

ICEJ SWITZERLAND REPORT

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Impact of projects

Life-sustaining equipment for disabled children

Below is a thank you letter from ALEH. It took quite a few months, but the beds have finally arrived. We were able to visit them just before the “Roaring Lion” War began at the end of February. We were amazed to see a center that was nearly fully renewed. Thankfully this was because of the swift government response to pay for the building repairs, and many friends, such as yourselves, which helped replace vital equipment. There is more yet to do, however, the space is operational and unless you look at the building behind, you might not even be aware they faced such an attack just 6 months ago. The school reopened in its original space in September 2025 after two months in an underground space where they reestablished themselves to be able to keep operations going.

Dear Christians – ICEJ Switzerland,

On behalf of Aleh and the children we serve, I am writing to express our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude for the generous grant towards 13 new therapeutic bathing beds, a new ceiling mounted patient lift, and crucial repairs for other equipment that you provided. (Plus 2 additional beds from the ‘ASSOCIATION D’AIDE A L’HOSPICE DE SAMARA’ in Geneva.)

This incredible gift will have a profound impact on our ability to provide critical care to young people with severe disabilities, especially in light of the immense challenges we are currently facing.

As you know, on June 16th, our facility was struck by a missile, causing devastating damage to our building. Tragically, the attack also destroyed much of our specialized therapeutic and rehabilitation equipment—the very tools our children rely on daily.

The trauma our children and staff endured was severe, and our mission to help them heal, both physically and emotionally, has never been more critical. We are doing everything in our power to restore their sense of safety and normalcy.

This donation is therefore more than just a gift; it is a vital lifeline in our efforts to rebuild. Your contribution, designated for these essential bathing beds, allows us to begin restoring our bathing facilities—which are crucial for the daily hygiene, medical comfort, and dignity of our children. It is a significant and meaningful step forward in replacing what was so cruelly taken from them.

We are deeply touched by your compassion and your choice to stand with us during this difficult recovery.



The ALEH network has been serving people with severe disabilities for forty years, offering intensive therapy to help our special children learn to sit, stand, eat, and communicate. With your support and partnership, you enable them to develop their potential and live quality lives, even in the face of such adversity.

We are committed to ensuring that your donation is used responsibly and effectively to purchase these first new therapeutic beds. We will, of course, provide you with updates on the impact of this program and how it is directly benefiting the children.

Your kindness has not only provided us with these much-needed items but also demonstrates your powerful commitment to ensuring that children with disabilities have access to the care they deserve. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals and their families.

Thank you again for this extraordinary gift. Your partnership with Aleh is making a profound difference, offering a true beacon of hope during these difficult times.

May you continue to have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of Israel's most vulnerable children, giving them and their families a future of hope, development, and growth.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mr. Yehuda Marmorstein,
CEO and Founder of Aleh

Bomb Shelters

Shelter in HaGalil School

In the Merom HaGalil region of northern Israel, life near the border with Lebanon remains fragile. Families often have less than 15 seconds to reach safety when rockets are fired, and for many schools and gathering places, there simply were no shelters close enough. With the help of ICEJ Switzerland and Austrian supporters, we have been able to change that reality for some. Over the past year, a new shelter was placed at an elementary school bus stop used by hundreds of children. Now, when the sirens sound, the children and teachers have immediate protection. These shelters are practical, life-saving measures that also give families the confidence to send their children back to school and consider returning to their homes.

Your support is helping close a critical gap in Israel's north. Each shelter placed is a sign that these communities are seen and cared for. Thank you for standing with the people of Merom HaGalil at a time when safety and stability mean so much.



Read more about your shelters impact here: <https://www.icej.org/blog/icej-shelters-are-closing-the-security-gap-for-israels-north>

The final shelter given by ICEJ Switzerland, we joined with an ICEJ Canada donation to be able to order a larger 12sqm shelter to be given to a Jewish/Arab art program for the disabled in Zevulun. The shelter was manufactured and ready for delivery when we ran into an unanticipated difficulty with the CEO of the project (not the program director – a lovely Arab woman – who desperately wanted the shelter).

