

Fear, uncertainty and a fight for survival. That's the summer of 2014 for the nation of Israel.

I'm writing with the latest news from Tel Aviv so you can effectively pray for this ministry and know how to help.

First of all, the residents in our men's shelter and our staff and families are all safe. Their frequent trips to bomb shelters this summer were unsettling, but there were no injuries or damage to property. God has provided and protected, for which we are so very thankful.



As tensions heated up and missiles were soaring overhead, our staff reports there were many stories of what appears to be God's supernatural intervention in redirecting missiles from Gaza away from populated areas in Israel. We all know Hamas was not aiming for open fields when they fired them! So we give the God of Israel praise for that!

Some have asked how our team survives living under the stress of this situation. As our Director, Gene puts it, "Life goes on." So one day Gene and D'mitri took the men to the Sea of Galilee for a fishing trip. They could see an occasional missile fly overhead and a missile from Israel's Iron Dome would respond and they could see the explosion in the air, but they continued to fish. They all returned safely to the shelter the next day.

Over the past several months we have been in the process of updating our name. With the reality of a war, we realized that our name "Rescue Israel" took on has a different meaning than we intend. So our board has decided to make what would appear to be a minor change in our name. We will now be known as RESCUE In Israel. We believe this name speaks more directly to our mission of rescuing people from addiction, human trafficking and poverty – a battle we are fighting every day.

For the men on the streets or women caught in sex trafficking, there is no cease fire, just a relentless day by day struggle for survival. The devil's grip is relentless and cruel. However, we know that the power of God to heal and restore is even greater.

The plight of the homeless in Tel Aviv is no different than in the USA, except for one thing – ***where do they go for help?*** In the USA, there are many social services and Rescue missions.

But in the entire nation of Israel, RESCUE In Israel is the ***ONLY Rescue Mission!*** We are the only organization in **Tel Aviv** that is sheltering and caring for homeless men, helping them to recover from addiction using proven, spiritually transforming programs.

More than anything else, we are sharing with them the Good News of Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach and His power to redeem. The results are transformed lives – lives that become productive and fruitful. Lives redeemed by a redeemer who restores them to health and hope, and ultimately life everlasting.

Your continued financial help and prayer support is essential. So I ask you to continue to give generously so that we can continue to provide food, shelter and recovery to those caught in the grip of addiction and poverty.

Your gift of \$50, \$75, or \$100 will be used immediately to provide food for the homeless on the streets of Tel Aviv. A gift of \$200 or \$300 will help provide shelter for the homeless who so desperately need a place to find rest and hope.

Your gift will be put to immediate use to provide food, shelter, recovery and the love of God – the God of Israel – the one who is their hope.

Our monthly budget *for* these services is just over \$11,000 to provide for *10 to 12* men in recovery and feed hundreds more through food distribution.

Please help us with a gift now. You can respond now by placing your gift in the enclosed envelope or go to www.rescueisrael.org and click on “Donate Now.”

Thank you and may the Lord bless you for caring for Israel and her most needy citizens.

Bringing hope,



George Wehnes, Founder

P.S. We are the only ministry helping the homeless on the streets of Tel Aviv with shelter and recovery. We work in cooperation with other ministries to provide food to the homeless and the poor. Your gift will demonstrate the love and power of the God of Israel. Please give generously today.

Prayer Requests

The need for a new facility. The facility in Tel Aviv we were using for our feeding and distribution center was closed down because the owner wanted it for other purposes. Here we were feeding between 300 to 500 homeless and poor people a month. In addition we used this as a distribution center where we would receive hundreds of pounds of food which would be packaged by the men in our recovery program and distributed to the needy during the month.

Now we are in the process of locating a new facility where we can continue these activities. **Pray** that God will give us favor with a landlord and the location close to where those we serve live.

Each year as we approach October, we must renew our lease for our 12 bed men's shelter just south of Tel Aviv, Israel. This facility costs us 120,000 Shekels a year or approximately \$33,000 per year. The owner wants to raise the rent on us this year. We will not know how much until Gene meets with her later this month. **Pray** the owner will be willing to not raise the rent.

Recovery is not an easy process and no matter the program, relapse is a constant struggle. **Pray** the men will allow God to make the changes in their lives that will lead to true recovery and freedom from the changes that have held them for so long.

We continue our search for a woman who can lead our women's program so we can offer hope and freedom to those caught in the human sex slave trade in Israel. There are no recovery facilities in Israel where we can take those who come to us for help. **Pray** that God will lead us to the right women to lead this important work and for the finances needed to fund this work.

Joel Rosenberg recently commented in his newsletter *"The citizens and leaders of Israel face enormous geopolitical and economic pressures from every side. They also face a fierce and raging spiritual battle beyond what most of us can understand or imagine.*

What's more, some of us have a sense that the Jewish State will soon face its darkest and most difficult hour. Let us not just say we love Israel. Let us intercede on her behalf. Let us come before the God of Israel and ask Him to grant His protection and blessings and pour out His Holy Spirit on all the people of Israel — Jews, Arabs and all inhabitants of the Land.

The Bible commands us in Psalm 122 to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Now more than ever, the people of Israel need the prayerful intercession of devout and faithful Christians."

Please join me as well in praying for the peace of Jerusalem! – GW