

ANNUAL **2025** **REPORT**



FIRM

FELLOWSHIP OF ISRAEL RELATED MINISTRIES

F R O M O U R L E A D E R S

HEAL OUR LAND

In a year when darkness tried to define Israel's story, your faith helped rewrite it. And we want to say thank you!

In 2025, we reached a ceasefire in the war with Hamas in Gaza, but it was replaced by a different battle. The hostages were finally brought home, but the war left a deep emotional wound and inflicted spiritual trauma on Israel. We knew we needed God to heal our land.

In Scripture, when God heals the land, He renews its fruitfulness, peace, and wellbeing. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reveals a divine blueprint for a restoration:

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

— 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

We are grateful for a loving God who hears our cry and who heals. He has chosen to use a host of Jesus' followers in the land to feed the hungry, cry with those who mourn, and rebuild what's been destroyed.

Your prayers and your generosity have carried the love of Jesus into people's homes and their hearts through local believers who have worked in collaboration and unity like never before. Each Local Partner of FIRM is a testimony of God's faithfulness.

As we look back on 2025, we give thanks that we serve a good God who has never lost a battle. Today, He gives us a vision for what's ahead and we invite you to join us on this exciting path.

Until all Israel believes,

Michael & Vanessa Mistretta
CO-LEADERS OF FIRM



Michael & Vanessa

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WHO WE ARE

**WE EXIST TO SEE A DAY WHEN EVERY PERSON IN ISRAEL IS
TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS.**



WE ENGAGE CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

*BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS
A ROLE TO PLAY IN GOD'S
STORY OF ISRAEL*



WE EMPOWER MINISTRY IN ISRAEL

*BECAUSE OUR HEART IS FOR
A STRONGER AND HEALTHIER
BODY OF MESSIAH*

CORE VALUES WE LIVE BY

INSPIRE CONTAGIOUS FAITH

*We choose to live with hope, prayer,
and a contagious faith—believing that
God is at work in every situation.*

PURSUE NEXT-LEVEL EXCELLENCE

*We walk as faithful stewards, working as unto the
Lord while continually looking for ways to grow.*

PRACTICE AUTHENTIC LOVE

*We reflect the selfless love of Jesus by serving
others with humility, warmth, and care.*

DEMONSTRATE EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

*We live with open hands: freely giving our
time, talent, and resources to bless others.*

CULTIVATE HEALTHY GROWTH

*We create an environment for personal,
team, and organizational growth to steward
what God has entrusted to us.*

HOW WE WORK

We partner with 80+ 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.



FIRM LOCAL PARTNERS ARE THE
HANDS AND FEET
OF JESUS WHO IS
TRANSFORMING ISRAEL
BEFORE OUR EYES.

FIRM LOCAL PARTNERS SERVE IN CRUCIAL AREAS OF NEED:

Caring for At-Risk Communities	Humanitarian Aid
Congregations: Discipleship & Outreach	Education, Resources & Training
Evangelism & Outreach	Pro-Life Engagement & Education
Caring for Orphans & Widows	Legal & Social Welfare
Marketplace Ministry	Prayer & Worship Initiatives
Student Ministry	Supporting Holocaust Survivors



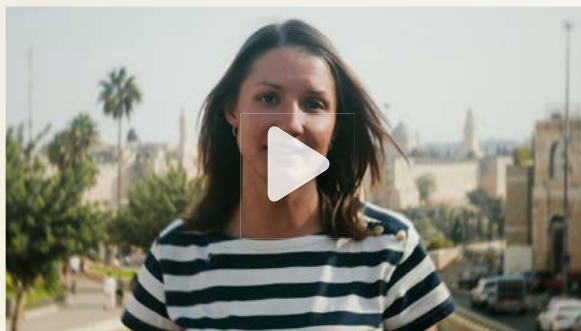
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LOCAL
PARTNERS

254
PROJECTS
FUNDED

YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

We serve a God who is alive, and people—Jewish and Arab alike—are coming to know **Jesus as their Messiah** in Israel today. New followers are getting **baptized**, faithful believers are **discipling the next generation**, closed-off communities are getting access to **Scripture in their language**.

