Custom Search capability, and I inserted this code into our HTML page on the website. After one false start and a little tinkering on my part, the new engine code that Aaron provided worked beautifully!

Many thanks to Aaron for assisting LCJE in this way.

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Upcoming Lausanne Gatherings Worldwide

Go to:

www.lausanne.org/en/gatherings/upcoming.html

SEARCH ENGINE COMPARISON CHART on LCJE.NET - Sample Search Terms

Search term or phrase	OLD Search Engine	NEW Search Engine
"Anglican"	22 hits	61 hits
"anti-missionary"	23 hits	60/61 hits*
"Sephardic Jews"	5 hits	13 hits
"Louis Goldberg"	17 hits	40/41 hits
"Messianic Judaism"	38 hits	210 hits
"Melchizedek"	1 hit	4 hits
"yachid"	1 hit	3 hits
"yetzer"	0 hits	4 hits
"Zechariah 9:9"	0 hits	2 hits

*Slightly different results are obtained in some cases based on what computer system is used and other factors.

Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism

2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - International Account

(see Explanatory Note below*)

1. MAIN LCJE INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT (BB&T, Falmouth, Virginia, USA)

Balance in all accounts (as of 12.31.2012)	\$50,667.64 USD
Balance in all accounts (as of 12.31.2013)	\$40,572.85 USD

Income for 2013

Dues (Agency & Individual)	24,363.62
Reimbursements to account	1,569.59
Surplus on closure of LCJE Denmark account (DKK 44,890.00)	7,815.05 USD

TOTAL INCOME	\$33,746.26 USD
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Expenses for 2013

Reimbursement for Administration	12,500.00
Travel, conferences, meetings	16,685.38
Printing	4,748.47
Russian LCJE Bulletin (translations)	650.00
Postage & shipping	3,607.07
Bank fees	794.97
Web hosting (LCJE.net)	191.52
Office supplies	182.14
Balance owed 2012 LCJE-North America (pd. 3/23/13)	6,190.81

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,550.36 USD
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* EXPLANATORY NOTE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR:

As noted above, we ended 2013 with a healthy overall balance in all accounts of \$40,572.85. The three accounts making up the overall LCJE International Account were also consolidated during 2013. The Cedarstone LCJE International Account was zeroed out, except for an additional balance owed to LCJE-North America and then paid in 2014 (to be reflected in the 2014 Financial Statement). We thank Kathi Graham and Cedarstone Partners for all their assistance during these past years. The LCJE Danish Bank Account (see Section 2, next page) was officially closed in 2013 after the conclusion of the CEO Conference, held in St. Chrischona, Switzerland in May 2013. Again, I deeply thank my predecessor, Kai Kjær-Hansen, and Karsten Mumm, State Authorized Public Accountant in Denmark, for their many years of service in faithfully administering the LCJE International Account in Denmark.

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2. LCJE INTERNATIONAL DANISH BANK ACCOUNT - 2013

Income (in Danish Crowns - DKK)

LCJE CEO Conference 27-31 May 2013 in Basel. Surplus (1)	33,996.41
Interest	86.06
Donation	497.81
TOTAL INCOME	DKK 34,580.28

Outlays and expenses

Lausanne Conference (GLF), June 2013, India	9,409.00
Meeting, Copenhagen, Int'l LCJE Conference in Israel 2015	1,047.00
LCJE Bulletin transition, 2012-2013	1,100.00
Exchange rate differences and bank fees	1,252.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	DKK 12,808.62

SURPLUS **DKK 21,771.66**

Cash at bank in Denmark

At 1 January 2013	DKK 23,118.34
Surplus for the year 2013	21,771.66
Transferred to LCJE Int'l (Jim Melnick, \$7,815.05 USD)	DKK 44,890.00
DANISH LCJE BANK ACCOUNT CLOSED	0.00

Lystrup, Denmark, 8 January 2014

Kai Kjær-Hansen, Treasurer
Former LCJE International Coordinator

Karsten Mumm
State Authorised Public Accountant

(1) NOTE:

Payments/fees	161,393.11
Expenses:	
Conference Centre, St. Chrischona, Switzerland	(100,820.70)
Excursion	(7,649.00)
Travel	(5,947.00)
Reimbursement for administration	(12,000.00)
Other expenses	(980.00)
SURPLUS (ST. CHRISCHONA)	DKK 33,996.41

Visit the Lausanne Movement website:
www.lausanne.org

10th LCJE European Conference (Kiev, Ukraine)

April 28, 29, 30. 2014

May 1, 2014 - optional tour to Berdichev and Babiy Yar (Kiev)

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Mishkan

A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People -

a quarterly journal dedicated to biblical and theological thinking on issues related to Jewish evangelism, Messianic-Jewish identity and Jewish-Christian relations.

On November 8, 2013, ownership of Mishkan passed from the Pasche Institute of Jewish Studies (Dallas, Texas, USA) to the Caspari Center for Biblical and Jewish Studies (Jerusalem)

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UPCOMING LCJE MEETINGS

LCJE Europe

April 28 - May 1, 2014

Kiev, Ukraine

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LCJE AustralAsia - Fourth Bi-annual

Conference; 21-24 July 2014

Stanwell Tops, NSW, Australia

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LCJE 10th International Conference

2015 - Israel

August 16-21, 2015

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