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ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD

Shira Sorko-Ram

Christians by nature are caring. Like no other people, their hearts go out to the poor, the helpless and the needy. For this reason, many Christians in America and the Western world weep for the Palestinian people whom they believe are natives of the Holy Land from whom Israel has stolen their land.

So what is the truth? The Arab people, in general, are warm and hospitable, like few others in this world. But the principalities and spiritual powers of Islam are constantly expanding their control over the people of the Middle East and now much of the world.

These spiritual forces are ruled by Satan whose goal is to replace the one True God, the God of Israel. His evil forces understand that the one way to defeat God and His Word would be to destroy the Jewish race.

In 1964, Yasir Arafat was the first one to give the name "Palestinians" to the local Arabs who had migrated from many countries to the Holy Land. For every Christian who believes that the Holy Land belongs to the "Palestinians," think about this: <u>If Satan were able to wipe out the Jews</u> from the face of the earth—as so many rulers have tried to do through the ages—the Messiah of Israel could not return to the earth to receive His bride. Here it is. Yeshua told His Jewish people, "You will not see me again until You say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord"" (Luke 13:35).

An angel promised the disciples that Yeshua would return on the Mount of Olives—in Jerusalem. God's throne is established on truth, faithfulness and justice. He cannot lie. His Words through the Apostle Paul proclaim, *"All Israel shall be saved"* (Romans 11:26).

THE WORLD'S REACTION

So let us consider the Islamist terrorists who in one day left the remains of 1,400 babies, children and families that they had raped, tortured, mutilated, and then burned. Others they burned alive. They kidnapped some 240 children, the elderly, and entire families.

The demonic rampage was so horrifying that I cannot describe it to you.

Masses of burnt remains have yet to be identified weeks after the attack. The army has brought in archaeologists who have the necessary technology to identify bones that are thousands of years old. But many piles of soot have mixed DNA in the ashes as the dying hugged each other. One mother who was rescued—but saw her children murdered—wrote their names on their bodies so when the authorities came to remove the corpses, they would be able to identify them for burial.

Yet, a month later, the world is already beginning to play down or even deny this catastrophe of October 7, 2023—just like many deny the Holocaust. So Israel's foreign office invited 200 mainstream journalists to view footage that terrorists themselves filmed and documented while torturing, raping, and cutting off heads and limbs. Several of the journalists who attended the viewing, went into shock and were transported to a hospital.

Now think about this. Out of 192 nations in the UN, only 13 countries have spoken out clearly against this October 7th work of hell.

A simple answer must be thoroughly understood by God's born-again people around the globe: <u>The world hates Israel because the world hates</u> <u>the God of Israel. The world hates Yeshua the</u> <u>Messiah—sent from God as a Jew and an</u> <u>Israelite—because they hate truth, righteousness</u> <u>and justice</u>. God's people around the world must proclaim that the nation of Israel will play an important part in the last day revival coming to the earth. Israel was created to be a light to the Gentiles. (Isaiah 60:3).

ISRAEL'S BODY OF MESSIAH IN ACTION

Our Messianic organizations and congregations throughout the land are receiving help from Christians around the world to bring supplies to a nation that is now in severe economic stress. The reason for the great needs right now is that overnight the state of Israel had to put together an army of almost 400,000 soldiers. Many businesses are closed because their workers are in the army. That includes the biggest source of income—high tech industry.



Shira Sorko-Ram, the daughter of the late Gordon and Freda Lindsay, and her husband, Ari Sorko-Ram, are the founders of Moaz Israel Ministries, which is an Israeli Messianic Jewish non-profit organization founded in 1976. Their central work is based in Jerusalem and they have representing branches in the U.S., Canada, UK, Brazil, Ireland, Germany, France, South Korea as well as Maoz Español. Their main goal is to reach Israel with the Good News of Messiah Yeshua. They believe the best way to do that is to build a strong community of believers who can be a powerful witness in Israel. They are on a mission to reach every Israeli-Jew and Arab-with the truth of the Gospel by any means possible and empowering believers in the land to thrive. Currently, their daughter, Shani, and son-in-law, Kobi Ferguson, oversee all the operations of Maoz.

