



2021

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TRANSFORM LIVES IN ISRAEL WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!

As we reflect on all God did last year, we are in awe of His goodness and faithfulness in the midst of difficulty. A verse that continues to come to mind is found in Hebrews 10:23: *“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, because He who has promised is faithful.”*

We believe that God keeps His promises, and we find hope in that reality, no matter how dark the current circumstances may appear.

As you know, life has changed globally since March 2020. We shifted gears at FIRM to more effectively allocate resources to effective gospel-work through local ministries across Israel.

In result, we actually reached more people with the message of the Gospel than the year prior!

In early summer of 2021, we were able to be some of the first to respond to the Gaza crisis through the Hope and Healing Campaign. Thanks to generous donors, through local partners we were able to build bomb shelters, provide shelter for those displaced, bring food baskets to those in need, and bring the ultimate message of Hope.

Last year, we also launched our passionate and faithful community of monthly donors, The Tribe. Over 500 people have joined, choosing to show up month after month, until all Israel believes.

Thanks to you we were able to surpass our goal and raised more than 1 million dollars to invest in local ministries to reach an estimated 25,000 people with the love of Jesus. Because of your generosity, people are coming to know Yeshua as their Messiah and their lives and families are being transformed forever.

We are honored and humbled to be a part of this movement of people committed to seeing God’s heart for His people made known in our generation. We couldn’t do this without you. Thank you for joining us in this endeavor and choosing to love God, Israel, and the people who call this nation home.

Until All Israel Believes,



**MICHAEL AND VANESSA MISTRETTA,
CO-LEADERS OF FIRM**



WE ARE A GLOBAL FAMILY OF BELIEVERS EMPOWERING LOCAL MINISTRIES TO SEE EVERY PERSON IN ISRAEL TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS.

We serve a network of almost 60 ministries and organizations in Israel that share a passion for reaching Israelis with the Gospel. These local ministries are the true heroes, and together, we have a vision for a stronger and healthier Body of Messiah in Israel.

FIRM local ministry partners serve diligently on the frontlines of Kingdom ministry in Israel today.





OUR WORK

FIRM IS A NON-PROFIT BASED IN THE HEART OF JERUSALEM

WE CONNECT BELIEVERS AROUND THE
WORLD TO ISRAEL WHILE STRENGTHENING
LOCAL MINISTRIES HERE IN THE LAND.

ENGAGING CHRISTIANS

WE ENGAGE CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE,
BECAUSE WE BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS A
ROLE TO PLAY IN GOD'S STORY OF ISRAEL.

WE DO THIS BY:

- **Inspiring:** We inspire Christians to love Israel and the Jewish people in a Gospel-centered way.
- **Educating:** We create educational resources to help people grow deeper in their walk with God and in their understanding of Israel.
- **Mobilizing:** We create opportunities for Christians to understand their role in what God is doing in Israel today and inviting them to be a part.



EMPOWERING LOCAL MINISTRIES

WE EMPOWER MINISTRIES IN ISRAEL TO ACCELERATE GROWTH, BECAUSE WE SHARE A HEART FOR A STRONGER AND HEALTHIER BODY OF MESSIAH.

WE DO THIS BY:

- **Strengthening:** We help local ministries thrive by equipping them with practical training, tools, and coaching.
- **Uniting:** We create opportunities for local ministries to grow in relationships, and we encourage collaboration and synergy across the Body.
- **Resourcing:** We provide financial resources for ministry projects and facilitate connections to strategic partners and funding opportunities.



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO PARTNER
TOGETHER WITH YOU!



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Estimated
OVER
25,500+
ISRAELIS IMPACTED
IN THE NAME OF YESHUA

56
PROJECTS AND
INITIATIVES FUNDED
ACROSS 54 LOCAL PARTNERS

6
MINISTRY CONSULTATIONS
Through professional consultants and our staff, we have provided a listening ear to our local ministry partners and helped find pathways for ministries to grow in various areas of need.

We thank the Lord for a fruitful 2021 at the Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries. We are grateful for your ongoing partnership and support!



WE SERVE A NETWORK OF 60 MINISTRIES AND CONGREGATIONS IN ISRAEL THAT SHARE A PASSION FOR REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL.

These ministries and organizations represent communities across all 5 major spoken languages: Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and English.

FIRM's local ministry partners serve in these crucial areas of need:

- Caring for at-risk communities
- Humanitarian Aid
- Congregations: Discipleship and Outreach
- Education, Resources and Training
- Evangelism & Outreach
- Pro-life engagement and education
- Caring for orphans and widows
- Legal and Social Welfare
- Marketplace Ministry
- Prayer and Worship Initiatives
- Student Ministry
- Supporting Holocaust Survivors



4 NEW LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS JOINED IN 2021!



- **HOUSE OF GENERATION**, based in Tel Aviv, is a congregation focused on building strong families and raising a new generation of leaders, especially among the Ethiopian community.
- **ICF TEL AVIV** is cultivating a Messiah-centered community, reaching out to the Russian speakers in the greater Tel Aviv area with the message of the Gospel.
- **HOME OF JESUS THE KING** is an Arab Christian community in Nazareth that is helping the disadvantaged in their city while building bridges with their Jewish neighbors.
- **HOUSE OF VICTORY** is Israel's first Bible-based residential rehabilitation center, helping homeless men in Israel break out of addiction and substance abuse.





