



Want to join us for one of our unique Christmas presentations? See page 4 for December's schedule.

Now, more than ever

EIN is perfectly equipped to 'bring Israel' to thousands

Israel is at war, and there's no way to visit the land of the Bible ... unless someone brings the "Israel-tour" experience to churches, schools and prisons.

Experience Israel Now has been offering virtual-tour learning experiences for thousands of people since 2012. Since Pastor Andy Cook began devoting full-time work to this ministry in 2015, attendance at these presentations has topped 80,000!

In the meantime, Israel has suffered a two-year tourism shutdown because of the 2020 COVID pandemic, and is now closed again because of its war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

Thankfully, EIN has gathered thousands of photographs, hours of short video clips and built what we believe to be the world's largest library of drone video footage from biblical sites. That leaves this ministry in a unique position to deliver the life-changing lessons from the land of the Bible to audiences everywhere using virtual-tour technology.

Our goals for 2024 include an aggressive speaking schedule, producing a new book and hopefully, more trips to Israel. There's so much to share with you! Thanks for your partnership in this ministry ... and thanks for praying for the peace of Jerusalem.



Andy Cook was able to visit Israel three times in 2023, including this group trip he led in May.



My friend Udi Merioz is my favorite artist in Jerusalem. In recent years, he's experienced several transforming experiences involving Jesus, including a miraculous healing when a group of visiting Christians prayed for him. Notice the painting of the lamb? That's Udi's way of expressing his love to the one known as the Lamb of God!

We want to be ready to help in 2024

For several weeks, I have struggled to find the right words to describe the tragic series of events that has led to war in Israel.

I have grown to love Israel since my first trip in 1999. By God's grace, I know some of the roads in Israel better than the roads in my home state. Some of my closest friends live there. Some of my best memories are grounded in the land of the Bible.

But now Israel is at war. My friends are hurting in every conceivable way.

Many of my friends in Israel are Jewish. Some are Arab Israelis. Others are Palestinians who live in places like East Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho. My heart aches for them all. I long to be with them.

This war is necessary and I pray for its successful conclusion. In your Bible, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samuel, Saul and David were all warriors at some point in their lives. When it came time for war, these godly, peaceful servants prayed unashamedly for victory. May we do the same, relentlessly.

That said, when peace finally comes in 2024, I want to help Israel recover from this war.

The thing is, I don't know how to do that right now. None of us saw this coming. We were all planning on a normal year next year. We still have two group trips on the books, for instance, but both of those journeys are at risk. All of our "normal" plans are on hold.

Andy Cook

A message from the founder of Experience Israel Now

So here's what I'm asking you to do.

First, pray for our ministry. With Israel off limits to travelers, we're still taking the "Israel-tour experience" to thousands of people each year. I've also been able to put our video tools in the hands of dozens of Bible teachers. We want to multiply our impact and show more people than ever how the land of the Bible helps us understand the life-changing truth inside the Bible. The longer I can continue this work on a full-time basis, the more influence we're going to have.

Second, pray for my opportunity to encourage our friends in Israel next year. When this war finally stops, Israel will need us. I'd like to go back to Israel as soon as possible to do whatever God gives me the opportunity to do. Naturally, I also want to know that it's safe to take travelers to Israel again before I take more groups.

The third thing? We'll need some financial help in order to respond quickly next year. I don't know what we might do, so I don't know how much it might cost. All I can ask is that you would give generously to our year-end campaign so we can make a difference in our beloved Israel ... whenever the time comes.

And as the Bible commands us to do, let us pray (and work) for the peace of Jerusalem!

Three more reasons we're raising \$50,000 this December ...

We're returning to a seminary in Zambia

1 In 2019, Pastor Andy Cook taught a two-week course on Bible geography at Ambassador International University in Zambia. We've been invited to return in May 2024.

Many of the students at AIU will become pastors in southern Africa, an area marked by severe poverty. The only way the vast majority of them will ever visit the land of the Bible is if someone brings the land to them.

We're budgeting \$8,000 for this trip. That will cover transportation, lodging, food and a new television monitor for the school. After Pastor Andy returns home, the school will use the monitor in other classes.



See the video monitor Pastor Andy is using? We purchased it for our 2019 trip to AIU. It remains the only television on campus.



