



June 2007 Newsletter

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The work of Rescue is about Hope! I don't know about you, but all around me I see hopelessness: a mother with her children fleeing abuse and no where to turn, the homeless veteran who believes he has been forgotten, the addict who believes there is no way out and the family living on the street who believes on one cares.

These individuals are found around the world and, yes, even in Israel. Many have said to me, "George, Israel is the Promised Land, it's God's land—there can't be homelessness there!"

In a recent report from the Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics, volume 37, Issue 2, Pages 147-155 (September 2003) entitled, "Characterizing the elderly homeless: a 10 year study in Israel": In Tel Aviv they found Ninety-eight subjects of the 2567 homeless persons contacted were elderly (over 65).

It is into this scene that God has raised up RESCUE Israel to take the work of Rescue into Israel and to reach out to the homeless and addicted in Israel.

The bottom line—your participation helps bring help and hope to these individuals.

A recent article by Ben Stein, "Emmy Award-nominated American Lawyer, law professor, actor, comedian, game show host, former White House speechwriter", journalist was entitled "How Can Someone Who Lives in Insane Luxury Be a Star in Today's World."

Ben Stein speaks of Hollywood stars and the famous and wealthy as no longer "heroes to me any longer." His heroes are now the soldiers who lay down their lives and the police, orderlies and paramedics, firemen and others who give of themselves. He says, "*I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters. This is my highest and best use as a human.*"

As I read this article my thoughts turned to you: Your willingness to give so others might find help and hope is so appreciated.

This newsletter is more about what I want to call "**Team Rescue**" than about the need. We know the need is great but the question is "how do we address the need?" As you know or will come to know, I often focus on the "team" God has put together to accomplish this work. Without this team, no one of us individually can bring help and hope to those in need in Israel on the scale that is needed.

"Team Rescue"

Our first team member is God. In fact He is the one who has put this team together. It's amazing to me that He desires to partner with us in His work of redemption—but He does! Additionally, we have no desire to work apart from Him. The work of Rescue is about meeting the needs of the entire person which includes their spiritual needs.

God has shown His great heart for those in need: In Deuteronomy 15 we see a precise picture of God's

heart. Moses reminds us the “poor we will always have with us.” Often times we stop there and fail to read the remaining verse where God says, “*therefore I command you to open up your hand to your needy brother.*” Thank you God for caring for each of us poor and needy individuals.

To our Prayer Partners: We recognize there is an intense spiritual battle. The enemy does not want to see this work progress but by your prayers, not only does the work progress, but lives are changed and hope is found. Thank you for helping wage the battle through prayer.

To our Donors: Because you give, many are being helped. In a land where poverty approaches 30%, there is a great need just to provide good nutritious meals. The need for godly shelters and addiction recovery programs are part of our goals for the next few years. Your contributions are helping to do accomplish these goals.

To our volunteers: Your gifts of love and care demonstrate in practical ways the heart and love of God. Thank you for giving unselfishly of your time and resources.

To Pastor Avi Mizrachi and Congregation Adonai Roi in Tel Aviv: Thank you for the strategic role you have played these past 2 years in helping establish the work of Rescue in Tel Aviv.

The building that housed Adonai Roi and other congregations was sold in March 2007 and we had to relocate our feeding program. Thank you Pastor Steven Apple and Calvary Fellowship Tel Aviv for allowing us to continue our feeding program through your kitchen until we find our own facility.

To our boards here in the U.S. and Israel: We are grateful for your labor of love in raising up this work to the glory of our God.

To the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) and retiring Executive Director Steve Burger and his staff: Thank you for your contribution in helping get the work of Rescue started in Israel. Your acceptance of RESCUE Israel as an Expansion Ministry of AGRM is of great help as well.

To Rev. Herb Pfiffner and Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission: You continue to provide support and encouragement in this work. Herb became my mentor when God led me to start the Olympia Union Gospel Mission in 1995. He continues to be my mentor and good friend in our work in Israel.

This list could continue with individuals here in America and in Israel and other AGRM missions that are part of this team. To each member of **Team Rescue**, thank you for your prayers and your support which are bringing help and hope to so many.

May God grant you the richness of His Shalom (Peace) and of His favor because you care for Israel.

George Wehnes
Executive Director

P.S. Your support is needed for this work to continue and expand it under God’s leading.

P.P.S. In addition, we need your help in expanding **Team Rescue**. Tell your friends about what God is doing through this work of compassion. Help us schedule presentations in your congregation or church. We also invite your input: thoughts and ideas.

Emails: If you have or use email, please read the following:

Today many use email for much of their correspondence and communications. At RESCUE Israel we recognize the need to be more involved with email communications. Last month we sent out the first e-Newsletter and will continue to do so in the future along with other communications. Everyone: email or regular mail will receive the same communications unless you request otherwise.

At least for now, email communications are more cost effective than regular mail. The recent increase in postage makes a significant impact on our budget. If you would like to receive our eNewsletter and other email communications, including your contribution receipt by email, please return this insert to us with your email address on the other side. We are not currently (hopefully soon) set up to receive your email addresses on-line.

At a recent conference we were told that we must now have explicit permission by email recipients for us to use their email. So, even if we have your email address, we need to have you return this insert. That way we will know specifically that you have given us permission.

If you have spam blockers, please allow email from george@rescueisrael.org to come through. We will only use this email address for emails regarding RESCUE Israel. NOTE our commitment to you on the other side.

Emails continued:

I (We) _____ provide RESCUE Israel with the following email to be used as indicated below:

Email Address: _____

For all RESCUE Israel email communications (this will include the eNewsletter, prayer needs and request, updates on Israel and other matters pertaining to RESUCE Israel and our work in Israel.)

Send me (us) any contribution receipts by email

For eNewsletters only

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Contributions to RESCUE Israel:

In an effort to provide the best possible service to you our donors, we want you to know that RESCUE Israel has a secure website whereby you can make contributions to us over the Internet. By going to our website at www.rescueisrael.org and clicking on "Donate Now" you can make your donations through our bank or through "Pay Pal." This applies to International Donors as well as those within the U.S.

These donations can be set to a one time donation or an automatic contribution at specific times designated by you.

Also, some donors currently use their on-line banking to make donations to RESCUE Israel.

However you make your donation, You will always receive a receipt within 10 days of our receiving your donation unless you designate otherwise. If you ask for a receipt but do not receive it please let us know.

Please note: there are times when a donor will send in a donation and not include a return address. In the past, we have received from the Post Office an empty donation envelope or a donation envelope that was partially destroyed by Post Office equipment. Most of these incidents we have been able to contact the donor because there was a return address.

We have had occasions where there was no return address on an empty or damaged donation envelope and we have thus not been able to contact the donor.

If you do not want a receipt with every donation and you use your cancelled check as your receipt, please let us know. Some of our donors use their cancelled check or on-line receipt and have requested not to receive a receipt from us. Others want only a year end receipt for their tax purposes. This saves us the cost of postage.

Please return this insert to let us know your desires regarding your donations:

Your Name and Donor ID (found on your last receipt):

Please send me a receipt with every donation. Note: we will not send you a year end receipt because each receipt shows your total donation for the year. The last receipt received for the year can be your tax donation receipt.

Please only send me a year end receipt.

Sent my receipt by email at this email address:

Do not send a donation receipt.