Many of Israel's Messianic Jews have joined together in bringing basic needs to our soldiers, many of whom are lacking even winter jackets and other needs. Soldiers were showing up at their unit in tennis shoes. There are hundreds of Messianic Jews in the army. The Body of Messiah has connections with them and are bringing supplies to their units. And at every turn, <u>God is giving us</u> <u>opportunities to be witnesses of our Messiah,</u> <u>telling of His power to help and preserve us when</u> <u>we call upon Him</u>.

Our Maoz Israel Ministries together with Israel's Messianic community is helping with food and basics that are needed by the hundred thousand civilians who have been evacuated from their homes as both Hamas and Hezbollah are constantly firing rockets and missiles on Israel from the southern and northern borders.

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GOD CALLS US AND OUR FRIENDS TO BE IN GOD'S ARMY

If you have friends who do not understand why the Jewish people returned to their land that God gave them forever, plead with them to read **Jeremiah 31:35-37**.

"This is what the Lord says, 'he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night. who stirs up the sea so that its waves roarthe Lord Almighty is his name: 'Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,' declares the Lord. 'will Israel ever cease being a nation before me.' This is what the Lord says: 'Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,' declares the Lord." (NIV).

If your friends do not know that God promised this land to the Jewish people forever, please show them **Genesis 13:14-16, Genesis 17:8, Deuteronomy 1:7-8**. In fact, **Amos 9:14-15** emphatically states that when God brings His people back from exile, they will never again be uprooted!

Genesis 13:14-16

"The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted." (NIV).

Genesis 17:8

"The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." (NIV).

Deuteronomy 1:7-8

"Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the Lord swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them." (NIV).

Amos 9:14-15

"...and I will bring my people Israel back from exile.
They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.
I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,' says the Lord your God." (NIV).

If your friends are not aware of the many Scriptures where God promises to give the Jews a heart for their God, take a look at **Jeremiah 31:31-34**.

"'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,' declares the Lord. 'This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the Lord. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God. and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me. from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the Lord. 'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (NIV).

Israel will win this war. Israel will be here tomorrow and the next day. Israel will be victorious over Hamas. But the evil spirits of Islam and the ruler of this world will still be around. Satan's goal will remain the same—to destroy Israel. And most of the world will side with the god of this world, but we who serve the Risen Lord are here for such a time as this! We have read the BOOK!

Please give to help feed, clothe, and provide medical care, etc. in Israel, go to: CFNI.org/Israel

2023 VOICE OF HEALING &



The 2023 Voice of Healing and Prophetic Conference ushered in God's refreshing presence as we entered the floodgates of worship and continually listened to the healing Word day and night. There were students and new visitors from across the United States present who felt when they left that they were a walking revival. They received the refreshing and empowerment they were looking for, and many came and received God's promises of healing and release from their infirmities and heard the awesome, prophetic voices.

The blessed who came to the conference expecting, walked out having experienced the power of the mighty hand of God. The revelation knowledge that came forth was challenging and edifying. There was a fresh fire that came throughout the auditorium as many were completely restored and specific body parts were healed, such as: shoulders, knees, chest pain, female issues-even mental issues, etc.

One lady shared that every single speaker was anointed and spoke with authority. She also said, "Thank you for bringing in a prophet to encourage those students who are called to the same office and allowing them to see someone functioning in that capacity. I was so encouraged! I am already anticipating next year's VOHPC."



PROPHETIC CONFERENCE

HEALING TESTIMONIES WE RECEIVED AT VOHPC

"God's refreshing presence was what I experienced. Just being in His presence constantly listening to the Word. There was a washing over me that I experienced. I didn't have any sickness, but I needed to be in His presence for refreshment and empowerment, and I got it! I am grateful to God for what He did in my life through the VOHPC."

M. Banda

"I would like to thank YAHWEH SHAMMAH and His powerful Spirit, and also all the organizers. I have experienced the power of the Mighty Hand of YAHWEH. I am completely satisfied and totally blessed. Amen! Stay blessed and may YAHWEH SHAMMAH keep on watching over you and CFNI!"

J. Lumina

"I brought my worship team with me, and my keyboard player's hand was healed. This was an incredible healing for her and our ministry."

P. Milam

"I was in the ER twice and saw 2 doctors and 2 cardiologists regarding my chest pain. They couldn't figure out the problem. BUT GOD ... DID AND HE HEALED ME."

