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# THE CAULFIELD MESSIANIC CENTRE

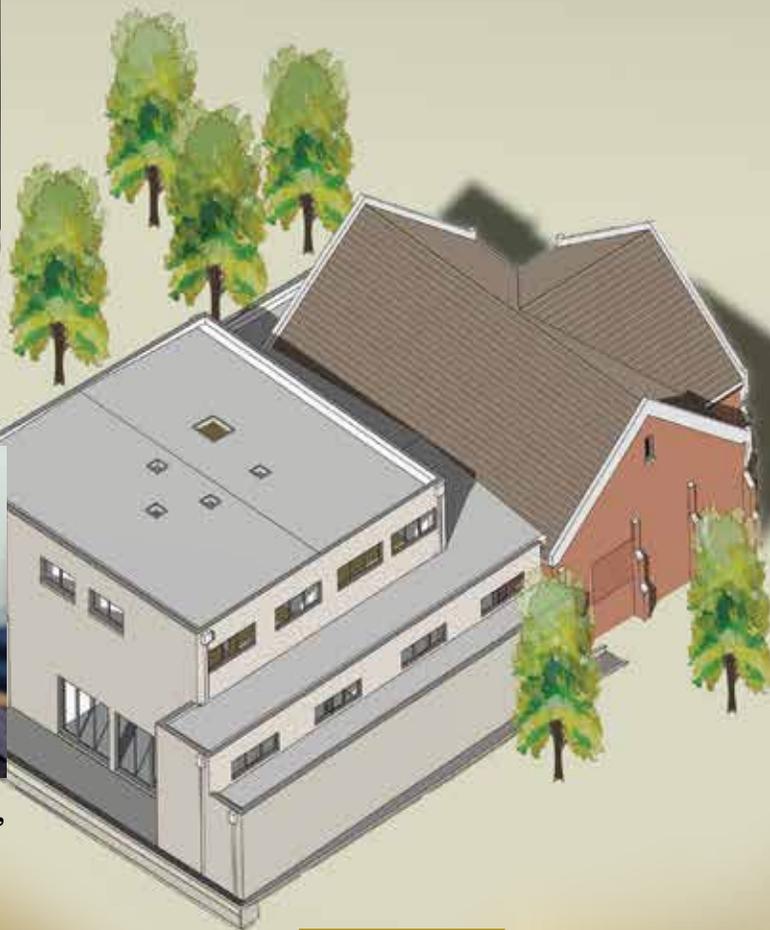
THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT MESSIANIC CENTRE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

*"...for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."*

Luke 7:5, ESV



"You can be Jewish and believe."



"Our lives have been transformed."



"A privilege to bless His covenant people."



"A place we can be free to worship."



"A messianic Jewish witness is vitally important."

THE  
Centurion's  
Legacy

The Caulfield  
Messianic Centre Project



"Training the next generation of Jewish evangelists."

Dear Friend,

Shalom and blessings to you in Yeshua our Messiah. I would like to introduce you to a most exciting and strategic mission opportunity in the heart of the largest Jewish community in Australia: the building of **the first purpose-built Messianic Synagogue and Training Centre in the Southern Hemisphere.**

We began this project seven years ago and have finally started construction of the first two stages. Praise the Lord! **We now need your help to complete the third and final stage.**

I am excitedly looking forward to having the **Caulfield Messianic Centre** in the heart of the *Melbourne Eruv* (\*see map for explanation). This new facility will be a place of mission, ministry and training. The **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will not only house two messianic congregations—Beit HaMashiach and Dom Misi'ee—but will also accommodate the first **Messianic Bible College and Outreach Training Centre** in the Southern Hemisphere.

The **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will be a place of worship, community, outreach, and training for the next generation of Jewish evangelists in Australia and abroad while being a light for Yeshua the Messiah right in the heart of Jewish Melbourne.

This historic and vital project is a partnership between the mission of Celebrate Messiah and Beit HaMashiach Messianic Congregation.

