

Bristol Road to Back Work in Jerusalem

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FLINT, Mich.—The Bristol Road Church in Flint recently made the decision to provide the support for Joseph Shulam, native Jewish preacher, in his home city of Jerusalem.

In addition to providing Shulam's support the Bristol Road congregation will also supply the funds to pay the rent for the church building in Jerusalem and to provide normal maintenance of this building.

Thus, the normal expenses of the work in Jerusalem proper are now provided by this one congregation at a commitment of \$350 per month. This church has assumed the oversight of Shulam's work.

This step taken by the elders and the members of the Bristol Road Church is one of the most encouraging of several recent indications of increased financial support for the Lord's work in Israel, a work which has been hindered from its inception by inadequate support and deficit spending within a conservative program.

For the first time it appears that monthly bills can be met without our having to borrow money from other sources and that we can engage in other activities such as the distribution of tracts. For this we are sincerely grateful to God and to faithful brethren who have provided these necessary funds.

Churches in the Detroit-Toledo

area have provided the major part of the financial support of the Israel work from the beginning. We are especially grateful to those churches which have regularly sent support from the inception of the planning stages of the work.

Some have increased the amount of their support. Others have begun their fellowship in this work since our visit to the area during the past summer.

Other churches in the Detroit area showed a special interest in Shulam's work and are worthy of special mention. The Riverview church was unable to provide his support, but did in-

crease its monthly contribution to the work fund because of its interest in his work.

Shulam visited with me when I spoke at the Taylor Center Church one Lord's Day morning. This congregation, already sending \$100 per month to the Israel work and already much pressed financially because of its indebtedness on its new building and its mission program, in an elders' meeting that afternoon, decided to send \$40 a month for Joseph's work.

This \$40 covers the expenses of a weekly class in Tel-Aviv and of other classes which will soon be taught in the kibbutzim (farm settlements) and in Haifa.

The Grand Blanc Church, planning to fully support a foreign missionary within three years, agreed to let us use \$160 per month for this three-year period. By their gracious action we were given time to work out Shulam's full support on a more permanent basis, and by their action they have clearly proved that a church may well have fellowship in a good and profitable work while in the process of developing a larger program of its own.

Joseph Shulam was a student at Michigan Christian College in 1964-65. His is an almost unique opportunity as a twentieth century disciple of Jesus of Jewish origin preaching Christ among the Jewish people.



NEAR EAST WORKERS — These men are in the vanguard of the church's work in Israel and Jordan. They are, l-r, Ernest Stewart, Farouk Qubty and Joseph Shulam. See related story on the front cover of this issue