

**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*).

Spring time is a wonderful time of the year as trees are in blossom and flowers emerge in all their beauty. We see new life all around us, which reminds us of Yeshua, Jesus our Messiah and “New Life!”

We celebrate his death and resurrection here in the spring, representing the new life He brings to those who believe on His name.

So it is in the work of Rescue—sharing the Good News of the Gospel with those caught in the ravages of sin, alcohol, drugs and human trafficking.

**You are supporting a work that is offering help, hope and a new life—new beginnings and we are grateful for your partnership in this great effort in Israel.**

Our newsletter this month focuses on updates as to what is going on in the ministry of Rescue in Israel and a close up of the people of the land.

On April 6 and again on April 24, we met with Gene, our director in Israel via a video conference call. The purpose of this conference call was to give the board an up date of the ministry and the issues facing Israel at this time and to discuss the women’s shelter program.

We are grateful for modern technology which allows us to video conference with Gene who lives over 8000 miles away. The board was pleased with the calls and we want to pass some of that information along to you today. Marla, one of our board members commented, “awesome meeting”. So excited to hear first hand what is happening in Israel. It is so nice to talk with Gene on these meetings.” **See the P.S.** at the end of this letter re additional information on future video conference calls.



This is a photo of Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv has a population around 500,000 and the greater Tel Aviv area has a population of around 3.7 million people

Basically, Tel Aviv is north of this point and Jaffa south

Rescue In Israel, through it’s on the ground ministry, Ohel Avraham (Abraham’s Tent) is located just south of Tel Aviv. You can see the two park like green areas on the shore of the Mediterranean. Go inland from the road that separates the two green pieces about a mile and that is basically where our men’s shelter is located.

The Apostle Peter is believed to have stayed in Simon the Tanners home in Jaffa

Our men’s shelter continues to see men coming off the streets of Tel Aviv, homeless and most struggling to overcome their addiction to drugs and/or alcohol. We currently have 7 men in the program, the majority of

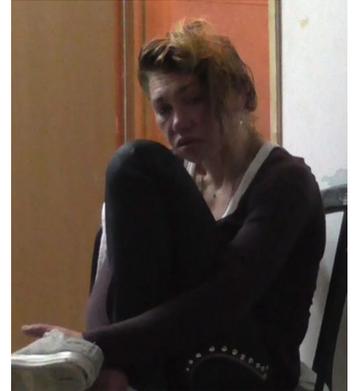
them are new. We are seeing men complete their recovery program and move on with their lives, becoming the men ADONAI God meant them to be. Please keep them in your prayers. We will share one of their testimonies on our next newsletter.

Gene advised of an exciting development with our men's program. Pray for Michael who lives in Israel. Michael is a young man with a great heart for Yeshua, Jesus and for the men coming through our program. He has taken it on himself, with Gene's consent and help to follow up with the men after they graduate. He meets with as many as he can, as often as he can. One of the things he is focused on is making sure they are engaged in a local church where they can be fed and disciplined.

Our women's program is developing—slower than we would have like, but we believe in keeping with the Lord's plan. The picture to the right is one of the women who has come to where we provide help. Her expression is typical of those we serve.

Much has happened over the past several months regarding the establishing of a women's program.

Several months ago a group out of Finland donated \$168,000 to Ohel Avraham for the purpose of purchasing property for a women's shelter.



About 3 years ago when we began to talk of the need for a women's shelter. About the same time, a lady from Finland with a similar vision came to Israel in an effort to set up a shelter in the Haifa area. She has been working at this for these years without much success.

Some 7-8 weeks ago or so, Gene and some others from Ohel Avraham came in contact with this woman and we have been in discussion with her about combining our efforts in establishing a shelter for human trafficking victims and women who are homeless.

Gene has been in contact with another woman who has gone back to school to get her degree in social work and criminology. She will finish her schooling in August 2016. She has expressed interest in being the director of our women's work. If all goes as planned, she will come to the U.S. where she will receive recovery training for addicts and additional training for women caught in human trafficking. This training will probably take some four to five months, depending on her qualifications.

Here in the U.S. we have been working with the homeless, addicted and human trafficking victims for enough years to have people with good training, able to establish good programs. Modern Israel is a very young nation and addressing issues like homelessness, addiction and human trafficking issues has been a real challenge because of a lack of qualified personnel—and in our situation, having those who are believers is the first order.

The work of Rescue is in its infant stages in Israel. So, not only are we building needed programs and ministries, we are also building foundations of learning and expertise needed for these programs and ministries to thrive and grow in Israel.

We will keep you informed on the progress of these efforts.

Keep us in your prayers as we work to bring all the pieces of this puzzle together and remember the women we will minister to in the coming days and years.

Gene also reported attending a pastor's prayer retreat in March, 2016 where there were Jews and Arab pastors all worshipping, celebrating and praying together. This unity among believers is having a great effect in the land and more people are coming to faith in Yeshua, Jesus as their Messiah. AND we give The Lord great praise for what He is doing in these days in Israel.

Regarding all that is going on in Israel, the attacks by Palestinians, Gene sees the people of Israel resolved to overcome the opposition against them and for the most part they are positive. Many are turning to Messiah Yeshua in these days. Keep them in your prayers.

Keep all this in your constant prayers as we have an enemy, the devil who wants to keep the men and women imprisoned in their addictions and/or those caught in human trafficking and prostitution. However, we know the Lord wants to set them free and so all this will come about in His time and His way. Thank you for your prayers as we move forward.

**We can use your help in getting the word out about the Ministry of Rescue in Israel. Refer the Response Form on the last page.**

In our efforts to move forward with ministering to those caught in human trafficking as well as being able to serve more of the homeless and addicted, we are trusting the Lord for His guidance.

- One of the ways you can help, is help to get the word out. Rescue In Israel brochures can help you in this. On the back of the response form you can check the box “[ ] send me \_\_\_\_\_ brochures.”
- Another way is to check the statement, “Contact me as I would like to talk about the possibility of someone coming into my area to share about this ministry (RESCUE In Israel.) We would be pleased to work with you in putting on some activities in your area or you home that would help get information out about our work in Israel. If you are interested in talking with us about this, please make sure we have a phone number and a best time to call.
- Regarding donation receipts, do you want a receipt with, every donation, or once a year. Do you want your donation receipts to come, via Postal Mail, or by Email? Each stamp saved is \$.49

Working together, we can increase the awareness of Rescue In Israel and find others who would like to support this work to see the lives of the homeless, addicted and victim's of human trafficking find help, hope and a future, now and for eternity.



Blessing to you  
George Wehnes, Director

**P.S.** Earlier, at the beginning of this newsletter we mentioned “**See the P.S.** If you would be interested in joining a video conference with Gene in Israel, please so indicate on the attached response form where it indicates, “[ ] Include me on a live video conference call with Gene in Israel” You will need an internet connection on your computer and we **must** have your email address. The video conference would take place around 8 AM, Pacific Daylight Savings Time (PDT), adjusted to your time zone. 8 AM PDT is 6 PM Israel time.

P.P.S. Again, thank you for your support. You are giving these men opportunity for a new life, a future and a hope—for now and for eternity.



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**For the ongoing work of Res-  
cue in the Land of Israel**

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- Include me for a live video conference call with Gene in Israel

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