

Our Mission: To honor the Almighty God by establishing and funding Yeshua-centered programs of rescue, recovery and restoration to needy men, women and children in the land of Israel (*eretz Yisrael*).

I am always touched by the testimonies that come through our work in Israel, Ohel Avraham (Abrahams Tent). They speak so clearly of the love and grace of Almighty God in the messiness of life.

No more so is this seen in the testimony which follows regarding Stanislav. Stanislav has been in our Ohel Avraham recovery program for a year. As you read his testimony, remember this—"THANK YOU!" Your financial and prayer support is being used by the Lord to redeem and set free "*the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release from prison those who are bound....to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy of mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.*" Isaiah 61:1-3



My name is Stanislav. I'm 52 year old. I was born in the former USSR in an ordinary family like so many others, not rich nor poor. My parents were engineers. My life was ordinary as well - school, army, studying, and work.

My first marriage lasted only four month and then we divorced. I was never a drinker except just a little on holidays. My big problem was smoking. I started at age of 12 along with most of the other kids my age. After my military service I tried many times to quit but was not successful. Eventually my girl-friend, an oncologist took me to a morgue to see the preparation of a man who smoked whole his life. I have not smoked now for 30 years.

I married a second time and at my wedding I did not drink alcohol. My wife did, but I just drank juice. Even when our baby girl was born, I did not use alcohol. We then moved to Israel. Because I did not drink, I was able to obtain work quickly and thing went very smoothly for us.

After a year in Israel, my wife and I had a son. I was making a good income so we decided to buy a condominium. My wife begin to complain that I was not making enough money, so I took a second job.

Several months later my neighbors were telling me that my wife was meeting with another man. I asked her about this and she said it was true. This news broke me and I began to use alcohol. I was atheist, but always considered there was some high power.

I divorced for a second time and very soon after that my mother died. This broke me completely and I started to drink more. It did not take long and I lost my job and became homeless. I was always hungry, dirty and drunk. My drinking brought me close to death at times. In this condition, I would lift my head to the sky yelling "where are You Almighty that you cannot take me to yourself or to hell?" I cursed Him many times but I was still alive. Many times I was taken by ambulance to the hospital in critical condition.

One day a man approached me asking, "would you like healing" and I said yes. It was through this that I was taken into our recovery house. I was offered a shower, food and rest. I was so depressed that I couldn't stand on my legs. Slow by slow, without any pressure from the recovery staff, they simply tell me about God's love and share with me from the Bible.

At first I did not give it much serious thought. However, step by step I plunged in to reading the Word of God. I began to understand how many time in my life God had extended His hands to me, even though I rejected Him. I could have died hundreds of times, but every time He was rescuing me. Even now, after a year I do not understand why, when I was cursing Him, He extended me Grace and forgave me all my sins!

I have learned so much through my study of the Holy Bible. I haven't had one drink now for a year and my assurance grows daily that I won't drink again. I cannot do this alone. I am finding in different situations that I can lift my eyes to Heaven and whisper "Lord don't leave me alone, just be with me." It helps me so very much and gives me strength. I'm very grateful to my Father and to those who serve here in the recovery process, helping to rescue lost souls. I want to say to those like me "dear Lord I love you, please forgive me my sins, and don't leave me alone. Please be with me, you are my strength in all things, in Jesus name, Amen"

To all who help support this work in your giving and prayers, thank you.

Stanislav

Let me say again, THANK YOU for your faithful support. Because of your heart of compassion and giving unto the Lord, men like Stanislav are finding new life in Messiah

UPDATE on our efforts to establish a women's ministry.

Please keep these efforts in your prayers as we try and sort through all the details that accompany this effort in Israel.

Working with women caught in human trafficking and prostitution bring safety risks that must be attended to carefully, especially human trafficking.

The other issue with women has to do with children they may have. Anti-missionary laws in Israel create another whole set of problems when it comes to children.

We are also, still searching for the right woman to lead this effort in Israel.

To help us work through all the issues ahead of, we have been encourage to work with the International Christian Embassy in Israel in an effort to navigate through all these issues. We have to make sure we are not doing anything that brings discredit to our efforts. In addition, we have to make sure we are protecting our staff and those we serve.



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