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My Family and I Directing Crossfire International from Israel 2023!

Things have been moving very quickly over the last several months since my family and I have been living here in Israel directing the global ministry of Crossfire International. Israel is a country of 9.3 million people and there are only about 18,000 Christians in Israel. Far less than 1% of the Israeli population are Christians. In Israel it is illegal to evangelize, and if you get caught evangelizing you can be arrested and face prison time. There is even an anti-evangelism hotline, and special anti-evangelism police.



Crossfire training and implementation in a church in Southern Israel March 2023

Praise God even in this environment we are seeing God move in awesome ways! Each week we have been preaching in churches all across Israel in both English and in Spanish training pastors and leaders and we have now implemented Crossfire in churches in Ashdod, Haifa, Jerusalem, Beer Sheva, Rishon LeTsiyon, as well as in multiple locations in the West Bank.



Pastor Joe preaching in churches in Israel March of 2023

We also recently had the opportunity to meet with leaders from Sweden and Norway who were in Israel to train them and implement Crossfire in their churches as well.

Most importantly we have seen many Jewish and even some Muslim youth and young adults accept Jesus as their Savior during the salvation alter calls we have had in every one of the meetings, as well as in one on one evangelistic opportunities God has opened up. A few weeks ago there was a conflict between Israel and Gaza. Hamas terrorists fired thousands of rockets within a four day period into cities all across Israel. During this time there was one day when we were in the middle of a Crossfire training in a church in Ashdod when the city-wide



Pastor Joe leading Jewish youth and young adults through the sinners prayer in Southern Israel

bomb sirens began to go off. Everyone ran for the nearest Bomb shelter and inside the bomb shelter we finished the Crossfire training for that particular church. Two days later when we were in our home here in Israel the bomb sirens again went off and my family and I went to the nearest bomb shelter until the rockets hit some buildings not to far from where we were.

Praise God even in an environment where there are extremely tight restrictions against evangelism and missionaries and there are rockets being shot off around us we are seeing God move in awesome ways!

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Crossfire training and implementation in a church in Central Israel April 2023

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Crossfire International missions from Israel to Turkey, Cyprus, and Bulgaria

We have also recently led mission trips from Israel to Turkey, Cyorus, and to Bulgaria. In April we traveled to Cyprus and North Cyprus from Israel and stayed in Ayia Napa on the east side of Cyprus near the Biblical city of Salamis. When we were in Cyprus the Holy Spirit led us to churches that were 3 hours from where we were staying in the city of Limassol which is close to Paphos, where Paul led Sergius Paulus to Jesus in Acts 13.

While in Limassol we were able to train leaders and implement Crossfire in several churches from both Limassol as well as Nicosia Cyprus. We also were able to lead people to Jesus in Cyprus as well as in North Cyprus.



Crossfire Cyprus training and Implementation in Limasol . Cyprus. April of 2023

Then in May we traveled to Turkey and Bulgaria from Israel. Turkey is a country that is over 99% Muslim that has a population of around 8 million people with only 10,000 Christians. In Turkey it is also highly illegal to do any type of evangelism or missions work and if you are caught you can face jail time or deportation. When we arrived, we met with some well connected pastors in a secret location in Istanbul. We then led the Crossfire training and implementation with them, and they shared with us in detail about the difficulties they face in Turkey. In Turkey we also led some Muslims as well as a famous Turkish actor to Jesus in the hotel where we were staying.



Crossfire Bulgaria training and implementation in the city of Bursa May 2023

Then we traveled to Bulgaria from Turkey where we preached and ministered in two services in a large church in Burgas, Bulgaria. We then led a Crossfire training and implementation in their church. Many people accepted Jesus as their Savior during the salvation alter calls that took place in both of the services we preached at in Bulgaria.

Another very exciting personal announcement that we would like to share with everyone is that while we were in Cyprus, we found out that Gina is pregnant for our fifth child! Gina is now in her forth month of pregnancy and next week we will find out if it is a boy or a girl!

We really want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for our protection, for the Crossfires that have started in new countries, for a powerful anointing on all of our upcoming meetings and that many more people come to know Jesus!





One of the Crossfire Philippines cell groups in Cagayan de Oro city on Mindanao Island

Our Prayer List:

1. Pray that many youth and young adults accept Jesus as their Savior through the Crossfire cell groups, camps, crusades, evangelism, and mission trips this year.

2. Pray for a powerful anointing and move of the Holy Spirit during all of the Crossfire "Reach the World" cell groups, camps, crusades, evangelism, and mission trips that will take place this year.

3. Crossfire International leadership training and implementation in new churches in countries around the world.

4. Crossfire in churches in persecuted and restricted nations.

5. For an increase of financial support as Crossfire International continues to grow and expand around the world.

6. Pastor Joe and his family as they travel and lead Crossfire International, pray for

- Protection
- Provision
- Favor
- Anointing
- Salvations

7. 2023 Crossfire Intl mission trips:

- Cambodia, Laos, and Burma (From Thailand)
- Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (From El Salvador)
- Bohol, and Camiguin islands in the Philippines (from Mindanao Island)
- 8. Mar-Aug 2023 Crossfire International Israel, Turkey, and Cyprus mission



Crossfire Laos "Reach the World" camp and leadership training October 2022

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Major events of 2023

Winter and Spring 2023

- Dec 7-9 Crossfire El Salvador "Alcanzar el Mundo" camp and training
- Jan 21 Crossfire Nicaragua training and implementation in the IDPAN churches
- Feb 11 Crossfire El Salvador Alcanzar el Mundo" evangelistic crusade and evangelism in El Limon, Soyapango
- March 7- Aug Pastor Joe and family living in Israel for 6 months to direct the Crossfire Israel, Turkey, Cyprus mission
- March 23-25 Crossfire Thailand "Reach the World" camp in Rayong
- April 25-May 3 Crossfire mission from Israel to Cyprus
- May 15-17 Crossfire Nicaragua "Alcanzar el Mundo" camp and training
- April 21-23 Crossfire Philippines



"Reach the World" camp in Mindanao

- May 16-24 Crossfire mission from Israel to Turkey
- May 11-13 Crossfire Thailand "Reach the World" camp and implementations in Chang Mai
- June 1-3 Crossfire Laos "Reach the World" camp and leadership training

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 June 22-24 Crossfire Cambodia "Reach the World" camp, evangelism, and implementations in new churches

- July 6-8 Crossfire Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania "Reach the World" camps and leadership training
- Aug 1-3 Crossfire El Salvador "Alcanzar el Mundo" camp and leadership training in Olocuilta.
- Sept 7-9 Crossfire "Reach the World" camp in Thailand.
- Oct 7 Crossfire Peru "Alcanzar el Mundo" crusade in Callao/Lima
- Oct 14 Crossfire El Salvador "Alcanzar el Mundo" crusade in Zacatecaluca
- Nov 9-11 Crossfire Burma "Reach the World" camp and leadership training
- Nov 18 Crossfire Nicaragua "Alcanzar el Mundo" crusade in Leon.
- Dec 16 Crossfire El Salvador "Alcanzar el Mundo" crusade in Monte Cinco



Invitation to partner with Crossfire International

We would like to invite you to partner with Crossfire International in reaching this generation globally in prayer and in financial support. Crossfire International is 100% supported by individuals, and churches. If you would like to give to Crossfire International, any amount each month would be a great blessing. As a supporter you will receive regular newsletters, prayer lists, and post cards. If any of you would like to be added to our prayer list, please email us with your contact information.

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