

Christadelphian Israeli Children's Fund

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May 26, 2022

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We continue to experience *the whole creation... groaning together in the pains of childbirth... as we wait eagerly for... the redemption of our bodies* (Rom. 8:22-23). World attention is riveted on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, while threats to Israel escalate from Iran's proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah. Temple Mount agitation by Palestinians continues to strain relations with Arab states. The stage appears set for the Messiah's return. The complex problems mankind has created for the planet can only be resolved by Christ's establishment of God's Kingdom, centred in Jerusalem.

Special Challenges for the Jerusalem Children's Home

Pandemic-related public health restrictions continue to challenge the Home's staff and emotionally disturbed children (see report from the Home on page 2). Please consider support for the Home if you are able.

Good Mental Health Builds Society

The Christadelphian Israeli Children's Fund (CICF) was founded to support the Children's Home, now known as *The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers*. The Home was established to treat severely emotionally disturbed children emigrating from Europe following the Holocaust. Though arising from different causes, similar needs continue today. The methods pioneered by the Home for treatment of the effects of severe emotional trauma have become models worldwide.

What does CICF do?

Since 1970, Christadelphians have generously supported the Home through CICF with cumulative gifts totalling almost **\$700,000** by the end of 2021. All donations (100%) are transferred by CICF to the Home's registered charity partners in the USA and Canada. The partners issue tax receipts and transfer the funds to support ongoing care for the mental and physical health of Israeli children.

How to Donate?

Donors and *in memory* gifts can be made to the Home conveniently online at www.cicfund.org. If needed, you may contribute by postal mail at the treasurer's address below. Mailed donations must be received by December 15th to permit bank processing and transfer to the Home's charity partners by year end to enable tax receipts to be lawfully issued for that year. **US checks** should be payable to **CICF**. For CRA conformance, **Canadian cheques** must now be payable to **Canada Charity Partners**, referencing **Jerusalem Hills** in the memo/subject area at bottom left.

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Yours in the Hope of Israel,



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In the name of Jesus for the Hope of Israel

May 12 Report from Jerusalem Hills re continuing challenges of COVID-19 restrictions



The past year continued to be particularly difficult in the shadow of the ongoing effects of the Covid pandemic. We tried to maintain the level of excellence in therapeutic care for which we are known and ensure the proper functioning of the institution on a daily basis despite the enormous constraints of staff and children

contracting Covid-19 and restrictions on sanitary conditions and protocols for contact with family members. Although there has recently been a lessening of certain restrictions, they have not all been removed and we know our children will continue to feel the effects for some time.

For example, for most of the year we were still not allowed to meet in large gatherings so the children could not eat in the communal dining room and instead had to take their meals in their living quarters. This added to the amount of food prepared and to the need for staff to distribute these to the various dormitories.

The ongoing situation took an enormous toll and profoundly worsened the mental state of many of our already vulnerable children. To counteract this we continued to add additional therapy hours and added 8 professionals, educators, social workers and psychologists to respond to the new needs of the 100 children in our care. The donations of the CICF during the past year were instrumental in helping us to be able to provide this extra care.

Despite all these challenges the high level of professionalism and commitment of our staff and the help of our supporters is allowing us to greatly counteract any long-term emotional effects.

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Latest information on the Home and CICF

See current information about the Home at:

<http://www.childrenshome.org.il/en>.

Find current CICF information at:

<https://www.cicfund.org/>



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