We are committed to equipping our Local Partners with the best resources to proclaim the Good News in Israel and to train a new generation of leaders who will advance the Kingdom of God in this land.



Scan with your phone to watch our **2025 Year in Review** to see how Jesus is bringing healing to communities throughout Israel.



HIGHLIGHTS

81

LOCAL
PARTNERS

254

PROJECTS
FUNDED

3,000

CARE KITS
DISTRIBUTED

5,000

RECEIVING
AID WEEKLY

10

CONGREGATIONS
STARTED

9

NEW OUTREACH
CENTERS



EVEN MORE STATS

182

GAVE THEIR LIVES
TO JESUS

132

YOUNG ADULTS IN
TRAINING PROGRAMS

28

STUDENT & YOUTH
CAMPS

24

CONFERENCES
HOSTED

1,724

ARAB STUDENTS
REACHED

13,872

HOURS OF
INTERCESSION

9,824

BIBLES PRINTED

450K LIVES IMPACTED
IN ISRAEL BY THE LOVE OF JESUS
THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY!



WELCOME FIRM CANADA

Great news! FIRM is now registered also in Canada, offering tax-deductible donations while fostering stronger connections between Canadian believers and Gospel-centered ministries in Israel.

Learn more at firmisrael.ca

FEATURE

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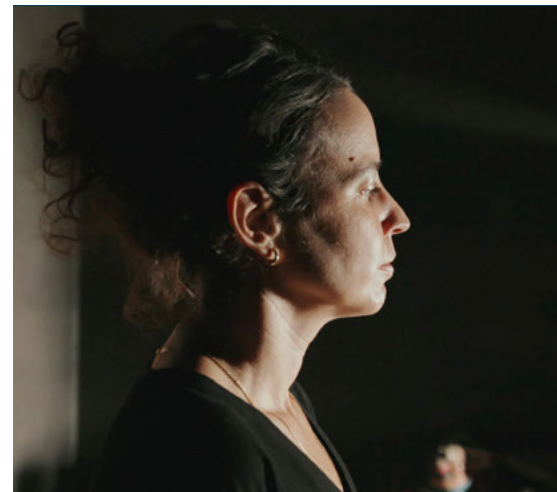


FOUNDING HOMES TO BE PLACES OF HEALING

Uprooted families return to new homes in northern Israel, after their displacement ends thanks to the sponsorship of believers.

The war between Israel and Gaza has affected the lives of every person in the land, no matter their background. On top of physical dangers, people across Israel have been wrestling with doubt, identity, and questions of faith.

In 2025, we have finally reached a ceasefire, but deep emotional wounds of the people still needed healing, and actual peace needed to be restored. To start healing from trauma of the past two years, people needed safe spaces to call home.



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My house got a direct hit and was burned. We fled on the 8th of October thinking it was just for a few days. But we never came back... It was very hard... And now, I just want to say thank you for changing my life and my children's life. Because of you, I have a home now!”

HEALING THROUGH PRESENCE

Local pastors and counselors in Israel are walking with people through their deepest emotional fractures.

New trauma retreats and counseling gatherings have been launched across the country, to help drained families breathe again.

When Israelis were asking deeper questions, like “Where is God in this?” local believers sat with them, prayed with them, opened Scripture, and guided new believers into discipleship. Hearts started turning to Jesus in a time of national pain.

FROM HEALING TO COURAGE

In 2025, families in northern Israel have finally started returning home after nearly two years of displacement. Believers have been repairing damaged houses and helping families step back into safe, renewed spaces. God is restoring what the war tore down: courage and joy in the people in vulnerable regions of Israel.

Manara is a neighborhood with the first newly built homes on Israel's northern border since the outbreak of war. Since the gates opened in 2025, many families have started preparing to return, while some already moved into their new homes!