We're still investing in Bible teachers

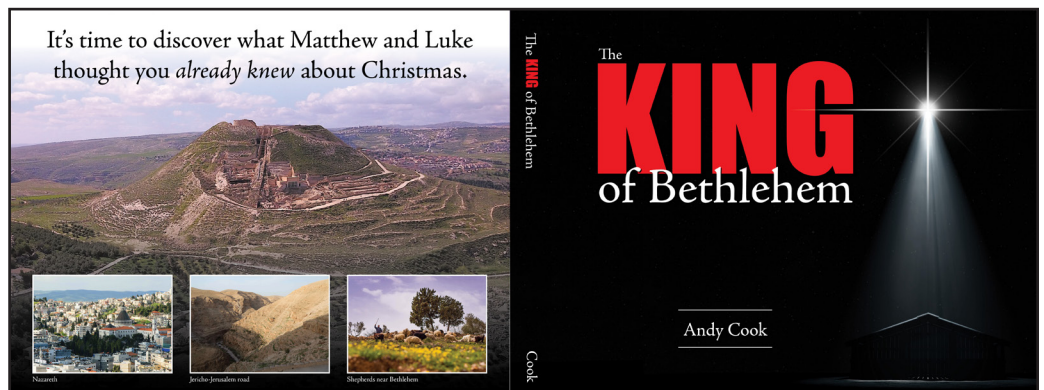
2 In 2023, we provided more than \$22,300 in scholarships for pastors and others in full-time ministry to travel with us to Israel. As we wait for the situation in Israel to calm down, we're moving forward in faith that we'll soon be hiking through the land of the Bible again.

Here are three of our full-scholarship travelers who visited Chorazin last May. Heidi Haun is a medical missionary in Ghana. Trea Brinson is the pastor of a large church in McDonough, Georgia. Sandwell Zgambo is the vice chancellor and lead professor at AIU in Zambia.

Our 2023 year-end scholarship goal is \$10,000.

A new book!

3 We're working on our next book! *The King of Bethlehem* will unveil the secrets the land of the Bible can give us about the Christmas story. It will be full of photographs and make a great gift for many people next Christmas.



Producing a book is expensive, with all the costs coming before we sell a single copy. While we hope to make money on our projects — and so far, we've made a small profit on each book we've published — having the funds for publishing up front means Pastor Andy can concentrate on writing. **Our goal to kick-start this project is \$15,000.**



We're celebrating Christmas in Middle Georgia!

Here's a great way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Join us for one of our "King of Bethlehem" presentations! You'll walk with Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and discover so much more about the most loved story in the Bible.

Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Marie Baptist Church, Dublin, GA

Dec. 10, 11 a.m.

Russellville Baptist Church, Forsyth, GA

Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Perry, GA

Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

Southside Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA

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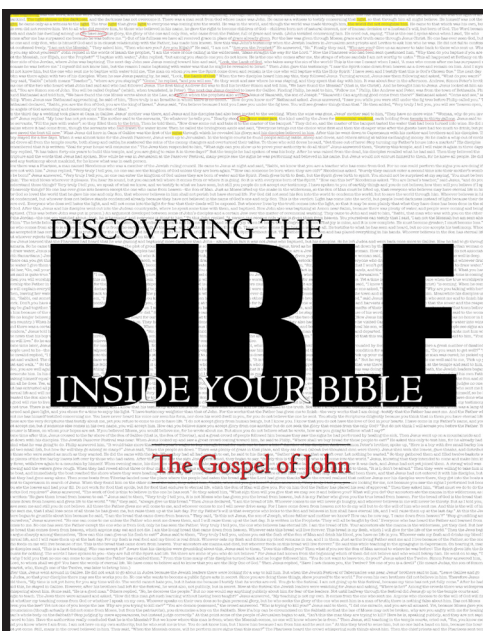
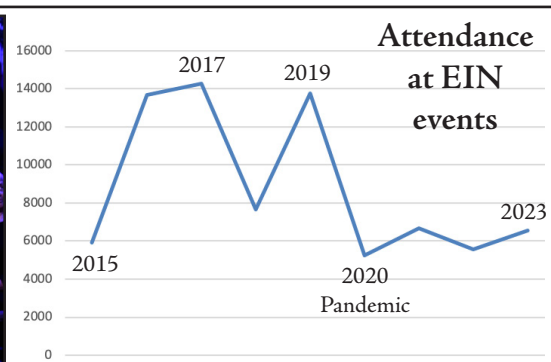
As 2024 approaches, Experience Israel Now has topped a key milestone.

In eight years of full-time work, attendance at our conferences has topped 80,000!

In 2023, we held more than 50 events in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma and Minnesota.

The new year is already showing great promise. January will see Pastor Andy speaking at conferences in Rome, GA (Northside Church), Brunswick, GA (First Baptist) and Florence, SC (First Baptist). Visit experienceisraelnow.com to learn more about hosting an Experience Israel Now conference in your own church, school or prison ministry.

We've never charged for these events. Instead, love offerings at churches and your generous gifts help us bring the life-changing lessons from the land of the Bible to audiences everywhere!



We've sold hundreds of these workbooks!

Looking for a gift that could make a difference long after Christmas?

Our newest resource is a 10-week Bible study called "Discovering the Bible Inside Your Bible."

Copies are \$20 and available at experienceisraelnow.com. No matter how many you buy, shipping is just \$6!