

Can you believe it, December already! Another year, with all its happenings about to slip into history! And what of the coming year? A good question, but one we leave in the Lord's hands while rejoicing over what He has done this year.

We begin with a greeting from Gene, our director in Israel.



Dear brothers and sisters

It is a joy to bring greetings to you at the end of the year and at this time when we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, both about Light that came from Heaven, John 1:9.

Thank you very much for your faithful support through the year as you stand with us on the frontline of a great spiritual battle in the Holy Land!

We just finished moving our men's shelter to new place south of Tel Aviv to the city mentioned in the Holy Bible, Ashdod.

May the Lord richly bless you!

Gene Michaely, Director Ohel Avraham

Regarding our question of the coming year, the one thing that we are sure of, our Mighty God is at work to accomplish what He has planned. We could include many things regarding the question. However, our focus here is on that which He has called us, you and I, to do in Israel for the homeless and needy. We have joined with Him in *announcing good news to the poor, to bring healing to the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives and to bring light to those bound in darkness.* (Isaiah 61:1)



Shalom (peace) to you, I am Alexander Kasiyanov. I am 49. For 20 years I was a drug addict.

I was born and lived in Donetsy City, Ukraine. My childhood was spent on the streets where I became an addict. During this time, I thought I was "cool" because I was doing drugs and robbing people. I was a bad guy. Getting married and having a daughter did not stop me from all these bad things.

In 1995 we immigrated to Israel. This did not stop me from my life of drugs and crime. In fact it got worse because it was easier to get the drugs and commit crimes. All of this ruined my life. I lost my family and my employment. I became homeless and eventually lost my freedom—going to jail.

Though I did not realize it at the time, God had not given up on me. He would send people to me who would tell me about Him and how He wanted to help me. I was not interested because I was an atheist and didn't want to stop my sinful life.

A car accident, a broken back and broken leg left me physically and spiritually broken. I spent 5 months in the hospital and another 6 months in a wheelchair. Even with this I continued my drugs and criminal activity.

But, I began to understand my helplessness and I cried out to God. He heard me and sent believers to me. They helped me to get into the men's recovery house. It was here that I met Jesus and was baptized. My addiction was broken and I was freed from drugs and a sinful life. God forgave my sins and released me from a debt of about 2 million shekels (\$571,000+).

In addition I still had a lot of open criminal cases pending against me. I was ready to go to jail, but the cases against me were dismissed. God restored my relationship with my daughter and He has blessed me in marriage to a beautiful believer.

I am so grateful to the Lord for the new life He has given to me. It is only because of Jesus that I am alive. I am so glad He has saved me. My wife and I are so grateful for all He has done for us and our desire is to serve Him.

God bless you

Igor, director of our men's shelter sends his greetings,

Dear friends



What a great joy for us to do the work of God with you.

Our ministry of recovery with people addicted to alcohol and drugs is difficult, but important.

Already, many of the men who have gone through our recovery program have started a new life. They are serving God. Their families were restored and they have found employment. We maintain continued contact with them.

All this is possible due to the fact that you are with us and we are with you!

Thank you for your support and prayers. God's blessings to you!

Igor Rogovoy, Director Men's Recovery Shelter, "Tents of Abraham". Israel

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Rescue In Israel

P.S. Men's lives are being changed, not just for time but for eternity because you care. As we close out the year, please consider an extra gift. Also, help us this next year find other donors. We will send you some brochures to help encourage others to support our work in Israel. Thank you again for your support.