



JANUARY 2019

THE CHOSEN PEOPLE

A personal word from President Mitch Glaser



Dear friend in the Messiah,

Shalom from your friends at Chosen People Ministries! I cannot tell you how excited I am about all God is doing through Chosen People Ministries in the USA and sixteen countries worldwide (with Brazil to be added soon as the seventeenth!). We were established in 1894, and by His grace we continue to build upon the biblical mandate to bring the gospel to the Jewish people (Romans 1:16).

- ▶ We are thrilled with the results of our online Isaiah 53 campaigns: We have distributed more than 150,000 of the *Isaiah 53 Explained* books in more than a dozen languages.
- ▶ Our outreach keeps growing in North America: We are now serving in most cities in North America with a Jewish population of more than 100,000.
- ▶ Our training of new workers is also growing through our Charles Feinberg Messianic Jewish Studies program in Brooklyn.
- ▶ The work across Israel is growing as well: We celebrated the nation's 70th anniversary with a Bible conference (and 600 friends who came for tours and ministry). Our ministries continue to bear fruit, especially among the younger generation and in our work among Holocaust survivors.

I am grateful to the Lord who called us into this great work and to those who serve with Chosen People Ministries. I also want to extend my thanks to our Board of Directors, volunteers, and to faithful supporters like you.

I hope you will be encouraged by what you read, and rejoice with us in God's work at this strategic time in history. We look forward to 2019 and the 125th anniversary of our faithful ministry among the Jewish people.

Blessings in Jesus our Messiah,

Your Chosen People Ministries

Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize, disciple, and serve the Jewish people, and help other to do the same!

Our commitment to reach God's chosen people with the gospel has become the heart and soul of our ministry for the past 125 years. This vision of our founder Rabbi Leopold Cohn remains just as relevant today. Jewish people receiving the Lord is nothing less than life from the dead (Romans 11:15)!

The Lord is honoring our commitment, and our work is expanding at a rapid pace. We are finding Jewish people across the globe becoming more and more receptive to the gospel as the Lord opens their hearts and minds to the life-giving message of Jesus the Messiah.

We have a great heritage and a bright future because God is faithful and loves His chosen people! With your prayers and partnership, we hope to continue proclaiming the gospel until we see Him face to face.

U.S. Ministries

Messianic Centers

We establish Messianic centers in various cities where we have branches. In addition to evangelism and discipleship, these centers, in facilities we own or rent, provide a setting for



Messianic Center, Brooklyn, NY

worship, Bible study, spiritual counseling, and practical help. We own centers in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Chicago, and South Florida.

Branches

We establish branches in cities with more than 100,000 Jewish people and staff these outreach efforts with local missionaries. We currently maintain eighteen branches across the United States and many more globally.



In each branch we conduct outreach, personal discipleship of Jewish people who come to faith, and minister to local churches training congregants to reach their Jewish friends with the gospel.

Messianic Congregations

Messianic congregations help Jewish people worship the Lord in a more comfortable, Jewish-sensitive environment. This enables Jewish believers in Jesus to grow in their faith and also provides a place where they can bring their families and friends to hear the gospel in a Jewish way.

Campus Outreach



The college campus is one of the best places to engage Jewish students with the gospel. Students are more open to new ideas as they are often away from their parents and other types of community support. Since Jewish young adults are generally taught not to believe in Jesus, this fresh openness to new viewpoints in general is a great time to introduce Jewish students to the Jewish Messiah.

We currently have campus outreaches in most of our branch cities.

The Charles L. Feinberg Messianic Center

The Charles L. Feinberg Center for Messianic Jewish Studies, based in Brooklyn, offers students a fully-accredited Master of Divinity degree through Talbot School of Theology (Biola) and equips them for a lifetime of Jewish ministry.



Overseas Ministries

We have an influential presence in Israel and in nearly every nation with a high concentration of Jewish people or Jewish visitors. Our international outreach is called Chosen People Global Ministries. The ministries in the nations where we serve are interdependent; helping one another, sharing staff, technology, finances, and resources as well as board members. Almost every one of our Global partners maintain a local governing board, many raise much of their funding locally, and are self-governing. Our leaders meet each year, and our board chairs meet with the global leadership team every other year. There is a great sense of unity, excitement, and commitment to work together for the glory of God and the advancement of the gospel among the Jewish people.

Chosen People Ministries US provides most of the funding for our work in countries where it is difficult to raise funds including Israel, Argentina, Ukraine, Russia, etc. Additionally, many of the staff working in Israel are workers sent from the United States.



Jerusalem Center

Chosen People Ministries is one of the largest mission agencies operating in Israel, and our Jerusalem Center is pivotal to this outreach. Purchased in 2005, the Jerusalem Messianic Center is the hub for Chosen People Ministries' work throughout Israel.

