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**FIRM**

FELLOWSHIP OF ISRAEL RELATED MINISTRIES

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**



# THANK YOU FOR MAKING A KINGDOM IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL!

As we look back at 2022, we thank the Lord for generous friends like you, who made a tangible impact on this nation. Your investment enabled our local partners to show the love of Jesus to thousands of Israelis.

We want to share with you what happened in 2022, because we couldn't do what we do without you. We've been able to support almost 100 projects through 68 ministries all across the country!

Some of our partners are reaching people with the Gospel, in person and online, others are leading the way into freedom – for the needy, drug addicts, women in prostitution and more. We've seen amazing breakthroughs and heard touching testimonies.

Especially this year, with 60,000 Ukrainians arriving in Israel, we've been investing in relationships, serving, and loving on those who arrived here in a very vulnerable state. We are excited to see discipleship happening.

Young generations of Israeli leaders are being raised up, who know the Lord and care for their neighbor. We are seeing tremendous growth, nationwide, in every ministry work.

We want to acknowledge the 3000+ partners worldwide – churches and organizations – that have joined FIRM. You made this work possible! Furthermore, we surpassed 1000 Tribe members – our monthly donors, who faithfully uphold the day-to-day work of FIRM.

Our staff, our team, our programs, and initiatives are successful because of generous supporters like you! In 2022, we were also excited to welcome tours back into Israel and we already hosted hundreds of you in this land once again. Thank you for joining us!

As we look into the future, we need to continue to grow, to pray, to innovate. We want to remain faithful and focused. Would you continue supporting this miraculous work in the land of Israel, to see every person transformed by the love of Yeshua?

Until All Israel Believes,



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

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**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 over 68 ministries and organizations in Israel that share a passion for reaching people in Israel with the love of Jesus. FIRM's local partners serve diligently on the frontlines of Kingdom ministry in Israel today.

## 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.

## 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.



# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Estimated  
OVER

**54,336**

ISRAELIS IMPACTED  
IN THE NAME OF YESHUA

**72**

PROJECTS AND  
INITIATIVES FUNDED

ACROSS 47 LOCAL PARTNERS

LOCAL PARTNER  
CELEBRATION WITH OVER  
**100 LEADERS**  
LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE,  
REPRESENTING OVER  
**50 MINISTRIES**

## FIRM ALSO HAS:

- Invested in **6 ministries** by planning a specialized workshop
- Hosted 2 roundtables with **20+ ministries** represented to minister to the young generation
- Held personal consultations with **25 ministries** throughout the year
- Organized a Soul Care Retreat for **20+ leaders** to support them in their work

Your gifts in 2022 empowered ministries all over Israel. Here are some of the highlights from 2022:



# WE SERVE A NETWORK OF 68 MINISTRIES IN ISRAEL THAT SHARE A PASSION FOR REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL.

It's all about people! Every project we support is done by people for the sake of the people.

That is why the ministries and organizations we work with represent communities across all 5 major spoken languages in Israel: Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and English.

## **FIRM's local 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



# 8 NEW LOCAL PARTNERS JOINED FIRM IN 2022!



**Jerusalem Seminary** makes biblical education and ministry training in the Land of the Bible essential and transformative.



A private ministry partner set out to **plant congregations** among the least-reached in both Jewish and Arab communities and to make disciples who then make disciples.



**Return to Zion** proclaims the name of Yeshua in all of Israel through providing humanitarian aid and assistance to the needy, while also building community.

**Or HaGalil Congregation** is a community of Jews and Gentiles in the Galilee who overcame their differences and found peace and unity in Yeshua the Messiah.





**Kehilat Yesharim** strives to cultivate the next generation in the truth of the Gospel through congregation life, practical service, and marriage counseling.



**Adonai Roi** is a vibrant Messianic Hebrew-speaking congregation in the heart of Tel Aviv that is passionate about Israelis coming to know Yeshua as their Messiah.



A private ministry partner, concerned with **environmental stewardship**, is dedicated to restoring the beauty of the Land in Israel.



**Fields of Wheat** exists to equip Yeshua's disciples, both Jewish and Arab, to be fruitful workers in the Lord's harvest field.

**YOU CAN START SUPPORTING THESE MINISTRIES THROUGH THE FIRM FOUNDATION TODAY!**

Out of concern for the safety and privacy of the ministries, some names were omitted in this publication.

# YOU HELPED BRING HOPE TO CHILDREN-AT-RISK AND SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

Many of FIRM local partners in Israel are actively fulfilling the Biblical command to care for widows and orphans by meeting their physical and spiritual needs. One of these ministries is **Streams in the Desert**, based in the Negev desert in southern Israel.