O. Ornelas

"Wow! From the very beginning of this year's VOHPC, I could sense a shift from previous years conferences! Every speaker was anointed and spoke with authority. There was a fresh fire! It was refreshing and edifying to hear prophet Emma Spark speak what the Lord was saying to us as believers at this time. Thank you for bringing in a prophet to encourage those students who are called to the same office and allowing them to see someone functioning in that capacity. I was so encouraged! I am already anticipating next year's VOHPC!"

"I was completely healed physically (shoulders, knee, OBGYN issues) and mentally from depression. Ungodly areas broken; free from many burdens. Set free from worry, confusion, and second-guessing the Word's plan for my life."

P.A. Buckner

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR VOHPC GUEST SPEAKERS

"The Bible says several things that instruct us about getting rid of trapped trauma in our bodies. My husband, Dr. Don Colbert, has always believed trapped trauma is at the root of most diseases in our bodies. One of the therapies he uses in his practice is helping people release the trapped trauma. The Holy Spirit is wonderful in doing this, but sometimes we need assistance in helping us. God gave us the gift of speaking. Why? I believe because we are made in His image to create. Create good. "If my words abide in you and you abide in me, you can speak to this mountain ..." You and I have been given the same power of Jesus Christ. One way we are to create is by praying. The following are principles the Holy Spirit gave me in order to get results in prayer.

- 1. Faith must be in constant motion. God is a God of increase. Believe for good, better, favor, wisdom and understanding of His written word. Keep dreaming.
- 2. Believe what His Word says. Time and seasons are in His hands, our role is to believe and trust Him that it will come to pass.



Mary Colbert

- 3. We all have "things" we want to believe God for. We must be clear about the "thing" we want Him to do. Don't be general—be specific!
- 4. Begin to praise Him. Give Him thanks and praise and see the "thing" as being done!
- 5. The last thing we must do for the "thing" we want to see manifested requires us to "Walk in Love." Love is the fuel that thrusts the "thing" into motion.

The Word is very clear. When you stand praying if we have ought against anyone, make it right or reconcile if possible. Forgive and cancel the debt or offense. Let it go and be a vessel of love. Now we have positioned ourselves for His Rivers of Life to flow through us. Go now, and choose to be a part of increasing His Kingdom!"



"Many issues in our lives began in our mother's womb. We know babies are aware of many things by the testimony of John the Baptist, who leaped in his mother's womb when Mary the mother of Jesus greeted Elizabeth. There are various prenatal situations that could affect a person's life in a negative way. Jesus has provided healing for the body, the soul, and the spirit. We find this in Isaiah 61."

As Dr. Paula ministered, people were delivered—released in their soul, and some were healed in their bodies. This breakout session prepared people for the next day, when they were challenged to believe for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to release miracles and healings. Paula also shared how the working of miracles takes place. Several were then baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many experienced the power of the anointing so they could go forth equipped to walk in the power of the Kingdom of God."

Dr. Paula Burt

"Never in my adult life have I experienced the ending of the world as I have known it. Looking into the future is similar to viewing an empty slate, a whiteboard wiped clean. I'm often reminded of Frances Schaeffer's book titled, How Shall We Then Live? Or I could rephrase it, how are we to move forward and advance, if we can't see the future clearly?

In the beginning the earth was created by the Voice, the voice of God. (Genesis 1:1-3) It was into that darkness, emptiness, formlessness, chaos, and void, that the Voice spoke and created what we live in. The Voice was, and is the Word. Nothing was created without Him. Earth and its unfolding history began because the Voice spoke. (John 1:1-2). Another massive, world-changing juncture came when Jesus was about to come on the scene.

The greatest prophet just preceding Jesus, looked out, saw the wilderness and



Barbara Yoder

began to cry out with a commanding voice in the spirit of Elijah, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Prepare it by repenting because the Kingdom of God is at hand. That Voice was John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness.

Then Jesus, the Voice, gave clear instructions to His followers to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father. Because of that Voice, those who heard went, waited and prayed in Jerusalem. It was there the Church of Acts, the greatest grass movement in history, erupted miraculously on the scene. History was changed. That group invaded the city, changing Jerusalem overnight through the power of the Holy Spirit. A movement began transforming cities, regions and nations. We are there again, looking in bewilderment at a world that is not as it was intended to be. We are looking at a wilderness, a place that is chaotic, barren, devastated and broken down.