The Boards of Celebrate Messiah and Beit HaMashiach believe that the Lord is calling us to step out in faith and trust Him for the provision of the needed finances for

the third stage. Please join your faith with ours and stand with us to see the **Caulfield Messianic Centre** completed.

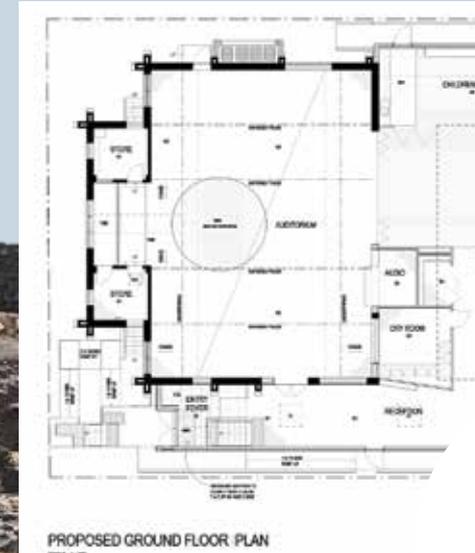
I invite you to prayerfully and financially partner with us to see the **Caulfield Messianic Centre** completed for the glory of the Lord.



*“So the wall was completed... When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realised that this work had been done with the help of our God.”*  
(Nehemiah 6:15-16, NIV)

On the move for the glory of God,

Lawrence Hirsch  
Executive Director of  
Celebrate Messiah and  
Rabbi of Beit HaMashiach  
Messianic Congregation



**THE CENTURION'S CHALLENGE**  
**DO YOU LOVE THE GOD OF ISRAEL? DO YOU LOVE THE MESSIAH OF ISRAEL? DO YOU LOVE THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL?**  
**If so, would you be prepared to help us build our "synagogue" in the heart of the Jewish community of Caulfield in Melbourne as a testimony that Yeshua is the Messiah of Israel and Saviour of the world, for both Jew and Gentile alike? Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to complete the Caulfield Messianic Centre.**

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# Why We Need the Caulfield Messianic Centre



“Without the work of Celebrate Messiah and Beit HaMashiach, I would not have developed the paradigm that you can be Jewish and believe in Jesus. I simply would not be a believer in Jesus today without it. We need this Centre to solidify the base of our community and expand the mission for future generations. Let’s give the Jewish community of Australia the chance to make an informed choice about Jesus, by presenting him as he was originally, as the Messiah from among his people, Israel.”

– Dr Eric Aizenstros, member of Beit HaMashiach

“As a Child Holocaust Survivor, I always felt that I had to leave my Jewishness at the door of the church I attended because of antisemitism I experienced. As soon as I walked into Beit HaMashiach I felt like I had come home. It is so important for us to have a place of our own and where Jewish people can come and hear about the Messiah without feeling out of place and where we can be free to worship the Lord and celebrate the Jewish festivals.

– Netty Tepe, member of Beit HaMashiach



“Our lives have been transformed since being involved with Beit HaMashiach Messianic Congregation.

Coming from non-Jewish backgrounds, and both raised in the church, our faith has been enriched through learning about the Hebraic roots of our faith and the Jewishness of our Messiah. Since being equipped with understanding about God’s plan for Israel and the Jewish people, the Lord continues to bring Jewish and Israeli people across our paths in the most unlikely circumstances. We are able to connect with them in a beautiful way with our newfound love and knowledge of their traditions, language, feasts and Scriptures and share with them about Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel.”

– Simon and Liz Nygaard, members of Beit HaMashiach

“This is a rare opportunity to “love the Jewish people and to help build (their) synagogue” like the Centurion did in Luke chapter 7, and a privilege to respond to God’s desire to bless His covenant people. The Caulfield Messianic Centre will be a lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere, and a house of prayer, bringing Yeshua’s message of hope and salvation to those who do not know Him, and discipling those who do. Beit HaMashiach’s unique congregation is like the gathering of the early believers, Jew and Gentile, one in Messiah, worshipping and fellowshiping together.”

