

A Message from Gene, our Director in Israel

Dear brothers and sisters!

As we come to the days of Hanukkah (renewing of the altar) and Christmas and the end of year 2018, I want to say thanks for being with us on the frontlines of the battle for precious souls over these past 12 years! We are together, believers in Jesus Christ in Israel, the US, Finland, Switzerland, Germany and other nations! Now, together we lift up a new building project, a facility for women caught in addiction and victims of human trafficking. We continue with the men program serving in Tel Aviv, Ashdod, Sderot, Holon, Bat Yam and other cities in Israel. I'm very grateful for your permanent support both financially and spiritually. Thank you so much for your caring heart, especially for the lost, the last and least, but they are not lost to our God!

Thank you for your love! Thank you for your involvement for God's Kingdom!

May The Lord Bless You! With the love of Jesus

Gene Michaely

PRAISE: Monday, *January 21, 2019* our board in Israel voted unanimously to purchase property for a women's shelter. With the donations the LORD has given us from Finland, Switzerland, and the U.S. we were able to purchase the property free and clear of debt. As we write this newsletter, finalizing the purchase continues. Once this is accomplished we will start a building phase. We have builders from Germany and the U.S. who are ready to help us build the facility that will be used for the women's shelter. We will keep you up to date as we move ahead. We give the LORD praise for all that has happened to bring this about.

Our first newsletter of 2019 is going to take a different look at our ministry Israel. We will look back at what the LORD has accomplished through your faithfulness to pray and to give and then look to the future.

RESCUE in Israel began in 2005 as a 501 [c] 3 mission providing leadership, training and financing in Israel. In 2006 Ohel Avraham (Abraham's Tent, the ministry arm of RESCUE In Israel) was established as an Israeli nonprofit organization—a necessary step for us to operate in Israel. Today, Ohel Avraham/Rescue In Israel is becoming know around the world as an international ministry and support is coming in from other nations as well as the U.S.

In 2007 we hired Gene as the director of Ohel Avraham. Gene established a street ministry and begin to work in an established men's shelter as their teacher/counselor. In late 2009 the director of that men's shelter fell back into alcoholism and the pastor, helping supervise the shelter asked Gene and Ohel Avraham to take over the shelter. So, in January 2010 we opened our own recovery program under the banner of Ohel Avraham.



During those early months of 2010, Sasha entered the program, came to faith, re-established his relationship with his wife Anna. With that marriage re-established, Sasha and Anna were able to get their two boys back from foster care. Soon his entire family would come to faith and they became members of a local Messianic congregation. Several years later Sasha would die because of diabetes complication. One day we will get to see Sasha again in heaven, thanks to your love and care.

Over these years we have seen many come to faith, freed from their addiction and

return to their families and society as godly men. We have shared the testimonies for *some (not all)* of the men who have come to faith over these years. Here are their names; *Sasha, Anton, Igor, Wladimir, Victor, Alex, Pasha, Konstantin, Sasha, Constantin, Sergey, Isai, Maxim, Anton, Stanislav, Sergey, Oeg, Andrey, Alexander, Arteom, Anatoly, Mikhail* and in our next newsletter, *Sergey*.

Looking over these years since opening the men's shelter, the LORD has blessed with income needed to operate this ministry. In 2010 we had an income of \$50,204. In 2018 our income was just over \$109,000. Between 2010 to 2018 we have raised a total of \$879,665.

Our expenses in the U.S. include a small office, operated by volunteers, costs for newsletters, brochures and other office expenses and travel. We have no paid staff in the U.S. George Wehnes, founder and volunteer director and several board members travel to present Rescue In Israel wherever the LORD opens the door.

Our largest expense are the dollars we send to Israel for our ongoing work with the homeless. These dollars pay for Israeli staff salaries, rent, food, utilities, accounting services (Israeli nonprofits must have their books audited every year) and other expenses related to our homeless programs.

Of the \$879,665 income, \$728,190 has been sent to Israel during these years. Another \$55,000 is ready to go. \$40,000 plus of the \$55,000 has been raised for the women's shelter. These are "Program" expense.

Every year, we are required by law to file a financial, "990" report. If any one wants to have a copy of our 990 you are welcome to ask for one. This document shows income and the expenses in three categories:

- Program, over these years 89% of our income has gone to programs. The standard for nonprofits is 75% or more.
- Administration (cost of running the organization)
- Fundraising (dollars spent to fundraise.)



Now, we look ahead—to the building of a *women's ministry*—as we continue working with men in recovery, the needy and survivors of the holocaust.

The LORD has provided all the money needed to purchase our own land and to begin to build a women's shelter facility. This will take time as we work with builder in Israel, who will work with those coming from other nations to help in the building project. We will keep you updated

In the mean time we will begin a process of searching for a woman in Israel who can be trained to manage the shelter.

Much prayer will be need in the coming days, as well as finding new donors who can help with the expenses that will grow with this added responsibility.

George Wehnes

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P.S. Thank you for helping make it possible for the homeless and the addicted find hope and a new life in Yeshua our Messiah. May you be blessed and may the Lord watch over you and keep you in the year 2019. We are developing a new brochure that you can give out to help bring new donors in.

If you would like us to come into your area to present this work, call me and lets talk! Also on the back of the response form you can let us know of other requests you might have.