



International Fellowship
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My God turns my darkness into light.

— Psalm 18:28



Shalom,

2022 brought challenges we never could have anticipated.

We began the year full of hope for what friends like you would do for Jewish communities worldwide. But our hearts quickly broke for the Jewish people in Ukraine who faced turmoil as war and devastation overwhelmed their country.

We received desperate, fearful phone calls from those who were praying we could help them evacuate their towns in the middle of the night. Enabled by your support, we quickly responded with emergency plans to help busloads of women, children, and orphans escape through fields and back roads as bombs rained down around them.

The Jewish people have survived some of the darkest times, triumphing over darkness through faith and God's light. So in times of true darkness, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, we know we must turn to God in faith and spread His light.

If we believe that each of us can be a single flame in the darkness, then all of us together can become a great source of His holy light and the hope that it brings.

I am so grateful to each and every one of our faithful supporters for standing with the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews of Canada (IFCJ Canada) to be that light. Together, we provided emergency aid to Ukraine while also helping Jews in Israel and around the world by spreading hope to the forgotten — Holocaust survivors, orphans, the sick, and the lonely. Even during a time of crisis, your support ensured we could continue to provide the long-term, sustained care that people in need have come to depend on.

I hope that as you read through your 2022 Annual Report, you will realize that our light is strongest when Fellowship friends around the world work together for a common cause — to be God's light in the darkness.

With blessings from the Holy Land,

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*Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter —
when you see the naked, to clothe them . . . ?*

— Isaiah 58:7

2022 Your Impact



1,125 children were given scholarships to summer camps, enrollment in soccer programs, and hands-on vocational training for youth.



6,858 Elderly in the FSU received essential survival items: food, blankets, clothing, wood, and heaters



3,210 prayer requests taken to the Western Wall in Jerusalem



3,242 Israelis were provided with heating cards to keep warm in the frigid cold



1,529 Jewish Refugees were given rescue on Fellowship Freedom Flights and a stipend to build their new lives in the Holy Land



710,640 Hot Meals were served to needy people in 24 soup kitchens across Israel



8,077 children who were displaced or living in homeless shelters were given clothing cards for the school year



600 backpacks Filled With School Supplies were provided for children



472,659 hours of Home Care to assist frail elderly with basic activities of daily living, such as bathing, laundry, and cleaning avg. 7 hours/ week per person





4 global offices —
in Israel, the United
States, Canada, and
South Korea



40 soup kitchens in
Israel distributed 1.8
million meals and tens
of thousands of food
boxes throughout
the year



107,000 people
engaged in monthly
prayer services



780,000 children and
families received food,
medicine, clothing, or
financial assistance



More than 9,000 *olim*
(immigrants) made
aliyah (immigrated
to Israel)



41 countries served by
our programming

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

As we proclaim that we will “never forget” the horrors of the Holocaust, we know it is up to us to care for those who survived. It is heartbreaking that many survivors today live in poverty or face war in their region yet again, which only reminds them of that dark time in Jewish history. Thankfully, we at IFCJ Canada know God’s light always overcomes the darkness. And we can be the agents of His light by bringing as much hope as possible to these precious people.

Thanks to you . . .



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Vera, a Holocaust survivor who has spent her entire life in the same village in Ukraine, never imagined she would face war once again. “I only heard stories from my mother about World War II. I was just a baby then,” she tells us. “Now I’m 80 years old. I see this war with my own eyes . . . and I don’t feel safe.” Thankfully, IFCJ Canada hasn’t left Vera’s side. Even as roads closed and necessities became harder to find, we still delivered lifesaving food and medicine, reliable care she has come to depend on.



*He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak.*

— Isaiah 40:29

When Lidia met us at the door of her small apartment, just the few steps she took to get there left this 90-year-old out of breath. She cannot get used to her helplessness, not after a physically exhausting life as a milkmaid or as someone who survived the Holocaust.

