

## Five Year Anniversary Edition



It's hard to believe—five years: this humble logo of January 2005 was the logo used to launch RESCUE Israel. Our current trademark logo above reflects our progress from building relationship with pastors and church leaders in Israel to the hiring of a director and now to the opening of our first men's shelter which is in the process as we speak.

This New Year brings many thoughts: thoughts of the past year and its accomplishments or not and thoughts of a New Year with it's hopes and dreams. For most of us this process is somewhat a pattern for life—**for the homeless**, the people who live on the streets, the drug addicts, the prostitutes, its one day at a time, no thought for tomorrow—**just survive today**.

There is a deeper meaning to all this than the changing of a logo. As we look back and see what God has done, we look forward to 2010 and it's prospects as God leads. Let me share the essence of two songs that to me tell the story of Rescue—the work God has given us to do in Israel in brining help and hope to the homeless.

Fanny Crosby, blinded from her early youth, yet used mightily of God wrote many of the old Gospel songs that are still precious today. When she was in her 60's, she would go to the local men's shelter. With her nose would find the man who smelled the worst and would sit next to him and share the love of God.

Out of her many experiences she wrote the song, "Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb...His child and forever I am"

Ray Boltz wrote the song "Thank you for giving to the Lord." The chorus reads, "Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave."

Hear Ilana's story as it reflect the deep meaning of these songs and the call of Rescue. Your prayers and your finances are helping bring all this about. "Thank you for giving to the Lord..."



**Ilana (NOT PICTURE HERE) was a prostitute in Tel Aviv when she came in contact with our team:** Gene our director shares—"During a recent feeding (December 2009) in Tel Aviv near the Central Bus Station a beautiful lady approached us. She asked, "Do you remember me?" There was something familiar, but we could not remember. She said "I always remember your songs that you (my wife Lena) sung." "Ilana shouted my Lena, I remember you by your beautiful eyes and I remember your poetry." Ilana was

amazed that she remembered. Ilana said, “Guys, what you are doing is great. You brought me hope and I have been clean for a year and eight months and I attend church.” Then she said, “now I have to go, cause this area reminds me of bad times in my life, I only came to say you thanks and may the Lord bless you.”



Gene continues: “After she went we remembered, ‘she was ugly with bowed back with tousle hair, but beautiful eyes. She always stood with us and listened to the songs that Lena sung with tears in her eyes.’”

Ilana’s testimony greatly encouraged us. We have prayed with many and shared God’s love with them. We feed about 150 people each time, but we care about each person who comes for the meal. Please continue pray about this great work of God that He uses us to His praise.”

### **A life changed because you cared enough to pray and to give.**

Each New Year we look, through the eyes of faith, at the opportunities we will have to share God’s love with the hurting, the homeless, the hopeless.

Last year you helped us meet our expenses. We paid the salary of our director in Israel and fed over 8,000 individuals on the streets of Tel Aviv. In June we begin working with six to eight men in a men’s shelter when the director of that shelter relapsed and we were asked to step in, on a temporary bases. On January 27, 2010 the RESCUE Israel board took steps to make this a permanent work through Ohel Avraham. In the December 2009 Newsletter we read some of the testimonies of the men. In addition, I was able to travel, to advance the work of RESCUE Israel and had the opportunity to meet some of you—what a joy!.

### **For the year 2010 we have established a budget of \$80,000—a step of faith for this growing ministry.**



The writer of Proverbs shares with us, 16:9, “The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.” We have established our plan for 2010 and we have committed it to the Lord to direct.

One of the critical parts to our 2010 budget is the establishment of another paid position (part time) in Israel which is needed as the work has expanded beyond Gene’s ability to handle without burn out.

I ask that as you read this newsletter and look at the picture to the left that you see God’s heart reaching out to the homeless, the addicted, the prostitutes through you and me and the work He has given us to do in Israel. I want you to envision with me those who will come into the Kingdom this year through the work of Rescue and they too will be able to sing, “Redeemed, how I love to pro-

claim it...His child and forever I am”; “I am a life that has been changed...”

Give so the work can grow and expand, touching lives and bringing “the homeless into the Kingdom.”

**I want this picture to represent all the homeless and the alcohol/drug addicts in Israel (this is an actual picture taken by Gene on a sidewalk in Tel Aviv while we are serving the people.)**



Homelessness and alcohol/drug addiction is a growing and serious problem.

It is difficult to obtain current statistics regarding substance abuse in Israel. However, in December 2009 the CIA listed on its website: “increasingly concerned about ecstasy, cocaine, and heroin abuse; drugs arrive in country from Lebanon and, increasingly, from Jordan; money-laundering center.”

From the Alcohol and Drug History Society website: “Israel is now second only to Russia in per capita consumption of vodka.”

In an address to the Anti Drugs Authority in Tel Aviv on December 3, 2006, acting Prime Minister Olmert said “You heard the statistics: there are 300,000, some even say 350,000, drug users in the State of Israel. There are 20,000 to 25,000 addicts – what we call hard users. “

The call of the Lord God in our work is to see many of these folks come to faith and live a life free of the bondage of sin.



**YES**, George, here is my contribution to help see lives redeemed from the ravages of sin and destructive behavior.

\$10.00  \$25.00  \$50.00  \$100.00

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**As we work, pray and give,  
we know God will call  
many into His Kingdom**

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My prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that donations to RESCUE Israel can be made on-line at [www.rescueisrael.org](http://www.rescueisrael.org) and click on the “Donate Now” button or donations can be made through your local bank Bill Pay service

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## Prostitution is a growing problem in Israel.

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women website states that prostitution in Israel is a growing problem.

The non-profit Israel Women's Network estimates that 70% of prostituted women in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial center, come from the former Soviet republics, and that about 1,000 women are brought into Israel illegally each year.

Our team in Israel meets many of these women during our time of providing meals on the streets of Tel Aviv. We have the opportunity to pray with many of them. We have no competent, safe place to put those who want to get free from their slavery.

However, God is not limited to a place when His love is shown as it is by our team in Israel. As we reported earlier regarding Ilina. Gene said there was not a dry eye amongst the volunteers who listened to her testimony.

As we look to this year 2010, please see the homeless, the addicted, the prostitute in Israel through the eyes of our Lord and the Songs, "Redeemed" and "I am a life that has been changed."



George Wehnes  
Executive Director

P.S. As you give, as you pray, remember you are helping make a difference in the lives of those in despair; hopeless without intervention in their lives and lost for eternity without the redemption through the love and sacrifice of Yeshua the Messiah.

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### In order for us to better serve you, please check ALL the boxes below that pertain to your desires or interests:

- Join RESCUE Israel pledge program at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  month,  quarter,  year
- I want to leave a living legacy by including RESCUE Israel in my Will. Send me some information on this.
- Send Newsletters as "eNewsletter" by email<sup>1</sup>— My E-mail is address listed on the front of this form
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We would like to raise a good portion of our projected \$80,000 budget for 2010 with this Newsletter. We are asking that the gift associated with this response piece be over and above any regular gift you give. Please consider they type of gift below that you would like to make to recognize our 5 Year Celebration and the lives that are being changed through the work of Rescue is Israel.

Please check one of these boxes and then complete the other side of this response form along with your contribution. "Thank you for giving to the Lord" and remember your prayers and your gifts will help some precious individual proclaim, "I am Redeemed..." and "I am a life that has been changed..." Please check one or more of the following:

- I am making a 5 Year Celebration gift
- I will become a  monthly,  quarterly,  yearly "Pledge Donor"
- I will include RESCUE Israel in my Will/Estate Plan (send me more information on this)

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