

Dear Friends,

Praise the Lord! \$2,000 has already been pledged and is being sent to Jewels 4 God in order to train the Ark of the Negev Women's Teen Challenge program in Israel. We set a budget for airfare, jewelry supplies, etc. of \$9,000. We only need \$7,000 more. By faith, we have purchased our tickets and set a training date for February 23rd to March 8th.

Following the training we will be leading a tour group for 12 days in Israel (**please see itinerary, video highlight, and details below**). During the tour we will visit the Ark of the Negev's ministry where you can see a Jewels 4 God training site first hand and be the first to purchase jewelry. We would love for you, your family, and friends to join us on this once of a lifetime trip!

As you read the email below from Polly Sigulim, Director of the Ark in the Negev, would you pray about what God might have you to do? If you can't join us in Israel can you give so we can train the women at the Ark of the Negev? If everyone would give something we believe the necessary funds will be raised.

Please send your love gift to train the woman's program in Israel to:

Jewels 4 God
218 Cornwallis Ave.
Locust Grove, VA 22508



Ark in the Negev

Jewels 4 God Appeal



Dear Tim and Michelle,

We are a brand new Teen Challenge Center for Women in Israel (one year old). We are in a town called Arad in the Negev Desert near Be'er Shava and the Dead Sea. Like other Teen Challenge ministries around the world we are helping women escape the shackles and bondage of drug addiction and other life threatening problems.

Our goal is not only to raise up disciples but also provide practical training to our women in how to make marketable handcrafted goods and teach them good work ethic.

As you know, tourism is a major industry in Israel and pilgrims come here from all over the world. We have been blessed with a large open yard and security fence to host tour groups and to market and sell our goods.

Presently, our staff is composed of incredibel volunteers with a passion to help other women. Jewels 4 God coming here would be an answer to our prayers and help provide much needed income in our path to become self-sustaining.

We would be **THRILLED** to have you come to our corner of the desert to teach our women the practical and fun skill of making handcrafted jewelry. We whole heartedly hope and pray God will provide the resources for you to be able to fit us into your mission's schedule next spring. What a gift that would be to our students, staff, and to the work of the Lord.

May you all be blessed in the Name of The Lord Yeshua,



Polly Sigulim
Director of ARK IN THE NEGEV

Best of Israel "First Class"

12 Day Faith Building Tour w/ [Tim and Michelle Zello](#)

March 8th - March 19th, 2013

"And now here we are, standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem." Psalms 122:2

Touring Israel is life-changing and faith building! It makes your Bible come alive. Join Tim and Michelle Zello on a journey of a lifetime and walk where Jesus and his disciples walked! All are welcome to come so forward this email to your family and friends. Space is limited to 40 people. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

Tour Highlights

- *Baptismal Service in the Jordan River
 - *Communion at the Garden Tomb
 - *Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee
 - *St. Peter's Fish lunch on the shores of Galilee
 - *Abraham's tent dinner - enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food.
 - *Nazareth Village - a recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides
 - *Visit to the Ark of the Negev Ministry where Tim and Michelle Zello ([Jewels 4 God](#)) will have just trained and be the first to purchase jewelry.
 - *Float (you can't sink) in the Dead Sea
 - *Visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" the remains of a 2,000 year Galilean boat
 - *Walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem
 - *A special lecture by a local believer giving us a perspective of Messianic life in Israel.
 - * **And much, much more - Jerusalem, En Gedi, Masada, Capernaum, Ceasarea, etc...**
- See Itinerary Below!**

[Click Here](#) to Watch a breathtaking 7 minute preview filmed in Imax 3D
(be sure to scroll over video and click the bottom right hand side to enlarge to full screen).

Day 1, Friday, March 8th: Departure
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Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked

Day 2, Saturday, March 9th: Arrive Israel

Arrive in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport where we will be met by our transfer agent. We travel northward to our hotel for one night in the coastal area near Tel Aviv. The remainder of the day is free to walk along the Mediterranean, relax, and have dinner. The time is right for a personal devotional with the sunset over the "Great Sea." Meet your Israeli guide, enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of the "Promised Land," and a good night's rest.

Day 3, Sunday, March 10th: Caesarea, Megiddo & Mt. Carmel

After breakfast, we travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea (Acts 9:30, Acts 10:24-28), where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre, harbor/palace area and aqueduct where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26), and then journey on to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next we travel through the Jezreel Valley to [Megiddo](#) (I Kings 4:28, 9, 15, II Kings 23, 29 & Revelation 16:16), the Armageddon Battlefield (Revelation 16), where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We will have free time, dinner and overnight lodging for the next three nights in the [Tiberias](#) area on the [Sea of Galilee](#).