Born in Ukraine before World War II began, Lidia and other children like her were turned into forced labourers by the invading Nazis. Although Lidia survived the war, her mother died shortly after it ended, leaving the girl and her siblings abandoned. Lidia later met and married a Jewish man. However, exposure to chemicals at a communist farm where her husband worked had long-term effects on his health and ultimately left Lidia a widow.

Today, Lidia's health is deteriorating, and she can't afford groceries without help from IFCJ Canada. "Thank you, thank you, my sweetheart!" she says as she accepts a food package. "Food is essential. But what's even more essential is that the people at IFCJ Canada remember me."

*You gave me life and showed me kindness,
and in your providence watched over my spirit.*

— Job 10:12

In 2022, we witnessed why our Freedom Flights to Israel are a lifeline to Jews worldwide — they help Jewish people facing anti-Semitism, poverty, or other dangers in war-torn nations find a new life in the Holy Land. As Ukrainian refugees fled the dark red skies of war for the bright blue skies in Israel, they found hope in the promise of survival in the Holy Land.

3 Phases of Aliyah

Step 1: Preparing to Move

Olim usually contemplate making *aliyah* for years before they leave. They are invited to attend information seminars about life in Israel and help them with preparations, like citizenship applications and Hebrew lessons.



Step 2: Freedom Flight

The *olim* are provided with their plane tickets to make the journey to Israel. *Olim* have 2–4 weeks to prepare before the flight. They are allowed to bring their belongings with them (including pets!). The day before the flight, we walk them through what to expect when they arrive in Israel.



Step 3: Klitah (Resettlement)

When *olim* land, they pass through immigration to receive their citizenship cards and we celebrate their arrival! *Olim* receive a stipend of \$675 per adult and \$385 per child, which can be used to purchase furniture, appliances, or other settlement items. Our coordinators connect with *olim* to support their settling in. We stay in close contact to help with questions and other needs. *Olim* continue with Hebrew classes. After 6 months, many *olim* “graduate” while others continue with job training.





Natalia, like so many Ukrainian refugees we hear from, couldn't believe war had come to her city. She shares her powerful story:

"I didn't want to leave Kharkiv in the beginning. I hoped that it was possible to survive this war somehow. In my building, there were 20 seniors, and everyone also had a social worker to assist in everyday life. So, I thought we would be able to survive as we

cooperated, helping each other and supporting each other. My granddaughter's friends visited me from time to time and helped me. One day changed everything. I was standing outside in a line of people, waiting for humanitarian help, when suddenly a bomb fell straight into this line and killed 7 people — 35 were wounded. On this day I decided to leave Kharkiv and evacuate."



Blessings From You

Born to a Jewish family in Ukraine in 1929, Rozalia remembers when the Nazis invaded.

One moment, Rozalia, just 10 years old, and her sister were having fun playing in the street. The next moment, the sky turned dark and they "looked up where planes flew high and bombs fell down," she says.

Rozalia took the very last evacuation train with her father and stepmother and four siblings. Their train had to stop in the forest at night, as Nazi bombs fell all around. "People were screaming, crying, running, and falling," says Rozalia.

Eventually the Nazis caught up to the family, and Rozalia's father was sent to the frontlines to fight—and was killed. Her two older siblings and her youngest sibling, just a baby, perished.

As the war ended, Rozalia and her only sister fell ill with typhus. In order to save the

girls' lives, her stepmother sent them to an orphanage so they could be fed and clothed. During this time, the two sisters never told anyone they were Jewish...

But when Rozalia met a man who would become her husband, he confided in her that he was Jewish, and she jumped for joy.

Today, Rozalia's family has made aliyah and her family is growing in Israel. And having faced such hardships and hunger all her life, Rozalia feels so blessed to know that she also has Fellowship friends who provide food and companionship in the Holy Land.

"Thanks to The Fellowship's monthly grocery assistance, I can save money for the necessary medicines and physical therapy. There are no words for how grateful I am to all the people from The Fellowship who have been supporting me for a long time. May God bless you with health, happiness and peace."

