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Adoni Roi Congregation & Dugit Tel Aviv	\$ 3,600.00
KAM Jerusalem Witness to the Jewish people	40,200.00
Shepherds Society: Bethlehem families	20,350.00
Beit Asaph Congregation Netanya	20,000.00
Church of the Nazarene, Nazareth	30,200.00
Children's Christmas Bethlehem	2,000.00
Crèche Orphanage Bethlehem	7,100.00
HOUSE OF HOPE BETHLEHEM	10,150.00
IMMANUEL	20,200.00
BBC STUDENT TUITION PROGRAM	1,000.00
Beit Asaph Matching Gift Program:	
Gifts designated by US contributors	25,670.00
CWP Mission support	12,840.00
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	<u>38,510.00</u>

Total Gifts to CWP Missions

\$ 193,310.00

Adoni Roi Congregation & Dugit Ministry / Tel Aviv: Avi Mizrahi is the Director of Dugit Street Ministry and Senior pastor, Adonai Roi, in Tel Aviv. Dugit is in a new downtown location with greater access to the local residents on a very busy intersection. Avi also Pastors the Adoni Roi congregation which is very active in outreach and witness. Pastor Avi and Adoni Roi are very active in witness to the Jewish people.

KAM Jerusalem Witness to the Jewish people: Victor Smadja founded KAM to produce Bibles and books in Hebrew for the Jewish people. I always enjoyed my time with Victor, a superb Bible scholar dedicated to teaching and witness to the Jewish people. KAM prints, binds and distributes books & literature "free" to Jews throughout Israel. **Jerusalem Assembly Congregation:** We attend the Saturday morning services at Jerusalem Assembly where Victor Smadja was the Senior Elder and Pastor. We have been attending here since the start of the CWP Missions in 1996 and have been blessed to meet and fellowship with many Messianic Jews [Christians]. With the Passing of Victor, his son Elie Smadja, now continues the work at KAM and Jerusalem Assembly.

Bethlehem Bible College: Dr Bishara Awad, is President Emeritus and Founder of Bethlehem Bible College and Alex Awad, is Dean of Students at Bethlehem Bible College. CWP has had a long association with BBC. Bishara and Alex, are both leaders in Ministry and Education in Bethlehem. One of the many outreach programs BBC organizes is a children's Christmas event each year, providing gifts and a family dinner celebration. Often these gifts and celebration are the only opportunity for many of these children to get gifts and hear the Gospel of Christ in a Christian environment.

Shepherds Society Bethlehem BBC: Shepherds Society oversees the Families program that CWP established for Christian families in 1997. BBC oversees activities and funding. The BBC Shepherds Society meets a vital need in the Bethlehem community, helping families in need while witnessing the Gospel of Christ as they serve the community.

Beit Asaph Congregation Netanya: Evan Thomas, Pastor of Beit Asaph. Evans church in Netanya Israel is very active in evangelism and outreach to the Jewish people. Beit Asaph has a large active support base in the US. Beginning in 2013, CWP agreed to be the US Associate of Beit Asaph working directly with the US support base. Donors who designate gifts to Beit Asaph are matched 50% by the CWP matching gift program. Beit Asaph is active in outreach through Home groups, Leadership training, and Children's and Youth groups. Beit Asaph also provides support to Ministries helping Holocaust survivors. Pastor Evan is a leader in the Messianic outreach to the Christian believers in Palestine to bring reconciliation between Jews and Arabs.

Crèche Holy Family Home Bethlehem: The home for abandoned children is operated by The Sisters of Charity who provide care for an average of 100 children in a well maintained and pristine environment. I have visited many times and I am always impressed with the clean environment and loving patience provided by the staff to the children. It is a much needed calling by special people, and they deeply appreciate the financial support that CWP provides. They have taken in children from poor families and many cases of abandoned children. One baby was left at the front door in a box by an obvious distraught mother who trusted the care of her baby to the Crèche.

