



The International Singers honor Israel's pioneers

SINGERS' SIXTH TOUR TO ISRAEL IS BEST YET

The International Singers left Denver on October 21 for their sixth concert tour to Israel. After overnight in New York and a plane ride on El Al, the group arrived at Ben Gurion International Airport on Sunday, October 23. The next evening the first concert was given at an airbase in the Negev. It is one of the new bases built with the assistance of the United States when Israel gave back the Sinai to Egypt. A full house applauded enthusiastically at intermission. After intermission the house was still full, an uncommon occurrence on military bases where men and women work long hours and often leave performances at intermission.

SOLDIERS GIVE GOOD RESPONSE

The following day the Singers gave a concert at an armor base for approximately 1,200 soldiers, who responded overwhelmingly. Yehuda Barkan, this year's master of ceremonies and a radio,

television and film personality, was amazed at the response of the soldiers. He said that the biggest stars in Israel would be hard pressed to keep the attention of the soldiers as well as the Singers had done.

GROUP TOURS AIR ACADEMY

Wednesday saw the group give two performances for civilians at a large concert hall in Beersheva. The first one, at 6 p.m., was attended mainly by children and teens; the second, at 8:30 p.m., was mostly adults. The next day, the group toured Israel's Air Force Academy and then gave a performance in the base auditorium that evening. This base was formerly commanded by a good friend of the Singers and of Faith Bible Chapel, Gen. Shaiké Bareket (Ret.).

DENVER'S SISTER CITY VISITED

On Friday the International Singers traveled north to Denver's sister city, Karmiel, where members of the group

were privileged to lodge with various families during the two-day stay. That evening, Mayor Baruch Venger hosted a reception in honor of the group. The following day, after a picnic with the host families, the International Singers gave a concert in Karmiel's newly completed 800-seat cultural hall.

CONCERT GIVEN AT KIBBUTZ

Sunday the group went farther north to Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar, where they gave a concert for over a thousand soldiers, most of whom had traveled more than two hours from Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights. After the concert, the Singers traveled to Haifa, where they spent the remainder of the night at the Bet Hachayal (Soldiers' Home). The group set up their equipment early the next morning for a concert for over 1,200 junior high and high school students. That evening they gave another

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THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

by Dr. Robert Hooley

Monday, October 24, was the date of the International Singers' first performance on this year's tour of Israel. That day I attended a press conference in Tel Aviv, where journalists were briefed regarding the Singers' coming performances in large city auditoriums, on military bases, at kibbutzim and on Israeli television. One journalist asked a question about the purpose or inspiration for such a large undertaking by a non-Jewish Christian group. In response to this question I made reference to the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12) which is very much a part of Christian theology.

The covenant can be briefly summarized in three parts. Firstly, Abraham was told to go unto a land which the Lord would show him and there become a great nation. Secondly, the Lord promised to make Abraham a blessing and his name great. Thirdly, the Lord promised to bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him and that through his seed all families of the earth would be blessed. It is clear from the biblical record that these three realities constituted an unconditional commitment on God's part. This is the Word of God, and we read in the New Testament that heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word shall never pass away.

From our twentieth century perspective, we can see that the Lord has truly made Abraham's name great — as a man of honor and faith he is known throughout the whole world. Through Abraham's seed via Isaac and Jacob (Israel), the Lord has channeled to us the Holy Scripture which, in its great prophetic fulfillment, has certainly brought untold blessings to all nations of the earth. With such a literal fulfillment of these two aspects of the Covenant, are we to doubt God's faithfulness in the remaining part — to make Israel a great nation? The answer is NO, a thousand times NO! We Christians (the International Singers) feel very much a part of the twentieth century restoration of Israel. This outreach of love and support for Israel is simply an effort to be in tune with that which the Lord Himself is doing. This is not a ministry for which we expect commendation, but rather, may God help us if we refuse to participate in the events of this most important hour of prophetic fulfillment.



Remembering childhood, Israeli style



Soldiers from the Golan attend performance



An informal discussion with a group of Air Force personnel



A little bit of 'country' near the Golan



Carol Hooley opening Soldiers' Club at Har Gilo



Robert Hooley and Mordecai Preman during taping of television special



Robert Hooley with Yoram TerHarLev, (l), and Shai Lavie, (c), producers of this year's program

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performance in the same auditorium for an overflow crowd of Haifa's citizenry, including patients from Haifa's Ramadan Military Hospital and sailors from the nearby naval base.

TV SPECIAL FILMED

On Tuesday, the group traveled to Herzlyia, where they worked from morning until late at night filming a television special which was shown on Israeli television in November.

Wednesday, the Singers went up to Jerusalem, where they gave a concert at the well-known Jerusalem Theater. Many government employees, members of the Christian Embassy and American tourists saw the program and were touched with the sincerity of the group.

