



# Jennifer and Kevin Cable

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**Location:** Israel/Palestine



**What we do:** Working with the Christian community in Jaffa and Jerusalem to strengthen the presence of Christ and to minister to those on the margins.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers while we visited friends and family in the UK in April. We enjoyed being able to see some of you and share news of the ministry in Jaffa. We were also grateful for the time to rest and relax, and particularly for Kevin to recuperate from surgery after a stressful few months.

Kevin picked up a nasty cold on the plane back to Israel, and with so much coughing the surgeon has advised a few more weeks of light duties as the coughing aggravated the healing process. We would also appreciate your prayers for Jen as she completes tests for joint pains that are making daily activities a little more difficult and disturbing her sleep.

This is a quiet time of year as it gets hotter, and many expats choose to go home for July and August. Many local people travel to cooler places and of course schools and semesters are finishing. We have been blessed with some foreign students who are here until the end of July and have become very involved with church life. Kevin is meeting with a local couple who sought out our little congregation as part of their journey of faith for baptism and marriage preparation. They are all finding these sessions joyful and encouraging as they learn together. Kevin has also been guiding one of our members who is preparing to leave for the USA for ordination training, so please pray for him as he faces the exciting challenges of this next chapter.

We have been asked to help with Beit Immanuel as the country continues to be at war with possible escalation from the north. With our combined medical, administrative and priestly skills, we will be helping to prepare the site, potentially for medical volunteers to stay, as we may need to use the building to give medical aid to casualties in the area in the event of a full-scale escalation.

While in the UK, and on our return, we have spent time praying about the future as we have now reached the end of our three-year contract with CMS. While we have enjoyed a really good relationship with CMS, on a day-to-day basis we found ourselves working regularly alongside the staff at Beit Immanuel and the wider team of the Israel Trust of the Anglican Church (ITAC), whom we were seconded to when it became clear that the old St Peter's Anglican building was not able to be restored for the foreseeable future.

As the ministry here in Jaffa has developed and as we have worked increasingly closer with ITAC, and their parent organisation the Churches Ministry Amongst the Jewish People (CMJ), it seemed clear to us that the



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right way forward was to move fully over to ITAC given our close working relationship and how many aspects of our ministries intertwine.

We are both extremely grateful to CMS for the practical and prayerful support during our time with them, and as we fully move under ITAC we take with us their blessing, as well as their experience and knowledge that they have shared with us over the last three years.

Please join us then in giving thanks with us for the past three years working in partnership with CMS, for the relationship we have developed with ITAC and for the Lord's provision and protection as we have sought to do his will in the Holy Land.

Please pray with us for direction as we seek the way forward under the umbrella of CMJ.

#### Prayer points:

- ▶ Give thanks for our time with CMS, for their support and all that we have learned while working in partnership with them.
- ▶ Give thanks for ITAC and for the Lord's guidance as we discern the way forward with them. For wisdom as we prepare Beit Immanuel and ourselves for the potential escalation of war.

Pray for peace across the Holy Land.

Pray for our brother in Christ who is to be ordained. Pray for the practical arrangements of an international move and as he settles into life in the USA ahead of ordination.

Pray for good health, giving thanks for an excellent English doctor who is helping us.

Thank you for walking alongside us in our journey so far in the Holy Land. If you would like to hear our news as we move on from CMS, please contact us via our website [www.christchurchjaffa.org](http://www.christchurchjaffa.org) using the contact button at the bottom of the homepage. Please also do contact us if you would like to continue to support us.

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Blessings,

Fr Kevin and Jen



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