HELPING PEOPLE BREAK OUT OF ADDICTION

Here is how one of these ministries is changing lives in Israel and how FIRM has already been able to help!

Through FIRM's financial support in 2021, House of Victory has been able to welcome more men with backgrounds of substance abuse to live free of charge at their center. One man that received help at the House of Victory was David F., who soon after making Aliyah started taking very heavy drugs.

MEET DAVID

David was a very talented musician who didn't know how to deal with his anxiety, so he turned to drugs. When he was finally introduced to the leaders of House of Victory, he realized that drugs are not the answer to his problems.

Through counseling and loving care at the center, David became clean. Today he is part of the worship team at the home! As FIRM, we are honored to partner with House of Victory, where men like David can find redeeming hope.

SAVING LIVES FROM MODERN DAY SLAVERY

From inception, KitePride has been a catalyst for change. They provide support and create jobs for people saved from modern day slavery and who need a second chance in life.



ABOUT KITEPRIDE

📅 Founded 2014

📍 Tel Aviv, Israel

🏠 Social Justice

In 2021, KitePride started an education program in partnership with the government of Israel to help individuals exit the sex industry on a national scale. The course participants receive full holistic support in managing their finances, trauma and any other present health issues with the goal to find a new job.

There are currently 20 people enrolled in the program. FIRM is privileged to join hands with KitePride and sponsor some of these individuals. Thanks to the worldwide support, many are already in the process of changing their lives around.





MEET MIKA

MIKA WAS TRAPPED IN FORCED PROSTITUTION FOR 40 YEARS. Through a friend she learned of the ministry of KitePride and sought help. Attending the course finally gave her a daily structured routine, but she struggled to adjust to this new way of life. She still lived in her old neighborhood and her former clients continued to harass her.

Thankfully, the team recognized it and brought about solutions to support to her. During the training program, the teachers pointed out Mika's language and communication skills as one of her greatest gifts. She received computer training, music therapy and more. Today, at the age of 57, she found her first job! She will soon move into a social housing co-operative.

Thanks to your generous donations people like Mika can start a completely new – and safe – life.

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH ARABS AND JEWS

Home of Jesus the King Church has long been giving out food packages and clothing for families in need. Based in Nazareth, they share the goods with everyone: Jews, Muslims, and their fellow Arab Christians.



ABOUT HOME OF JESUS THE KING

🚩 Founded 2009

📍 Nazareth, Israel

👥 Congregations

FIRM had the privilege of helping Home of Jesus the King purchase a van that would make their distribution of goods more effective. And they share the goods with everyone: Jews, Muslims, and their fellow Christians.

As soon as the church had the vehicle, it was immediately put to work. And the response has been wonderful – the church volunteers are met everywhere with gratitude, but also honest curiosity. The recipients of the gifts also receive contact details for Home of Jesus the King, so they can reach the church with any questions or prayer requests they may have.

What is the purpose of such revolutionary generosity? They wait for that one question: “Why are you doing this?” This opens the door for them to share everything about who they are. Sometimes they share the Gospel, and other times they start a conversation about their values and beliefs.

FIRM gladly and readily supports ministries like Home of Jesus the King that boldly share and live out the Gospel.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE: HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN

In May of 2021, Israel once again dominated global headlines as tensions and violence escalated across the nation and in Gaza. Many suffered trauma, severe damage, and loss of precious life.

FIRM partnered with several ministries in Israel to bring relief where it was needed most.

With generous givers worldwide, we helped sponsor multiple bomb shelters, aid for families directly impacted, accommodations for displaced families, and renovation of impacted property.

With FIRM's help, a local home group from the **Ahavat Yeshua** congregation purchased quality goods for families that experienced loss. Over the summer, they distributed baskets with non-perishable grocery items and essentials to almost 40 families.

CBN Israel reached out to FIRM to help bless families directly affected by rocket fire from Gaza. Since some of them had to leave their homes (due to severe damage), we wanted to help them get a fresh start. CBN Israel also provided trauma counseling to victims.

Several new bomb shelters were built for communities in high-risk areas. FIRM supporters helped renovate and expand the congregational space for **ICF Tel Aviv** which actually meets in what was designed to be a bomb shelter.





2021 YEAR END CAMPAIGN **OVERCOMERS**

In the fall of 2021, we invited Christians around the world to help Israelis overcome major hardships in their lives. You generously gave towards gospel-centered work all across Israel in 2021 and we are so grateful!

