

Annual Report 2019

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*‘For I know the plans
I have for you,’ declares
the LORD, ‘plans to prosper
you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future.’*

– JEREMIAH 29:11



FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Shalom,

As I write this message for *The Fellowship's* 2019 Annual Report, we are already well into 2020. And, at the beginning of this new decade, I am filled with optimism.

I say this even though the world is in the middle of a global pandemic the likes of which we've never seen. My optimism comes in part from the truth that was reaffirmed to me time and again throughout 2019: *The Fellowship's* supporters have partnered with us out of faith, and faith weathers all change. God has shown us that He is with us in the darkness. And together, we have been able to bring so much light — as believers in Him — to the people who need it most.

Looking back on 2019, I can see how God gave birth to light and goodness despite the great sorrow and uncertainty of the passing of my *abba* (father), Rabbi Eckstein. God showed us the way and asked only that we follow — and we did. And I believe that He will continue to bless us to help more people and to partner with Him in bringing biblical prophecy to life as we move forward.

Despite the challenges the world currently faces, I see light and goodness ahead. There are so many extraordinary people and wonderful initiatives coming together through *The Fellowship*. Despite the loss of my beloved *abba*, we ended the year incredibly strong, and in these pages you can see the wonderful results of all the work made possible because of your selfless spirit of giving. We can't necessarily change the entire world, but we not only CAN, we HAVE changed the world for many individuals. What an honor!

I hope, as you look through *The Fellowship's* 2019 Annual Report, that you will remember the absolutely critical role you play in feeding the hungry, providing comfort and hope to the sick and needy, and filling emergency needs in Israel, the former Soviet Union, and around the world.

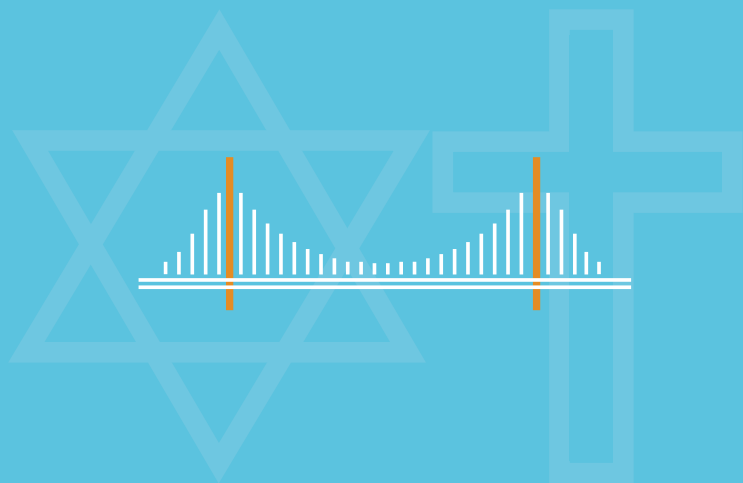
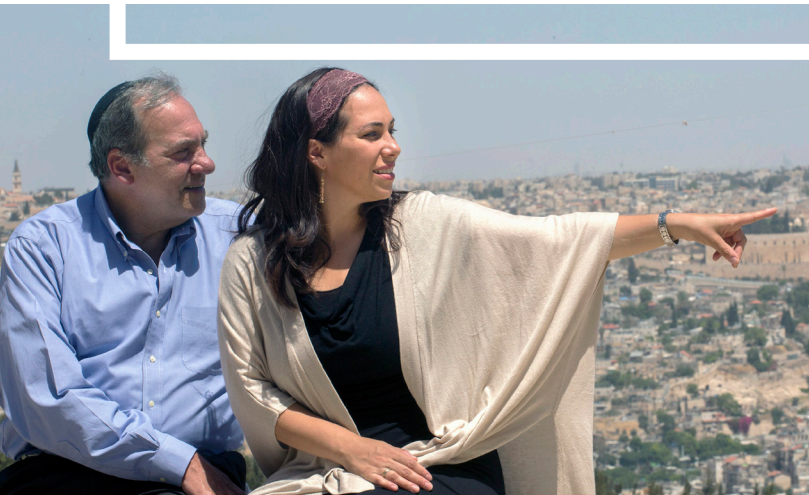
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). My friends, thank you for coming alongside us to help God's people in need. Your partnership in this ministry reminds me that God is good, that His plans are good, and that the future will be more hopeful than we ever imagined.

