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UPDATES

- ✦ We have accepted an offer on the VILLIERS CRESCENT house. It is now in the hands of the solicitors. Please pray for a trouble free process and for speedy exchange of contracts.
- ✦ By the time you receive this News and Views we will have celebrated the third of our BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS at York. Please pray about joining us for a rousing end to the bicentenary celebrations at Coventry. Even if you have been to one of the other celebrations we are praying for at least a thousand people to join us in Coventry Cathedral. It is the largest and most dramatic venue we are using and it needs lots of people to praise, worship and lift high the God of Israel.
- ✦ STUART COHEN will be taking a 3 month sabbatical break from December to March. Please pray for Stuart, Lori and the family that this will be a real time of blessing and refreshment.
- ✦ Robin & Sue will be leading the BICENTENARY TOUR OF ISRAEL. They are leading a group of 32 people from Desert to Dominion and visiting all the CMJ Centres. Included in the tour is a special bicentenary service at Christ Church and the dedication of the memorial wall. More information and photographs in the next News and Views.
- ✦ APOLOGIES to some supporters who received Prayer Focus and News and Views Israel in two separate mailings. We do not normally send them out together and had to use two databases to print the labels. This led to a few duplications. Sorry – we ARE trying to save on postage as you will see on the back page.

Sue Turner 1939 – 2009

It is with great sorrow that we report the sad death of Sue Turner, who gave so much to CMJ over the years. Sue's love and concern for the Jewish people dates back at least twenty-five years. She attended a CMJ training course in 1984 and a few years later was out in Israel, teaching music at the Anglican International School, Jerusalem.

Returning to England, Sue led Passover demonstrations and other CMJ events in the Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells area. She frequently played the piano at CMJ's High Leigh conferences.

The diagnosis of a terminal illness two years ago did not prevent Sue from going out to Jerusalem to help in the Heritage Centre in Christ Church, a trip which she repeated a year later! Sue was always willing to faithfully serve the Lord in the ministry of CMJ wherever and whenever she could. She will be much missed.

EDITORIAL

September has been a truly amazing month! God has really been answering our prayers and showering us with blessing. Hallelujah!

We heard at the beginning of the month that Kristine's visa application had been approved and that the final hurdle had been cleared to enable her to join the team at Hexgreave as the UK Administrator. By September 22nd, she had landed at Manchester, settled into a house in Farnsfield provided by a couple who support us but who are in the States until December. They have also lent Kristine their car and, when she has mastered driving on the left, she will be mobile and safe and so will the rest of Nottinghamshire! We also reviewed Jenny Robin's trial period with us. Just before doing this, we received a generous gift from a local fellowship specifically to support Jenny's work with young people. We took this as confirmation that the Lord is blessing this new aspect of the ministry and that Jenny should be taken on as our first young people's worker. Included in this issue is her overview of her first 2 months at CMJ.

September also brought a flurry of offers for the house in Villiers Crescent and we accepted an offer that was less than the asking price but above our expectations. The developers of Clarence Road also sent the plans to St Albans Council for planning permission so that the next part of the process has moved an important step. We expect a response to the application by the end of the month.

The rest of the work continues. Adrian is working with two churches in Manchester and Leeds to help them to reach out to Jewish people, the street work in Stamford Hill has been well supported, two Shoshet tours are going to Israel this autumn and planning for the bicentenary celebration at York and David Lazarus and Pedro's speaking tour has gone well. Thank you for your continued support.

Great is the Holy one of Israel among us.

ROBIN ALDRIDGE

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Why does the church need a separate ministry to Jewish people?

This question was asked of me recently and it is a reasonable question. Why can't someone like the Church Missionary Society (CMS) take on the role of CMJ? Behind this question is I believe a hidden agenda. What is so special about the Jewish people that they need a whole ministry that devotes itself to evangelising them?

It was interestingly a question that must have been asked by our founders. Originally the work among Jewish people was within LMS (London Missionary Society) but, thanks to the work of Joseph Frey in 1809, there was an understanding that the specialist nature of the task needed its own dedicated ministry. And so the London Jews Society (LJS), now CMJ, was birthed. This decision was confirmed by the extraordinary response to the new mission. It quickly attracted support from across the nation from rich and poor alike. It became the largest missionary organisation in the country with over 200 missionaries in more than 20 countries.

