



# Keep Hope Alive: Palestine/Israel Olive Tree Planting Trip



*Experience warm Palestinian hospitality and culture!*

*Find new meaning in the Biblical message and see the ancient sites in a modern context!*

*Stand in solidarity with Palestinians, Israelis, and other internationals working for a just peace!*

Visit the West Bank, Galilee, Jerusalem, and Israel  
February 1-18, 2016

**Visit the Church of the Nativity - Shepherd's Field - Church of the Holy Sepulcher - Wailing Wall - Temple Mount/Al Aqsa Mosque - Mount of Beatitudes - and many more holy sites!**



Cost: \$1700  
+ airfare  
This includes  
lodging  
(double  
occupancy)  
and two  
meals a day.  
(Tips not  
included)

We will also visit sites that will give you a fuller picture of the occupation and how it plays out in the daily lives of Palestinians and Israelis, including:  
**Aida Refugee Camp – an Israeli Settlement – Hebron – Ramallah – The Apartheid Wall and Checkpoints**

Space is limited for this trip. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the trip leaders:

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We will also meet with representatives from various organizations including:

**Adameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association – Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem – Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights – Breaking the Silence – B'Tselem Israeli Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories – Diyar Consortium – Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions – Parliament of the Palestinian Authority – The Tent of Nations – Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center – and many others!**

*They need your help!*



**Our presence and participation in the olive tree planting season gives the Palestinians hope and assistance in continuing to non-violently resist the illegal Israeli occupation.** The Palestinian women, children, and men are committed to rebuilding their society and infrastructure without the use of violence. But Palestinian agriculture and wellbeing has been severely hampered by repressive Israeli policies as well as allowing repeated attacks and harassment by Israeli settlers. Construction of the Apartheid Wall has cut wide swathes through family farms and orchards where the farmers have lived for generations and many no longer have access to their trees. Thousands of acres of farmland have been destroyed and more than 700,000 olive trees have been uprooted since 2000 by the Israeli Army.



“KEEP HOPE ALIVE” is a peacemaking mission project initiated in 2008 by three Northern California presbyteries. Since then others have joined this collaboration with our historic Holy Land mission partners - YMCA of East Jerusalem and YWCA of Palestine - in a joint advocacy program to further education, hope, justice, and peace in Palestine and Israel. We send groups to Israel/Palestine two times a year: in February to plant olive trees and in October to harvest olives. For more information see [www.JAI-PAL.org](http://www.JAI-PAL.org) or contact Walt Davis at [waltandlibby@comcast.net](mailto:waltandlibby@comcast.net).