– Carolyn Yong, member of Beit HaMashiach



“It is crystal clear from the whole Bible that God’s plan and promises to the Jewish people are irrevocable. Since God has promised to preserve the Jewish people, it is right and good that followers of Jesus with a Jewish background should continue to preserve their identity as an enduring testimony to God’s faithfulness.

For this reason it is important and right for messianic congregations to exist, enabling messianic Jews to preserve their Jewishness in a way which bears witness to the Gospel. It is of vital importance to have a messianic Jewish witness to Jesus amongst the Jewish community. This is not only important: It is essential for the health of the whole church.”

– Rev Dr Mark Durie, Vicar of Oaktree Anglican Church, Caulfield North





### Beit HaMashiach and Dom Misi'ee Messianic Congregations

The congregations of *Beit HaMashiach* (House of the Messiah) and *Dom Misi'ee* (House of Messiah Russian-speaking congregation) were planted by Celebrate Messiah soon after Celebrate Messiah was established in 1995.

Messianic congregations exist to provide a worshipping environment that is *culturally sensitive and spiritually relevant* for Jewish people. These congregations also provide a community for Jewish people who come to faith in Messiah to be discipled and nurtured in their faith.

Messianic congregations typically also have Gentile believers worshipping together with Jewish believers as a testimony of what God has done for us through faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

Beit HaMashiach itself is a very special and unique congregation of believers from about 35 different ethnic backgrounds. Despite the very poor facilities we've been using over the past 20 years, the congregation has grown and flourished. Over the years, we have even seen many Iranians from Muslim backgrounds become believers in Yeshua and who worship together with us. Beit HaMashiach is a living testimony that Yeshua is the Messiah, who has made the two – Jew and Gentile – *one new man* (Eph 2:14-22).

*Dom Misi'ee* is also a unique Russian-speaking congregation made up mostly of Russian Jewish people from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are Holocaust survivors and who have become believers in Yeshua. It is very moving to see these dear Jewish believers worship the Lord.

### Messianic Bible College and Outreach Training Centre

One of the most urgent needs we have right now in the Messianic movement is the equipping and training of "workers in the harvest." Our new **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will house the first **Messianic Bible College and Outreach Training Centre** in the Southern Hemisphere.

We will have the facilities from which to offer theological training in Jewish evangelism and Messianic ministries. We also hope to offer courses on both Old and New Testament from a Messianic Jewish perspective for the wider Messianic and Christian community.

Hebrew language studies will also be offered, preparing the next generation for ministry amongst Jewish people.

Please tear off and complete this form and then return it along with your gift to the address below.

# Caulfield Messianic Centre Building Project The Centurion's Legacy Challenge

*"for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."* (Luke 7:5, ESV)

Yes, I would like to help you build the **Caulfield Messianic Centre** through my prayers and sponsorship.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Sponsoring a Levenah ("Brick") Program:

I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ brick/bricks for the building of the **Caulfield Messianic Centre** (each brick represents \$1,000) for a total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please dedicate the "brick/s" to (eg. individual/family or congregation): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Other Specified Amount:

I would like to give an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Caulfield Messianic Centre Project**.

#### Pledges:

I would like to Pledge an amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Caulfield Messianic Centre Project** to be given by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

#### Other Ways to Give: (eg. Interest free loan, shares, estate-giving)

Please contact us to discuss other ways I can give to the **Caulfield Messianic Centre**.

Phone/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please indicate how your gift will be made:

- Online at [www.celebratemessiah.com.au/donate](http://www.celebratemessiah.com.au/donate)
- Cash  Cheque/Postal Order (payable to Celebrate Messiah Ltd, earmarked Caulfield Messianic Centre)
- Direct Bank Transfer (BSB: 633000 Acc: 161768080)
- Visa
- MasterCard

Card#

Exp   /   CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPONSOR A LEVENAH /BRICK IN THE SYNAGOGUE PROGRAM

You, together perhaps with your family, your friends or even your church or congregation may want to consider sponsoring a LEVENAH (brick) or a number of LEVENIM (bricks) in the building of the CAULFIELD MESSIANIC CENTRE. As our way of honouring and remembering you, we will create a wall of names of those who have sponsored this project.