So how do we respond to this challenging question today? Some of the responses will not have changed because they are timeless and scriptural but others are affected by the modern political and theological climate which presents new challenges. If we are asked to justify our support for CMJ, then hopefully some of the following explanations to frequently asked questions will be helpful.

The Jewish people have a perfectly good religion that has been around longer than Christianity. They don't need to believe in Jesus.

✦ The Hebrew scriptures are the root that anchors Christianity into the God of Israel but they are also the prophetic link that speak of God's purposes for the Jewish people. Ezekiel prophesies the giving of a new heart and a new spirit (Ez. 36:34) and Jeremiah tells us that this is 'the new covenant' (Jer. 31:31). What does Jesus say to his Jewish disciples at the final Passover? 'This is my blood of the new covenant' (Luke 22:20). It is clear that Judaism is not the intended end of the journey for the Jewish people, for God has already spoken of the new covenant He has prepared for them. And it is through the death of Jesus and the shed blood of the Jewish Messiah that they will enter into the new covenant, not by being good Jews. By sharing the gospel with Jewish people, we are not seeking to 'convert' them nor are we asking them to reject their heritage, rather we are helping them to complete the journey that God has prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Why not concentrate on spreading the gospel among those not professing faith in Jesus?

✦ The great commission (Matthew 28:20) exhorts believers to make disciples of all nations and does not exclude any nation or faith group. Indeed, we were tasked to start in Judea and Samaria, which is part of biblical Israel, where the Jewish people lived in the Second Temple period. When Jesus practiced His earthly ministry He was very clear that His mandate was 'to save the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. God's heart was and is to save His ancient people through belief in Yeshua, the Jewish Messiah. This is further underlined by Paul who writes to the Romans 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek' (Romans 1:16). So the church does have a mandate from Jesus and from scripture to share the gospel of Messiah with Jewish people.

JENNY ROBINS, OUR NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER, WRITES:

The past two months at Eagle Lodge have been exciting and challenging. It's been exciting because I am now doing what I feel God has been calling me to do for the last year, and it's been challenging because I have to put my eagerness and excitement into practice, and as a creative person, planning and thinking ahead is definitely a challenge.

Being in the middle of the beautiful Sherwood Forest is silent in comparison to crazy, busy Jerusalem and the type of work is very different to volunteering at Christ Church. Though the comparison is extreme, it is good. It has allowed time for me to

think, pray and focus on the ways in which God wants to me head with this venture.

What I have been doing is networking with like-minded people around the UK, and organising visits to youth groups. I have also been to youth events giving out leaflets, sharing about the work of CMJ, and singing about my experiences in Israel.

The opportunity has arisen for me to take a group of young adults to Israel next August for a tour/mission month. I believe that this will bear much fruit as they realise the significance of Israel, the Jewish people and the roots of our faith

I recognise that I am part of the 'I want it now' generation, and am learning that fruitful and lasting things take time, through patience and perseverance.

Please pray that opportunities will arise for me to share with the right people at the right events and that the spaces on our tour will be filled by the right people. Pray that God will guide me and the team, and give me patience; ultimately please pray that the seeds sown will bear fruit.

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement.



What is the relevance today of sharing the gospel with Jewish people?

✦ The Jewish people act as God's prophetic clock. It is prophesied 109 times in the Hebrew scriptures that the Jewish people would return to the land. The moment this happened in 1948 the prophetic clock started ticking. As Jewish people have returned in increasing numbers to part of their ancient land, they do so in unbelief as foretold by Ezekiel, in Ez. 36:25. But God goes on to prophesy that He would sprinkle them with clean water. From 1967 onward we have seen this process accelerating as the Messianic movement in the land has gathered momentum and Jewish people in their tens of thousands have been washed clean by the blood of Yeshua. The times of the Gentiles are ending and the time for God to fulfill His prophetic promises to the Jewish people is beginning. Jesus will not return until these and other prophecies have been fulfilled. As Paul says in Romans 11:11 *'and so all Israel will be saved'*. There has never been a more important time to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people because now is the set time.