Despite the fact that the art center needs this shelter in these uncertain days, the CEO would not agree to the recommended location to place the shelter. In the beginning there was a dispute with the kibbutz over placing the shelter on kibbutz land and the kibbutz wouldn't agree to this. We looked for a compromise and suggested various options. No solution offered met with the CEO's approval.

It is difficult to understand, but we eventually had to leave the heartbroken program director without the shelter. Nevertheless, there are many other educational facilities who need this size shelter. So, we are now in the process of moving the shelter to Kiryat Ata, the town next door, for a kindergarten which serves immigrant children. We were all quite disappointed about the lack of flexibility by the CEO of the art center, but at some point, you must move on. We are extremely grateful to ICEJ Canada and Switzerland for your generosity. The shelter is ready and will be placed soon. I hope to have pictures soon.

Lower Galilee Communication Devices

An additional 57 communication devices were delivered to the Lower Galilee Regional Council where they were received with great appreciation. The L.G. family was able to visit the Regional Council with us when they were last in the country. They have also received a copy of the letter below in a separate report we have prepared for them.

Thank you letters from partners: Lower Galilee Regional Council

*Dear ICEJ Switzerland and Friends,
I hope this message finds you well.*

On behalf of the residents of the Lower Galilee, the regional council staff, and our security teams, I wish to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of 57 advanced communication radios.

In these times, when personal safety and community resilience are our highest priorities, your contribution serves as a significant force multiplier. These devices will ensure continuous, reliable, and life-saving communication between the emergency response teams deployed throughout our communities, directly strengthening our operational capabilities during critical moments.

Your commitment to the security of northern Israel is truly inspiring. It reflects values of mutual responsibility, Zionism, and a profound dedication to the State of Israel and

the Galilee region. Thanks to your generosity, we feel better equipped and more secure in the face of the challenges ahead.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your partnership and support. May we use this equipment only for routine activities and continued peace.

*Sincerely and with great appreciation,
Shmulik Anav
Director of Security and Emergency Division
Lower Galilee Regional Council*

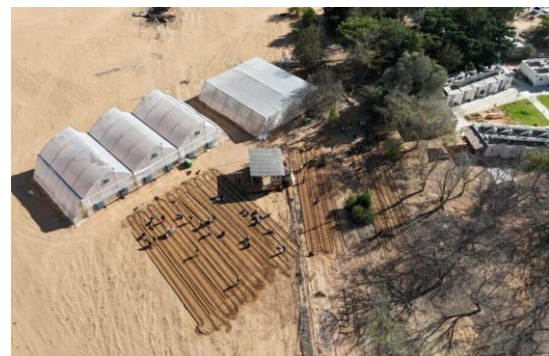
A thank you received just this week from the Lachish Region Security Chief (at Moshav Shekef) who previously received communication devices from our Swiss friends:

“Yesterday we had an unusual security incident in our region, all the emergency first response team members were called up to respond. It was the first time that we used the communication devices you gave since we received them. They were amazing...great quality, and made our communication/management of the crisis so much easier. Thank you! Be blessed.”

Agro-Tech Greenhouse classroom, learning center, and 3 classrooms

The Eshkol region, one of Israel’s main agricultural centers, was among the hardest hit areas by the October 7 attacks. The area’s farms produce more than 70 percent of Israel’s fresh vegetables, but in the months following the war, production dropped sharply. Nearly 20,000 foreign agricultural workers left the country, and local growers struggled to maintain operations. Furthermore, the average age of the region’s farmers is 65, a fact which means it is time to train the next generation!

In response, local educators and community leaders launched the Agro-Tech Project. This school, the first of its kind in the area, combines hands-on farming with advanced agricultural training and leadership development. Students learn everything from biotechnology and seed genetics to irrigation systems and entrepreneurship – all while gaining real-life experience in greenhouses and local fields. It is a strategic and shared investment in Israel’s future, in its food security, its youth leadership, and in this battered region’s renewed hope of arising from the ashes of a great tragedy. The goal is to train the next generation of young Israelis so that they can help rebuild the agricultural sector, bring innovation to an industry that remains vital to national food security, and connect with the Land of Israel.



“We realised that the future of agriculture here depends on engaging young people, giving them the tools and the motivation to take part in restoring and advancing this field.”

