

Dear Friends:

At this Passover and Easter season we celebrate—the demonstrated power of Almighty God in the lives of people. Lives that are bound, broken and hopeless are transformed by His resurrection power.

We are thankful that at this time of the year, you are one of the people who cares. Through the work that the Lord has given us to do in Israel among the homeless, it does not take much to make a big difference.



You make it possible for RESCUE Israel/Ohel Avraham to impact the lives of so many: a friend who cares, a warm meal, and a place to find shelter and help from addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Think of this message for those who will find help and hope because you care: ***“In this city (Tel Aviv), in this place where I live (with addicts, prostitutes, and criminals, whose lives are broken and without hope), ‘My life has been transformed!’”***

Your gift can help someone like Sasha who came for a meal. There he found people who cared, an offer of hope and a helping hand up. Today Sasha is on his way to a new life in our risen Lord. **You will be blessed as you read his testimony—attached.**

RESCUE Israel/Ohel Avraham is a place where people can start over. Everyday we are reaching out and touching lives with the offer of help from homelessness and addiction to a living hope in a loving Lord who gave His life to redeem us from the devastation of sin.

You can help keep Sasha from sinking back into homelessness and a life filled with addiction. Sasha came into our men’s shelter because there was no place to turn and life was a dead end street for him.

We offered him not only meals and a place to stay, counseling and Bible studies, but an opportunity to find purpose in his life and hope for a better tomorrow.

The good news is that Sasha found the support he needed in the men’s shelter, and will soon return to society, living a new life in our resurrected Lord.



If you ever wonder who receives help when you donate, remember Sasha’s story.

Your support makes it possible for us to help more people like Sasha every day.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping see precious lives transformed by the work of Yeshua, Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection.



George Wehnes
Executive Director
RESCUE Israel

P S. We are currently in the process of searching for our first additional staff person to work along side Gene in the men's recovery shelter. Our work is growing along with an increased work load for Gene apart from the shelter. We are trusting the Lord to help us bring in the additional income to make all this possible.

There are several ways you could possibly help:

1. If you are able, increase the amount of your gift when you give.
2. Help us find new donors. We can provide you with brochures which you could give out to others.
3. Set up a presentation meeting with your church, home group or other group. We would work with you and would provide a speaker where possible.
4. See the back of the response form for additional ways you might be able to help.

NOTE: The work that the Lord has given us to do in Israel is expanding and growing. We are adding an additional staff person to help carry the increased load.

In a few months, we will begin the process of planning for a women's shelter in late 2013 or early 2014. Be in prayer with us as we undertake this important next step. Prostitution is a major problem in Israel and little is being done in the way of ministry to help them. We believe the Lord is leading us to undertake the work of establishing a women's shelter for them.

All of this takes increased resources. We are believing that the Lord will provide as we seek to be obedient to Him and follow His leading. Keep us in your prayers through these days.

We need your continued financial support and your help as you are able in finding others who would support this work.

Please go to our website: www.rescueisrael.org, click on "Donate Now" and make your contribution to RESCUE Israel.

I have attached with this eNewsletter a brochure which you are welcome to print off and distribute to others. If you like, I can mail you some as well. Email me at george@rescueisrael.org with your address and I will send you some.

In this letter we referred to Sasha. On the next page you can read his testimony

My name is Sasha. I am 32 years old and was born in Sumy, Ukraine.

My parents divorced when I was child. From very early in my life I've been attracted to bad things. I did poorly in school and begun to smoke marijuana and drink alcohol. At age of 16 I tried handmade heroin. I was not afraid. I wanted to experience new fillings and I liked it. Every time I could get money, I would spend it on drugs and alcohol.

At 17 my mother, my sister and her husband and I immigrated to Germany. There I started to read the Bible and go to church. Soon I was back into worldly things. I had a car and when I found a new job, I moved to big city. With my first pay check, I bought drugs. I was arrested for selling drugs and put in jail for 1.5 years.

After this, I was deported back to the Ukraine. There I continued with drugs. When my money would run out, I switched to alcohol to the point of having delirium tremens. Several times I ended up in a facility for mental patients. I tried to move to Germany again but they would not let me. Being a Jew I decided to move to Israel.

I found a job with accommodations. I had neighbors who drank, so I started drinking again and injecting heroin. It was not long and I became homeless. I tried to find a cure in a private clinic. However, I could only take that for a couple of months, after which I returned to my drugs and alcohol.

I heard about a Rehab center in Haifa. There the Lord started to talk with me through the pages of the Bible. I began to understand eternal things and that we are saved by the grace of God.

After a period of time, I relapsed on drugs and was back on the street. I felt self-condemnation, and the drugs were not giving me satisfaction. I was filled with fear. I had started coming to Ohel Avraham's street ministry where they served food at the Old Central Bus Station. There I met Gene and applied for help.

I have been in the Ohel Avraham men's shelter recovery program now for many months. Every day we study the Bible with the help of volunteer teachers.

We have time for self-education, time to read Christian literature and learn life skills.

Two times a week we participate in our outreach ministry in the Tel Aviv area, ministering to the needy, the homeless, the prostitute and the addicts.

The men's recovery program has helped me to stay strong, "standing on my legs firmly (spiritually) .

I'm grateful to the Lord and the staff of Ohel Avraham for the real help I am receiving and their efforts of sowing of seeds of faith into our hearts.

My prayer, my wish to each of you who read these lines, a solid faith, patient, and love. May God keep you.

Please pray for our recovery program.

Sasha Avruch.