Each LEVENAH will represent a \$1,000 donation towards the building of the CAULFIELD MESSIANIC CENTRE. Donations of a lesser amount towards this project are also very much appreciated and will also be remembered.

Together we can build this synagogue one levenah at a time. "So we rebuilt the wall . . . for the people worked with all their heart." (Nehemiah 4:6, NIV)

COUNTING THE COST: Yeshua taught us that prior to taking on a project such as this, we should always "count the cost" (Luke 14:28-30, 33). The Caulfield Messianic Centre project will cost a total of \$3.1 million including contingencies and professional fees. We have already raised \$2.2 million and are seeking the Lord's provision for the remaining \$900,000 to complete the third stage.

 900 LEVENIM ("bricks") need to be sponsored.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY: The building fund for the Caulfield Messianic Centre will be managed by the boards of Celebrate Messiah Australia and Beit HaMashiach Messianic Congregation, and audits will be done by accredited Christian accountants, Renshaw Dawson Lang. "At that time men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, firstfruits and tithes..." (Nehemiah 12:44, NIV)



Watch the new  
"The Centurion's Legacy" Video  
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## The Caulfield Messianic Centre Project

### The Vision

- ✧ To build a multi-purpose facility that will enable the ministries of Celebrate Messiah and Beit HaMashiach to fulfil their mission of *Bringing the Message to the Original Messengers*.

### The Purpose

- ✧ To create a purpose-built facility that will be a **Worship Centre**, **Community Centre**, and **Training College**, providing a place of outreach, education, hospitality, and training for local, national and international missions amongst Jewish people.
- ✧ To provide a place of **identity and refuge**, giving validity and dignity to the Messianic community and leaving a legacy for future generations.
- ✧ To make a visible, **public declaration** in the heart of the Jewish community that Yeshua is Israel's Messiah and the Saviour of Jew and Gentile alike.

### The Facilities

The **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will feature a 250-seat multi-functional auditorium as well as a dining room and community area with break-out rooms for children's ministry. Upstairs will house the offices of Celebrate Messiah and Beit HaMashiach including a conference room and youth lounge area.

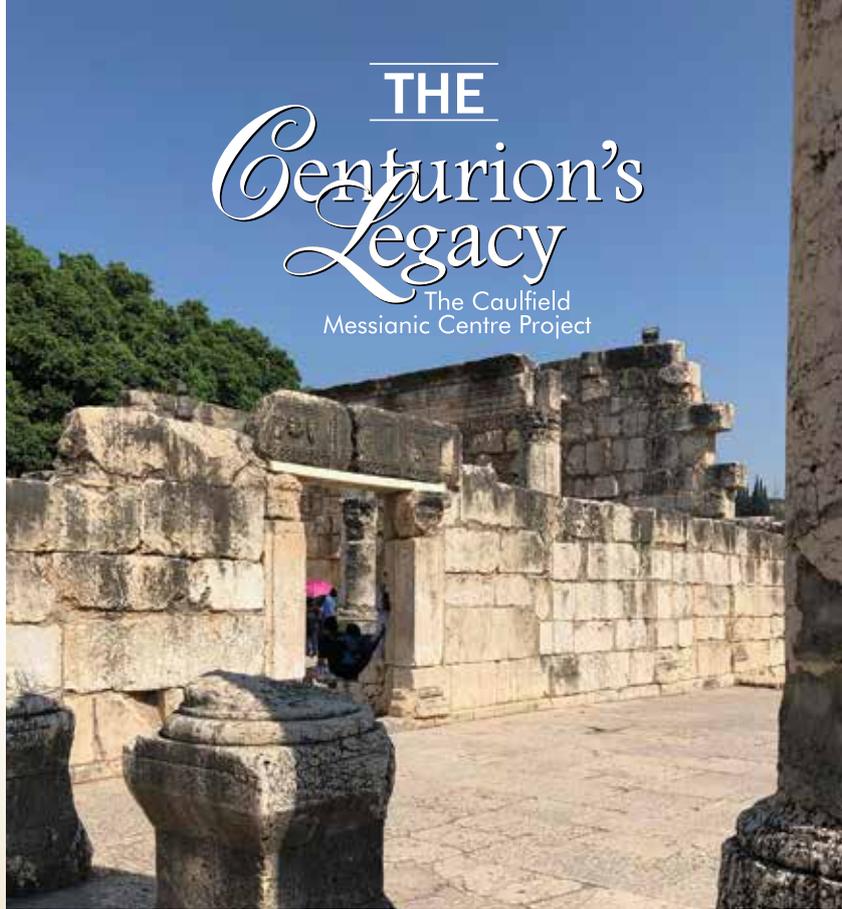
The **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will provide for:

