

Shalom:

**AN UNANTICIPATED BLESSING**

The work of RESCUE Israel/Ohel Avraham continues in Israel, reaching out to the homeless, the addicted, the prostitutes and the poor. We will come back to them in our next Newsletter.

This October Newsletter - “**An Unanticipated Blessing**” takes a special look at what God is doing to bring believers together through the work of Rescue. This will be emphasized by a letter below from Gene, our director in Israel. It is exciting and I believe timely.



In recent months, we have been seeing reports that persecution is on the rise in Israel against believers. Thus, we take every effort to protect our brothers and sisters in Yeshua, Jesus the Christ, in the land of Israel by not publishing personal details.

When we refer to the word “Rescue” we are referring not just to work done with the homeless, poor and addicted but also to those who labor in the work. Our work in Israel is not being done by any one congregation, church or denomination but by believers from many congregations and churches.

Yeshua prayed in John 17 for the unity of believers so that the world would know that He has come. The work of Rescue does a great job of bringing believers together from many doctrinal backgrounds and church beliefs to do two things: (1) demonstrate the love of God in practical ways and (2) share the Good News of the Gospel of our Messiah.

If you visit Union Gospel Missions, City Mission, Rescue Missions in the U.S. you will find workers and volunteers from Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, Assemblies, Catholic, Community, Non-denominational, Calvary, Messianic and many, many other churches and congregations.

In Israel we are seeing God do a wonderful work among believers. The work of Rescue is playing a vital role in bringing believers together in compassionate work. Your donations and your prayers are helping to do something that God has desired to see happen over the ages.

Reuven Doron, writing in his book “One New Man,” looks at the conflicts between Jews and Gentiles over the centuries and the responsibility both share in this conflict. He says on page 25, “Therefore, as an Israelite myself, Jewish by birth and a native of the land of Israel, I ask forgiveness of the people of God for our failures.”

In chapter 3 he says, “As we prayerfully look into the unfolding drama of Israel, the maturing church, and the coming together of the two, we face, by necessity, the deepest, widest, and most ancient of schisms in the fabric of humanity. There has never been a more severe separation with such devastating results than the one between Jew and Gentile.”

He goes on to talk about God's plan for reconciliation between the Jews and Gentiles and he says, "The drawing together of both Jew and Gentile into the one new man company is the harbinger of the age that is to come."

Later in his book Ruven talks of the recent history of the Jewish people as they "returned to Israel and the momentum during the late 1800s and the early 1900s." He recounts the "rise of the state of Israel and God fulfilling his covenant to return the Jewish people to their land. He talks of Christian missions during these days doing a good work with little fruit."

Then in the 1970 he says a "new grace and fresh anointing were granted us in Israel. This anointing was for the purpose of establishing local Israel congregations and defining their character and vision. Instead of foreign missions and denominational workers the Spirit was now calling forth the local indigenous body..."

"These young congregations (which now numbers over 100 and grooving) fully realize that they are first fruits, standing in faith and in warfare on behalf of the rest of the harvest..."

"The encouragement and enablement from the church toward the Israeli brethren must be expressed through intercession, travail and financial support for the saints. The growing body of believers in Israel is at the eye of the greatest spiritual 'hurricane' our world will ever know."

When we started RESCUE Israel we had 2 goals: 1) establish the work of Rescue, knowing this would bring believers together to help the poor and needy, and 2) raise up indigenous leaders to minister to their own people.

Today, the work of Rescue in Israel sees believers: Jew, Arab, Russian, American and others, all working together to reach out to Israel's most needy.

Through the centuries the conflict between Jews and Arabs (Palestinians) has been and still is a serious problem. In addition to this conflict there is much hostility between Russians and Arabs.

Praise God, these conflicts are dissolving and reconciliation is taking place between believers from various people groups, and the work of Rescue is one of the groups helping bring this about. We give God praise for what he is doing in these days in Israel.

Here is Gene's letter:

*"It is amazing to see what God is doing every day. For those of us who came from the former USSR, we remember a time when we lived under the Iron Curtain with the knowledge that the US wanted to destroy our happy life in the Socialist Republic. We were brainwashed and considered Americans as an enemies.*

*After we came to Israel we were confronted with Muslim fundamentalism. For the common people, there is a connection with the Arab nation.*

*But God destroys these stereotypes through His love to the whole world. Paul says in Ephesians 2: 11-22 that God destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,*

*and made us one. He gave us genuine love for former enemies, for the world views this is impossible, but in God everything is possible.*

*I praise the Lord for the privilege to serve in Ohel Avraham and Rescue Israel ministry. God has allowed me to meet dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: Arabs, Americans, Germans, Swiss, Spanish, Japanese and others with different backgrounds and culture. God made us one. Wow! This is fulfilling the Lord's prayer in John 17:20-21 and, most important, that's why the world may believe that Yeshua is Messiah! What a wonderful prophecy and commandment for us. If we have genuine God's love to each other, the whole world, all nations will believe in God. Amazing!*

*Recently two congregations, Russian and Arab, met to worship, hear the word, share a meal and enjoy fellowship between two completely different nations who are now one in Jesus Christ—former enemies loving each other.*

*Many of these people serve in Ohel Avraham as volunteers. They help prepare and serve food to the needy and poor in Tel Aviv. They are showing the love of God to these people; bringing hope and light to those who are lost and living in darkness.”*

In August 2008 RESCUE Israel sent Gene to England for training in the “Genesis Process.” This is a relapse prevention program to help those with addictions identify the triggers that lead to relapse. The Genesis Process is used widely in Rescue Missions around the United States.

Gene continues in his letter:

*“Also I am grateful to everybody who helped me receive the Genesis training course in England. I received some powerful tools for counseling those wanting to be free from the addiction to drugs and/or alcohol. Until we have our own facility, I have begun to counsel a man from a Russian rehab center here in Tel Aviv.* **Continued back side**



**YES**, George, here is my contribution to help bring believers together to do the work of Rescue in Israel.

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*God is using this training to produce good results. Many changes are happening with this man. He has become more patient and is beginning to understand what led him to his sins and coping behavior. Now his Bible looks like it's ten years old because he reads it more. I now have another man who wants to enroll in the Genesis Process. So, please, pray for this work and also for our own facility for recovery.*

*Dear friends, your prayers and finances are vital for our mutual work in the Land of Israel. May God richly bless you!*

*Gene”*

Gene is currently looking for a facility we can lease where we can house men desiring to change their lives and become free from their addictions. Please pray with us that we will find the facility God wants us to have and for the finances to support this additional work.



George Wehnes  
Founder & Executive Director  
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P.S. Thank you again for your continued and faithful support. Remember our team working with Ohel Avraham in Israel and pray for the believers as they face opposition. Pray that their lives will shine brightly in the darkness that invades Israel and that many will come to faith in these days.

We pray for you as well. Many of you send us your prayer requests and we honor those. We know these are difficult days in our world, but our God is abundant and faithful. May you be blessed because of your care and concern for Israel and her people.

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