To open the new school year, parents joined the 50 enrolled students in planting the first rows of tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and cabbage together. The event was both a practical lesson and a show of community partnership with families, teachers, and students working side-by-side in the same soil that for two years has been left untended. In November / December 2025, the Learning Center and four classrooms will be built, the final (4th) classroom is a shared gift of ICEJ USA and ICEJ Switzerland. These buildings were delivered in January 2026.



The Eshkol Regional Council is home to 33 villages with around 17,500 residents, many of whom depend on agriculture for their livelihood. While much of the region is still rebuilding, projects like this one offer a new path forward.

Read more here:

<https://www.icej.org/blog/icej-invests-in-israeli-agro-tech-school-where-hope-grows/>

<https://www.icej.org/blog/icej-builds-greenhouse-classroom-for-israels-future-farmers/>

Operation Moses: Support for Babies

Bar and baby Gal

Gal celebrated his very first birthday on July 8th with a cozy family gathering, filled with love and laughter.

Bar shares that Gal is growing up so fast. He has a special fondness for chocolate chips, and while toys don't yet capture his attention, his cheerful personality lights up every room. Now that Bar has returned to work at the Municipality in Tel Aviv, Gal spends his days at daycare, where he is happy and enjoys playing with the other little children.

Gal's father is not involved in their lives and does not provide any child support, which made the support we offer absolutely crucial. Bar says that the assistance she received helped her feel confident and supported in bringing Gal into the world.

Bar and little Gal is deeply thankful and wishes to send a heartfelt thanks to her generous sponsor. The monthly vouchers made all the difference, allowing her to buy diapers, formula, and other necessities. Her parents also help, and they are overjoyed to spend time with their precious grandson.

ICEJ Switzerland's generosity has made a meaningful impact on their lives.



Duaa and Baby Muaman

Muaman's first birthday on July 3rd was a joyful celebration, with cake, balloons, and lots of laughter shared with his loving family.

Duaa shares that Muaman is growing quickly. While he hasn't started walking yet, doctors have noticed a minor medical issue with his legs. He has seen an orthopedic specialist, and thankfully, no surgery is needed at this stage. The doctor is hopeful that his condition will improve naturally as he begins walking.

Muaman is a sweet and affectionate little boy, adored by his siblings; his eldest sister is four, his next sister is three, and his brother is two. Though he hasn't started speaking full words yet, he has his own delightful "baby language" and can say "Aba" which means father.



Duaa is incredibly grateful to her sponsor for the consistent support throughout Muaman's first year. She recalls looking forward to each visit to the Be'ad Chaim office, where she could collect diapers and other essentials and meet with the caring team and other mothers. The monthly gift cards were a lifeline, making it possible to provide everything Muaman needed. She says she couldn't have managed without your help and is deeply thankful for your generosity.

Thanks to ICEJ Switzerland, Muaman and his family are thriving and surrounded by love.

Support for mothers & babies - Abundant Life Program.

Thanks to your generosity, the Pro-Life Ministry has been able to reach and support more women than ever. Recent upgrades to our hotline have led to a remarkable increase in conversations, allowing us to provide timely guidance and care to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

In June, a seminar for women who have experienced abortion was hosted, offering a space for healing and hope. They also prepared a training seminar for new counselors, equipping them to support women with compassion and wisdom.

Your support has made life-changing differences for mothers like Rachel, Dana, and Liat:

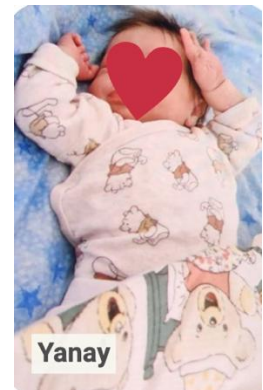
Dana's Story

Dana, 39, a mother of four with a fully disabled husband and children with special needs, discovered she was unexpectedly pregnant at 14 weeks. Overwhelmed, she initially considered abortion. After connecting with the ministry and receiving essential baby items and support, Dana chose life and gave birth to a healthy boy, Lior, meaning "My Light."