With blessings from the Holy Land,



Yael Eckstein
President and CEO

Building Bridges from the Past to the Future



1million JEWISH
PEOPLE WORLDWIDE can
worship and gather safely
because of *Fellowship*-provided
security measures

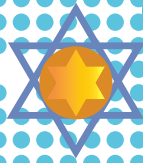
MORE THAN
700,000 meals were
provided by *The Fellowship* in
soup kitchens around the world

THANKS TO YOU, IN 2019:

156,971 HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND ELDERLY
had access to medical care, food deliveries, and warm companionship

256,322 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES received food, medicine, clothing, and other assistance

5,385 NEW ISRAELIS were brought home to the Holy Land



219,749 BRAVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN in the IDF received comfort and care

NEARLY 6,000 VETERANS, SOLDIERS, WIDOWS, AND CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS suffering from trauma had access to therapeutic programs

*I have posted watchmen
on your walls, Jerusalem;
they will never be silent
day or night.*

— ISAIAH 62:6

Whenever terrorism strikes or anti-Semitism threatens the Jewish people, *Fellowship* friends take immediate action on the ground to help the most vulnerable. Thank you for your commitment to protecting God's people with us — you are truly "watchmen on the walls."



Just 10 Seconds to Find Shelter

Adele says it started getting scary nearly two decades ago when Hamas came to power. By 2008, rocket attacks were simply a part of daily life where she lives about a mile from the Gaza border. The reality is that the children and families here have 10 seconds at most to find shelter in the event of an attack. That is a small window, even for those with the quickest of reactions.

"They say 15 seconds," says Adele. "But we don't have 15 seconds, because we're just that close."

"Support that we get from America — be it Jewish or Christian — is a breath of fresh air," she says. "It's very empowering. It gives us the strength to be willing to ride this out, because we know that people have our backs. Not everybody has that."

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE

While worldwide efforts continue, our work in Israel provided:

18,827 PEOPLE with access to Fellowship-funded fortifications and mobile bomb shelters

44,726 PEOPLE protection from terror attacks, through Fellowship security drones

1,400 FLAK JACKETS TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS, keeping them safe while they check in on Israeli children, families, and elderly



The Fellowship's Chairman of the Board, Bishop Paul Lanier (right), in a Fellowship protective vest



Hope for the Holy Land

Last November, after hundreds of rockets rained down on Israel, displacing innocent people and striking terror in the hearts of the most vulnerable, we were on the ground taking emergency action. Together, we immediately distributed 1,400 protective vests to first response volunteers and meals to elderly and families in border communities. You also helped us raise emergency aid to fund five mobile bomb shelters in the region. We called to check on elderly and provided snacks and games to Israeli children spending their day in public bomb shelters as rocket sirens sounded. **THANK YOU** for your commitment to the safety of Israel and her people!

*People take refuge
in the shadow of
your wings.*

– PSALM 36:7

In 2019, you brought more than 5,000 new Israelis home to the Holy Land. **THANK YOU** for providing them with a new life!



'I Can Finally Be At Peace'

Volodymyr knows he belongs in Israel, his ancestral homeland. "I most sincerely believe that Israel will be the place where I can finally be at peace within my soul. Israel is the country that I belong to. Its traditions run through my blood," he says.

After living in war-torn eastern Ukraine, he's happy to make *aliyah* (immigrate to Israel) with his wife, Nataliia. In Israel, they will join their son who made *aliyah* several months prior — he is a doctor and is getting licensed right now to practice in the Holy Land — and Volodymyr couldn't be prouder of how his son is contributing to the success and diversity of Israel. "His experience in Israel has been very inspiring for us. It has brought us lots of joy. We are very eager to see with our own eyes everything he has told us about."

The family will be reunited in Israel thanks to our faithful supporters.

"We truly appreciate the assistance and support that *The Fellowship* is providing!" adds Nataliia.

Did you know?

Each person on a **Fellowship Freedom Flight** receives help with:

MOVING ARRANGEMENTS

- Applying to the Israeli consulate for *aliyah* eligibility
- Connecting to an employment agency
- Registering for school and Hebrew language study

TWO-DAY PRE-FLIGHT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

- Learning how *The Fellowship* will help with their transition
- Learning about Israel from experts in the fields of health, education, employment, and housing

TRAVELING TO ISRAEL

- A fully funded flight to the Holy Land

ARRANGEMENTS AFTER ARRIVAL AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT, TEL AVIV

- Registering for new Israeli IDs
- Transportation to their first home in Israel

GETTING ESTABLISHED

- Opening a bank account
- Registering for health insurance
- Receiving food for their first few days in Israel
- Assistance for six months from a volunteer who speaks their native language



MAKING A NEW LIFE POSSIBLE



'We Left Everything Behind'

Alexander and Mariia lived in the heart of a war zone.

