

Editorial:

Welcome to the 3rd issue of News and Views for 2019. I hope you had a good summer and for some of you the main article focusing on the CMJ conference may bring back happy memories. In addition to the Conference article we have an article about CMJ's presence at the Refuel festive in Scotland and details of the Yom Kippur annual prayer gathering.

As I write this editorial the

new football season has just begun (some may say this start is inappropriately early as the cricket season is still in full swing) and I have just read a viewpoint article by Max Rushden in the Guardian (3.8.19) which is titled - *Cambridge United fans should embrace another 10 months of boredom, pain and fleeting excitement*. Well I hope that this 'prophecy' will not be fulfilled, but who knows! Equally I do not

know what the next 10 months of the ministry of CMJ will bring, but I do know that my colleagues and I will be faithful in work, prayer and planning as we, with your support, seek to 'keep in step' with all that the LORD will do within our ministry, the wider Church and the 'Jewish world'.

Shalom,

Alex Jacob



Joining forces with CMJ Israel, Paul and Janey spent a productive (and fun!) week at the 'Refuel 2019' camp near Elgin in the North of Scotland. Held at the Gordon Castle Estate, Refuel is part of the Filling Station movement which aims to hold *'..meetings that are designed to be overtly spiritual but presented in a manner that those outside the church would feel comfortable with.'*

Alongside our Israel colleagues Garth Gilmour, Joy Marshall, Levya Seren and Alex Marcos we had a busy week speaking about CMJ's long history of ministry to Jewish people in the UK and Israel, and it's vital relevance for today. This was highlighted when the joint team was invited onto the main platform to describe CMJ's work - Janey was asked to kick off this session with a Shofar blast!

Garth was a keynote and workshop speaker, and on the last day gave a very powerful and moving talk about God's covenant and relationship with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their offspring and how God is utterly faithful in keeping all His promises - including giving the land of Israel to the Jewish people. Garth ended this final talk with a call to



repentance of anti-Semitic attitudes. Soon dozens of people surged forward for prayer - it was a move of the Holy Spirit without doubt.

Our Israeli colleagues were looking forward to enjoying some cool Scottish weather, but instead we had soaring temperatures and after Garth's stirring talk we became very busy in the sweltering hot exhibitors' tent!

We made significant contacts with prayer groups and individuals who want to follow CMJ's work and also had some serious interest in a Bible Comes To Life exhibition.

The CMJ team showed off some very fancy footwork when on Friday night the whole camp danced the night away in a traditional Scottish ceilidh which we quickly dubbed 'Shabbat Night Fever'! We were delighted when former BCTL director David Scott visited the camp all the way from Dundee.

At our debrief before departing for home we all agreed that it was a brilliant opportunity for CMJ and are praying that it will definitely be...

"Next year in Elgin!"

Paul & Janey Hames



Ready, Steady, Go!



Our Conference sent the **'Ready, Steady, Go!'** delegates back

to 119 towns, and many more churches, in 7 countries to share their experience of 2 days with the CMJ family.

349 people attended including:

- **12+** children
- **40** youth
- and **97** new folk!

New for 2019 we had:

- Crèche
- Millennials
- Inflatable assault course
- Bus from London
- Early morning prayer format
- Video filming of main Sessions
(recordings to be made available)
- Livestream of Workshop

The offering came to £8,899 to be shared between the Community Based Evangelism work led by Tania; the Community Based Evangelism work led by Jonathan; and the former CMJ Israel staff member Kelvin Crombie researching into how Jewish Believers in Jesus (including some CMJ staff) suffered during the Holocaust.

Quotes from the Conference:

What a blessing, what a privilege to be present at this year's CMJ conference. What a sense of the presence of God. The teaching was amazing and all the feedback from Israel and the UK and all the other places was just absolutely more than we could ask or imagine. Such ongoing fruitfulness is very exciting. Well done CMJ. Thank you for making it all possible.

I came home with a fresh awakening and reminder of all things Israel and how special the Jewish nation is to Jesus. It's not been on my radar too much recently but the conference really reminded me that there is so much more I could be doing to help spread the word. I loved meeting lots of new people and it was just so great to be able to talk about Israel all weekend - it was encouraging to share stories and experiences with others who had stayed in Israel too and to be with like-minded people.

I know it was a God plan for me to be there. The connections I made and the literature/books I took away will continue to keep my passion for Israel burning and I just know that somewhere in the future, God has a bigger plan for me and His land.

Youth: I really like CMJ. I can't wait to come back next year because I have made so many memories and I loved it. Thanks so much for a good weekend CMJ.

Was a first timer and was blown away. Was so clear God has a clear hand in everything you do. The whole weekend was nothing short of sublime and very much looking forward to next year

Thanks for a wonderful CMJ conference. Good talks, workshops, entertainment and lots of nice food. It was great seeing old friends, especially those from Israel, and making new friends as well.