Ramat Gan Center

Ramat Gan, an urban suburb east of Tel Aviv, is home to hundreds of thousands of unreached Israeli families. We established and staffed a new center in this area, and share the gospel through our café, public lectures, Bible studies, mom's group, and more!

Holocaust Survivors

Holocaust survivors in Israel are a very special community of Jewish people. These Holocaust survivors are now passing away at a rate of about 30,000 per year, and we cannot wait one more moment to present the good news of eternal deliverance to these precious people.



Your Mission to the Jewish People, Chosen People Ministries, lovingly serves this community of Holocaust survivors in Israel in a variety of ways.

- ▶ Helping with practical concerns: Food, clothing, repairing and cleaning their apartments, and much more.
- ▶ Spending time taking them on trips so they can get out of the house and experience God's love through our staff.
- ▶ Countering their loneliness by sitting by their side, to listen to them reminisce, and enjoying wonderful moments of conversation about the deeper matters of life.

Argentina Center and Congregation

Since 1943, we have been working in Buenos Aires, the home of more than 250,000 Jewish people. We currently own two properties in the heart of key Jewish communities within the vibrant capital of Argentina.



We sent out thousands of *Isaiah 53 Explained* books in Spanish as part of our Isaiah 53 outreach campaign, and planted a congregation that has more than one hundred people attending each week.

Canada

We own a Messianic center in Toronto and have planted congregations in Winnipeg, Hamilton, and Toronto. A volunteer branch is operating in Vancouver, and we hope to increase our ministries in Montreal. The work among Jewish people is extended through Messianic services, campus outreach, Bible studies, home visitation, and more.



Digital Media

Online resources have proven influential in engaging Jewish people with the message of Messiah and connecting them to our missionary staff who can personally answer their questions.

Isaiah 53 Campaign

This campaign, focusing on the prophecy of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53, has been used by God to touch tens of thousands of Jewish people throughout the world. This has been especially true in Israel.

We have sent over 5,000 *Isaiah 53 Explained* books in Hebrew requested by Israelis—95 percent of whom are not yet believers in Jesus! Thank you for making this possible!

I Found Shalom

The *I Found Shalom* website is geared toward Jewish people who are looking for peace—*shalom*. It is packed with video testimonies of Jewish people from every walk of life who have come to faith in Jesus the Messiah:

- ▶ Men and women
- ▶ Young and old
- ▶ Religious and secular
- ▶ Professionals from every industry and those in full-time ministry
- ▶ Moms, dads, and grandparents
- ▶ And more

There is even an online chat for anyone who wants to know more about what they discover here and how to find peace. Please refer your Jewish friends to:

www.ifoundshalom.com

The videos have been watched by millions and are making a tremendous impact! They are clearly showing Jewish people how they can retain their Jewish identity and follow Yeshua, the Messiah, into a life of joy and peace!

Follow Messiah Discipleship Bible Study

We will soon release the first online, video-based discipleship series designed for Jewish seekers and new believers. The website also allows for personal mentoring by Chosen People Ministries staff and referral to a local Messianic congregation or church. There are sixteen lessons based on the Sermon on the Mount that are presented in short, fifteen- to twenty-minute conversational videos, with reflection questions to be completed at the end of each. The series is designed to meet the needs of a new generation of Jewish followers of Jesus.

Thank God we now have so many incredible new tools to use in sharing the Word of God with others for discipleship, Bible teaching, and training for ministry!

Chosen People Answers – Messianic Apologetics for the Digital Age

This work-in-progress website will host a digital library of Jewish and Christian texts, as well as hundreds of Messianic apologetics articles. We want to provide answers to the hard questions that Jewish people have in an interactive and cutting-edge way!

Whether you want to help Jewish people recognize the validity of claims that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah or you are a Jewish person looking for meaning in the Hebrew Scriptures, you will soon be able to find what you need at www.chosenpeopleanswers.com.

This innovative and groundbreaking website will be the only one of its kind in existence once it is launched!



Books

Our ministry through literature continues to be effective in engaging Jewish people with the message of Messiah—and our books offer training, biblical encouragement, and inspiration for believers, too.

Isaiah 53 Explained

This powerful book touches the hearts of Jewish people when they see the message of Messiah in a passage from a revered prophet! Thanks to the support of friends like you, more than 150,000 copies have been distributed in thirteen nations of the world. It has become one of our most effective evangelistic and engaging resources.



How to Introduce Your Jewish Friends to the Messiah

We often find it difficult to share the gospel with those whom we do not know well or feel we do not understand. This manual will help you reach Jewish people with the message of salvation.



To an Ancient People

Rabbi Leopold Cohn's classic autobiographical work retells the story of the trials and triumphs of the young-but-venerated rabbi in his native rural Hungary—and his quest for truth. Leopold's trip to the "New World" and his indescribable joy in finding Yeshua are told in inspiring and timeless detail.