Day 4, Monday, March 11th: Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Bethsaida, Chorazin, Capernaum

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites emphasizing the loss of God's blessing on Israel. [Dan](#) is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship and [Caesarea Philippi](#) (Matthew 16:13 and Mark 7:27) which is also the site of Peter's Confession where Jesus said, "on this rock I will build my church." Bethsaida, Chorazin and [Capernaum](#) (Matthew 4:13, 13:54, 17:24, Luke 7, Mark 1:2, John 4:46-54) formed what has been called the "evangelical triangle," because most of Jesus' miracles in Galilee were performed in these cities. Of special interest are the ruins of a 1st century synagogue in Chorazin, the House of the Fisherman in Bethsaida and Peter's home in Capernaum. In Capernaum we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. From this synagogue he performed many miracles including the healing of Peter's mother in law.

Day 5, Tuesday, March 12th: Jordan River Baptism Sites, Nazareth, St. Peter's, Mount of Beatitudes

We begin our day with a visit to the [Jordan River](#) Baptismal site where you can be baptized (or re-baptized) in the Jordan. A mid-morning drive through the hills of Galilee takes us through the area of [Cana](#)



(John 2:1-11) and [Nazareth](#) (Luke 1:26, 4:16-29, Matthew 2:23), the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides.

Continuing toward Tiberias we drive up to Mt. Arbel for a spectacular view of the northern Sea of Galilee allowing for an excellent time of teaching on the region of Jesus' ministry. We enjoy a St. Peters fish (delicious) lunch on the shores of Galilee. This afternoon we travel on to the site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes and the [Mount of the Beatitudes](#) (Matthew 5-8) overlooking the Sea of Galilee followed by a relaxing boat cruise across the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. We dock at a working Kibbutz and visit the famous Fisherman Boat from the days of Jesus, a conclusion to a wonderful day.

Day 6, Wednesday, March 13th: Beit Shean, Bethany, the Ark in the Negeve, and Dead Sea Spa

We begin our day by traveling southward to [Beit-Shean/Scythopolis](#), the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the intertestamental period, the city was renamed the "Scythopolis". Archaeologists have uncovered a huge number of ruins of the Roman/Byzantine Scythopolis. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis-a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey," the Kibbutz system and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho, view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world, before coming to [Bethany Beyond the Jordan](#), the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, where Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan as well as the area where the children of Israel led by Joshua entered the Promised land. This afternoon we enjoy a visit the Ark in the Negev Teen Challenge Women's program where Tim and Michelle Zello (Jewels 4 God), will have just trained and we'll have an opportunity to be the first to purchase their one of a kind handcrafted jewelry. Our lodging for the evening is at the [Dead Sea](#) - the lowest place on earth. Spend time in the special spa and enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea for a relaxing float before dinner.

Day 7, Thursday, March 14th: Masada, En Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of [Masada](#). Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to [Ein Gedi](#), "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea where David fled from Saul (1 Samuel 23). Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date

palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit [Qumran Caves](#) where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land/Dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time: a reliving of life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, and authentic food. Our lodging for the next five nights will be in [Jerusalem](#).

Day 8, Friday, March 15th: Around Jerusalem, Bible Times, Holocaust Museum

Passing by the Protestant Cemetery, we visit the "[Upper Room](#)" just outside the [Zion Gate](#) where the disciple whom Jesus loved laid his head on His breast and where later Thomas cried, "my Lord & my God." An interesting and educational time awaits us at the [Israeli Museum](#). Walk through collections of centuries old Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a then a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem will help to prepare you for what you will experience in the following days. We conclude the day with a visit to [Yad Vashem](#), the Holocaust Museum, for a needed reminder of what the Jews have suffered as a people.

Day 9, Saturday, March 16th: Jesus' Steps, the Last Days - Messianic Lecture

Today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning the day with a panoramic view of the city. We will view across the Kidron Vally to the Eastern Gate where the Prince of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44) and see [Mount Moriah](#) and the Dome of the Rock from atop the [Mount of Olives](#) where Jesus ascended to heaven (Acts 1) and then the [Garden of Gethsemane](#). How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer when he wept for Jerusalem and take time for personal reflection is important here. Next we visit the [House of Caiaphas](#) where Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where he may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps he walked as he was taken to be condemned. On our way into the city we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating [Rabbinical Tunnels](#) leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We move on to the [Judgment Hall of Pilate](#), hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here we will also be able to see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate and St. Ann's Church. This evening we enjoy a special lecture by a local believer prior to dinner, giving us a perspective of Messianic life in Israel.

