

Meeting Needs through solution based ministry

A question is sometimes asked, “how are my contributions being used?”

Answer: they are used to bring solutions from the Word of God which are applied to the needs of the homeless in Israel, helping them become the person God desires for them to be.

The ministry of RESCUE Israel is to fulfill the above answer in the lives of the homeless, addicted and prostitutes in Israel. The picture below and to the left shows the men in our men’s shelter. They are learning English through studying the Bible.



Here one of the men writes out Matthew 6:24, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” After writing the verse, a brief discussion follows as to it’s meaning.



Thank you for helping these men learn what is important in life.

The focus of this newsletter is the application of the principles of God’s love by the men you see above to a rather unique need.

I was at Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission several years ago with the director Herb Pfiffner. We had walked into the men’s shelter and there was a man sweeping the front area of the shelter. Herb said to me, “see that man?” I said “yes” and he said “he is a man with no family and no help or hope for the future. He came into the mission with no place to go. Herb said he was a man with limited mental capabilities and could never hold a job. We took him in, taught him some simple skills and have given him a place to live.

Herb told me, “he will probably die in the mission as he has no other place to go. The mission has become his home and we are his only family.

Many missions find themselves filling this unique role.

The ministry of RESCUE Israel that you support has been given such an assignment.

His name is Alexey (Alex).

His story is told by our director Gene in Tel Aviv. But first let me share what Harriet and I saw in March when we were there.

We had come to the men's shelter to visit with Gene and the men and Alex was there in the living room laying on the couch. Gene shared with us that Alex had just suffered a seizure and the men were taking care of "their friend." Gene said that the men in the shelter know Alex, accept him as he is and they demonstrate such wonderful compassion and support.

Here is his story:



"Alex has lived in Israel for a number of years. He had a family and he was a successful business man. One day several years ago he was involved in a serious automobile accident which almost took his life.

The accident left him with many serious mental and physical health issues, leaving him pretty much an invalid. His family refused to take him in after his recovery. Even his parents refused to accept him.

He became homeless and a beggar. He began to use alcohol. In this condition he found that many were sympathetic and he was able to make enough money to survive. There were those who noticed this and with evil purpose they made him a slave to their schemes. They used him to help make a profit for their selfish purposes.

Several years ago he was taken in by some of the men who formed our current shelter. Several of these men had gone through a recovery program and have taken him in to live with them. Today, Alex comes almost daily to our men's shelter where he is received with compassion and love.

The men in our shelter look after him and when he has a seizure they know how to help him. When we have a trip or picnic we take him also. He doesn't understand much, but he comes to Bible classes and Church meetings."

We have no idea what the future holds for Alex. What we do know is that God is using us to minister into his life and he in turn is ministering into the lives of our men—teaching them to give unselfishly with love and compassion.

Thank you for being part of the solution God has called us to be in the lives of broken and needy individuals in Israel.

George Wehnes