Scan with your phone to watch How Christians Rebuilt the First Homes in Northern Israel After October 7th



WELCOME TO MANARA

When we gathered at Manara with 10 of our Local Partners, we were joined by about a hundred volunteers from communities across the country. Our work that day was simple — planting gardens, assembling furniture, cleaning rooms. Small acts of care that turn a house into a home.

But more than that, it communicated something much bigger to these residents: you matter, and you are not alone.

As we spent time with them, listening to their stories and working together, one person shared: “I always believed I would come back. This is home. Seeing these houses makes me so happy.”

“They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated.” Isaiah 61:4

A PIONEERING INITIATIVE CHAMPIONED BY FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Because Christians like you gave generously, Israeli families are returning to their homes and entire communities are being rebuilt. What is more, local believers are heavily involved in this process as well, meeting urgent needs with compassion, dignity, and the love of Jesus.



\$6 million invested by FIRM, through the generosity of Christians around the world.

25 homes for displaced families: 25 homes were already completed across three northern communities:

12 HOMES IN MANARA

5 HOMES IN MALKIYA

8 HOMES IN YIRON

Construction during active conflict:

Delivering permanent housing during an ongoing conflict required complex logistical planning, security coordination, and administrative approvals.

Coordination with local authorities:

FIRM worked in coordination with municipalities, local councils, and relevant governmental authorities, ensuring rebuilding efforts aligned with regional planning, infrastructure requirements, and security considerations.

Kibbutzim such as Manara play a critical role in sustaining agriculture, and anchoring Israel’s northern frontier. Once residents’ original homes are rebuilt, the FIRM-built houses will become high-quality, affordable housing for young families.

CONTINUE REBUILDING LIVES

That’s what transformation often looks like here in Israel. Lives are being restored little by little, through the love of Jesus, expressed in tangible ways.

Your gift helps fund projects like

this across Israel—projects that restore communities and reflect the transforming love of Jesus in practical, meaningful ways. When you give, you’re not just rebuilding houses. You’re helping rebuild lives. 🏡





JEWES AND ARABS BUILDING BRIDGES

Israel's Jewish-Arab divide represents one of the world's most entrenched conflicts, and it runs deep even among believers. Without deliberate bridge-building in the name of Jesus, the Body of Messiah remains fractured. With that in mind, FIRM Local Partners established a safe space for Jewish and Arab believers to meet as brothers and sisters. Your generosity made it possible to empower Arab Christian believers to step into Gospel outreach among Bedouin communities in southern Israel, bringing hope, building relationships, and sharing the message of Jesus in places often overlooked—this is the power of the Gospel.



HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

When vulnerable Israeli families faced impossible choices between medical care and basic necessities, our friends at HaTikva Project (a Jesus-centered compassion ministry) bridge the gap between desperate need and life-giving care. We needed a holistic intervention addressing both practical and spiritual needs. Your giving through FIRM covered medical expenses, prescriptions, and health-related needs for dozens of families. One elderly woman, after receiving help with her prescription, tearfully shared that she saw your generosity as God's direct answer. Several recipients have since connected with the Messianic community—the transformation you make possible!



PRO-LIFE CENTER IN BE'ER SHEVA

The abortion rates in Israel are tragically high. Terminating a pregnancy is frequently viewed as routine if the pregnant woman is facing financial hardships or lacks support. Thankfully, local believers, including FIRM Local Partner Be'ad Chaim, a ministry led by Sandy Shoshani, are working incessantly to normalize the choice to keep the baby. With your help, Be'ad Chaim has provided comprehensive care, offering financial aid, housing, medical support, counseling, and parenting resources to over 500 women last year. Thanks to this beautiful work, Israel welcomed 504 miracle babies in 2025!



