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B'NEI MENASHE

In **northeastern India** live a number of communities with a particularly unique history. The B'nei Menashe see themselves as the descendants of the Biblical Manasseh, son of Joseph, one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel. In 2012, Israeli government allowed this group to return to Israel, accepting them as authentic Jews.

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'FISHING' IN UKRAINE

When Ezra speaks of 'fishing meetings' nothing fishy is going on! Rather, a group of Ezra representatives are liaising with a local Jewish community to tell local Jews how to make 'Aliyah', in other words, how to return to Israel.

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Miriam Haakip and family, evacuated to Tiberias.





DIRECTORS MEET

This month, **Rev Peter Fast**, the International Director of **Bridges for Peace**, Ezra's partner organisation and one of Ezra's biggest sponsors, came to the UK with his family for a 10-day speaking tour. Usually Peter and family live and work in Jerusalem, Israel. Michael Treharne, UK Director of Bridges for Peace, was travelling with Peter, together with his wife, Sian. On a sunny September Saturday, Peter and Michael stopped at **the David Livingstone Center**, to meet up with Pat Frame, Ezra's CEO, in an informal and relaxed setting. As well as general chat, a more serious discussion took place around the coffee tables regarding future work with Bridges.

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The B'nei Menashe have to undergo 'giyur', a conversion process, prior to be allowed to become Israeli citizens. Even then, they are looked down upon in Israeli community and not treated equally.

Many of the B'nei Menashe community have had to be evacuated from north of Israel to south due to rocket fire. Miriam Haokip and her family (in picture) now live in temporary accomodation in Tiberias.



Prayer Focus Points

Please pray for the displaced B'nei Menashe who already had a tough time integrating into Israeli community prior to the war. Pray also for 7'000 further B'nei Menashe who are still located in Northern India, for their return. Our friends at 'Shavei Israel', led by Rabbi Michael Freund, are hoping to fundraise \$100,000 to alleviate the hardship of the B'nei Menashe who are currently evacuated in Israel. Please pray for the success of this fundraising and if you feel called to contribute, you may donate through Ezra with a reference '**B'nei Menashe**' and we will direct the funds to them.

It is Jewish High Holidays, with Jewish New Year (Rosh Ha'Shana) starting on 2nd October! In the Bible the festival is called 'Feast of Trumpets' (Yom Teru'ah), leading to the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). It is at this time Jewish believers will study their hearts and seek forgiveness for a new start in their lives. Please pray that G-d would reveal Himself in His mercy to penitent hearts.

'Get ready for Aliyah!'



In August this year, a 'fishing' meeting was organised in Poltava, Ukraine, in a building belonging to a local synagogue. From 9am till 6pm people came to the meeting in groups of 30-40 to hear about Aliyah and receive food packages given out by 'Christians for Israel' organisation. Of those attending, 86 families volunteered their details for further contact regarding Aliyah.

Please pray for the next 'fishing trip' to Zaparozhe, Ukraine, planned for 29th September. Pray there will be no power cuts at this time, for safety of people as they travel and gather; pray that people will be receptive to what they hear. Continue to pray for the planning of future meetings which is difficult with so many uncertainties due to the war!