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Israel, the Church, and the Middle East

This new volume, edited by Mitch Glaser and Darrell Bock, addresses popular criticism of Israel held by contemporary authors, as well as those who affirm Israel's right to the land.

This book will help anyone—student, lay person, or pastor—understand Israel's place within a sound interpretation of biblical text while also taking into account Palestinian suffering and the place of the nations within God's plan for Israel and the Jewish people.

Messiah in the Passover

This Passover reference book discusses biblical and theological issues, Jewish and church history, and rabbinic traditions. *Messiah in the Passover* will give you a deeper appreciation for the Passover celebration within the Jewish community, and enable you to share the message of the Lamb of God through the Passover with your Jewish friends.

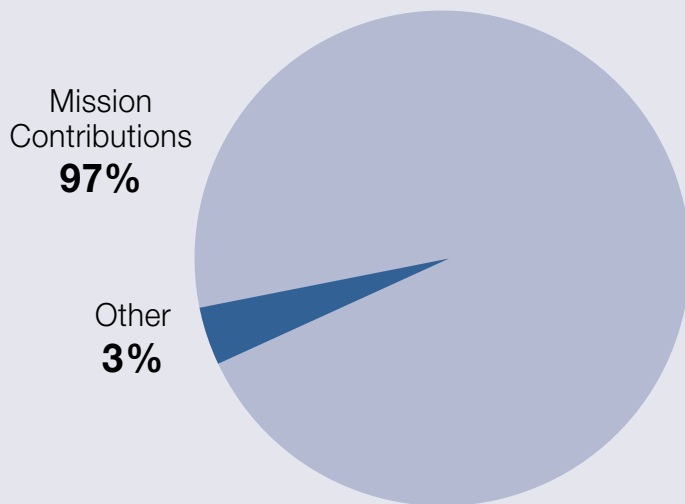


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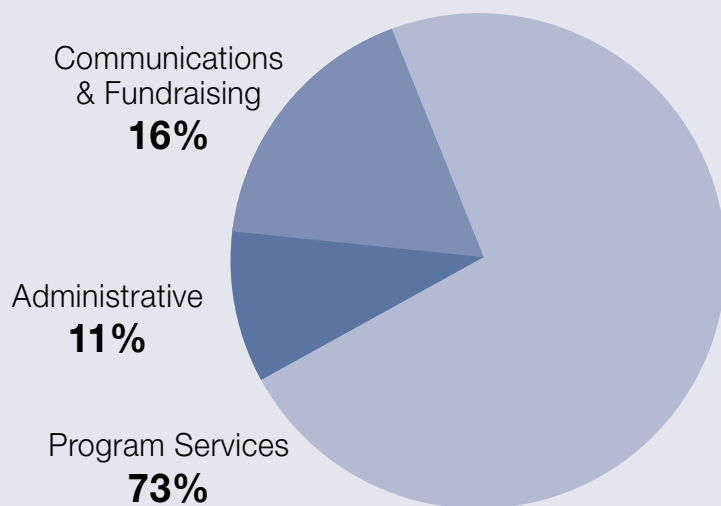
2018 INCOME

Mission Contributions	\$16,463,451	97%
Other	\$571,542	3%
Total	\$17,034,993	



2018 EXPENSES

Program Services	\$11,773,993	73%
Communications and Fundraising	\$2,596,430	16%
Administrative	\$1,860,579	11%
Total	\$16,231,002	





Vision for the Future

We are celebrating the 125th anniversary of Chosen People Ministries—a major milestone for any organization or ministry! We were established in 1894 by Rabbi Leopold Cohn who became a believer in 1892 and was called by God to reach his fellow Jewish people for the Messiah.

As we look to the future, with God's blessing and the continued faithful support of friends like you, we will find new and creative ways to preach the gospel, remind the Church of God's promises to the Jewish people and of the divine mandate to reach Jewish people with the gospel (Romans 11:11), and raise up a new generation of workers for the Jewish harvest.

We will continue to:

- ▶ Establish Messianic centers
- ▶ Plant Messianic congregations
- ▶ Train Messianic congregations and local churches to reach Jewish people
- ▶ Recruit, train, and educate staff and volunteers across the globe—especially in countries with more than 50,000 Jewish people (but, not leaving out any place where we are asked to help)
- ▶ Send teams to reach wandering Israelis worldwide
- ▶ Intensify our efforts within Israel
- ▶ Innovate new ways to evangelize and disciple Jewish people, in person and online
- ▶ Build a happy and unified global staff family

These bold moves cannot be attempted without you, our prayer partners, supporters, and dear friends in the gospel. Thank you for opening your heart to God's beloved Jewish people. The impact we will make together in the days ahead will honor the Lord and touch the lives of multiple thousands of Jewish people for Jesus.



The Seven Objectives *for the 21st Century*



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or
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