WATCH THIS STORY

IRAN WAR RESPONSE

In June 2025, Operation Rising Lion struck over 100 Iranian sites, including nuclear and military targets. Iran retaliated with missile and drone attacks on Israeli cities, causing civilian casualties. FIRM's Local Partners, like Beit Hallel Congregation, immediately provided practical care, delivering food, clothing and more. Beyond material aid, volunteers offered prayer and comfort, sharing the love of Jesus. One mother told our team: "Thank you so much for the food and for the volunteers who came. It's very dangerous to go outside right now, especially with a baby. Your help came at just the right time."



EQUIPPING ARAB BELIEVERS TO LEAD

Arab believers in Israel face unique challenges navigating cultural and political tensions. Because they lack discipleship and leadership development in Arabic, many struggle to mature in faith or find their ministry calling. With FIRM's support, the CMA congregation, Open Church, launched a comprehensive Arabic discipleship program. It offers systematic Bible teaching, mentorship, and practical ministry experience in Arabic, led by culturally sensitive teachers. The program is yielding results as small Bible study groups multiply. This new program you supported equips Arab believers to confidently share their faith in Jesus with their communities.



AID FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED IN HAIFA

Haifa is a large, coastal city in Israel with diverse needs, including those of new immigrants, elderly, and individuals stuck in poverty, illness, or isolation. FIRM Local Partner, Tents of Mercy, has their feet on the ground, bringing humanitarian aid to vulnerable Israelis in their time of need. Aside from delivering practical help like food and financial assistance, staff and volunteers of Tents of Mercy visit and pray for the sick and lonely, sharing Jesus' love. This tangible relief opens hearts to the Gospel and brings great harvest for the Kingdom of God.

Year-Round Gospel Witness Across Israel



Did you know that millions of Jewish Israelis live their entire lives without hearing a clear message of the Gospel or recognizing that Yeshua (Jesus) is the promised Messiah? Here is how we strive to change this in a sensitive yet bold way.

BEHOLD THE JEWISH MESSIAH

Messianic outreach ministries have to navigate a society where evangelism is often misunderstood or resisted. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to support and stand with our Local Partners in their bold service to the Gospel. In 2025, thousands of families in Israel learned about God's Son through outreach your partnership made possible.

One young Israeli soldier who initially dismissed the Gospel began reading the Hebrew New Testament you helped provide and eventually came to faith. Several new believers are now being disciplined through the programs your generosity sustained.

GOSPEL-CENTERED MINISTRY IN ISRAEL

In 2025, ministries like Dugit Messianic Outreach Center, Jews for Jesus and River of God congregation, to name a few, have taken new ground for the Kingdom of God. Whether it's through evangelism programs, discipleship resources, community events, or outreach initiatives, our Local Partners have been bringing the message of the Messiah to Israeli communities across the land.

EQUIPPED TO LEAD

In 2025, teams from FIRM Local Partners engaged thousands of Israelis daily, and:

- distributed literature in Hebrew and Russian
- hosted public events that created natural opportunities for spiritual conversations
- followed up with seekers hungry for more truth
- offered mentorship and discipleship resources
- helped young believers grow in their faith and understanding

And the transformation is nationwide. Thousands of seekers heard the Gospel for the first time, got connected to local congregations, and even celebrated holidays and Sabbaths with other believers.

OUR COMMITMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL!

This is the heart of FIRM - we strive to keep the Gospel at the center of all our efforts. It is the name of Jesus that transforms lives and it is by His power that we proclaim His salvation throughout the land.

Looking ahead, we need to continue to train more staff, develop culturally relevant materials, and build sustainable ministry presence. Your partnership ensures that **effective Gospel proclamation to Israel** continues in 2026 and beyond, until all Israel believes. 🏔️

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Congregations
Started

9

New Outreach
Centers

182

Gave their
Lives to Jesus





BUILDING TOOLS FOR KINGDOM IMPACT

In collaboration with FIRM, Local Partner Netivah created a custom registration and administration system to better support Israel's believing community. Celebrating two decades of service, Netivah works with over 100 congregations, 200 youth workers, 390 soldiers, and more than 1,000 young people. This significant expansion created logistical hurdles in coordinating their programs.

