

Ever had a...



...hankering?

A hankering is more than a desire.
It comes from a Flemish word meaning
a **deep inner urge, a craving.**

Ever had a **deep inner urge** to
visit the **Holy Land**?

Ever had a **craving** to know the
real **facts on the ground**?

Ever had a **strong desire** to be a
peacemaker

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
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
- In October to harvest olives



THEY NEED OUR HELP

The Palestinian women, children and men are committed to rebuilding their society and structure without the use of violence.

Since 2000, the olive harvest has been severely hampered by repressive Israeli policies, such as roadblocks, street closures, confiscation of agricultural lands for "security reasons", 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.

Since 2000, thousands of acres of rich farmland have been destroyed and more than 500,000 olive trees have been uprooted in the Palestinian Territories by the Israeli Army. This destructive practice continues to this day as a direct result of the expansion of Israeli settlements and the illegal Occupation of the West Bank by Israeli forces.

Our presence gives them hope and will keep that hope alive.

Come and See...



Holy Sites

- Shepherd's Field ● Church of the Nativity
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher ● Yad Vashem
- Wailing Wall ● Temple Mount/AI Aqsa Mosque
- Galilee ● Nazareth ● Mount of Beatitudes

Facts on the Ground

- Dehisheh Refugee Camp ● Israeli settlements
- Hebron ● Ramallah ● Apartheid Wall

Experience Warm Palestinian Hospitality and Culture

Meet representatives from:

- ADAMEER** Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association
ARIJ Applied Research Institute Jerusalem
BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
B'Tselem Israeli Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
ICAHN Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions
PARLIAMENT of the Palestinian Authority
SABEEL Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center

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

Fall 2010 Olive Harvesting Trip

Leader: Rev. Dr. Ronald Shive
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Burlington, NC

Dates: Oct 12-28

Cost: \$1500 + airfare
This includes lodging, tips and two meals a day.

Regions to Visit

The Galilee area of Israel – 3 days
The West Bank – 9 days
Jerusalem & Southern Israel – 3 days

Keep Hope Alive

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

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An olive tree

can live for more than
a thousand years...



...come plant and harvest

a thousand years of PEACE!



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For a full description of the program visit

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