The fighting and shelling in eastern Ukraine was so severe that it wasn't safe to stay in their home in Lugansk. "We left everything behind," says Alexander. The crumbling economy made it impossible for them to make ends meet. "The welfare of my family significantly dropped, since I was the only one who could find work," he explains.

After coping with the emergency situation for five years, they agreed that making *aliyah* would be an answer to their prayers, and they were deeply relieved to learn that *Fellowship* friends could help them get to the Holy Land.

They can't wait for their 5-year-old daughter Veronika to learn Hebrew and make friends at a Jewish school — and they want to thank you for making this new life possible!

*He will raise a banner
for the nations and gather
the exiles of Israel.*

— ISAIAH 11:12

As new *olim* (immigrants) build their lives in Israel, they do it with the assistance of *Fellowship* representatives in their local communities. You continue to ensure these new immigrants are not alone once they arrive in Israel, giving them hope and a future in the land that God promised them. When we stand firmly together — as Christians and Jews — we make the nation of Israel stronger than ever.



Caring for the Youngest Olim

When Jews from around the world arrive in Israel, adjustment to a new life and home can be challenging — including for children. But as they adjust, you fill their lives with blessings. For far too long, too many Jews have lost touch with their faith due to living under religious oppression and persecution. But present and future generations need not worry about that in Israel — like these young voices singing joyful songs at a *Fellowship* summer camp for children of new Israeli families. You're securing Israel's future, one child at a time!

*"I'm really enjoying the summer camp.
I learned two songs in English and
Hebrew. I also met a lot of friends
and it was really fun playing."*

— Lydia, a first grader who
attended a *Fellowship*
summer camp



GIVING THEM THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED



Securing a Future

While a flight to the Holy Land is a key part of what we provide for immigrants to Israel, who are often relocating to escape oppression or economic hardship, the story doesn't end there.

With your help, we prepare new *olim* for the first stage of their new lives in Israel, to guarantee them success in their new homes. *The Fellowship* hosts *aliyah* seminars, a series of informative lectures by experts in the field about the first steps new *olim* must take in Israel, including practical advice on job searching and navigating Israel's health care and education systems. We also provide Hebrew language classes, help *olim* secure their first homes, and offer grants to help with the costs of setting up their new lives in Israel.

OVER 5,000 NEW ISRAELIS received help settling into their new lives, thanks to YOU!



*For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with
good things.*

– PSALM 107:9

Many poor elderly Israelis, Holocaust survivors, and immigrants live in dilapidated one-room apartments. They have no food in their refrigerators and often feel isolated from the larger community. Thankfully, they can turn to *Fellowship*-supported soup kitchens for food and for a warm, welcoming place to make friends with people from similar backgrounds. These soup kitchens offer so much more than just a place to eat — just ask Valentin and Maya!

'This Is One Big Family!'

Maya discovered *Fellowship*-supported Mana Hama soup kitchen when she and her husband could go hungry no longer. Maya grew up in Russia mired in poverty. Her mother survived World War II in a Jewish ghetto in Moldova. The Nazis created these ghettos to isolate Jews.

After living with the harsh attitudes toward Jews in Russia, Maya knew she wanted to come to the Holy Land. But once she and her husband arrived, they faced the challenges so many new immigrants face. Forced to survive on a minimal income and live in a hostel, they still knew they were where they needed to be. Their hearts had been called to Israel, and when they discovered the *Fellowship* soup kitchen, they knew they'd never have to face this new life alone.

Many of the kitchen's daily patrons are immigrants, like Maya — she's made friends from Ethiopia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and beyond. She says they share the common thread of relying on the kitchen to eat and survive.



FEEDING GOD'S PEOPLE

31 SOUP KITCHENS kept their doors open to Israelis in need all year round. Meaning we served **MORE THAN 6,000 MEALS EACH DAY** in Fellowship soup kitchens in Israel, thanks to YOU!

Without you, so many Holocaust survivors and other Jews in need would go hungry.



Taking Care of Valentin

When we met Valentin at the Fellowship-supported Mana Hama soup kitchen, he was hesitant to remove his oversized sunglasses. His reluctance is understandable — Valentin's right eye is scarred and sightless.

Valentin was born in Belarus. He was 7 years old when his father joined the Soviet Army to fight the invading Nazis, who later bombed the family home. Valentin survived but shrapnel blinded his right eye. His mother dragged him to a makeshift shelter where she and a traumatized Valentin waited out the attack. His father never returned home from the war.