*The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.*

— Psalm 119:130

“I just want the emergency to be over soon and to be back home in my apartment celebrating *Hanukkah* with people I know,” explains Raisa, a Holocaust survivor and now refugee from the war in Ukraine. Under fire from the beginning, Raisa’s hometown was hit particularly hard. Raisa and her daughter resolved to leave the city immediately. They didn’t even have time to pack the military decoration that had been awarded to Raisa’s late father — all she had left to remember him by. They arrived in Moldova thanks to assistance from IFCJ Canada, but Raisa had already been affected both physically and emotionally. Even during the darkest devastation of war, the light of so many Fellowship friends around the world brought some hope to Raisa. “The main thing is not to lose your spirit . . . I want to say thank you to those who help us,” she says.

Thank you for answering the call to love others and bring God’s light into the world through your generosity and love during the Jewish holidays. Together, we delivered holiday food and other essentials during the most holy days of the Jewish year, making sure each one of God’s children could celebrate with dignity and joy.



12,862 impoverished families received food cards to observe the sacred holidays of Passover and *Rosh Hashanah*.



Bella, an 84-year-old Holocaust survivor, lives in a small apartment and relies on our care for warmth and basic necessities. When we visit, she tells us she remembers being cold during World War II: “During those days, there was nothing but cold, hunger, and a lack of hope.” But thanks to Fellowship friends around the world, Bella is no longer lacking warmth or hope — because we provide her with food, warm clothing, and holiday essentials. She calls us “angels sent by God,” and she is grateful for the *menorah* and candles IFCJ Canada gave her to celebrate this last *Hanukkah*. “My heart is filled with happiness and hope during this holiday of light.”

*Even to your old age and gray
hairs I am he, I am he who
will sustain you.*

— Isaiah 46:4

Many Thanks

And here’s what a few of our beneficiaries want to share . . .



Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. — Psalm 107:21



Miracles and Light

“I’ll be landing in Israel during the *Hanukkah* holiday, which is all about miracles and light. I want to thank IFCJ Canada for creating my personal miracle, bringing me light, and warming my heart by giving me a chance to get to the Holy Land and be safe.”

— Elderly Ukrainian refugee on making *aliyah*

Ray of Hope

“I live in constant fear of tomorrow. We are waiting for the arrival of cold weather with fear, because there might not be heat in the city . . . the only ray of hope in my life is the help we get thanks to IFCJ Canada. Thank you for the winter help you gave me.”

— Elderly woman living in Ukraine

Be Blessed!

“This means so much to me since [my family] always gathered together around a nice festive table. The help of IFCJ Canada brings a light into my life, reminding me what I always believed in — that good can make a real change and save lives. I thank you with all my heart. Be blessed!”

— Elderly Jew after receiving holiday food for *Rosh Hashanah*

Hope and Longevity

“I do not feel old. I wake up every morning with a smile on my face. . . . Most of all, I want to say thank you. IFCJ Canada is the ‘secret ingredient’ to my longevity. I receive weekly hot meals of healthy food to my home.”

— Elderly woman in Israel who receives food assistance

Better Days to Come

“I want to thank IFCJ Canada on behalf of my family and the many other people we met during this tragic journey. Thank you for your generosity and the kindness you give us. It makes our lives much easier and gives us faith in better days to come.”

