

Thanksgiving: As we come to this time of the year, we want to express our thanks to you for your faithful support this past year in your prayers and your giving. Because you care, lives are being changed in Israel, making a difference in individuals, families and Israeli society. But, even more important, you are giving eternal hope to so many.

May Adonai Elohim Tzva'ot, the Lord God of Hosts bless you and keep you and grant you an abundance of His Shalom (Peace) in the days ahead.

Property News: In our last newsletter we reported we were close to purchasing our own property. Well, that door has closed. Besides, "Not in my back yard" where people do not want drug and alcohol addicts living nearby, we face another problem in Israel. Being Messianic (Christian).

It appears, once the owner of the property we were attempting to buy, discovered that we believe Yeshua (Jesus) is the Messiah, he pulled his property off the market.

Gene, our director in Israel and I agree that we do not want to pursue this from a legal position, thus we simply continue look for property. We do not want to create division between us and our neighbors through legal action. This is a spiritual battle so please be much in prayer. We believe that where one door has closed, ADONAI will open another in His time and His way.

We are again, excited to share with you a testimony of one of the men we are working with in our men's recovery shelter.

I never grow tired sharing the stories of these men, of their lives and of how the Lord is working through this ministry. Here is Mikhail story.



"I was born on August 15, 1970 in Arkhangelsk, in the north of Russia. My mother was an engineer, and my father was a fashion shoe designer. They paid little attention to my upbringing. Therefore, I was left to myself and my friends were local hooligans. I participated in street mass brawls with them. At eleven, I went to court, and my parents paid my fine.

At school I was not interested in classes. I did not like to study. I loved to be with my friends who didn't want to learn either.

After the eighth grade I went to study at the Forestry College. But, I did not finish and went to study as a driver for the army.

After returning from the army in 1991, I first tried drugs and smoked marijuana. Thus, my drug life began. After marijuana, a year later I tried opium and used it periodically. At the same time, I began to actively consume alcohol of all kinds and in large quantities.

In 1996 I met a girl and in 1999 we got married. I quit drugs and started working. Although I continued to consume alcohol, but in smaller sizes. In the same year we moved to Israel and in 2000, our son Semyon was born—a blessing..

But in 2001, I again started smoking drugs and drinking more. One day, drunk, I returned home and severely beat my wife. I was tried and sent to prison for four years. I did not use drugs while in prison.

In 2005, I was released from prison and started working. At work, I met a man who offered me hard drugs (heroin and cocaine). In addition, I smoked hashish and drank a lot of alcohol. The drugs decomposed me, and I needed an even larger dose. I lost my job.

One person with whom I was in prison suggested that I go to Latin America for cocaine. My trip back to Israel ended in prison. I received six years for drug trafficking. And while I was in prison, I was convicted for fake money and possession of cold weapons. And for this, another year was added to my sentence. In prison, I continued to use the methadone.

In 2013, I was released and went to the place where religious people would feed us. There I met believers who told me about Jesus. I became interested. I went to a rehab center in Ashkelon. I stayed there for three months and left.

I continued to use very harmful synthetic drugs and continued to drink vodka and beer. I had nowhere to live and I slept in a night shelter. I could spend the night there. My life continued to deteriorate.

Attempts to start work have not been successful. I also had a police case for a fight. It was necessary for me to go to the courts. I stopped visiting the courts. I was put on a wanted list and when I was detained I attacked a policeman and injured him. I was jailed for another two years. In prison, I continued to use synthetic drugs.

Coming out of prison in 2016, I went to a night shelter. I continued to spend money on vodka. Life continued downhill.

In February 2018, I decided to end using drugs. Gradually I switched from hard drugs to smoking marijuana. I realized that living on the street by myself, I could not cope with addiction. That is when I came to the Tent of Abraham (Rescue In Israel) rehabilitation center.

I stopped using drugs and began to study the Bible a lot. It helps me. I realized that God loves me and sent Jesus Christ for me. I am preparing to give my life to Him.

In the classroom teachers help me learn more about God and how to cope with addiction. I quit smoking and began to engage in sports, fitness, pin-pong. I read a lot of Christian literature. I believe that God will help me cope with my addiction. Pray for me please,” Mikhail



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P.S. Thank you for helping make a place for *Mikhail* to get the help that he needs. Please keep him in your prayers as he has requested. Our experience is that he is in a battle and relapse can be just around the corner. However, we know that ADONAI God is capable of bringing victory in these matters. We pray Mikhail will stay strong, putting on the whole armor of God and he will heed the counsel of those working with him.

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This is not legal in Israel today and we could sue. However, Gene, our director in Israel and I agree that this is not the course of action we want to take. So, we are continuing to look for property that will not create division between us and our neighbors. This is a spiritual battle so please be much in prayer. We believe that where one door has closed, ADONAI will open another in His time and His way.

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Please take note of several items on the back of the response form that will help us in the number of pieces of mail that we send out, such as:

- Do want to receive the newsletter and other updates and information, by mail, or by email? If by email, please give us your email address.
- 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?

We can use your help in getting the word out about the Ministry of Rescue in Israel.

We are wanting to move forward with ministering to those caught in human trafficking as well as being able to serve more of the homeless and addicted. (1) One way you can help get the word out has to do with Rescue In Israel brochures. You can designate that you would like some brochures and the quantity.

(2) Another way is to put a check by 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.) If you are interested in talking with us about this, please check this option and make sure we have a phone number and a best time to call.

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. In addition we can talk about arraigning to have someone come to your area, to speak at churches, hold small group meetings in homes and such.

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.

We have much to report on in this newsletter about what the LORD is doing in Israel but first we want to report on the Home Coming of one of our donors who was so significant in getting Rescue In Israel up and going.

Memorial: John Jaeger, a precious man of God, a business man and later in his life founding and leading a Messianic Congregation, had a great love for Israel. My daughter introduced him to me back in the mid 1990's. I had never met him prior to this, however my daughter had told him about our founding of a Rescue Mission in Israel. Going to visit our daughter in 1995, she told me that John wanted to meet me and have lunch.

I shared with him the vision of Rescue In Israel. After a good lunch time, he handed me a check which I immediately folded and put in my pocket, as I never look at a check when it is handed to me. I have to admit when I put the check in my pocket I thought maybe a couple hundred dollars. We finished our lunch and I went out to my car. It was then I looked at the check and nearly fainted because of the size of the check.

He and his wife Toni had agreed to make a very large, significant donation to this startup ministry, basically sight unseen. Their contribution would take us into 1995 with strong support. Since then John and Toni, personally and through their congregation have given into the 6 digit category in their donations to Rescue In Israel.

John has gone home to be with the LORD. We reported several months ago about Sasha, one of the first men in our program to come to faith in the LORD and be restored to his family, died last September because of diabetes complications. I wonder if he has met John and rejoiced because he is in heaven with the LORD because John helped make this work possible.

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