

Out of Zion

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HONORARY CHAPLAINCY

At the same time, a historic milestone was reached with the appointment of Rev. Shawn Turner, D.D. as the first-ever **Honorary Chaplain** of the Jerusalem Battalion. This official honorary position, conferred on October 23, 2025, is activated when spiritual or pastoral support is required. The battalion's commanding general, Joel Golden, regularly attends services in Jerusalem, and this appointment reflects both relationship and responsibility at a meaningful level.



GREAT DOORS HAVE OPENED

"For a great door for effective work has opened to me ..."
 — 1 Corinthians 16:9

We are in a season marked by clearly opened doors—doors of influence, dialogue, training, and responsibility. The Apostle Paul's words aptly describe what we are witnessing: opportunity joined with purpose, and access entrusted with calling.

In recent months, meaningful engagement has taken place at the highest levels. A delegation representing the Christian community in Israel was invited to meet with **President Isaac Herzog** at his personal residence. The day prior, an official invitation was extended by the **Syriac Orthodox Church Patriarch**, reflecting deepening respect and dialogue across faith communities. In addition, a select group of pastors and business leaders met in Jerusalem for breakfast with **US Ambassador Mike Huckabee**, discussing major forthcoming decisions expected to positively impact the Christian community in Israel. Together, these meetings underscore a widening openness and growing trust that continue to take shape.





International Biblical College Jerusalem

Alongside these leadership developments, ministry training and education are expanding. The **International Biblical College has officially relaunched**, welcoming **54 students** and drawing on a diverse international faculty. What began as a vision has now taken tangible form, equipping believers across nations through structured biblical instruction.

The **faculty** includes Rev. Shawn Turner, Sister Tammy Turner, Brother Matt Yeater, Sister Kimberly, Brother Monte Showalter, Brother Patrick Kinne, Brother Mark Johnson, Brother Kirk Vanooteghem, Brother Antonio Marquez, Sister Jessica Marquez, and music instructor Sister Dahlia Boggs.

Courses currently being taught include **Biblical and Modern Hebrew** (Patrick Kinne), **Life of Christ** (Mark Johnson), **Revelation of God** (Matthew Kinne), **Pentecostal Doctrine** (Kirk Vanooteghem), **The Book of Acts in Spanish** (Antonio and Jessica Marquez), **Evangelism in Spanish and Christian Living in Spanish** (Monte Showalter), **Introduction to Ministry** (Shawn and Tammy Turner), and **Piano and Music Instruction** (Dahlia Boggs).

Each of these developments—government engagement, military chaplaincy, inter-church dialogue, and global biblical education—points to the same truth: a door has been opened. With clarity, humility, and faithfulness, we move forward to steward these opportunities, trusting God for continued guidance as the work goes forth out of Zion.



"This is a season to walk forward with faith, experiencing open doors, and trusting God for what He is unfolding."

—Rev. Shawn Turner, D.D.