

Reflections

What a joy to bring this newsletter to you. I have entitled it “Reflections”, not only to look back but to consider now and the days ahead as you give to help make this ministry happen.



One year ago we were working with some men in another shelter program. When the leader of that group relapsed back into alcohol, we were in a position to take the program over.

Today we have our own facility and on the left a picture of 9 of our men who are in our transformation program. The other 3 were working at the time of this photo.

You will recall from our newsletter last month the story of Sasah shown here to the right who had been in our program for the past year. He had been separated from his wife and 2 boys for over 4 years. In mid November 2010 they reconciled and are now living together again as a family. I talked with Gene on December 6 and he said Sasah and his family are doing great.

Your gifts of prayer and finances have helped to make this happen—thank you so much for caring.

Please keep these men in your constant prayers. A transformed life from drugs and/or alcohol is a great thing brought about by the power of God, but the temptations are still strong and ever present. However, we also know that God’s grace is greater still and this is the hope we all have and that these men have.

In this newsletter we also want to report to you about the volunteers who work with Gene. Volunteerism in Israel is a relatively new and exciting element of ministry that is growing in opportunity and blessing to those who volunteer.



Alex is one such volunteer. He is a volunteer from Light of Life congregation. Here is his testimony:

“It is a privilege for me to serve with Ohel Avraham helping the poor and needy in Tel Aviv. I have the chance to see the reality of how God works in saving lives and giving light and hope to those who are homeless and drug/alcohol addicted.

Jesus came to redeem sinners. Many times I have seen men who are perishing with many scars and

wounds healed when they received Jesus as their Lord. I have come to see my own life through this work—that I could be just like these people who are living on the streets, but God saved me and has given me a heart to serve to others. You know, when we care about others then others care about us and what we find most important is that God cares about us.



Through this ministry I have come to understand many things about my own life. I have seen other volunteers who have found a deeper meaning of life; some have even been prevented from committing suicide, marriages have been saved and others amazing things. May the God of Israel will be Glorified. Amen”



From Gene, Happy Chanukah dear friends.

“I’m so thankful to God that he has called us together to serve the people of Israel, to reflect His light in our lives, because He is the Light of the Life.

Together we are able to take little steps and see God turn them into great events and eventually we will see the people of Israel cry out “Blessed He Who comes of the name of the Lord” (Matthew 23: 37-39)

I’m blessed and exited to work with you who live so far away from Israel, but your hearts, your prayers, your desires, your finances are here in the Holy Land.

And I am also thankful for the many volunteers who work here with us, facing the challenges and seeing the reality of what God can do to change lives.

May the Lord bless all of you my beloved brothers and sisters.”

Executive director of Ohel(Tent) Abraham
Gene Michaely

At this Chanukah season, the festival of dedication, may we each deepen our dedication to our Lord and also as the festival of Light, remember at Christmas time the Light of the World came to live amongst us and be our Redeemer, to bring us salvation and hope.

I want to personally thank each one of you for you continued support of prayer and giving, making it possible to see lives transformed by the Light of the World.

George Wehnes
Executive Director
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P.S. Please consider the next page carefully. Thank you

Would you please prayerfully consider how you can help now and in 2011. Here are some thoughts for your consideration:

Growing a national ministry like this takes a great deal of effort. We are at the point of needing to make decisions as to how best move ahead so that more of the homeless of Israel can be brought into the Kingdom and that we have adequate staff and volunteers for work.

One of the ways to do this is to hire a consultant that we know who works with Union Gospel Missions and ministries such as ours to help them grow and expand. However, the fees generally run approximately \$2,500 per month which is not something I want to do. I want as much of your money going to the work as possible (we have no paid staff here in the U.S.—only volunteers).

The ministry God has given to us in Israel is expanding. In that expansion, more opportunities are presented to us to help other, but in the process this adds greater pressure and time commitments on Gene, our only paid staff. We must consider adding additional staff members in Israel because Gene is maxed out and we need to take some things off his plate this next year.

Here is how you can help expand the work without great expense. Check one or more on the Response Form:

1. Consider an extra gift to RESCUE Israel before the end of the year.
2. Consider increasing your monthly gift amount.
3. Consider becoming a pledge donor.
4. Consider giving a significant large gift if you are able.
5. Consider asking for brochures (we will send them to you on request) which you can hand out to friends and tell them about this work in Israel
6. Consider working with me to establish meetings and contacts with churches, business leaders and interested individuals in you area. Check the appropriate box on the Response form or email at george@rescueisrael.org.
7. Consider joining a webinar session which we want to start here after the first of the year. In these webinar (internet) sessions we invite you to hear first hand about the work and be able to ask questions of Gene, board members and myself about the work in Israel. This would be a good way to introduce others to this ministry.
8. Consider being a Prayer Partner with this ministry.

Donations can be made to RESCUE Israel by going to www.rescueisrael.org and clicking on the “Donate Now” button. You can donate by sending a check to our physical address, donate using “echeck” which cost RESCUE Israel nothing, donate by “credit card” or “PayPal” and there are fees charged to our account for these transactions.

Thank you.