Thank you for the best CMJ Conference I have attended.

Thank YOU all so very much for organising such a marvellously stimulating and challenging conference! It was so good to see so many friends and hear what the Lord is saying to us all in so many ways.

CMJ UK
CONFERENCE 2020

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Vision

3 - 5 July 2020

Hayes Conference Centre

Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

It is our pleasure to welcome
Amir Tsarfati to the CMJ UK
2020 Conference



PRICES (per person for the full weekend)

Early Bird (booked before 31st January 2020): **£230** ensuite; **£210** standard (single rooms only)

Full Price: **£250** ensuite; **£230** standard (single only)

Children up to and including the age of 11 (at date of Conference): **FREE** with a full-paying adult
Children's Ministry (CMJ Kids) led by Olly Goldenberg available for children 5-11. Creche available for children aged 0-4.

Young people aged 12-18: **£49** - CMJ Youth Conference

Day Visitors: Friday **£25** | Saturday **£30** | Sunday **£25**

We give priority to our residential bookings so confirmed day visitor bookings will not be available until the beginning of March 2020.

See our website at www.cmj.org.uk for details or contact the Office on **01623 883960**.

Thinking Aloud by Alex Jacob

I have recently returned from the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE) International Conference based in North York, Toronto. This was the 11th such gathering and I also have had the privilege in sharing in the previous two; London (2011) and Jerusalem (2015). As you will notice these gatherings take place on a four year cycle - I like to think they are a bit like the Olympics for those on the front-line of leadership within Jewish mission. However, I can assure you that there is little evidence of sporting excellence or physical agility at the LCJE!

At this gathering in Toronto there were about 200 delegates from every region of the world (yet the majority were from North America) - many of whom I have got to know well over the years and many I would see as friends and trusted colleagues.

At an LCJE Conference there is a creative mix of academic papers, theological reflection and personal ministry reports - many of which are inspiring and thought provoking. All of the papers can be downloaded from the LCJE website - www.lcje.org In addition to these papers there is time to study, pray, plan and socialise together.

As I think aloud about what I have gained from these LCJE gatherings I think for me there has been a sense of mutual encouragement, accountability and renewed vision. Surely these realities are something we all need to seek and invest in whatever area we are serving the LORD - and hopefully we may do so with diligence and passion which would match that of any potential Olympic athlete.

Happy training!

Alex



The Rage Less Traveled

by Kay Wilson

I couldn't put Kay's book down. It drew me on chapter after chapter, each aptly named by quotes from the Wizard of Oz, for it was the theme song, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* that figured so large on the day of the attack.

Kristine Luken, a colleague, worked 14 months at CMJ UK until the weekend of the attack. Kay takes the reader through events from the attack to the trial and ends with a beautiful story of love and hope.

Kay's voice makes us live the events with her. We see through her eyes and with brilliance she helps us to understand something of the horror, the trauma, the progression and relentless life forcing her to live again. Kay's descriptions of some of her encounters during the months after the attack are full of wry humour. The day Kay must visit the police station opposite Christ Church to get a Victim of Hostilities form is one of those. The description of Edna and Dave and the understated account, which Kay, and therefore the reader, piece together of what happened outside the police station are hilarious.

It is this ability to describe these encounters and her own thoughts and actions with all the gaffes of ordinary life, that makes Kay's story compelling.

My 13-year-old grandson picked the book up and read it almost in one sitting. He, too couldn't put it down and said, "tell them I liked it".

This is a must read.

Jane Moxon

By His Spirit YOM KIPPUR DAY OF PRAYER



Join UK Jewish Missions in a day of Prayer, Fasting & Worship

Once again there is a wonderful opportunity to gather with many involved in 'Jewish Mission' to pray for a renewed openness to the Gospel from among many Jewish people on the most sacred day in the Jewish calendar.

Please feel free to come and go as you are able.

Keep the date free!

Wednesday 9th October

10.00am - 4.00pm

All Souls Clubhouse,
141 Cleveland Street,
London W1T 6QG

LCJE Conference in Toronto

Alex met up with Rosa and Garth Gilmour (CMJ Israel) and Daryl Fenton (CMJ USA) in Toronto for the LCJE Conference. You can find a report about it on the Romans 15:8 blog: www.cmj.org.uk/romans158/blog

Christmas cards and Christian Gifts that assist our ministry

Once again this year we shall benefit from the sale of Christmas cards and the other cards and gifts available from *Gospel Cards, etc.*

Last year your support for this initiative raised over £500 for CMJ UK. Please see the enclosed catalogue for details, and please remember to mention our name if you place an order - thank you.

Full details of the cards, etc. are on their website www.GospelCardsEtc.com or 01656 647551 (10am - 1pm).



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