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SONG FROM BOLIVIA!

Bolivia, 5th largest country of South-America, is home to only a few hundred Jews. There was an influx of Jewish immigrants in the 1930s but, with a hostile environment at times, the majority of them left Bolivia for Israel, the USA and elsewhere. Ezra is in contact with some of these Bolivian Jews through the Hebrew learning course, Ezra Ulpan. One of them has written a song about Ezra!

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Carlos from Bolivia has written a song about Ezra and Ezra's role in helping Jews return to Israel!



PAT & GARY IN MOLDOVA

Earlier this month, Pat Frame (CEO of Ezra International) and Gary Cristofaro (Vice President of Ezra International) paid a short visit to Moldova, meeting with our Moldova representatives, a power couple Igor and Alla, witnessing their work on the ground first hand.

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AUTUMN FEASTS

It's in autumn that four major Jewish festivals take place: the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah took place on 22nd-24th September, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on 1st-2nd October, followed by the Feast of Tabernacles, Succot, 6th-8th October, finishing with Simchat Torah, the Rejoicing over the Law of G-d, a feast day during which, two years ago, October 7th attack tragically unfolded. The biblical name for the Jewish New Year is 'Feast of Trumpets', Yom Teruah, when the trumpet (ram's horn, Shofar) was blown, to call people to solemn feast of renewal and repentance, as the new year began. To learn more about how Jewish people understood time, check our video reel 'Time is not Linear!' by Rik Wadge on our Youtube channel, Ezra UK Aliyah Highways!

ON ALIYAH STUDY COURSE WRITTEN BY PAT FRAME

"This summer, I took part in' the Aliyah study course. I found it to be really eye opening – I have never before realised how many scripture verses point towards Israel turning back to God! One Scripture passage that really opened my eyes was Romans 11 – it became so obvious to me that Paul was talking especially about the Jews and how God has predestined many of them for Himself! Otherwise also I found the course really informative: I learned more about the history of antisemitism and sadly, about many Christians' involvement in that. I think all Christians should have the opportunity to take part in the Aliyah study course and have their eyes opened to the love God still has for the Jews today!"

Satu Murphy , University Student, Aberdeen University

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Carlos Costa has been attending Ezra Ulpan for the last three months. His positive experience at the classes prompted him to write an AI assisted song about Ezra! Click on the Youtube link to the right to hear it!

There's a great difficulty making Aliyah from Bolivia as the paperwork necessary is not easy to obtain. Pray for Carlos and the remaining Jews in Bolivia to find a way back to Israel, to their ancestral homeland!

Prayer Focus Points

- Thank G-d for Ulpan Ezra that is reaching many countries and many isolated Jewish people and communities across the South and Central America; pray for its continued success and for it to inspire many to make Aliyah and do so successfully, with the language skills necessary!
- Pray for the autumn feasts, especially as the 2nd anniversary of the 7th October attack approaches; pray for safety, for hostages to be finally returned, for lasting peace in the area and for tourism to return to Israel!
- Pray for Parliamentary elections on 28th September in Moldova and local government elections (i.e. the mayor of Tbilisi) on 4th October in Georgia. Pray for fair and godly outcome and no civil unrest!

"Ezra, HaShem through you rescues us, returns us and restores us, returning us to the land of our ancestors!" Carlos Costa, Bolivia



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Leaving Ukraine



Moldova is the main departure point for Ukrainian Jews who continue to leave Ukraine for Israel – approximately 40 a month. Igor often drives to the Ukrainian border to pick them up; he takes them to the Consul (if needed) and later takes them to the airport for the flight to Israel. For Pat and Gary it was a joy to see the great relationship Igor and Alla have with 'the International Fellowship of Christian and Jews' team (IFCJ) who organise the flights. They saw 11 Jewish people leave from the hotel to the airport and witnessed the smooth cooperation between our team, Ebenezer-Operation Exodus team, IFCJ and volunteers.

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