



Dr. George Sooley

Living Stones

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Shalom! — I am excited to report on what God is doing in Israel through the CCA. Dr. Larry Kozuback, Dr. Tom Rexroth, and I were blessed to meet in the Holy Land for 8 days of ministry in late April/early May. We were joined by Dr. Larry's wife, Carol, and my 15-year-old daughter, Paige.

The Kozubacks have organized and attended 4 trips in the last few years with the original vision of ministering specifically to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF/Israel military) and the 1 million+ Jews from the former Soviet Union (as predicted in *Jeremiah 3:18*) that have immigrated over the last few decades. Their vision (shared by 3 other doctors participating on former trips) has become a reality through prayer and hard work, and we are seeing the fruits of that labor in the lives of a record number 492 souls adjusted during our 6

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Our Team: back; Dr. George Sooley, Dr. Tom Rexroth, Dr. Larry Kozuback.
Front: Paige Sooley, Carol Kozuback

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There are a lot of rocks in Israel - stones, too. The Scriptures are rich in using these types of metaphors that would be well understood by inhabitants of the Promised Land. One such passage highlights our chosen mission theme: "As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Pet 2:4-5) On the hills surrounding the Sea of Galilee, we took an hour one morning to leave our own memorial. We each brought a stone from our own locale and built our memorial on a larger stone (the cornerstone) that we chose from a Mediterranean beach. A time of prayer and dedication followed. The plan is to revisit this memorial

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on a future visit.

If you have had the opportunity to visit Israel in the past as a tourist as I did, I can promise you that visiting Israel as a chiropractor will be a very different experience. You will most assuredly experience the juxtaposition of a religious orthodoxy that will remind you of Scriptures pertaining to the Pharisees with the modern day apathy so prevalent in our own country. Ministering to the needs of the Jewish people and understanding their culture

will allow you to better understand the true need for outreach to this people that fundamentally believe they are hated by



Christians. There is no better tangible way to serve both groups with your talents and break down these barriers than to show the love of Christ and to plant seeds of hope. You can join me in supporting an organization that is truly spirit-led and on the cutting edge of bringing Jews past their traditions and beliefs to the truly Living God of the Bible and His Eternal Son Jesus Christ. I urge you to take 5 minutes to watch <https://tinyurl.com/CCAvideo1> a short ministry video or google "Heart of G-D org."

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(If you are interested in a mission trip to Israel or any of the other locations CCA members are going, please contact the Home Office)

