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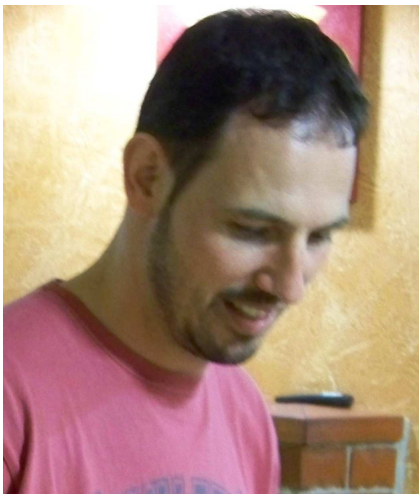
We have entered this year of 2013 excited and encouraged over what the Lord is doing in Israel on many fronts, including what He is doing through RESCUE Israel/Ohel Avraham on the streets of Tel Aviv.

Last year was a year of growth and lives changed by His love and grace. We look forward to what He will do this year.

In July, 2012 we hired Dmitri, our second staff person in Israel. He will be the director of the men's recovery program. From October 16 to December 11 he received eight weeks of training at the Spokane Rescue Mission.

On January 1, 2013 our men's recovery shelter moved into a newer, six bedroom house close to Tel Aviv. It expands our capabilities and adds a greater sense of worth and dignity for the men in recovery. You will see some of the pictures of Dmitri and the men's shelter as you read Dmitri's testimony.

[Here is his testimony:](#)



*I was born in the Ukraine. As an adolescent, I tried to get a feeling of security by joining a teenage gang.*

*When I was 17, my father decided to immigrate to Israel. He and I made the move without my mother and my brother. We went there as 'spies' to check out the Land. Those first years in Israel were very difficult for me because my father and I didn't get along and I had lost all my friends.*

*The immigration was a serious crisis for me. The assimilation process in the new country included learning Hebrew, which I did in a city far from my father, in an attempt to put distance between us. When I finished my Hebrew studies, I went back to live with my father and went to work.*

*At that point, the highlight of my week was the discothèque on Saturdays. This place was not so safe, but I felt comfortable because it reminded me of my gang years in the Ukraine. One day I got in a fight. We set up a meeting outside to fight it out. When I got outside, I saw his gang had come to help him fight. This was a situation that was familiar to me from the past. I knew I would be badly injured or that I would meet God that night. Miraculously, someone I didn't know appeared and convinced the crowd of guys not to join the fight. I fought my rival alone and even won the fight. This guy pursued me for a while and there were several other violent encounters before he finally stopped.*

*One night after the discothèque, I heard a voice saying, "You see where you are going and what the end result will be. You have a choice to keep going or to change direction." I knew that it was God speaking. I had heard about Jesus from my father's friends. From the time I heard*

**New Men's Recovery Shelter**



*God's voice, I stopped going to the discothèque and started going to a local congregation.*

*A few days before enlisting in the army, I was baptized. This was about one year after changing my direction. I served in the army for three years. During that time, I felt God's protection in many dangerous situations. Half a year before the end of my army service, I joined Bible college that had opened a branch for Russian speakers in my town.*

*I was stationed far from home but, by a miracle, I was able to attend all the lessons in that first course. This helped me decide to continue studying in Bible College instead of learning electronics. Many people asked me what these studies would be good for. Practically speaking, they were right. But God had plans for me and I went on to study for a degree in Theology. God has led me in such way that I have been interested in both Messianic Jewish studies (BA in theology, ICB) and psychology (MA in pastoral counseling, ICB).*

*When I was invited to work with the homeless and with the alcohol-and drug-addicted, I could see that God had prepared me for this in answer to my prayers for the application of my studies.*

*God used the time at the college to edify me and build me up as a person and a believer. My faith in and knowledge of God grew during this time and has become a source of personal strength for me. I also met my wife during this period which was a continuation of the blessings I had been experiencing.*

#### **Men's Recovery Living room**



*We have two children and one on the way. When our first baby son was born five years ago we decided to give him a special name, "Dael". In Hebrew "Da" means to know and "El" means God. Putting these two words together produces the name Dael – to know God. My younger daughter Adel was born 3 years ago. Her name in Hebrew means God is Eternal.*