Israel is a violent and cruel country persecuting the Palestinian people. Our responsibility as Christians is to stand with the oppressed Palestinians.

✦ CMJ has always been a biblically-based mission. Yet we operate with the political understanding that Israel is a secular Jewish state that is as sinful as any other secular government. It makes mistakes and will continue to do so. Part of our role, then, is to be a critical friend that seeks to influence the State of Israel to *'act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'* (Micah 6:8). But there can be no doubt that the Jewish people long to live in peace and security with their neighbours. As a ministry among Jewish people, we recognize that God loves all people equally and that He is a God of justice. Therefore, CMJ refuses to be stereotyped as apologists for the State of Israel. Because we have a mission to Jewish people does not mean that we are anti-Palestinian. On the contrary, we pray and work for reconciliation between Jew and Arab, who are brothers. Thus, CMJ is working on the real peace process in Israel which can only come to fruition through belief in the Prince of Peace.

My prayer is that you may find this article helpful if you find yourself challenged as to why you should support CMJ. While it is CMJ's God-given role to lead this work, it is the responsibility of the whole church to understand the issues and support and pray for the salvation of the Jewish people.

Robin Aldridge

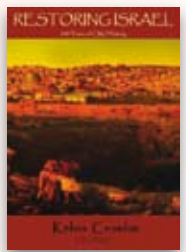
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Learn your CMJ History as you go!

We have produced a CD and DVD of Kelvin Crombie's History of CMJ. The slide-show/audio DVD is Kelvin's talk, with pictures from the book, *Restoring Israel*, together with some of Kelvin speaking.

These presentations of Kelvin's Bicentenary History of CMJ are presented as 19 tracks for easy listening and viewing by church groups, individuals and for use as promotion for his more complete work, *Restoring Israel*.

CD: £5 DVD: £6 CD & DVD together: just £10
Please use the order form in the Resource catalogue to order.



CMJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

Following on the success of this year's conference we are planning a very special conference for 2010. We have decided to hold the conference at High Leigh and Swanwick on alternate years. For 2010 we return to an expanded and refurbished High Leigh and in 2011 will be back at Swanwick.

Our lead speaker next year is Richard Gibson (pictured). Richard, who works for CWI (Christian Witness for Israel), also leads the Leeds Messianic Fellowship. He has recently authored a book called *Unusual Suspects – 25 Jewish people defy the final taboo*. He is on the Council of the BMJA (British Messianic Jewish Alliance) and he edits their *Chai* magazine. He is an excellent Bible teacher and we are delighted that he is able to do the main teaching slots at High Leigh. There will be a dedicated young people's group lead by Jenny Robins and some special events that are still in the planning stage.

We are once again offering an early booking discount to those who book before the end of the year. Please return the form included with this copy of News and Views. We look forward to seeing you!



RESIDENTIAL KESHER COURSES 2010:

- ✦ TRELOYHAN MANOR HOTEL, CORNWALL – 14TH - 20TH FEBRUARY
- ✦ WILLERSLEY CASTLE HOTEL, DERBYSHIRE – 13TH - 19TH JUNE

Following the wonderful time at Willersley Castle last June, we are holding two residential Keshet courses in 2010 led by Robin and Sue Aldridge.

Keshet is a Hebrew word meaning *connection*. Each of the nine sessions includes worship, teaching and a short word study looking at the root meanings of well-known Hebrew words, such as *amen* and *hallelujah*. Teaching takes place in the mornings and evenings with free-time in the afternoons.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE KESHER SAID:

'Everything (at church) had so much more meaning and the sermon seemed so much richer.'

'I've done the Keshet Course four times because it's so brilliant. Robin and Sue are the best people I have heard – they bring greater depth and broader understanding to this fantastic course.'

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Shoresh offers study tours, pilgrimages and prayer tours of the Holy Land and parts of Europe. Our guides are committed Christians who will explore with you the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, as well as introducing you to Jewish and Arab believers in the land.