It's time for the Voice, the miraculous, creative sound with words, that heralds, releases the message, announces change is coming in the midst of the chaotic void. There is a fresh cry from God, calling the Voices to come forth in the authority and power of God, infused with the Spirit of Jesus, the ultimate Voice. This is the decade of the VOICE. It's time for the pioneering, innovative voices, through the miraculous power of God to create the new. Create with their Voice revival and awakening. Create the transformation of individuals, families, neighborhoods, cities, states and nations.

This is a fresh, historic junction, not only needing, but requiring the apprehending of "voices," who have been encountered by God, just as Isaiah, Moses and John the Baptist were. People are the voices that God is apprehending to speak on His behalf. These voices are people like you and me. The voices are miraculous, gifted by God to re-craft the future and so we say, "VOICES come forth, create the future. Transform the desolate—the barren!"



Edith Prakash

Edith not only had a powerful message to deliver at the VOHPC on the anointing and God's power and authority through the anointing, but she also received a prophetic word about her ministry. It was prophesied that God would open doors for her ministry to be used by God in different nations. One such nation was South Sudan. At that moment she had no idea how God would take her and her family there. However, during their last ministry trip to Uganda, God opened the door for them to go to South Sudan. They had the opportunity to minister along with several African evangelists at a crusade in South Sudan, Juba, from June 26-30, 2023.

The Lord gave them a great harvest through the crusade with 3,000 people being saved the next morning. A former health minister from Sudan met Edith at the hotel, and during the conversation, the Lord put on Edith's heart to ask the health minister to take her to the prison there. Miraculously, the Lord opened the doors, and they were able to preach the Gospel, give some gifts, and present an Arabic Bible to all

the women who were ministered to at the women's prison. The presence of God was tangible, and several women, with tears in their eyes, prayed along with us to receive Jesus. Even the staff in the prison and inmates immediately began to open the Bible and read the scriptures. God opened iron doors to set the captives free and bring people to Jesus. The anointing will set the captives free.

Come and join us September 19-21, 2024 for the next VOHPC!

THE VOICE OF HEALING & PROPHETIC CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS





"LORD MY GOD, I CALLED TO YOU FOR HELP, AND YOU HEALED ME" - PSALM 30:2

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2024 VOHC.CFNI.ORG Nathan Morris



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A Legacy Flourishing: The Envision Gala's Tribute to 75

In 1948, Gordon and Freda Lindsay started the Voice of Healing, which grew into a massive global ministry. Last October, 2023, Christ For The Nations (CFN) celebrated its 75-year legacy with the 2023 Envision Gala held in a grand mansion. This event commemorated the global impact of the organization over the years.

Guests arrived at twilight, welcomed by a soft glow, and were greeted with sophisticated hors d'oeuvres that were carefully arranged by the event team. The anticipation was palpable as the reception opened to the grandeur of the ballroom, where simple elegance and historical charm blended seamlessly. The soothing melodies of the piano and violin escorted the guests to their seats.

Then, Dr. Dennis Lindsay, CFN's Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO, greeted the almost 400 guests and led a prayer before the meal. His prayer blessed the food and addressed the pressing concerns in Israel that commenced earlier that day, incorporating a prayer for peace into the evening's celebration.

The tables were adorned with delicious surf and turf plates as Golan Lindsay, CFN's Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, greeted the audience. He presented an inspiring vision for the future of CFN and drew a clear and vivid line from the organization's past achievements to the promises of tomorrow.





Years of Christ For The Nations



The atmosphere of the gala became more intense after Eric Metaxas, a New York Times best selling author and radio host, delivered a keynote speech. His engaging narrative drew striking similarities between the challenges the American church is currently facing and those that the German church faced during Hitler's time. He emphasized the importance of a vigilant and active faith.

The evening turned to one of honor with the Wayne Myers Spirit of Generosity Award inaugural presentation to Dr. James Marocco, celebrating a longstanding partnership steeped in shared values and mutual dedication to generosity.

Amidst the applause and accolades, a powerful moment unfolded as Katie, a scholarship recipient from Indonesia, shared her heartwarming journey to CFNI. Her testimony, ripe with power and authority, underscored the life-changing impact of the scholarships provided by the generous giving of Christ For The Nations' partners and friends.

As the night came to an end, we were able to celebrate a significant accomplishment—the gala had raised more than \$500,000. This money will be used to provide scholarships, enabling students from all over the world to benefit from CFNI's life-transforming education.