FUTURE GENERALS HEAR SINGERS

The following day, the Singers gave a mini-concert at the Staff and Command College of the I.D.F., where Israel's future commanders and generals are trained. The base is presently commanded by Brig. Gen. Avigdor Kahalani, a long-time friend of the Singers. It was a very touching sight to see these brave leaders, calloused to war and death, smiling and then crying as the Singers ministered to them in song.

PERFORMANCE SOLD OUT

The final concert of the tour was at Tel Aviv's Fredrick Mann Auditorium, the most prestigious hall in Israel. A capacity crowd of over 2,600 greeted the performance of the International Singers with warmth and enthusiasm. The hall had been sold out long before the Singers arrived in Israel, and the ten minutes of applause at the finale of the show was a fitting climax to what was surely the most successful of the six Israel concert tours made thus far.

FELLOWSHIP ROOMS DEDICATED

In addition to the concerts, the Singers were honored to dedicate two fellowship rooms donated to the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel by the Singers and members of Faith Bible Chapel.

Only in the annals of eternity can one really know the impact such a tour
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Youth on the Move

The two weeks preceding Thanksgiving gave our Junior High youth a perfect opportunity to learn how to be thankful for their parents and to practice what they learned by hosting "Parent Appreciation Night."

The evening proved to be a huge success as the youth cooked, decorated, set up, served food, cleaned and put on a program especially designed for their parents. Various Junior High ministries were on hand to entertain and make the evening both fun and rewarding.

A special touch was added to the evening as students shared poems they had written. The following poem is by Becky Row, a seventh grader:

PARENTS

What are they?

*They are
Sweet and kind,
And are a very good find.*

*They care,
Are so sweet and nice;
For them,
You can't set a high enough price.*

*They are always there
When you need them,
Ready to share
And to care.*

*They are always near
To protect us
In times of fear.*

*Appreciate your parents
And do what they say;
Don't wait!
Do it this very day.*

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has had on the people of Israel. Perhaps the feelings of the group's audiences can be summed up best by the following letter handed to one of the Singers at the conclusion of a performance in Haifa:

To the most beloved International Singers.

With a few words in English, it will be hard to express my deep appreciation to your wonderful project of giving. We, the people in Israel, need all the moral and spiritual support, and you give those with all your heart. What you're doing is called true Zionism. I hope you continue your doing. No need mentioning the wonderful performance — you all sing beautifully, and your voices combine perfect. HAVE HAPPINESS wherever you go.

*With most love and appreciation,
Orna Perlits, 18 years old.*

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PLANNED

As the December holiday season approaches, many classes, ministries and groups at Faith Bible Chapel are planning activities. In addition, there will be three churchwide Christmas banquets for the congregation and guests. These banquets will be held in the gym Friday and Saturday, December 16 and 17, and on the following Friday, December 23, all beginning at 7 p.m. Afterward there will be a musical drama titled "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson, presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It will feature Bright Promise and New Dawn.

Our traditional Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 18, at 7 p.m. The program will feature our Sunshine I, II and III choirs, comprised

of children from grades one through six.

On Christmas Day, which falls on Sunday this year, there will be only one Morning Worship Service, and that will be held at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School and no Evening Service. (Church closed on Monday, Dec. 26.)

On Saturday, December 31, our New Year's Eve activities will begin at 8 p.m. with a Family Fun Night, consisting of movies and games geared for both children and adults. Refreshments will also be available. This will be followed by a Worship and Praise Service beginning at 11 p.m. and continuing until we together see the new year in. There will be no services at Faith Bible Chapel on Sunday, January 1.

The pastors and staff extend best wishes to all for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.



THE BOOK SHELF

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The Christmas story never gets old; it continues to give hope to all.

Faith Bible Chapel Library sends greetings for a joyous holiday season. Come in and see our gift-suggestion display table for long-lasting gifts which keep on giving after the tree and tinsel are gone. See you in the library!

Schedule of Services

The presence of the Lord has been so real and precious in all the worship services at Faith Bible Chapel. Be sure you don't miss your portion of the blessing in this active and growing church. Come and join in with the worship and fellowship.

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. — 1st Worship Service
9:00 a.m. — 1st Sunday School
10:15 a.m. — 2nd Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — 2nd Worship Service
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service

WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m. — Men's Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. — Midweek Service

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"I just hate the devil, and I want him out of me!" That statement was made by one of the students in our Special Ed. Sunday School Class. This young man was struggling with a problem of anger and was trying to express his needs to the teacher.

This class of mentally retarded young people meets at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday in our library. They learn from a special curriculum which includes simple lessons of God's love and plan of salvation. Their individual needs for love and understanding combined with their honest and simple response to God make this class a very rewarding experience. If you know someone who could benefit from this class, why not bring them?