ABOUT STREAMS IN THE DESERT

📅 Founded 2011

📍 Omer, Israel

🏠 Social Justice



Every summer, Streams in the Desert welcomes “widows and orphans” – children from single-parent homes – to a summer camp. Streams in the Desert needed our support to subsidize its cost.

Thanks to your partnership, FIRM was able to meet this great need last summer. Together, we made the summer camps affordable to the disadvantaged children and single-parent families. By giving to FIRM, you covered some of the essential expenses of making this beautiful event happen.

## MEET SARA

Sara\*, a Sudanese refugee teenage girl from southern Israel, barely escaped being trafficked by her “boyfriend” in Tel Aviv. She came to the camp very depressed and angry. At the summer camp, Sara was touched by the Lord, and she decided to return home with a renewed trust in God.

Today, Sara attends meetings organized by Streams in the Desert and stays in touch with some of the camp counselors. Your gifts help teens like Sara turn their lives around!

\*name changed





# YOUR GIFTS MADE THE CHRISTMAS STORY COME ALIVE IN JERUSALEM

Israel is the birthplace of Messiah, and yet—somewhat ironically—it can often feel taboo to celebrate His birth here. But imagine this: every year, some 2-3 thousand Israelis come to church on Christmas Eve!



#### ABOUT CMJ ISRAEL

📅 Founded 1809

📍 Jerusalem, Israel

🗣️ Outreach



Curiosity is natural to Israeli culture. And our Gospel-centered partners in the land are eager to share the story of a

Jewish boy born in a Jewish town who changed the course of history.

Every Christmas Eve, Christ Church in the Old City of Jerusalem has tasty cookies, hot drinks, and festive décor ready for their visitors. But more importantly, there is inspirational music and readings from the Hebrew Scriptures to focus everyone’s attention on the greatest story ever told: Immanuel – God with us.

This past December, Christ Church has hosted over 4,000 people for their 2022 Christmas Open House.

#### MEET ZE’EV

Ze’ev\* is an Israeli tour guide, who speaks fluent Hebrew, Russian and English and considers himself an atheist. He was part of the crowds that visited Christ Church on Christmas Eve. Ze’ev and a colleague of his were happy to engage in conversation with some volunteers who talked to them about the story of Creation, prophecies in the Book of Isaiah, and even the Book of Revelation. They were very pleased to learn more, and they each took a copy of the Bible home.

Some of the volunteers at the event were in fact the very fruit of these Christmas Outreaches. They are Messianic believers who learned about Yeshua the Messiah at Christ Church! These particular volunteers were on fire that evening, and they were very eager to speak to the new visitors. We love to see how this torch of the Gospel gets to be passed on!

\*name changed



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE: HELPING UKRAINIAN WAR REFUGEES IN ISRAEL

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When Russia invaded Ukraine in February of 2022, no one knew how long this awful war was going to last. Although

Israel is nowhere near Ukrainian or Russian borders, it has long had strong ties with both countries due to their significant Jewish populations.

As the people of Ukraine were escaping the warfront, the neighboring countries received the majority of the refugees. And yet, it was Israel that established the first field hospital inside Ukraine to bring relief.

Israel also sent their representatives to Poland and Romania, to bring aid to the Jewish people that kept pouring in through the borders. Meanwhile,

the ministries in Israel also got quickly involved, both on the ground in Europe and in Israel, welcoming new immigrants to what would become their new home.

Ministries like **REACH**, **ICF Tel Aviv** and **Beit Hallel** have impressed us greatly with how quick and generous they have been with the help they offer to refugees.

REACH and ICF Tel Aviv, with support from FIRM and King of Kings, also showed the Ukrainian immigrants what Biblical hospitality is all about. The ministries invited the Ukrainians to their first Pass-over seder in Israel. At the special event, hosted by believers, weary Ukrainians were honored, “loved on,” and treated to a wonderful meal.





Top, bottom right: Refugees from Ukraine enjoying their first Passover seder in Israel.







# UNVEILED

2022 END OF YEAR CAMPAIGN

## THE UNVEILED CAMPAIGN AND THE LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL

In 2022, we shared with you that Israel is in fact an unreached nation, with less than 1% of the population knowing Yeshua. That is why we launched the Unveiled Campaign.



The campaign came out of the desire to see the impact of the Gospel in action. It has been heavily pressed on our hearts to “lift the veil” from the hearts of people in Israel: “...when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed” (2 Cor 3:16).