Over the past year, Haggai—a trusted believer and experienced software developer—worked full-time to build a secure and efficient software to streamline conference registration, improve communication, and securely manage participant information. Today, with around 15–25 events throughout the year, Netivah is able to serve the participants in a quick and well-organized way.



BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

Scripture changes lives and is the key to introducing people to Jesus. This may be news to you, but Israel's diverse population requires Bibles in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic, and numerous other languages. FIRM's Local Partner, The Bible Society in Israel, provides accessible Scripture through translation, bulk printing, strategic distribution, and subsidized pricing.

Your extraordinary generosity enabled the Bible Society to print tens of thousands of Bibles and fund ongoing translation for new language communities in remote areas. The Bible Society's infrastructure sustains this vital ministry at scale. Your major partnership was one of the largest investments in Scripture distribution, providing tangible spiritual resources that will impact generations.



LUNCHEONS

One of the ways FIRM lives out its mission to strengthen, unite, and resource the Body in Israel is by creating intentional spaces for leaders to connect and collaborate.

In 2025, FIRM hosted 5 regional Local Partner lunches across Israel, bringing together about 185 local ministry leaders from congregations and organizations serving communities across the country. The lunches were held in Beer Sheva, at the Baptist Village in central Israel, two in Jerusalem, and one in the north, at the Tents of Mercy Congregation. FIRM was able to set the table for Local Partners to learn from one another, share insights, and explore opportunities for collaboration. New partnerships and joint initiatives began to emerge among participating ministries.

5 regional
gatherings across Israel

185
ministry
leaders connected



ISRAEL SUMMIT

FIRM's annual event where we advance groundbreaking projects in Israel

Thanks to generous partners who joined us at the Israel Summit, in 2025 we were able to develop creative spaces—coffee shops, art studios, and more to promote an organic spread of the gospel. We have been empowering Arab Christians to share their faith, meet practical needs, and recover from persecution. We began rebuilding homes and providing safe, sustainable housing for displaced Israeli families near the northern border.

The Israel Summit became a place of networking, dreaming big dreams, and putting promises into action for the sake of the Body of Messiah in Israel. At the 2025 event, we introduced new initiatives to reach thousands in Israel with the love of Jesus:

- Fighting for Justice for War Victims
- Reaching & Discipling the Next Generation through Youth Camps
- Outreach to Minority Communities Across Israel
- Education & Advocacy to Fight Antisemitism Globally
- National Trauma Care & Healing Center

Together, we raised \$3M+
to continue and expand Kingdom
work in the land of Israel!

If you feel called to be a Kingdom investor and want to join us for our annual Israel Summit to accelerate Gospel Impact in Israel, go to israelsummit.com





