

It seems just yesterday that we started 2015. And here it is February—how quickly time moves! In this letter I want to take a moment to look back and then focus on the year that lays before us.

As we look back to 2014, we give the Lord thanks and praise for His faithfulness, for His goodness and the opportunity He gives you and I to serve Him in Israel. Thank you for your faithfulness. Because you care through your prayers and your giving, we have seen much accomplished in 2014.

Financially, we raised just over \$114,000, our best year. \$92,000 was sent to Israel.

The Lord has given us the opportunity to take men off the streets of Tel Aviv, bring them into an environment of recovery and their lives have changed.

Those who were unredeemed found redemption through Yeshua, Jesus Christ. Those who thought life was hopeless found hope. Those whose lives were ravaged by addiction found freedom and those who had been alienated from family and friends found restoration. Again, thank you so much for your partnership with us in making all this happen. Listen to what these three men from the shelter share:

*Hi, I am Isai. I am 50 years old and homeless for 2 years since I moved to Israel from Belarus. I used heroin for 15 years. For 4 months, I have been in the men's shelter that you help fund. I want to personally say a huge thanks for your support. Because you care through your giving and prayers, I am making changes in my life. God touched me in the very beginning through the recovery program. With the Lords help and your caring, my life has been changed and I want to devote my life to the Lord. Thank you again for caring for Israel and for the homeless. **Isai Israphilov.***

*Shalom dear friends. I am Maxim Hioni. I'm 28 and have been addict to drugs for 8 years. Through the recovery program you support, you allowed God to save me. Praise the Lord! It would be impossible without your prayers and support. Thank you very much and God bless you. **Maxim***

*Shalom , peace to you. I am Anton. I've been addict to drugs more than 10 years. Gene led me to the Lord 6 years ago through your feeding program. My wife Sonia was also a saved month later. She has given us a precious girl and boy. Then I relapsed with alcohol this time. Gene again helped me and brought me into the long term recovery program. Thank you for your support of these programs and your prayer. Thank you, thank you! May God richly bless you! **Anton***

In 2014 we provided some 10,000 meals and food packages to the homeless and the poor, including women caught in human trafficking.

We talked last year on several occasion about the need to open a women's shelter for those caught in human trafficking. That is our goal going into the year 2015. That said, we are finding this to be a bigger challenge than we first thought. Opening a women's shelter is relatively easy. The picture changes when it comes to those caught in human trafficking.

Thus, as we move into 2015, we do so with the confidence that the Lord will direct and accomplish all that He desires to accomplish this year. The balance of this letter will focus on specific prayer request that we ask you to consider.

The board of RESCUE In Israel meets two to three times a year for business. This year we will meet once a month with prayer as the primary focus of the board. Remember us in your prayers.

Women's ministry. Launching a women's ministry focused on human trafficking is a major undertaking. There is little being done in Israel for those caught in this holocaust against women. There are some programs, but lack trained staff to do what must be done to help these women recover, not just from drugs but from the trauma associated with human trafficking.

We are actively looking for an Israeli women to be our director. She will be brought to the U.S. for extensive training in drug and alcohol recovery and also the trauma that is associated with human trafficking. This training could take from 6 to 10 months before we launch the women's ministry.

For Gene, the director of our ministry in Israel. He will be responsible for the overall work of both the men's and women's ministry. We will need to bring Gene to the U.S for training in directing a women's ministry as he has no such training at this time.

Men's Recovery Center and D'mitri the men's shelter director, The men currently in our recovery program need your prayers. They face many challenges in overcoming their addiction and the conditions that led to their addiction. Pray that the Lord will bring redemption, healing, wholeness and restoration into their lives. These are the men currently in the recovery program: Leonid, Boris, Alexander, Stanislav, Anton, Nathaniel, Wladimit, Isai, and Victor. Konstantin is our house manager. He came through the program several years ago and has stayed on to help the men on their journey.

A van for transportation. Many times Gene needs to transport the men to various locations. He uses his little car which means he makes several trips instead of just one. Vehicles in Israel are very expensive. A good used van could cost \$50,000 or more. We are praying that the Lord will bring this money in, over and above the needs for the current programs and women's program.

Our Donors, many of you write us with your own prayer request, for family members, health needs, employment situations and others. Lets remember one another in prayer. You may not know the specific needs but you can pray for fellow donors and their needs.

Development, we need to expand our support in order to fund this growing ministry. Pray that we can find many new individuals with a heart for Israel and the homeless. If you would like some additional brochures to give out to people you know, that would be helpful. Let us know.

Israel, Elections are soon to take place in Israel for a new Prime Minister. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is up for re-election with some stiff competition. We are praying that the Lord's will be done and that our nation will continue to stand with Israel.



Blessings, George Wehnes
Director