The 2023 Envision Gala was not just an event; it was a convergence of history, hope, and vision, a night that affirmed the enduring impact of Christ For The Nations and rekindled the collective commitment to its global mission.

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God Confirms His Word





Raphael Rusch 2010 CFNI Graduate

Pastor Raphael is a 2010 CFNI graduate from the former School of ALPS. He currently pastors at Church Erlabt in Zug, Switzerland, with his wife, Melissa. They have two daughters, Grace and Stella. My journey to The Voice of Healing and Prophetic Conference actually began a few weeks before the conference took place. I started to feel a strong pull to attend this conference as I am an alumnus of CFNI from the class of 2010. So, I prayed to seek God if this was indeed a conference for me.

Multiple confirmations through friends and dreams came to me confirming that I was meant to attend and that God had something even prepared for me there. Along with my wife and my two small girls, I pastor a small but growing church in Zug, a small suburb near Zurich, Switzerland. We had been seeking God for years regarding direction and breakthrough for Switzerland and our community.

As I returned to CFNI to attend this conference, I was reminded again why this school has had such a strong impact in my life. I was able to connect immediately with past alumni and other pastors. This was extremely encouraging and uplifting for me. Once the conference began, I could clearly see why God had me fly all this way.

The conference was filled with people who were expectant and hungry to hear from the Lord. <u>Each time of worship</u> and the speaker came, they were equipped with powerful messages and prophetic words.





Dr. Don Colbert

Some of the speakers, who greatly impacted me, were Emma Stark, Barbara Yoder and Dr. Colbert. Each speaker shared spiritual insight that challenged and motivated me. <u>Over and over again</u> the prophecies and prophetic acts set me free and spoke clearly what the next steps are for me and our church and family.

One of the statements that Emma Stark shared was:

"Some of you are entering into a season where you need to contend and wrestle with God for your blessing, instead of wrestling with the enemy."

Her sobering message from the Lord confirmed so many points that the Lord had already been speaking to me. This resonated deeply with me and has changed how I will move into this next season.

As I returned home to Switzerland, I began to see so many of the prophecies come to pass, which continued to encourage and remind me of why God had specifically called me to attend the VOHPC at CFNI this year.





From Muslim to CHRISTIAN!

My name is Katie (safe name), I'm from a Muslim nation in South East Asia. I was born into a Muslim family. My mother was the second wife of my Muslim father, but I never knew my dad. My mother accepted Jesus as her Savior when I was six years old, but was persecuted and fled to Europe for refuge. She left me at a Christian orphanage from the age of seven until I was 14 years old.

Once I left the orphanage, at 14, and went into the world, I wanted to be a normal Muslim. I started wearing my hijab, and I fasted for 30 days with no food and drink every year. I prayed five times a day facing Mecca. I did all of these because of the Muslim society that I was in, but because of the Christian principles that I grew up with in the orphanage, I became confused with Islam and Christianity. This confusion led me into an identity crisis.

In that identity conflict, I asked the Lord to reveal Himself, and if Islam was the truth. God spoke to me and showed me the contradictions within Islam.

This was the moment I surrendered to God, and He blessed me with a youth leader who discipled me through this new season of life.

For all these years I had to hide to read the Bible and to receive discipleship. Also, during these years, my mother passed away, and I was left all alone without a family. I had an interest in biblical counseling to help refugee families, who were on the mission field that I was serving with, and I asked my pastor about a Bible school. Christ For The Nations was one of the schools he recommended.

So, I prayed about attending CFNI, and the Lord gave me peace. I applied for a CFNI scholarship

because I had no money to pay for school. I was amazed when I received an email stating that I was granted the scholarship.

I am now at CFNI, and my life is being transformed. For the first time in my life I am able to read the Bible openly without looking over my shoulder for fear of being arrested by Muslim religious authorities, and for the first time in my life I am able to freely be a part of corporate worship with believers from other nations.

God has been healing my heart at CFNI. I went through so much hurt, pain and confusion, and now I am experiencing the love of the Father and understanding the Father's heart. One of the

most impactful lessons that I have learned at CFNI is praying for the nations while I've been in Sandy Childress's class.

After I complete my studies in biblical counseling, my desire is to serve Muslim women and children. Thank you for giving to the CFNI Scholarship fund. It has truly changed my life!

