

We read in the papers or watch on TV about the violence going on in Israel/Palestine. Some of us may be wondering: What are the Occupied Territories? Why is disengagement from the Gaza an important event? Where exactly is the Gaza? Who are the settlers?

TUC Communications Ministry - Multimedia Project

“Conflict in the Holy Land” DVD Series

In Winter-Spring 2004 Pastor Craig Hunter conducted a series of Sunday School classes on the conflict in Israel/Palestine (please see box below for details). The Communications Ministry's Multimedia Project team was asked by several church members to create a DVD series of these adult education classes. We currently have 16 hours of video, more than two dozen pre-orders, and plenty of editing needs.

Call for Volunteers

We need volunteers to help with the editing of digital videos. This includes removing unnecessary audio/visual portions, adding titles and subtitles, selecting photographs from the thousands that we have at hand to use for DVD labels/jackets, creating a data CD of session materials and resources, reviewing edited sessions and making suggestions for improvement, and much more.

Just watching the videos is a great way to learn about the current conflict in Israel/Palestine, so it's a good means of self-education!

Please come to the Multimedia Project table at the lobby and sign-up to volunteer. The only requirement is a desire to learn more about Israel/Palestine. Optional but desirable are access to a computer and the internet, as well as a DVD player. Production efforts will be coordinated mostly via email. Please see at us the project table for details.

Session 1 -Introduction, Pastor Craig's background, Geography of the Holy Land, Resources for Further Information, Sources to Listen to;

Session 2 -Zionism and the British mandate, Christian Zionism, Labor Zionism, Political Zionism, Early Jewish dissent, World War I, the Balfour Declaration, the Sykes-Picot agreement, Jabotinsky and Revisionist Zionism, the Peel Commission, the Arab Revolt;

Session 3 -The 1947-1949 War, the Holocaust, the United Nations Partition Plan, Demographics, Negotiations with Jordan, Plan Dalet and the Palestinian refugees, United Nations Resolution 194, the War with the Arab countries, Deir Yassin, Destroyed villages;

Session 4 -From 1949 to 1967, Palestinian citizens of Israel (Present Absentees, Unrecognized villages), Negotiations for Peace, Infiltration and Retaliation, the Suez War, Kfar Kassem, Development of Nuclear Weapons, the De-Militarized Zone with Syria;

Session 5 -1967 until 1982, Escalation to the Six-Day War, The Beginning of the PLO, Failed Negotiations for Peace, The War of Attrition, Black September, The Yom Kippur War, The Koenig Report, The Settlement Movement (Gush Emunim), Camp David and the Treaty with Egypt;

Session 6 -The Lebanon War and the First Intifada, Invasion of Lebanon, Sabra and Shatila massacres, Situation of Palestinian citizens of Israel, The Rise of Hamas, PLO Conference in Algiers, The Gulf War;

Session 7 -Oslo peace process, The Allon Plan, The Oslo Peace Accords, Final Status Negotiations, Hebron and the massacre, the Palestinian Authority, Assassination of Rabin, The Policy of Closure, Settlement Expansion, Election of Netanyahu, Election of Barak, Camp David talks, Taba negotiations

Session 8 -The current intifada, Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount, Suppression of Revolt, the election of Sharon, Roadblocks, Closure, Curfew, Water, The Roadmap for Peace, September 11, The Invasion of Jenin, the Destruction of Infrastructure;

Session 9 - The current intifada II;

Session 10 - The Role of the United States, Rejection of Jewish immigration, Eisenhower's stand against Israel, Support for Israel, Connections to the 1967 war, USS Liberty, Support for the 1973 War, The Rise of AIPAC (the Jewish lobby), The rise of Apocalyptic Christianity, American foreign aid, The United Nations and the United States;

Special Session - Update on the current situation (as of Spring 2004);

Session 11 - Christianity and Zionism; Session 12 - The role of the media;

Session 13 - The Old Testament, the role of the churches and theologians;

Session 14 - The Book of Revelation and Apocalyptic Christianity;

Session 15 - Taking action: What We Can Do.

Multimedia Project Proceeds Update: Total of proceeds from June 12 to August 21 is JPY 280,050. Thank you very much for your generosity and support! Every cent went to the 2nd Mile Campaign.