



September 30, 2011

Dear Friends:

Rather than the usual newsletter this month, I wanted to share from our heart to yours what your partnership means in the work Almighty God has given us to do in Israel.

October is a significant month in this unfolding ministry. In October 2007 Gene, our director in Israel finished his training in the U.S. and returned to Israel to take up the work. In October 2009 we began the process of establishing our first men's recovery shelter which then was opened in January 2010.

In October 2010, the Lord God began to stir in the heart of Sasha a desire to get on with his life. He had come into our men's recovery program in January 2010 and Lord God had transformed his life. His wife Anna wanted a divorce, but Gene was not ready for Sasha to let go and encouraged him to let God work. In our November 2010 newsletter we shared the story of how God had brought reconciliation to Sasha and Anna and in December 2010 they were reunited as a couple and we give the Lord God praise.

During this time Gene had also become acquainted with a young couple, Anton and Sonia who had been homeless on the streets of Tel Aviv since they were 13. Now at 21 through our feeding program Gene had gotten to know them and January 2011 led them to the Lord and we reported on them in our February 2011 newsletter. In March 2011 they dedicated their baby Eva to the Lord.

Now, in October 2011 we look back and see the hand of the Almighty God at work through this ministry, of which you are a part of.

Many of you have been with us from the beginning, believing in the work the Lord God had given us to do. Others of you have joined us along the way. Together your partnership with us over these years has brought us to this place – a place of rejoicing over what God is doing in saving lives.

Your faithfulness to this ministry is making a profound difference in individuals and families in Israel. We want you to know how grateful we are for you – helping provide solutions to the human tragedy of homelessness, addiction and prostitution. In the words of one mission here in the U.S. you are helping to rescue the homeless, provide recovery from addictions and the restoration of life, dignity and family.

In addition, the believers in the land are being blessed as they participate with Ohel Avraham.

Neriyah is one of those believers. He was one of the founding board members in 2006 of Ohel Avraham, which is the arm of RESCUE Israel that is carrying out the work Rescue in Israel.

Before we met him Neriyah had become very ill from kidney failure and had received a kidney transplant and was doing well.

Early this year, 2011 the doctor's reported that his body was rejecting the transplanted kidneys and they gave him no chance of survival. Today, he is in the hospital in critical condition and not expected to live. Please keep him and his family – his wife and 6 small children in your prayers.

Recently Neriyah sent out an email which read in part:

Shalom Dear Brothers...

It is so wonderful to serve with you in Ohel Avraham, for the last two years we learned so much. Also praise God for Tom Hess who brought us together in the morning prayer meetings, so the fruit of those meetings is the service that we do together in Ohel Avraham. It is a wonderful testimony to the world that Jewish and Arab believers are together serving in unity.

So we learned so much how to manage the board of directors of Ohel Avraham so we can use our knowledge to manage another institution that comes up in these days....

Love in Yeshua

Neriyah

One of the great blessings that has come from the ministry of Rescue is that which Neriyah refers to as the “*testimony to the world that Jewish and Arab believers are together serving in unity.*”

You and I will never know – until we join our Lord in eternity, the impact made in the lives of many in the Land of Israel through this ministry.

As we move into the fall of 2011, to the festivals of the Lord, to Thanksgiving and the celebration of the birth of our Messiah, please know that you are helping make a vital and significant difference in the Land of Israel.

Thank you so much and may Lord God bless you and keep you.

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