Years passed. Valentin married and made his way

to the Holy Land to live and work in his biblical homeland. It was an answer to his prayers. Still, life as an immigrant can be challenging, and Valentin took the only job he could find as a street cleaner in Tel Aviv.

After a lifetime of scraping to get by, Valentin is now 87 and can no longer work. His wife, Polina, is 82 and immobile after a bad fall. They wouldn't survive if not for Mana Hama soup kitchen, which Valentin has visited faithfully over the last 15 years to eat lunch and bring home a meal to his wife.

"I don't know what we would do without this place," says Valentin. "Thank you! They take care of us here."

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things.

— ISAIAH 25:1

Thank you to our *Fellowship* friends for your outpouring of love during the Jewish holidays. Together, we delivered holiday food and other essentials during the most sacred days of the Jewish year. Your kindness means Jews in need, like poor Holocaust survivors, were able to observe these holidays according to their faith, which was deeply meaningful to them. **THANK YOU** for showing how much you care by sharing sacred food and comfort with thousands of vulnerable and elderly Jews.

**250,000
JEWISH PEOPLE**

in Israel and the former Soviet Union received food so they could celebrate sacred holy days such as *Rosh Hashanah* and Passover

8,300 CHILDREN

in orphanages in Israel received clothing cards to celebrate *Rosh Hashanah* in dignity



'I Feel Taken Care Of'

Hava has unbelievable spirit for her age — 94 years old. She doesn't let herself sit still. Her motto is: "If you want to stay alive, get up and move!"

A Holocaust survivor, Hava has relied on that strong spirit to make it through difficult times. She recalls being evacuated to the Ural Mountains in western Russia in a wagon during the war: "Mother was squeezing us so tight my sister said, 'Mama, you will kill me with your hug!'"

Now in her later years, Hava is widowed, nearly blind, and diabetic. She can't imagine life without

her homemaker worker, Musya, who cooks, cleans, and cares for her. "Thanks to her, I know I am still alive and not alone," Hava explains. Hava receives regular *Fellowship* food deliveries year round, including during sacred Jewish holidays, and she always knows she can store her perishable foods in the fridge purchased by the *Fellowship*-supported Hesed organization.

Thanks to you, so many elderly in the former Soviet Union, like Hava, receive lifesaving care. "I wish everyone would have such a good life as I have," Hava adds. "I feel taken care of!"

SHARING SACRED FOOD

A Helping Hand for Sibbo at Passover

Sibbo's sweet smile warms our hearts, especially because we know all she's gone through. Sibbo tells us that before *The Fellowship* discovered her, she felt so lonely that she often cried. Today, when we deliver her food cards, as well as special foods for the Jewish holidays, we reassure her that she isn't alone ... she isn't forgotten.

Sibbo was born in 1938 in Azerbaijan, was orphaned at a young age, and never knew her parents. She made *aliyah* in 2003 with her

husband, but he died three years after making it to Israel, and she's been on her own ever since. On top of this grief, she was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer.

Before *The Fellowship* stepped in, Sibbo had only a handful of family photos in her home to keep her company. But at Passover, she also had YOU, our wonderful supporters. "I'm happy to know there are those who think of us and want to help!" she says.



*But let all who take
refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.*

– PSALM 5:11

Israel's soldiers make many sacrifices, enduring long hours of grueling training, life-threatening missions, a harsh desert climate, and time away from family and friends. But they aren't truly alone. They have each other to rely on ... and they also have you, our supporters, who continually show these heroes they matter.

Protecting Jerusalem

As people come and go through the Damascus Gate to enter Jerusalem's Old City, 20-year-old Talia is ever vigilant. She has to be. She serves in Israel's Border Patrol, and she is charged with protecting Jerusalem.

Perched above the Damascus Gate, which she calls a "hot spot" for activity, she describes her mission. "We're here to make sure that nothing happens, and if something does happen, then we act quickly," she says.

"For me, living here is a huge honor. I'm also the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, so having the opportunity to defend the land is not only an honor, it's an obligation.

"The fact that there are people in the U.S. supporting me here means the world," she says.

"Thank you — it doesn't go unnoticed."

33,476 SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES in need received holiday food cards so they could celebrate sacred Jewish holidays

6 FELLOWSHIP HOSPITALITY VEHICLES traveled around Israel to provide Israel's guardians with refreshments and moral support

6 IDF BATTALIONS received funding for soldiers in need, honor ceremonies, recreation rooms, and so much more



STRENGTHENING ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS



A Christian and a Jew Come Together to Serve

Imri and Edmerson serve together in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). They met in basic training, and rely on friendship to help them through the most difficult times.