Church of the Nazarene, Nazareth: Nizar Touma, is Senior Pastor; his wife Katy runs the day care facility. Nizar is a leader in the Nazareth community and is trusted and respected throughout the region. The church has a large day care program serving the Nazareth area. Nizar has met many challenges since taking over the Pastor position, beginning with a member outreach program that was followed by extensive renovations to the sanctuary, fellowship hall and the grounds adjacent to the sanctuary.

HOUSE OF HOPE: The House of Hope is a vital ministry to people who are blind or have special needs from Bethlehem and the surrounding areas. All of these children and adults desperately need to experience the love and compassion of Christ expressed through interaction with believers. The House of Hope was started in 1963 by a blind local Christian named Aunty May. The House Of Hope goal is to help people grow in their abilities, get an education and learn new life skills for employment in a Christian environment.

IMMANUEL CHURCH BETHLEHEM: Pastor Nihad Salman and his wife, Salwa lead the Immanuel Evangelical Church. The church began in 1999 with a group of 15 people and reached 50 members in one year. As the church was growing they moved to larger part time facilities to accommodate growth. They were able to get a permanent sanctuary and now have membership close to 300. Nihad has been a long time friend of CWP supporting our missions.

****Updates on the COVID19 impact in the Holy Land from Bethlehem and Netanya, Israel****



We send you Greetings from Bethlehem in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nihad Salmon, Pastor

Thank you for your prayers and support in such difficult times we are going through. We also pray for you that the Lord will give you heavenly wisdom to use in such a time like this to forward the Kingdom of our Lord. Eph. 5:16

Bethlehem is already 80 days under quarantine, lockdown and even some days we had curfew, where no one is allowed to go outside his or her home. The people are frustrated, tired and hopeless. However, this week the authorities are allowing us to move in Bethlehem, hoping that life will come back to normal! Bethlehem is a tourist city and tourism is not going to recover until the end of this year or even till next year. In addition, many residents of Bethlehem are workers; they are paid weekly which means that if they do not work they are not paid. Some businesses are very concerned even hoping not to close their businesses. The employees of different organizations and institutes start to get half salary. This will make the economy of Bethlehem probably collapse in the next few months. The problem is that the Palestinian Authority, which is supposed to be our government, has no compensation plan or any help for unemployment. They have no reserve or social plan to handle crisis. They leave the People to take care of themselves. Therefore, after more than two months of quarantine, the needs are rising and it does not look that things will get better soon. They are promising people one time support of 140\$ to the unemployed. But so far nothing. Unemployment is very high now and we are seeing more and more people are getting poorer, and cannot provide their basic needs.

In such situation, the church message is hope. This hope is seeing things from the eyes of our Lord Jesus, and knowing that He has all authority who said that He will take care of His own. On the one hand, Hope in His salvation and His provision. We are witnesses to the gospel here on earth. So He fills us with His Peace and Joy. On the other hand, the church should witness in a practical way to show Christ's love and caring. The church should be helping with what means that are available to the church. We have already used what we had and what came in as financial help.

So far we helped many families with food packages with the amount of 60\$ each. We did help some cases with medical helps, buying them their monthly medicine, two cases helping with operation one of them needed an immediate operation for appendix. In some cases we gave almost 100\$ -150\$ to some families to cover basic needs of the family. This kind of help made the people look at the church with respect. This action was a witness to many that the church cares for them and loves them. This was made possible through your support and Christ's blessings.



Pastors Evan and Lev, Beit Asaph, Netanya, Israel

We give thanks for Israel and its leaders who have shown tremendous initiative and bravery and acted quickly and judiciously to protect our population of 9 million. In this they have modelled good leadership for others to follow. They have been on the forefront of medical breakthrough to develop an effective vaccine against the virus. May the Lord use this time to bring Israelis and Palestinians to battle the threat together out of mutual interest and set aside animosity, as such times give us an opportunity to serve.

This current crisis requires great courage and wisdom on the part of world leaders. They need our prayers as never before. Politics must be set aside and genuine care for citizenry must be paramount, whatever the cost. The same applies to the Body of Messiah. The shepherds must rally the flock. There is no room for 'grandstanding' nor passivity. We have good gifts, given by a loving Father – let's use them for God's glory and for the benefit of His kingdom. The Church serves as a great witness for Christ!