

Shalom

We Have Another First

“First Things” are many times good things and things we remember all of our lives like a first love, a first job, a first car and the list could go on and on.

In the work God has given us among the homeless and addicted in Israel we have had wonderful “first” things: our first board of Jews, Arabs and Russian believers, our first soup kitchen, our first person accepting Yeshua, Jesus as their Savior and our first men’s transformation shelter.



Thank you for being part of the team helping make a difference in the lives of the hurting in Israel—like Sasha.

Gene, our director in Israel shares about Sasha:

“Dear friends:

I’m very glad to celebrate with you, our first family reconciliation from our men’s transformation program.

As many of you may remember we started housing people in our long term program in Tel Aviv – Jaffa just over a year ago. We currently have 11 men in the program.

Sasha was one of the first students who came to us because of his alcohol addiction. It was not long after this that he opened his heart to the Lord Yeshua. In the beginning he was depressed because his wife Anna had sent him an announcement by her attorney that their divorce process was almost finished. All he needed to do was sign the documents and return them.

He shared this during one of his individual counseling sessions with me. He told me that he and Anna and their boys had been separated now for over four years. He said he was accepting the divorce as ‘fact in his life and he needed to start thinking what to do now.’ We prayed about it because nothing is impossible with God.

It was not long after this that he contacted Anna by phone but she didn’t want to talk with him. He simply asked her for permission to call her at another time. It was from this time she began to notice that changes were happening with Sasha. As time went on she stopped the divorce process.

Now Sasha and Anna have reconciled with each other. Sasha has rented an apartment in the greater Tel Aviv area. Anna and their two boys currently live in Haifa. They will join Sasha here in Tel Aviv in the middle of November and they will again be a family – this time living as

a family with Yeshua in their lives.

New life has come for Sasha and his family. Sasha has been employed now for more than three months. Pray that Anna will also be able to find a job and they can find a school for the boys to attend.

They need your prayers; Sasha is accepting his responsibility for his life and his family. It will be hard, but God is great and faithful.

We are going to have “Celebration Recovery” meeting when his family moves into our area.

Thank you for believing with us that God works miracles in the lives of the least, the last and the lost.

Blessings

Gene”

The call of Almighty God through RESCUE Israel and Ohel Avraham is what you have just read—lives being brought into the Kingdom of God; lives being transformed by His power, reconciliation taking place between individuals and their families and loved ones, and society being made a better place.

I mention this often and never tire of it because people always want to pass complements along to us and the team in Israel for this work— BUT, the team is us, you and I and the team in Israel working together to “Bring the homeless into the Kingdom.”

Because YOU care enough to pray and to give, Sasha is not only in the Kingdom, he has reconciled with his wife and they are joining again together as a family. This could not happen without our Lord and the team working together.

**THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THIS TEAM THAT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE—
NOT ONLY IN THE LIFE OF THE ADDICT BUT IN THE LIFE OF HIS FAMILY.**

2011 is fast approaching and we are looking to 2011 to expand the work God has given to us to do in Israel. We need your help so we can see more of the homeless in Israel come into the Kingdom.

The first expansion that is critical is to bring an additional staff member on to help Gene. Gene is currently looking, but finding someone with some experience is difficult. Please pray that God will bring the right person to us along with the funds needed.

Please read the following carefully as to how you can further help this ministry grow:

**Here is an idea you can pray about: Jamie and Ruth from the Ohio area support this ministry with great care. They have taken it upon themselves to put together meetings in their area with

pastors and messianic leaders about our work in Israel. Harriet and I just returned from a visit with them and were able to share with those they put us in contact with.

John and Toni are doing the same thing for RESCUE Israel in California.

God is using this to introduce the work of Rescue in Israel with more and more people and the support is growing because of their faithfulness.

If this is something you would like to discuss with me about doing in your area, please indicate in the place provided on the “response form” attached.

**Others of you have requested brochures to give out to friends and to introduce their pastor to the work. On the “response form” there is a place to request brochures. Please fill this out if you would like brochures sent to you.

**After the first of the year, 2011 we are going to have a webinar. You could invite friends to join in this new form of communications. In this webinar we will have Gene our director from Israel join us along with other guests. This will be a time of hearing more about the work, hearing from Gene and others. If you would be interested in the webinar, please indicate on the back of the ‘response form.’”

December Newsletter:

In our December newsletter we are going to give you information and details about how the work of Rescue in Israel is helping the believers and the volunteers.

Our focus in our newsletters has been on what God is doing with the homeless, addicted and the prostitutes and we are so pleased that this work is helping them. But there is another group—our volunteers in Israel who are growing in their walk with the Lord in wonderful ways. Your support in prayer and giving is impacting many lives for the Kingdom.

Cut here to send in response form

Prayer support:

Please keep the believers in Israel in your prayers. I am sure you all do, but here is one specific that you need to know about: *“The historic Jerusalem Alliance Church on Prophets Street in downtown Jerusalem suffered a serious fire last week (end of October 2010). Detractors believe it was set by Jews intent on running Christians out of town. Ten church staff had to be evacuated as the fire began to spread in the basement area of the building just after midnight last Friday. At least three staff members were treated for smoke inhalation...Orthodox attacks on perceived “missionary” elements in Israel have escalated in recent years though they usually target Messianic Jews. (Israel Today)”*

“Outgoing Military Intelligence chief Amos Yadlin warned that Israel's next war would be fought on several fronts - causing far heavier damage and casualties than recent conflicts in Lebanon and Gaza. Israel is currently enjoying a period of relative quiet, he said, but its enemies are rearming and now pose the greatest threat to the country since the 1970s. According to Yadlin, Syria presents a greater military obstacle to Israel than at any time in the past three decades. He also warned of a growing threat from the Iranian nuclear program, saying Iran now had enough highly enriched uranium to build a bomb.” (Ha'aretz)

Here are some websites, if you don't know them, you might find valuable regarding Israel:

<http://www.debka.com/>; <http://www.haaretz.com/>; <http://www.israeltoday.co.il/>

May you be blessed and enjoy the Shalom of Almighty God because you care for Israel

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