

Shalom

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

What a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the festival of lights and birth of our Messiah.

As we celebrate these most special events we also recognize the end of another calendar year. We look back with joy at the faithfulness of the Lord God Almighty and look forward with hope.

For some of us, it has been a hard year, a year of struggle, a year of challenge and for some a year of loss. Yet through it all He is faithful and we rejoice in His great love, care and mercy.

At RESCUE Israel we also rejoice in you and your care and love for Israel and her most needy citizens.

We look back over this year and rejoice in lives changed and brought into the Kingdom; lives changed and families restored, and lives changed and hope restored.

As you read Pasha's story below, remember that his story is in part your story: your gifts of prayer and finances allow us to have staff and facilities where men like Pasha can come and through the power, mercy and grace of Almighty God, find new life.

### **Thank you for helping make this happen**



*“Hi, my name is Pasha.*

*I have been addicted to drugs and alcohol for many years, including addition to methadone. I lived on the streets of Tel Aviv for 2 1/2 years. I was told about the feeding that believers are doing here in Tel Aviv. There I met there Neriyah, one of the Board members of Ohel Avraham. He invited me to join their men's recovery program.*

*I didn't go immediately but continued living on the street. But then I got epilepsy from my use of alcohol. I had seizures 6-7 times a day. The guys who were with me on street told me that I needed serious help. Again I went to where Ohel Avraham's people were serving meals, and Neriyah sent me to the recovery house.*

*Through our classes, reading the Bible and counseling, along with the warm attitude of the people around me, I found many changes taking place: healing and ability to read and understand (my brain was completely destroyed using methadone).*

*After about a half a year I felt good and I relapsed and was back living on the street. I spent two months on the street and again I was very sick. In an altercation, I was cut from my throat to my stomach. I was laying in a pool of blood, and some people brought me to the hospital, where I went through many surgeries.*

*I came back to the men's recovery shelter where I now live. I now understand that only with God and His people can I find refuge and help.*

*I am working and attending a local congregation in Tel Aviv. I have taken care of all my financial debts.*

*My relationship with all my family was ruined because of the life I was living. However, in my new life, God has restored our relationship. My mama visited me this summer from the Ukraine, and with her, we visited all my relatives here in Israel and restoration took place with all of them.*

*God is my hope, and I plan to live for Him. With His help I want to find a spouse, and together we will live for God."*

Pasha lives today to serve Yeshua (Jesus) our Messiah through the help you have given. Our goal for 2012 is to add our first staff person in the men's shelter. Gene is buried with work, and we have grown to the point where we need to make this addition.

In the later half of 2013 our goal is to open a women's shelter. The picture on the right is of a prostitute that we were able to witness to and give her a Bible and some material for her to read.

We need your help to do this by finding additional donors. If you would like some printed material to give to friends, please indicate on the attached response form in the area designated.

In addition, if you are able to increase your donations, either in monthly or pledge giving or increasing the amount you give to RESCUE Israel, that would be helpful as well.



May the Lord richly bless you and keep you in your service to Him in 2012.

George Wehnes  
Executive Director  
RESCUE Israel

## A message from Gene in Tel

*Dear friends.*

*Here at the end of 2011, I have the privilege of saying a BIG thanks to each of you.*

*Looking back over 2011, I acknowledge how blessed we are and how much God has done for us. In the early beginnings of this ministry we had very little, but now we have two apartments with 10 men in our recovery program.*

*When we started we had only a budget for a few months, but WE are still here, praise God.*

*We have graduated men from the program who are living for the Lord and are restored to their families. Now some of them lead home groups, and a few are involved in out-reach programs with feeding and teaching people.*

*We are also seeing various ministries working together with Ohel Avraham: believers - Jews, Arabs and Russians working together in these ministries - reaching out to the poor and needy in our land.*

*We are now planning for an additional staff member and a shelter for women.*

*All of this because of you, our dear faithful friends*

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You have stayed with us on the frontline in the battle against homelessness and addiction.*

*Again I want to say thank you and wish you the richest blessing from our God.*

*Gene Michaely*



YES, George, here is my celebration gift for what the Lord is doing in Israel for the homeless and the addicted.



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

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