Thousands of believers worldwide joined us on this journey to encourage Israel’s believing Body to shine brightly in the midst of darkness. And the local believers have been unstoppable! An unprecedented number of people have been coming to know the Lord in 2022.

One Israeli, Yehiel, shared with us his excitement to learn about Yeshua and discover the New Testament: “This is the New Testament? That God is Love? And I was missing this? When I see broken people today, I know exactly what to do and how to help...”

**THANK YOU** for helping change lives in Israel with the love of Jesus! With your support, we raised \$910,377 USD, exceeding our goal, to help ministries in Israel continue their vital work.







# LOCAL PARTNER CELEBRATION

In December of 2022, the annual FIRM Local Partner Celebration brought together over **100 leaders**, representing over **50 ministries** in Israel.

This joyous event gave us an opportunity to enjoy dinner together and pray over each other. We also heard testimonies of transformation from multiple ministries throughout the evening.

The celebration was also a beautiful time of worshiping God for what He's done in Israel in 2022! It is such an honor to lift the arms of the local body of believers as we watch God use His people to transform lives throughout this nation.

Here is what one of our local partners had to say about the event:

**“WE WANT TO THANK YOU. YOU GUYS [ARE] DOING A GREAT JOB OF GOD, [WE] APPRECIATE THAT YOU DO THIS CELEBRATION AT ALL! IT IS AMAZING, YOU JUST CONSTANTLY SPOIL US. THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND [MAY] YOU BE MORE PROSPEROUS!”**

**-ICF TEL AVIV**



# STEWARDSHIP

We're so grateful for the thousands of partners who helped make **2022 FIRM's most fruitful year yet**. Thank you for being a vital part of the work of FIRM and our local partners in the land of Israel.

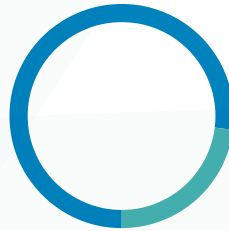
## INCOME

**\$4,545,770.00**

\$2,169,672.00 FIRM FOUNDATION DONATIONS  
 \$1,921,801.00 FIRM GENERAL DONATIONS  
 \$454,297.00 PROGRAM REVENUE

## EXPENSES

**\$3,933,798.57**



80.1% PROGRAMS  
 19.9% MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

## FIRM FOUNDATION 2022 BREAKDOWN

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED IN 2022

**\$1,860,454.91**

## MINISTRY AREAS FUNDED



**100%**  
 TO LOCAL  
 MINISTRY  
 PARTNERS

\$73,820.51	Caring for At-risk Communities
\$60,656.72	Community Impact & Humanitarian Aid
\$368,420.86	Congregations, Discipleship & Outreach
\$17,331.98	Counseling
\$83,928.26	Education, Resources, Counseling and Training
\$40,697.99	Legal and Social Welfare
\$489,447.07	Outreach & Evangelism
\$30,726.10	Prayer and Worship Initiatives
\$95,672.62	Pro-life Initiatives
\$267,610.70	Next Generation: Children, Youth, Young Adults, Students
\$180,294.42	Social Justice: Human Trafficking
\$151,847.68	Ukrainian Refugee Aid

## FIRM FOUNDATION

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

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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%



**LEGACY**  
TEAM

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

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The Legacy Team financially supports FIRM operation costs, and ensures that 100% of public donations go directly to our network of 68 local partners in Israel.



## Feel Connected to the Lives You are Transforming in Israel

We launched the Tribe in 2021 to forge a stronger connection between generous givers like you and local ministries in Israel. This community of monthly donors is sowing treasures into God's work here in this land. By deciding to bless the people in this land through FIRM, the Tribe is allowing local ministries to focus on their work on the ground.

**We are excited to share with you that in 2022 the Tribe has surpassed 1,000 members!**

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.

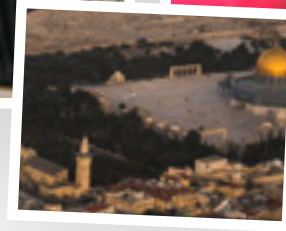
If you haven't yet, join the Tribe today! Take this opportunity to stay connected and make a lasting difference in Israel.

**Over 1,000 people have joined  so far. Will you join them?**

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







# **TRANSFORM LIVES IN ISRAEL THROUGH GOSPEL-CENTERED MINISTRIES.**

**FIRM - YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER  
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**

## **⇄ GIVE BY WIRE TRANSFER**

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## **✉ GIVE BY CHECK**

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