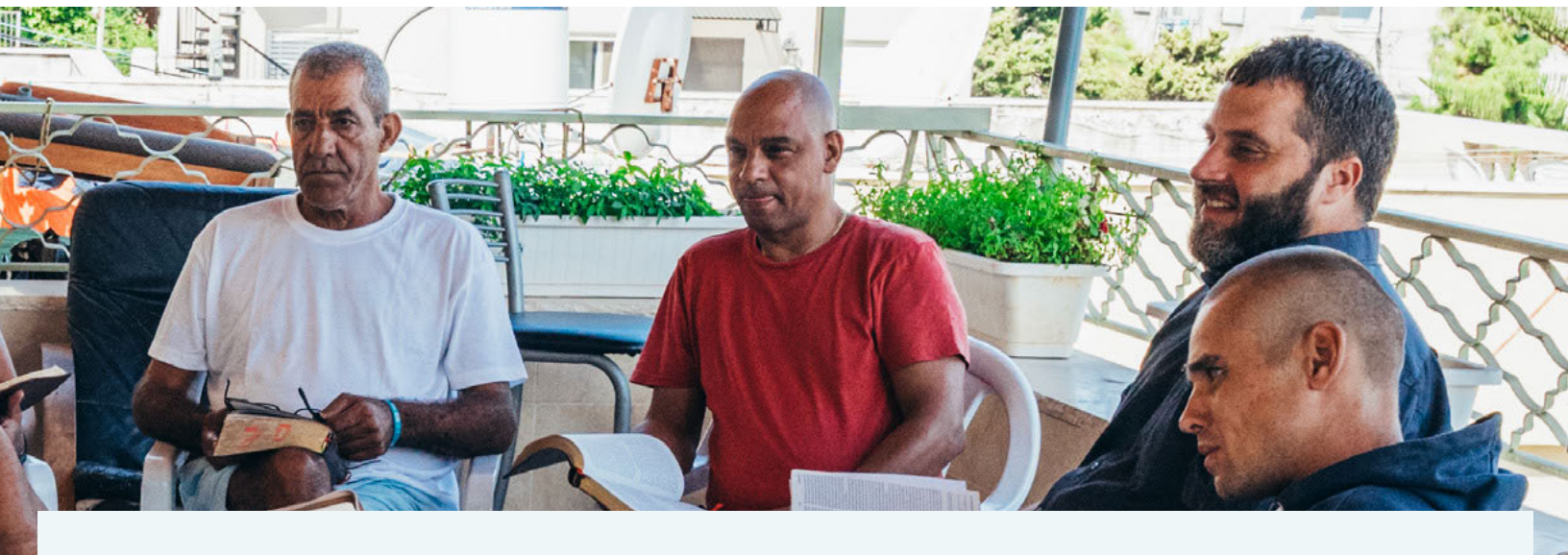
COLLABORATION *and* **INNOVATION** *in Israel*

The recent, monumental collaboration emerging across the Body of Messiah in Israel is a great testimony and a necessary response to this season. Our callings may be unique, but we share the mission to glorify God and reach every person in Israel with the love of Jesus!

Through wide cooperation in 2025, we resourced leaders, built homes for displaced families, opened a therapy kindergarten in the Gaza envelope, and saw many meet Jesus for the first time!

*“How good and pleasant it is when
brothers dwell together in unity.”*

PSALM 133



COLLABORATION HIGHLIGHTS

A New Hope for a Congregation in Netanya

FIRM Local Partner that has existed for more than 30 years, Beit Asaf congregation, has never owned a building. They have always gathered in rented spaces. But at the end of 2023, God opened the door and with great help from many donors a new building was finally purchased in 2025. And here's the touching part: nearly 40% of the funding came from local ministries in Israel! What a powerful example of local generosity and unity.

Local Volunteers Serve Women Living on the Streets of Tel Aviv

The Red Carpet Project that FIRM has been supporting practically and financially, operates in ongoing partnership with local congregations. One pastor from a Tel Aviv congregation has faithfully served as a volunteer chef for years, cooking traditional Israeli meals for the homeless. Others from local congregations show up weekly to support the team and serve alongside them.

Welcoming New Immigrants to their Homeland

One of FIRM Local Partners helps Jewish people from the diaspora make aliyah to Israel (immigrate) and runs a home for new immigrants in southern Israel. Local congregations not only send humanitarian aid to support them, but they invite them to events like Hanukkah celebrations and Sukkot gatherings, to make them feel more at home. We love seeing how new relationships are built in this land!

Special Needs Program Gets Special Support from All

Makom Ba'Lev, FIRM Local Partner that cares for adults with special needs, runs a weekly day-care program that is supported by multiple other FIRM partners in Israel. Yad HaShmona and The Baptist Village provide space for their activities, meanwhile Mercy Fund assists with logistics. It's truly a network of cooperation, also with ministries like Lech-Lecha, Yuval Art, and Netivah that offer employment opportunities.