While they are assigned to the same battalion, their backgrounds are worlds apart. Imri grew up in Israel, while Edmerson's family made *aliyah* from the Philippines in 1992. The country gave his family a home, and his service is his way of thanking Israel. Despite their differences, they are both determined to give back to the Holy Land.

Does it matter that Imri is Jewish and Edmerson

is a Christian? "It doesn't matter at all," says Imri. For both of these young men, a friend is a friend.

The two agree that it's wonderful to see the impact of Christian support for Israel coming from the U.S. Imri says, "It warms the heart." This support motivates them and makes their difficult service that much easier.

Both men feel it's a great privilege to defend their beloved country. And as they sit on a rocky outcrop at their IDF outpost, one reading the *Torah*, the other the Christian Bible, they say prayers for peace, so that all people can live together.

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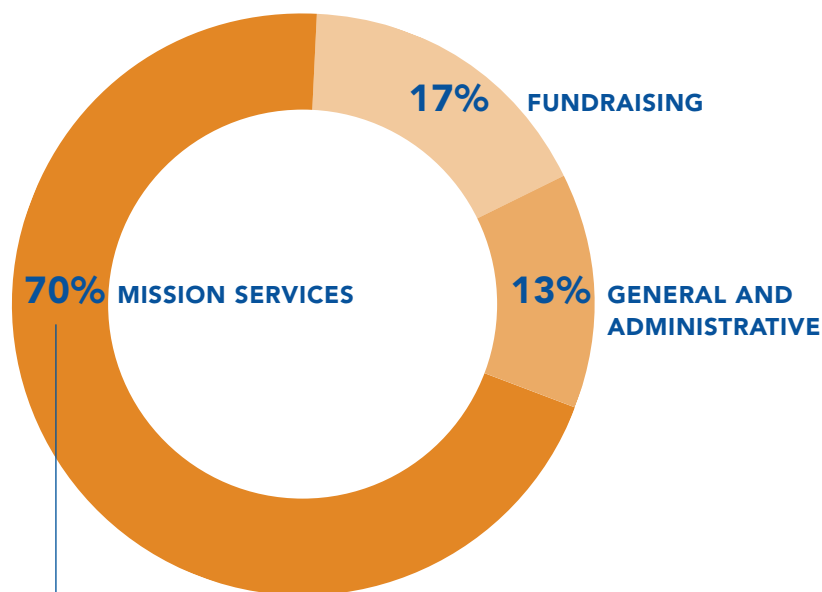
FY 2019

REVENUE		2019
Contributions		\$ 117,756,900
Net Investment Income		5,178,000
Other Income		2,730,300
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 125,665,200
ALLOCATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS		2019
Mission Services		
The Fellowship		\$ 11,390,500
Guardians of Israel		32,088,800
Isaiah 58		23,095,400
On Wings of Eagles		10,926,100
Stand for Israel		286,400
Bless the Persecuted		357,000
Subtotal, Mission Services		\$ 78,144,200
Support Services		
General and Administrative		14,911,900
Fundraising		19,343,900
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 112,400,000
Other Items		(\$ 194,700)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		\$ 13,070,500
NET ASSETS		2019
Beginning of Year		\$ 38,606,300
End of Year		\$ 51,676,800



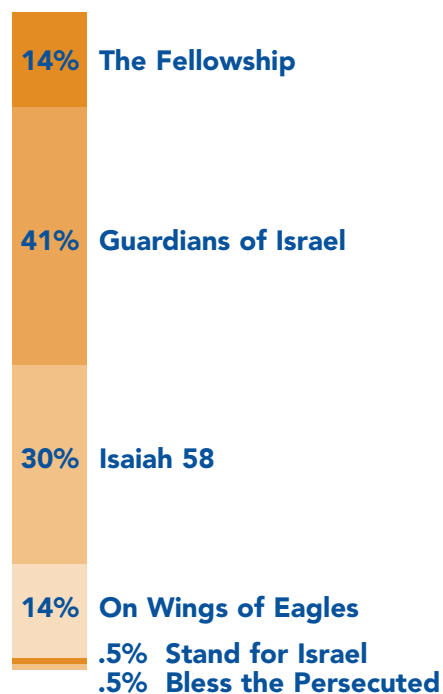
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EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



MISSION SERVICES Expense Breakdown:

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