Day 10, Sunday, March 17th: City of David, Jeremiah's Cistern, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Herodium

Hezekiah's Tunnel, Herodium

We begin our sightseeing just outside the Dung Gate on the southeastern hill below the Temple Mount in the City of David. It was during the time of Solomon that the city limits extended past this part of Jerusalem. We visit Gihon Springs, the original water source for Jerusalem, view new excavations including a typical Israelite four-room house, the lower city wall and the cistern where Jeremiah was imprisoned. A highlight today will be a water walk through the incredible Hezekiah's Tunnel to the pool of Siloam, the place of Jesus' miracle (John 9). Before returning to our hotel, our guide will take us to an overview of the city from the hillside overlooking Jerusalem and the Gehenna Valley. This meaningful teaching time will bring together the many things that you have seen to date.

Day 11, Monday, March 18th: Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb, Pentecost, Bethlehem

While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the [Church of the Holy Sepulcher](#). Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led and the actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study. The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the [Garden Tomb](#), where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. This afternoon we visit the [Southern Wall Excavations](#). This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the [Temple Mount](#) and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the [Day of Pentecost](#) (Acts 2). We will enjoy a challenge from God's word and a song before an optional time this afternoon. Those who wish may stay in the city marketplace for shopping, while others may choose to spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ, with a visit to [Bethlehem](#). This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local Middle Eastern restaurant before heading to the airport for an overnight departure.

Day 12, Tuesday, March 19th: Home

Depart for home thanking God for increasing your faith and drawing you closer to Jesus! Please note that we have only included a few Scriptures above for your reference. There are too many to list but it gives you an idea of how your Bible will come alive.

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Hotels:

Netanya: [King Solomon](#) or [Seasons Hotel](#) 1 Night Waterfront

Tiberias: [Maagan Kibbutz](#) or [Ron Beach Hotel](#) 3 Nights Waterfront

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 Dead Sea: [Leonardo Hotel](#) 1 Night Waterfront
 Jerusalem: [Grand Court Hotel](#) 4 Nights

What's Included:

Roundtrip air from Washington Dulles (IAD)
 9 nights lodging at first class Israel hotels
 Breakfast and dinner daily, 1 St. Peters Lunch
 Full time English speaking Israel tour guide
 Services of long distance deluxe motorcoach as appear on itinerary
 All guides, entrances and transportation as appear on itinerary

Not Included:

9 lunches
 Tips of \$90 per person
 Optional Travel Insurance
 Optional Credit Card Payments (Additional 3% of total bill)

Cost:

Price is based per person based on double occupancy.

40 Passengers: \$2,889.00

34 Passengers: \$3,959.00

28 Passengers: \$3,049.00

22 Passengers: \$3,159.00

16 Passengers: \$3,489.00

Single Supplement: \$ 775.00

The more people we get to come the cheaper the rate will be. We anticipate 40 passengers so plan on approximately \$3,000 per person. This trip is worth every penny and will be one the greatest and unforgettable experiences of your life.

We will be sending out a web site link in 2 to 3 weeks from the tour agency with payment information. At that time the first 40 people who make their deposits will have a spot reserved.

Important: If you already know that you want to go on this trip please reply to this email (tim@jewels4god.org), let us know how many will be in your party, and you will be the first to receive the information to reserve your space.

Deposit Schedule:

Before December 1, 2012:

\$300 non refundable deposit per person, completed reservation forms, and photocopy of picture/information page of passport

January 7, 2013:

Final payment and group rooming list

Weather:

March in Israel is the beginning of the spring season, which is generally regarded as the nicest time to visit. Israel is a geographically diverse country and the weather varies greatly by locale. In March, even

the coldest areas of the country, like the Golan Heights and Mount Hermon in the north, begin to warm up and experience a high number of sunny but crisp days. Tel Aviv is pleasant, with temperatures averaging between 65 and 75 degrees F, and Jerusalem is just a few degrees cooler. Southern Israel and the Red Sea coast are sunny and warm both day and night during March.

Is it Safe?

Absolutely. Though there have been surges of violence in *certain areas* of Israel in the past, it has ***always*** been safe for the tourist! Tourist are valued in Israel by Jews, Arabs, and Palestinians. One must remember that it is the tourist who provides a living for many Jewish, Arab, and Palestinian people. Statistically, the vast majority of Israel is *safer* than any urban area in the USA. News media exploits any activity in Israel because it sells.

Blessings,
Tim and Michelle Zello
Jewels 4 God International

PS - If you have any questions please give us a call at 540-972-7121.