2010 PROGRAMME

23 Feb-3 Mar *Familiarisation Tour Land Price £600

** This tour aims to offer, at a subsidized price, a taster or familiarisation tour to clergy, laity and all those in Christian ministry. Its purpose is to introduce prospective leaders and hosts of future groups or personal tours not only to the Land of Israel, but also to our excellent teaching programme.*

10-17 Mar Shoresh Desert & Galilee Retreat Tour £1125

8-18 Apr Life & World of Jesus
with Dilys Smith & Jacki Turney £1386

22 Apr-2 May Roots of our Faith with Ray & Jill Lockhart £1454

25 Apr-8 May CBS Tour to Israel (Private Tour)

24 May-2 Jun Life & World of Jesus with Rev John Welsby

4-13 Oct Life & World of Jesus with Paul & Betty Redfern

2-15 Nov Roots of Faith Tour with Bruce Kington

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20 Feb-1 Mar Life & World of Jesus with John & Susan Rebis

23 Mar-5 Apr Roots of Faith with Rev Will Watts

7-16 Apr Life & World of Jesus with Alan & Alison Bowell

IMPORTANT. PLEASE NOTE:

Tour prices are quoted to us in US dollars. Before requesting final payment we will check the dollar rate to ensure we are not over charging or incurring a loss due to the fluctuation in the dollar rate. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Prices quoted are without air fare. We are happy to assist you to obtain flights or you have the freedom to obtain your own.

We also have a number of study tours that originate from the USA and other countries. These are arranged directly through our Shoresh office in Israel. For more information please visit the website at www.cmj-israel.org

Please note: Tour dates are occasionally changed due to flight/hotel availability. Please telephone the number below if you wish to confirm the above dates or would like a brochure.

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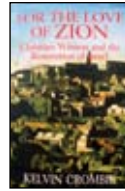
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Important Changes:

We need to continue to bare down on administrative costs and we have decided to reduce postage costs by doing 6 mailings a year to supporters instead of twelve. This means sending supporters a joint mailing of News and Views and Prayer Focus. So you will receive a Prayer Focus at the end of November, nothing at the end of December and a joint mailing at the end of January. From then on you will receive our main mailing every two months.

We are also looking at any changes we need to make to the publications which will reduce overlap. It does mean that we will not be able to update you by post as regularly and we will be developing the web site and the emergency prayer line to compensate for this. Please let us know how these changes work for you as we shall be reviewing the system part of the way through the year.

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FOR THE LOVE OF ZION

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Christian witness and the restoration of Israel.

A simple yet controversial vision – to see Jews find their own Messiah within their own homeland.

Includes the construction of the Christ Church in the old city, the appointment of the first Jewish Bishop in almost 2,000 years and the foundation of the Church's ministry among the Jewish people.



RESTORING ISRAEL

– 200 YEARS OF THE CMJ STORY

Kelvin Crombie

£15

Restoring Israel is the official CMJ bicentenary book, which is the result of the careful and insightful research work of Kelvin Crombie. The book chronicles, with a tasteful mix of text and pictures, the history of CMJ, explaining the involvement of both individuals and the geo-political forces. This is an ideal gift, as it is equally accessible for thorough reading or for just dipping in on occasions.



IN THAT DAY

James Ayre

£9

An exposition of the final destiny of Israel according to Zechariah.

Today the Middle East is in turmoil; it has become potentially the most dangerous spot on earth; at the heart of it is the enigmatic, intransigent Jew. Has he any significance in these days of dire global danger? Is his return a precursor of the final clash of nations and of the return of Christ? Many believe so and many have, for the last two hundred years, looked for today's happenings to take place. It is we who must take up this study more seriously, for there are signs of the times to be looked for: there are notes of both alarm and hope to be heard. Perhaps this study will be of some help.



HOW THE CHURCH LOST THE WAY
(AND HOW IT CAN FIND IT AGAIN)

Steve Maltz

£9

Why did the early church split over a single Latin word? Why is there a painting of Plato and Aristotle in the Vatican? Why do we meet in churches? Why were the descendants of the Apostles so hated? Why are priests celibate? Why is the Bible so misunderstood? Why is the Western Church in decline? Why so many questions?

The church has been thoroughly infiltrated by a pagan virus that, after first attacking and destroying the roots of our great faith, has worked its way through every facet of our Christian life, from doctrine to rituals, from practice to attitudes. Apart from the Bible, this could be the most important book you read this year.

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