Unified Investment in Families and the Next Generation

We love seeing believers from many local ministries share the stage - for example on a podcast hosted by FIRM Local Partner, Medallion. Together, they share messages of encouragement with hundreds of Israeli Messianic families on a regular basis. Medallion also equips Messianic educators from congregations across Israel with tools, resources, and practical training through conferences for Shabbat school teachers.

Peniel Congregation & Yuval Arts

FIRM Local Partner, Peniel Fellowship began a pilot music school last year in partnership with another FIRM Local Partner, Yuval Arts. The program took off so successfully that now the congregation is able to continue the school independently. It is yet another beautiful example of capacity-building collaboration in the land of Israel!



2025 FINANCIALS

FIRM ensures that financial support for Israel goes to Gospel-centered ministries in a transparent and effective way. We promise to show you where your money is going and the lives that you are impacting all along the way.

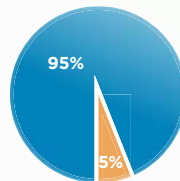
2025 Total Revenue

\$13.24M*

■ CONTRIBUTIONS

\$587K*

■ PROGRAM & OTHER REVENUE



\$13.83M*

YEAR-OVER-YEAR

2023 **\$23.36M[†]**

2024 **\$23.35M[†]**

2025 **\$13.83M***

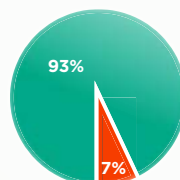
2025 Total Expenses

\$17.12M*

■ PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

\$1.3M*

■ ADMIN & OPERATIONS



\$18.43M*

YEAR-OVER-YEAR

2023 **\$17.53M[†]**

2024 **\$22.78M[†]**

2025 **\$18.43M***

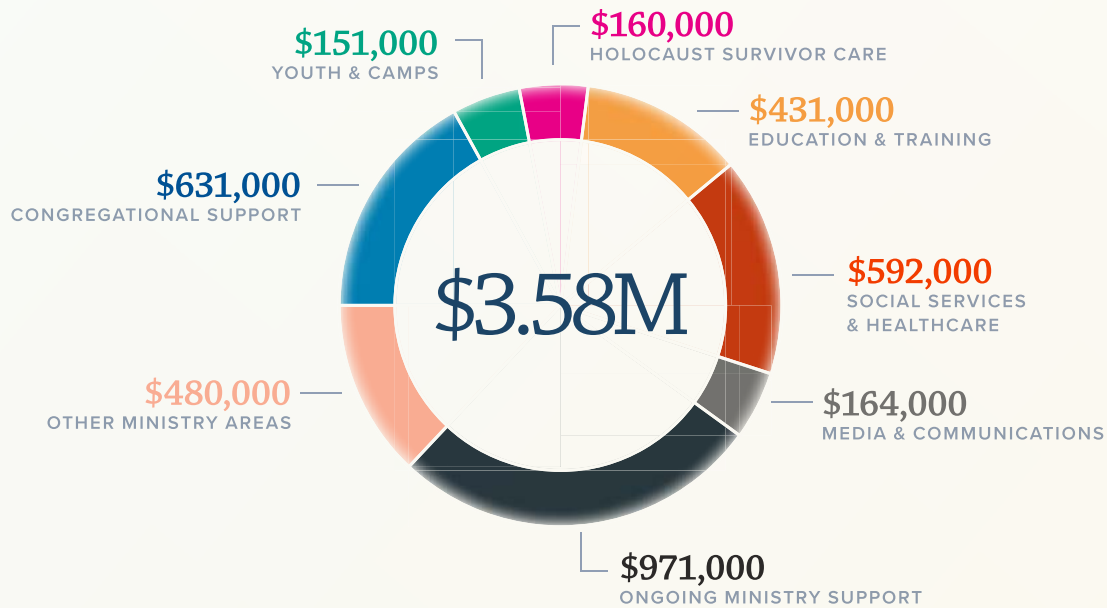
A NOTE ABOUT PROGRAM EXPENSES IN 2025

Program spending in 2025 includes restricted funds raised in prior years (2023 and 2024) that were deployed in 2025.