- ✧ The first **Messianic Bible School and Outreach Training Program** in the Southern Hemisphere, providing a facility for raising up the next generation of outreach workers and congregation planters amongst the Jewish people in Australia and worldwide.
- ✧ The first purpose-built **Messianic "Synagogue"** in the Southern Hemisphere.
- ✧ **Children's and Youth Program** facilities.
- ✧ **Hebrew Language** classes.
- ✧ A **Messianic Resource Centre** catering for the needs of the Messianic movement.

The **Caulfield Messianic Centre** will be a beacon of light for the Messiah in a most strategic location in Australia.

# THE Centurion's Legacy

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**The Centurion's Legacy Project** recalls one of the most noble and amazing characters in the Gospels—a nameless person known only for his compassion, great faith, generosity and sacrificial love, i.e. the Centurion of Luke chapter 7 and Matthew chapter 8.

He was a Roman army officer representing the occupying force that was oppressing Israel at that time. However, his love and noble virtues were obviously well known by the local Jewish community. So much so that the elders

of the synagogue in Capernaum were prepared to go, on his behalf, to Jesus to plead with him to come and heal the Centurion's servant saying, *"He is worthy to have you do this for him,"* (Luke 7:4, ESV)

The delegation of Jewish elders then gave Yeshua two reasons, that are often overlooked, as to why the Centurion was deserving. They say: *"for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."* (Luke 7:5, ESV)

**This Gentile, Roman army officer loved the God of Israel and the People of Israel so much that he was prepared to build them a synagogue that he himself could not be a member of. Now that is real love, and amazing commitment. His love and faith was demonstrated by his action.**

Later in the story Yeshua commended him as a man of great faith; *"When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even*

*in Israel have I found such faith."* (Luke 7:9, ESV)

Visiting Capernaum today, you will be able to see the ruins of the ancient synagogue built upon the foundations of the synagogue that the Centurion built for the Jewish people.

This Centurion has left us an enduring legacy of love, faith and generosity that has spanned two thousand years, and is recorded for us in God's eternal Word. His good deeds continue to challenge us today.



## "BRINGING THE MESSAGE TO THE ORIGINAL MESSENGERS"

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### WHO ARE WE?

Celebrate Messiah Australia is a mission dedicated to raising the banner of Messiah amongst God's ancient people, primarily in Australia but also in New Zealand, Russia and Israel.

In partnership with Chosen People Global Ministries, we also serve in Argentina, Finland, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the USA.

### OUR MISSION

"Bringing the Message to the Original Messengers."

### OUR PURPOSE

Celebrate Messiah exists to make Jewish people disciples of Yeshua in Australia and worldwide.

### OUR MAIN STRATEGIES

Creative Outreach: Raising the profile of the Gospel of Messiah within the Jewish community.

### Planting Communities:

Establishing Yeshua-loving missional communities of Jews and Gentiles.

Loving Jewish People: Embodying Yeshua's love by advocating for and ministering to the needs of the Jewish people.

Teaching: Educating the Church about Israel and the Jewish people.

Prayer: Encouraging prayer for the Jewish community in Australia and worldwide.