

What a joy to bring you this newsletter as we report on what our LORD is doing in Israel in these days.

We watch with interest the efforts currently taking place to move the U. S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, we see the political environment of Israel focused on government corruption and we are concerned with the tension between Israel and the nations of the world, especially the Palestinians.

In the midst of all these “big” issues, the activities of daily life goes on for the people of Israel. Especially is this so in the work of the Kingdom. In talking with Gene, he is excited about what the LORD is doing reaching the citizens of Israel with the Good News of the Gospel and more and more Israeli’s are turning to Yeshua the Messiah.

You are helping with this as you pray for Israel and as you give to this ministry.

As we closed out 2017, we had to move our men’s recovery shelter out of Jaffa. The owner of the home we were leasing, once again was going to raise our rent—from \$3,500 to \$4,000 per month. This was getting to be too much so Gene was able to find another home in Ashdod, south of Tel Aviv for more reasonable rent—about half of what we were paying.

Gene shares with us about the move and how things are going.



Dear Brothers and Sisters

As some of you might know, at the end of 2017, we had to move to a new facility. We moved from Tel Aviv, south to the city of Ashdod.

All the guys who were in our program in Tel Aviv have graduated. From the guys in the program in Tel Aviv, we built 2 home fellowship groups, one in Or Akiva and the other in Petah Tikva. We will share more of this in our next newsletter.

Now we are in the process of building infrastructure here in Ashdod. Igor (our program director) and I are working with local pastors and leaders. We have added another food distribution center here and a Bible study run by local pastors and volunteers.

Now we have 3 new guys in the program. Our Bible study is also attended by some of our neighbors. Next year we are going to have our newly formed association conference here.

Igor has spent time in Beer Sheva at a local rehab center there, sharing with them the Genesis program we use for addiction recovery.

We continue to look to purchase property for Ohel Avraham in order to establish a Women Recovery program. The home we are now using in Ashdod for our men’s recovery has additional property which will soon be vacant. This will allow us to establish the women program we have been talking about. Please pray about this.

*May The Lord Bless You!
Gene Michaely*

One of the very real blessings of a ministry like ours is seeing those whose lives have been so beaten down by drugs and alcohol, change with the power of our LORD and a new life emerge. You will be blessed with Arteom’s testimony which follows.



I was born in Sevastopol, Crimea . I'm 31 year old.

My life before rehabilitation was a nightmare. I started using drugs at age 15. I thought I would do drugs my whole life. However, when I was 27, I began to understand that my life was being destroyed and I was useless.

All my relationship were being destroyed, my parents and my work. I didn't know what to do. My parents decided to send me to a rehabilitation center in Simferopol. I was there for 8 month. There I met God and became acquainted with other believers and began going to local Church.

I was searching for ways of recovery along with my desire to go to Israel to complete my recovery.

In Israel believers were talking about recovery and a pastor I found, told me about the Tent of Abraham recovery program. I was able to connect with Gene and found out how to get into their program.

So, now I'm here in Tent of Abraham recovery program in Ashdod. I like being here and I like the program that is helping me in recovery for both my spirit and body. People who work and volunteering here are very nice folks, they help me and teach me how to overcome my addiction. We have various Bible studies and activities.

I'm very grateful to the men who works here, for their care and help. They do a lot to help me in my recovery. I believe that Jesus (Yeshua) Christ helps me to be totally delivered from drug addiction and I'm going to serve Him whole my life.

Thank you for making recovery possible for me and others in Yeshua.

- ◆ We shared some time ago of a generous donation given to us by a group out of Finland for the purchase of property. Their gift has totaled approximately \$194,000. We have raised an additional \$50,000 here in the U.S. We need at least \$400,000 and so we are letting you know of this need in a specific way. We need help in raising the additional \$150,000. This is over and above our operating expenses that you send in on a regular basis.

If you can give an extra gift, that would be great. However, I have attached a matching letter that is available to you to share with others. If you know of someone who would like to help us with this need, give them the letter. If you need more letters please let me know. See the P.S. below that talks of a DVD that could go with this letter.

Thank you again for all you are doing to help change lives in the land of Israel, not just for time but for eternity.

George Wehnes
Executive Director
Rescue In Israel

P.S. We have posted on our website a video that you need to watch. It shows interviews with our Israeli staff and with a prostitute who was willing to talk with us. This video is also available to you on request. Just let us know on your response form and we will send you one or more. You may want to give one to a pastor or send one with the matching letter as well. Indicate on your response form your desires along with your gift.