Please help sponsor a world changer through our scholarship program, go to: CFNI.org/scholarshipfund



Katie



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Laugh Out Loud Ministry

• Melissa Fisher

We still remember the day the Lord called us to attend CFNI. We moved from Colorado to CFNI in 2004. It was in the IB at CFNI that the Lord gave Jervis the vision for Laugh Out Loud Ministry. He would go early each morning to prayer, and one day with his face against the wall and tears flowing down his cheeks, the Lord began to speak about our calling. He called us to build an orphanage where the love of the Father restored the children to "laugh out loud," and the Lord has done just that.

After graduating in the spring of 2006, we set off for Belize. We sold everything we had and drove a donated short bus with our three children and dog from Colorado to Belize. <u>One of the biggest things</u> <u>I look back at is the relationships that the Lord had</u> <u>us build while attending CFNI</u>. We didn't know at the time these friendships would be and still are our prayer support, financial support, and our biggest cheerleaders to go after all God had for us. It took us five years to build the orphanage.

During that time the Lord brought children who were in desperate need of being rescued. Zander was born with spina bifida, and his life was saved by the Lord who gave us the ability to take him to the states for surgery. Christina was over a year old and came to us at 11 pounds, being starved by her family because they no longer wanted her. Marcus was born to an 11-year-old mom, if the Lord had not brought them to us both of them would have died, as her body was shutting down due to the pregnancy. We adopted each of these children, as well as three others. LOL opened in January of 2013, we have seen so many children come in our gates who were broken, abused, neglected, and/or abandoned to watch them transform through the love of Christ. When we first opened our doors, we had built one large building and had the children divided up by age and gender. After five years, we saw that this was not the heart of the Father for the children He placed in our care. We changed our entire structure and built individual homes where we could provide a loving home environment with house parents and individualized care for each child.





Jervis with a baby

Melissa with some of the children



One of the foster homes



Melissa teaching some of the girls how to cook

This new set up brought new levels of healing for our children. They no longer had a rotation of staff or shared a room with 12 other kids. Each home has a set of parents and no more than six children per home. This has been such a great opportunity to allow the kids to learn life skills and how a healthy family operates.

The road has not been easy, but the Lord has been so faithful. If God has placed a dream in your heart, we want to encourage you to step out in faith. Our operating budget per month is around \$40,000. We never could have imagined what we would have needed when we started. For 16 years the Lord has shown Himself faithful. There were times we could not see where the money would come from, but it would be there. The Lord will sustain what He ordains. We are so grateful for our time at Christ For The Nations Institute. The Lord placed in us a foundation that cannot be shaken.

If you would like to learn more about LOL please go to our website at www.lolministry.com or our social media: FB – Laugh Out Loud Ministry or IG – lol.ministry



Children and foster parents having dinner



Map of Belize

To support our missions outreaches, go to: CFNI.org/give

Curious about life at Christ For The Nations Institute?

Join us in Dallas, Texas, for **Campus Days on April 11th-12th, 2024**—for an action-packed, two-day experience of what it's like to be a Christ For The Nations student.





Campus Days offers you an opportunity to step into the shoes of a CFNI student and immerse yourself in a day of worship, classes, and fun. Dive into the heart of our diverse campus and discover what it truly means to be a part of our Christ-centered community.

Your time at Campus Days will be filled with exciting activities and experiences. You will start your day with morning chapel, feel the Spirit of God move, as you join our students for praise and worship, and sit in on our one-of-a-kind classes, led by our experienced faculty. These sessions will provide a taste of the biblical teaching that is offered at CFNI. We've curated a range of fun events and activities just for you. Whether it's games, social gatherings, or advising sessions, there's something for everyone.

However, that's not all! Campus Days is not just about education. It's about building lifelong connections with people from around the globe. Experience the warmth of our CFNI community and encounter the transformative power of Jesus in the process.

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith, make new friends, and get a taste of what makes CFNI an extraordinary place to study and grow spiritually. Hear what one our guests experienced at Campus Days.

"I had a great time with the students there. The atmosphere is absolutely God-fearing and Spirit-filled. I made what I believe will be lifelong friends. God used this place to answer a whole list of questions I made prior to coming." - Campus Days Fall 2023 Participant

Mark your calendar Spread the word Register for Campus Days Your legacy begins today!

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