*Our hope for us and for our people that we all truly know our Eternal God.*

*Dmitri*

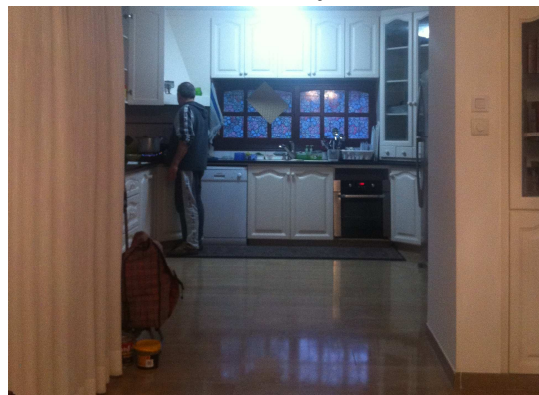
George Wehnes  
Director  
RESCUE Israel

P. S. We are thankful to each of you for your faithfulness to this ministry. May the Lord richly bless you and keep you in His wonderful love and care this year.

Please read the next page, "Finances Summary for 2012 and Challenge for 2013"

*In Memory of: On January 4, 2013 Don Riser, chairman of the Board of RESCUE Israel went home to be with the Lord. Don is remembered first and foremost for his love and care for his wife Joan and their children. Don was a trusted friend and he had a heart as big as anyone I have known. He and Joan cared deeply for the homeless and those who ministered the love of Jesus to them. He is greatly missed.*

#### **Men's Recovery Kitchen**



## **Finances Summary for 2012 and Challenge for 2013**

**2012** saw the Lord bring many blessings through our ministry in Israel. The bottom line of the this ministry is in lives transformed and changed by the power and grace of the Almighty. We have endeavored to give a good account of some of testimonies of lives who have been transformed through our men's recovery shelter this past year. Those testimonies have been reflected in our newsletter.

In addition, we feed twice a week in two different locations in Tel Aviv. This is all we can have do with current staff and volunteers. During 2012 we provided approximately 4000 meals.

Until July, 2012 we had one staff person, Gene our director working with the men in recovery and providing leadership to volunteers and meals served in addition to his administrative duties. In July 2012 we hired Dmitri to be the director of the men's recovery shelter and to help Gene with the our meal program and our volunteers.

The total cost of these programs for 2012 was \$106,325

1. In 2012, RESCUE Israel raised \$67,600. \$63,600 was sent to Ohel Avraham, our ministry team in Israel.
2. In 2012, Ohel Avraham raised \$55,500, some from within Israel, but mostly through giving from nations outside Israel, not including the United States.
3. The total income from both RESCUE Israel and Ohel Avraham was \$123,100.

We give the Lord thanks and praise for His faithful in providing the income needed to accomplish all that we have done this past year. In addition, we say thanks to each of you for your faithfulness through prayer and giving that is making this possible.

**For 2013** we will need to provide a full years salary for Dmitri. In addition, we are trusting the Lord to provide for the hiring and training of a women's shelter director for housing of women, especially the prostitutes we work with. The projected total that will needed in 2013 will be approximately \$145,000.

We need your continued help both in your prayers and your giving. If you are able to increase your giving this year that would help us meet our goal for this year.

The donation form for this newsletter is included. The top portion is for indicting your donation and other information.

**On the bottom portion, there is** information which is helpful to us, **especially** if you would like to have some of our brochures that you can give out to other.

Thank you again for your support. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine on you and give you peace and a wonderful 2013, sometimes in the midst of difficulties, He remains faithful.

Blessings

George Wehnes, Director, RESCUE Israel



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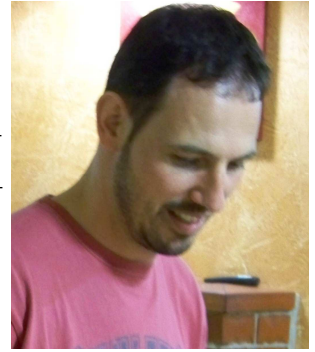
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**As we pray, work, and give,  
we know God will call many  
into His Kingdom**

March 2013  
Newsletter

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