

## Transformation comes by the Power and Grace of Almighty God



This is Michael. He joined us for something to eat on a cold evening in mid March 2011 near where the homeless, addicts and prostitutes live (the picture below on the right.) This area is a rat infested slum area of Tel Aviv. Michael is intoxicated and he was wearing a hospital bracelet.

Our team ministered to him as best we could. Remember Michael in your prayers that God will one day make changes in his life—like Victor who follows in our story.

Our director Gene says that in June 2010 Victor looked like Michael above. Through our feeding program Victor had gotten to know Gene. Like so many on the street, they find themselves in the hospital emergency room on a regular basis.

One day Gene received a call from Victor. He had just gotten out of the hospital and was tired and did not want to go back on the street.



Today, April 2011 Victor is clean and sober and a servant of Yeshua the Messiah. The contrast we see on the next page shows a life changed from the ravages of sin and addiction to a new life. Victor is in our recovery program and making good progress with a wonderful testimony of God's love and grace (you will read it later). There is much work yet to be done with Victor.

Gene tells us that Victor remains in our recovery program because he wants to make sure the issues of the past are healed and his addiction to alcohol is fully brought under the power and healing of God.

Victor has made restitution and healing has taken place between he and his wife and his children

who all live in the Tel Aviv area.

The pictures you see here are of Victor (no longer like Michael) serving during one of our meal times for the people on the street. It was fun to watch Victor busy serving the needs of others. He was constantly on the go.

Gene tells us that Victor is so grateful for the help he has received, he wants to stay and work with us when he graduates. He want to serve the poor and the addicted and help reach others like himself.

Here is Victor's testimony in his words: *My name Victor Mohov.*

*I was born in the Ukraine in 1952. I lived in a good family. When I was a little boy my grandmother would talk to me about the Orthodox Church she went to. I finished high school in 1969 and then was recruited into the army. After demobilization from the army I received an officers rank.*

*I met Nataly who soon became my wife. We have two children a boy Slava and a girl Marina. I lived in an atheist country and I was also a secretary (like a manager) of a youth communist organization and I was part of the communist party in the factory where I was manager. God was removed from everything so I would never think about him.*



*We had everything we need (2 houses, a car and farm animals). But after the Soviet Union collapsed, we did not receive a salary it became impossible to live. My wife's (Natali) father lived in Israel, and in 2000 we decided to move to Israel. We came to Israel as a big family, my wife and I, our son with his wife and daughter and my daughter with her husband. Now my children live very good. They have everything they need. I'm very grateful to God for what he has done for us.*



*Our first years in Israel were pretty hard, but also here God helped us. I received a good job and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year living in Israel blessings increased. Everything was OK until I decide to visit our previous place in Ukraine. When I landed there I met many old friends and all of those meetings included alcohol. When I returned to Israel I continued to use alcohol but my wife didn't recognize it. Sometime I would drink at work but did not lose my job.*

*I visited my children whom I love very much. But then I begun to drink every day and I lost my job and the place where I lived. Eventually I became homeless with the same companions I had from the past and I became a dirty filthy animal. I began begging on the*



*street. I lost my dignity, begging everywhere, rummaging through trash containers for food and even drank from pools. Many times I lost consciousness from my alcohol and people would call the ambulance for me.*

*There were times when my legs would not work and my head would spin for days. In the hospital I would receive injections to help me. I was becoming aware that I could not continue living this way. God had not abandoned me and through social workers in the hospital, I was able to contact Gene.*

*Gene took me into the program where I am today. When Gene picked me up I was dirty filthy, had not shaved for months and was physically and morally dead. In the program I was introduced to the Word of God and a new life in Yeshua.*

*I am so thankful for RESCUE Israel/Ohel Avraham and all my teachers who teach our classes and give me understanding of the Truth.*

*I am so thankful that I know God and know that He has never left me or forgotten me. And, I am thankful for all of you who pray for me and the men in the program and help us find a new life. Praise the Lord. Amen”*

*I am reminded of the scripture in Isaiah 58: 7 “Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”*

*Yeshua in Luke 4:18 quotes from Isaiah 61: 1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...2...to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.*

**Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and in your financial support which allows the God of Israel to work in the lives of those whose who are so broken.**

**George Wehnes**

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**Men's Recovery: the men are learning English by studying the Bible.**