AMID A YEAR FULL OF SUFFERING ALL AROUND THE WORLD, WE FOUND HOPE IN THE WORDS OF YESHUA: “IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD” (JOHN 16:33).

Because He overcame, we are overcomers.

THANKS TO YOU, WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL AND RAISED OVER \$1 MILLION TO INVEST IN ISRAELI MINISTRIES.

Together, we are helping Israelis overcome poverty, spiritual blindness, and addiction. 100% of your donations have already been put in motion and are going to ministries across the country in order to fund dozens of projects—touching thousands of lives.



MINISTRY PARTNER DINNERS

This year, we were overjoyed to host not one, but TWO regional partners' celebrations! One took place in Herzliya, on the Mediterranean coast, and the other in Jerusalem.

Each year we invite local ministry partners of FIRM to get together and celebrate what God did in the last 12 months. Everyone was excited to finally join an in-person event, and to socialize and celebrate.

Conversations continued long into the evening, even after the formal event ended. We heard some amazing testimonies from several ministries, of how people came to faith or have been impacted in a positive way this past year.



HERE IS WHAT ONE OF OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS WROTE ABOUT THE EVENT IN THEIR NEWSLETTER:

Kerem-El is honored to be a member of FIRM - Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries. FIRM serve many ministries in Israel in various ways and operates as a bridge between the local community of Israeli believers and the global church.

...this year was even more special because it was the first event that the Kerem-El leadership had attended with other leaders from all over the country since Covid hit almost two years ago. It was a special evening of fellowship and hearing testimonies of what the Lord is doing in other "fields" around the land.



STEWARDSHIP

In 2021, we improved our fundraising efforts and were able to support and invest in more ministries. Together, we were able to help bless the lives of more Israelis than ever before.

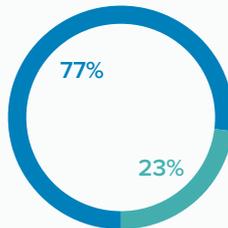
Thank you for sowing financially and prayerfully into the work of FIRM and our local Ministry Partners. Your vision and insight have improved our efforts and expanded our reach.

INCOME

\$2,534,188

\$1,446,510 FIRM GENERAL DONATIONS
\$1,087,678 FIRM FOUNDATION DONATIONS

EXPENSES



\$2,538,220

\$1,945,228 PROGRAMS
\$592,992 ADMINISTRATION

FIRM FOUNDATION 2021 BREAKDOWN

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED IN 2021

\$1,019,578

MINISTRY AREAS FUNDED



- Caring for At-risk Communities: **\$71,177**
- Community Impact & Humanitarian Aid: **\$175,480**
- Congregations, Discipleship & Outreach: **\$194,353**
- Education, Resources, Counseling and Training: **\$71,035**
- Evangelism & Outreach: **\$137,146**
- Family Impact: Pro-life, Education, Orphans and Widows: **\$168,162**
- Legal and Social Welfare: **\$25,167**
- Marketplace Ministry: **\$8,335**
- Prayer and Worship Initiatives: **\$31,734**
- Student Ministry & Next Generation: **\$108,004**
- Supporting Holocaust Survivors: **\$28,985**



FIRM FOUNDATION

100% OF DONATIONS TO FIRM FOUNDATION FUND PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES FROM OUR LOCAL PARTNERS.

Donors can give to a specific FIRM-endorsed project or designate funds to a specific ministry, all with the promise that 100% of those funds go directly to that ministry. FIRM takes no administrative fee.

100%

FIRM LEGACY TEAM

THE FIRM LEGACY TEAM IS A GROUP OF GENEROUS AND VISIONARY LEADERS, CHURCHES AND FOUNDATIONS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO INVESTING INTO FIRM WITH A MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT.

The Legacy Team financially supports FIRM operation costs, and ensures that 100% of public donations go directly to our network of 60 Ministry Partners in Israel.



THE TRIBE

In 2021, we invited you to join the Tribe - an unstoppable community of monthly givers.

The Tribe is a community of faithful monthly givers on a mission to transform lives in Israel with the love of Jesus. Through generous giving we want to see God's purposes accomplished – in Israel and in our generation.

We launched the Tribe to help you feel connected to the lives you are transforming in Israel.

We are partnering with local believers to see Israelis come to know their Messiah. All members of the Tribe receive monthly updates on ongoing projects and can track where their money is going. We also hold quarterly Q&As to tell you more about the projects you're helping to fund and the people you're helping to touch with the love of Jesus.

Over 600 people have joined **THE TRIBE so far. Will you join them?**

[FIRMISRAEL.ORG/THETRIBE](https://firmisrael.org/thetribe)





TRANSFORM LIVES IN ISRAEL THROUGH GOSPEL-CENTERED MINISTRIES.

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FOR GOSPEL IMPACT IN ISRAEL**

Your gift of just \$40 can transform one life in Israel through Jesus' love. Become a partner today!

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FIRMISRAEL.ORG/GIVE**

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