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After almost thirty years as a lay Evangelist, preaching, teaching, sharing the Gospel and mentoring the many who accepted Christ into their lives as a result, God called Roy into a different ministry and different direction for his life.

God began putting a burden on Roy's heart for the Jewish people and the land of Israel in 2007. God showed him, through Scripture and various articles and authors that the "Western" church had lost its Hebraic roots and was missing out on numerous blessings promised in the Word of God for all who love, support and pray for His Chosen people. He began a Scriptural journey for the next eighteen months trying to understand what God was trying to teach him. God was so gracious and patient as he worked his way through the many Scriptures of both the old and new Testaments and slowly began to realize that the "Judeo" part of his Judeo Christianity was missing, and that he rarely heard a message about Israel in the church he was attending.

As God kept revealing his heart for the "apple of His eye", Roy read and studied everything he could about Israel and God's plan for the Jews. It was then that he stumbled upon a book written in 2004 by Sandra Teplinsky, "Why Care about Israel"...How the Jewish Nation is Key to Unleashing God's Blessing in the 21st Century. Over the next six months, Roy read that book five times, all 254 pages, breaking down in tears and complete anguish over the suffering of God's "Firstborn" each and every time.

It was at that point that he received an invitation to accompany the President of Canada Christian College, in Toronto, and a group of about 30 others, on a 4 day bus trip to Washington to attend a CUFI (Christians United for Israel) conference. As it was fairly inexpensive by bus, he eagerly accepted, hoping that he may discover what God's purpose was for him regarding this burden for the Jewish people. In Washington, he met with 5,000 other "lovers" of Israel from all over the globe. He met talking heads and pundits from major media outlets and attended seminars and briefings daily. In a coffee line, he met a man from Florida, Rev. Barry Wagner and struck up a conversation. They quickly discovered that God had put a similar burden on Rev. Wagner's life 12 years prior and that he was now the Vice President of Ezra International. Before parting, Rev. Wagner gave Roy a copy of his just-released book, "And Still They Come- Israel's Final Return".

Upon returning home, Roy devoured that book twice in 3 days and literally drove his wife to distraction every few sentences. They both understood that this was where God was leading him and that he should explore this ministry further. He accepted Rev. Wagner's invitation to join him on a Jeremiah 16-16 "fishing trip" to the Ukraine to visit their offices and staff in Kiev and Odessa. He would also visit the Jewish Agencies in those cities, the Jewish Community centers and the Holocaust memorial of Babi Yar in Kiev and walk the "Mile of Death" in Odessa. He would also visit Ukrainian Jews in their poverty stricken living conditions and see firsthand the persecution and degrading lifestyle that accompanies persecution. These are some of the 70,000 Jews that Ezra has assisted to "escape" and make Aliyah over the past 17 years and return to their Promised land of Israel.

After meeting the staff and volunteer "fishermen", Roy was convinced that each and every person involved in Ezra Ukraine was there by Divine appointment. He returned home convinced that this is where God wanted him as he entered his senior years. He became the first Ezra Representative in Canada at age 65 and God blessed him with many contacts to speak about Israel, small groups at first, just baby steps. He also returned a second time to the Ukraine and is looking forward to going again, this time with his wife and a small group. He also participated in an Advance Israel Studies Course with Canada Christian College which included a 10 day tour of Israel as a guest of the State of Israel and B'nai B'rith Canada with 25 other pastors from the GTA in 2011.

Today, Rev. Roy has succeeded in making Ezra Canada into a fully registered Canadian charity. He also speaks in churches and conferences preaching God's plan for the Jewish people from old and new Testament Scripture, reminding Christians of their Hebraic roots and raising funds to move suffering Jewish people back to their land of promise, Israel. Ezra Canada is currently airing a 30 minute info-mercial on a number of Canadian Christian TV channels and Rev. Roy has also been a guest on various Christian radio programs and is currently entertaining a number of TV guest appearances to expose the ministry and the message of Ezra Canada to as many as possible. He teaches that Israel is God's chosen land, the Jews are God's chosen people, Jerusalem is God's chosen city, and God's chosen time is now!

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