Liat's Story

Liat, 41, was estranged from her ultra-orthodox family and facing a high-risk pregnancy with no support from the father. Considering abortion, she connected with the team, and through ongoing support, she chose to continue the pregnancy. Hospitalized at 31 weeks due to complications, she gave birth to a healthy son. She was provided all necessary baby items, including a full set of clothes and nursery equipment. This support also helped her rebuild connections with her family.



Rachel's Story

Rachel, 26, faced an unplanned pregnancy and pressure from the baby's father to terminate. Despite financial difficulties and limited family support, she chose life after counseling. A month before her due date, Rachel was evicted and temporarily moved in with the baby's father. Their relationship strengthened, and she gave birth to a healthy son, Adar Bar-El, with the father and his daughters present at the hospital.



Through your continued generosity, we are able to walk alongside women in crisis, providing not only practical support but also hope, care, and a renewed sense of possibility.

'Thank you for helping us bring life, light, and love to so many families.'

Read more here: <https://www.icej.org/blog/helping-israeli-mothers-say-yes-to-life>

Feuerstein Therapy Classrooms

Work on these classrooms will take place over the next 4–6 months. Nothing has been completed yet.

Physics Classroom for Druze



Physics Classroom Report

Nativia Buehler

For generations, scientists have looked to the universe with awe, uncovering the laws that govern light, motion, and matter. From the invisible waves of light that travel across the cosmos to the forces holding atoms together, physics reveals an extraordinary order. And for many physicists, the deeper they explore creation, the more they marvel at its beauty.

As physicist Albert Einstein once reflected: *“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”* It is precisely this curiosity that drives young minds to ask questions: Why does light bend? How do stars form? What unseen forces govern the world around us?

At a Druze high school in Horfeish, that curiosity now has a new home.

The Druze are a small, tight-knit minority in Israel, numbering around 150,000 people. Known for their strong communal identity, commitment to education, and contributions to Israeli society, the Druze have long prioritized academic achievement and leadership development. Schools in Druze villages like Horfeish are vital for preparing the next generation to take on leadership roles both within the community and across Israel.

Thanks to the support of Christians around the world, students can explore the wonders of the universe in a fully renovated physics laboratory, equipped with modern learning tools and advanced educational technology. The lab features hands-on experimental equipment and a smart interactive technology, enabling students to engage with physics concepts in dynamic and practical ways.

In a recent dedication ceremony, educators and local leaders gathered to express deep appreciation for the investment in their students’ future.

The head of the Horfeish Regional Council, Anwar Amer, highlighted the significance of the ICEJ’s support:

“Thank you for your support. You are a strong organization supporting many communities. Education is our top priority, it equips young people with the skills to become future leaders and inspires them to strive for excellence.

He emphasized that:

“Education is about initiative, discipline, courage, passion, and hard work. These are the qualities that produce real results. Our goal is for this school to become one of the best in Israel, and we are deeply grateful to the ICEJ for investing in our students’ future.”

In a lighthearted moment, he jokingly asked ICEJ Vice President for AID, Nicole Yoder, “You help us so much, do you want to become Druze?” and added that the support from Christian donors “warms our hearts.”

The school’s principal also expressed gratitude:

“It was unexpected to find wonderful people from far beyond the borders of our state who want to stand with us and support us. Thank you for being partners along the way!”

Nicole Yoder then shared with the students and faculty:

“It is wonderful to be part of new educational projects in the Druze community. We were able to provide this new physics laboratory because of our Christian friends around the world who want to support the people of Israel in practical ways. It is a pleasure to come alongside you and invest in your vision and hopes for education. It is wonderful to support young people as they learn, grow, and advance.”

For the school’s physics teacher, the laboratory opens exciting possibilities. Students can now explore complex concepts, from optics and waves of light to the laws governing the universe, through experiments and technology.

“We are trying to take the natural curiosity of our students and turn it toward investigating the universe,” he explained. “At the same time, we want to develop excellence, critical thinking, and technological skills.”

He added:

“This project has made a tremendous difference for our physics students. They have spoken about how the new laboratory has deepened their love for the subject while positively impacting the entire school atmosphere and their academic results. This laboratory will serve students for years to come.”

For the ICEJ, projects like this reflect a commitment to strengthening all sectors of Israeli society. And as students in this Druze school study the mysteries of light, motion, and the universe, they are reminded, just as the psalmist wrote, that “the heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”