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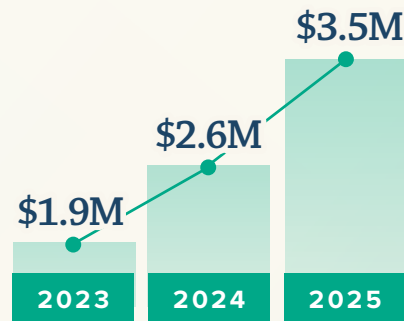
*CONSERVATIVE
MANAGEMENT ESTIMATE

Breakdown of Funds Distributed to Local Partners



YEAR-OVER-YEAR

Distributed Directly to Local Partners



YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER FOR GOSPEL IMPACT IN ISRAEL

- Acceleration of the move of the Gospel in Israel
- Inspire a new generation to love Israel in fresh, tangible ways
- Engage believers worldwide to give, creating exponential impact

**SCAN TO
GIVE NOW**



Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

VIEW ALL ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL
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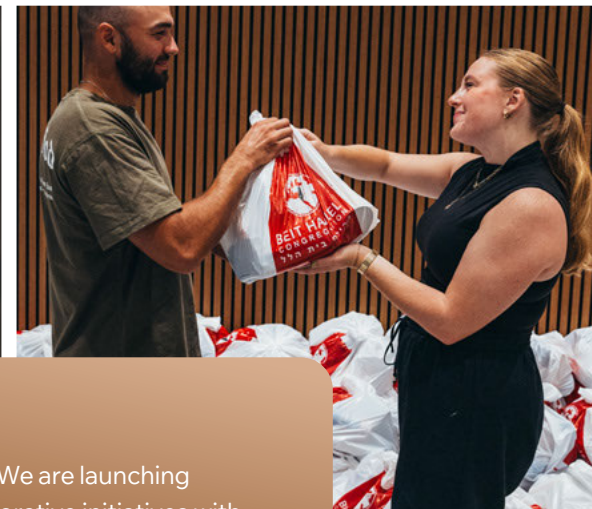


VISION 20

***UNTIL EVERY PERSON IN ISRAEL IS
TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS***



JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR THREE
ASPIRATIONAL GOALS THAT WILL LAY A
FOUNDATION FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT IN ISRAEL:



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1.
**INNOVATION
INCUBATOR**

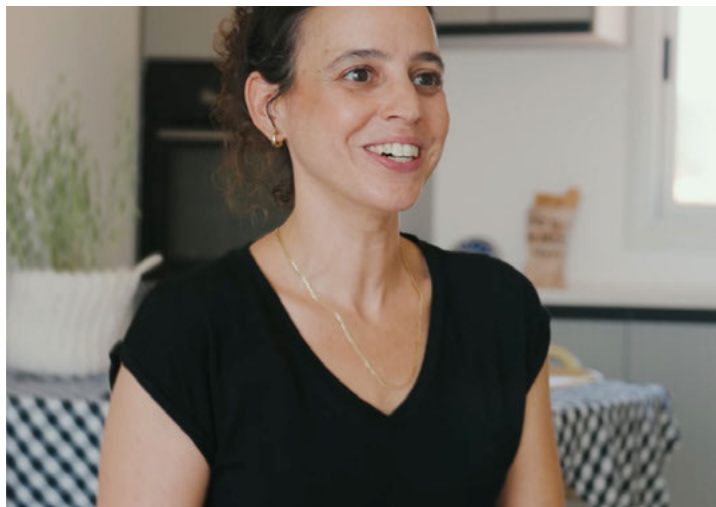
We are launching collaborative initiatives with Local Partners which are innovative and spirit-led.

2.
**LEADERSHIP
PIPELINE**

We are evaluating models for leadership & training initiatives to raise new leaders who come with capacity, passion, and commitment.

3.
**MINISTRY
HUBS**

We are identifying multiple potential properties which will allow us to do sustainable and reliable ministry long term.





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