



**OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT PALESTINE**  
**with members of Rediscovering Palestine**

**ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability)**

ABCD has a 10 day Pilgrimage to Palestine in November 2010 which will include visiting the community projects supported by the charity to aid children with disability in the Greater Bethlehem area.

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**AMOS TRUST**

Amos Trust have a visit to Palestine/Israel on May 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2010, led by Rev. Chris Rose

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**BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE**

Bethlehem Bible College is planning a major international conference in mid March 2010 on looking at 'Theology and the Land – Christ and the Checkpoint' - participants include Tony Campolo and Brother Andrew. More information will be available in September 2009

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**BIBLELANDS**

BibleLands has a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands from Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The pilgrimage is being led by Baroness Richardson of Calow (The Rev'd Kathleen Richardson) who is a Methodist minister with a long and distinguished ministry and has been a patron of BibleLands since 2001.

Contact: Heather Taylor – 01494 897933 [www.biblelands.org.uk](http://www.biblelands.org.uk)

**CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**

CMS is holding a unique study tour of the Holy Land, taking place from 5 – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010. As well as visiting popular historical sites, the tour will include Haifa, the Knessett and a refugee camp. There will also be meetings with parliament members and human rights workers, prayer meetings with Palestinian Christians and Messianic Jews and opportunities to talk to those who are working for reconciliation within the Middle East.

Inclusive cost is £1,300. **Please note registration deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.**

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## **EXPERIENCE TRAVEL TOURS (ETT)**

ETT was established in 1999 and specializes in issue-based tours taking participants to places difficult to access on one's own. Itineraries are a mosaic of the cultural, political and historical and there are opportunities to meet Jews, Christians and Muslims and to hear their stories. Our aim is to help to bring understanding of the nature of the Occupation and what must be done to achieve a just and sustainable peace for all people groups. The study tours are done in conjunction with the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions and take place for around ten days each spring and autumn.

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## **HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference? Want to do something different with your holiday, but not sure what to do? How about a chance to meet new people, to work with Christians from different traditions, engage in the lives and issues of people in the Middle East, and make a real and positive difference in a needy world? Highway Projects is an outreach organization serving Churches and Christian organizations in the Middle East by offering short-term mission opportunities. Christian work that is both relational and practical; offering projects that are people based, showing faith in practical and open hearted ways, and working alongside the indigenous Christian Church.

**Dates for 2010: Egypt 13<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March      Israel/Palestine 1<sup>st</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July      Jordan 25<sup>th</sup> Aug - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Contact: [www.highway-projects.org](http://www.highway-projects.org) for more details

## **ICAHD UK**

ICAHD UK takes participants to East Jerusalem to join other internationals for the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) summer camp to rebuild a house for a Palestinian family who had their home demolished by Israeli bulldozers. Work alongside Palestinians and Israelis who refuse to be enemies. A full programme with field trips, talks and films is also included. The camps are held for two weeks in July. Throughout the year, ICAHD offers half and full day tours, especially concerning Israel's 'Matrix of Control' that has been implemented over the Palestinian people.

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## **WIDER HORIZONS/CHRISTIANS AWARE**

**Pilgrimage & Encounter in Palestine and Israel from 13 September – 23 September 2010**

This visit offers the opportunity to meet with Israelis and Palestinians 'on the ground' and to meet with community and religious leaders, particularly in the Palestinian Territories. Based in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, we shall visit refugee camps in Bethlehem, meet students at Bethlehem University; visit Israeli and Palestinian peacemakers in Hebron and Jerusalem, and meet with Jews, Christians and Moslems. The visit will offer profound, often moving, and sometimes disturbing insights into the complex realities of the current situation and their effects on ordinary people. It is also a pilgrimage journey, and there will be opportunities to reflect together as we share the experience and gain insights into historical, religious and contemporary contexts. There are places available. But book now to avoid disappointment!

The visit will be led by Revd Andrew Ashdown who has been visiting and leading groups to Israel/Palestine for over 25 years. He is Chair of the Middle East Ecumenical Network and author of 'The Stones Cry Out: Reflections from Israel and Palestine' published by Christians Aware.

**For further details and to print off a booking form, visit our Website: [www.wider-horizons.org](http://www.wider-horizons.org) , or contact Revd Andrew Ashdown. Tel: 01264-357032. [info@wider-horizons.org](mailto:info@wider-horizons.org)**

## **ZAYTOUN**

Every year Zaytoun organizes two trips to Palestine for its supporters and customers. Both of these trips are timed to coincide with the annual olive harvest, usually around the end of October and early November.

The 'harvest tour' offers customers the chance to visit many of the communities who supply our products from Nablus soap-makers to olive farmers in Jenin, as well as some support and advocacy organizations who work on behalf of these communities against the injustices of the Israeli occupation. Often the trip ends with a harvest celebration in Jenin, including traditional Palestinian food and dance. Accommodation for the week's trip is in local hotels or with farmers' families.

The 'Olive Picking Trip' is a chance for volunteers to work for a fortnight alongside the olive farmers in the groves and enable them to bring their valuable harvest home. Zaytoun has worked with the International Women's Peace Service since 2005 to coordinate the teams' placement within different villages in the Salfit and Nablus areas. All volunteers complete an initial application form, followed by a telephone interview and a training and assessment weekend in Britain before acceptance onto the team.

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