— Elderly couple and Ukrainian refugees on making *aliyah*

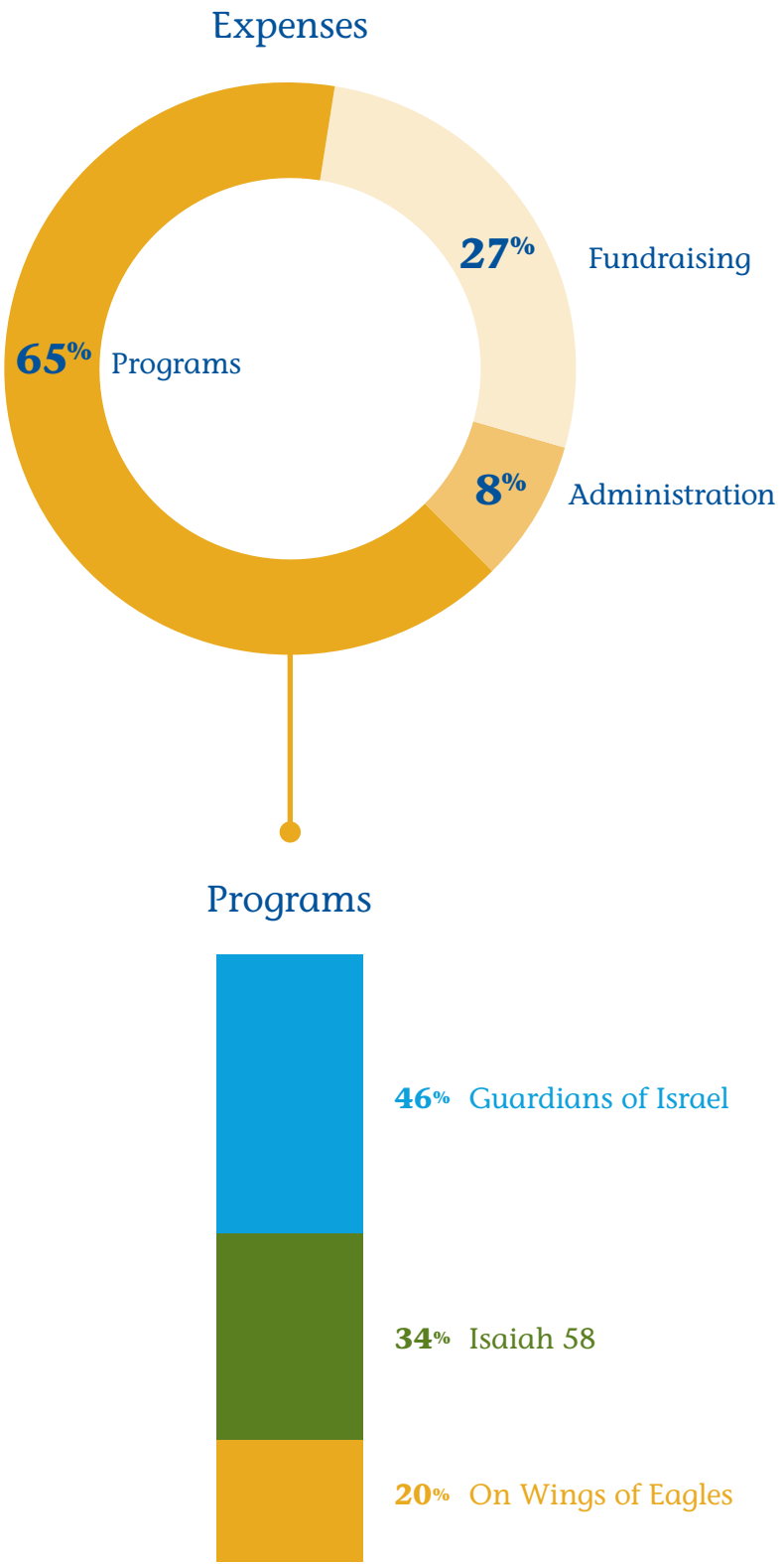
Financial Statement for Year 2022

REVENUE		2022	2021
Restricted Contributions		\$6,746,787	\$6,412,156
Unrestricted Contributions		\$7,759,482	\$6,750,528
TOTAL REVENUE		\$14,506,269	\$13,162,684
EXPENSES		2022	2021
Programs			
Guardians of Israel		\$4,395,725	\$4,578,004
Isaiah 58		\$3,310,000	\$2,650,223
On Wings of Eagles		\$1,903,433	\$1,637,996
Education & Outreach		\$36,765	\$114,500
Fundraising		\$4,105,731	\$2,867,451
Administration		\$1,242,147	\$704,502
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$14,993,801	\$12,552,676
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		(\$487,532)	\$610,008

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IFCJ Canada is a charity you can trust.





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