

I am going to share the testimony of Amaili with you in a moment. But first let me say again, and I never tire of it, **THANK YOU** for your support of this ministry. Your prayers and your gifts are making a difference in the lives of precious people in Israel.

El Shaddai (God Almighty) has placed this ministry in Israel for such a time as this, reaching out to people who are broken, enslaved to substance abuse, living in bondage with no hope and no future. Because you care, our Messiah Yeshua, Jesus Christ is able to take these broken lives and turn them around, giving them a new life and hope, hope for this life and for eternity.

Each time we bring a testimony to this newsletter, I am touched by what the Lord God Almighty is doing in redeeming precious lives. As you read Amaili's testimony, imagine the desperation, loneliness and hopelessness he felt as he cries out to God.

Many of us know that desperation in one way or another. We also know a loving Heavenly Father who reached out to us through Messiah Yeshua, redeemed us and gave us a new life. Your support of this ministry continues to make this possible in Israel. Your contribution counts, no matter the amount. Together we are doing what our Heavenly Father wants us to do so that others can find that new life in Messiah Yeshua.

Be blessed as you read of the mighty power of El Shaddai at work in Israel among the poor, the lost and the desperately needy people.

My name is Amali.



I'm a 27-year-old. I was homeless. I was smoking weeds and other drugs. I wondered down the streets of Tel Aviv, always hungry. There was no place for me to sleep. I couldn't even walk very far because my legs bleed.

One day I met an 18 year old girl. She was homeless and she asked me for a glass of water. I gave her my can of water, she was in a panic. She didn't have money to get to her place in the North. She requested if I could help her find the ride. I walked with her about 10 miles until we've got her a ride. I put her in the car and asked the driver who was very good to get her to her place. This was about midnight.

After that I began the long walk back on the highway, but I didn't know how as I was going to make it because I was so tired and my legs were bleeding. I grasped myself by my head! I was hungry and cold, and there was no place for rest, At that moment I remembered God. I had peace because I helped that girl. I had only walked back about half way.

I begged God, asking for His forgiveness and help. I really felt the breath of death on my life before praying. I was walking and crying. At that moment a cab stopped and gave me ride to the place where I usually slept, which was at an abandoned house.

The next morning as I was waking up I remembered a place where believers share food (one orthodox man told me about that place). There I found a warm reception from Gene and Sergey. They talked with me and offered me to join their program at Ohel Avraham. As I thought about this, I remembered that I had cried to

God last night for help. So, I joined the men's recovery program. I have given up my cigarettes and drugs.

Thanks to God and to you dear brothers and sisters for that opportunity, I was lost and now found, and given a new life in Yeshua HaMashiah!

Blessings to you!

Amal

Women's Shelter Update

As you know, we purchased our property for the Women's Shelter in January 2019. Working with our attorney in Israel and the real estate agent we were able to complete all required paper work. This took a number of months to complete (nothing moves fast in Israel—except the traffic!) With everything completed the mayor of the city in which we purchased property then asked for additional information, which our attorney has provided. As of the writing of this newsletter, the mayor, nor his office has offered any explanation for the delays and so we wait.

In Israel you have the same problem we have in America when it comes to working with the homeless—not in my back yard! At least it used to be that way, Now in America we have the homeless everywhere it seems. In Israel we have another problem which we don't face in America—being a Christian organization we can face added pressure and delays which could be very costly if we tried to resolve this matter in the courts. These process have been know to take up to 7 years to complete.

Please keep this matter in your prayers. We are trusting that ADONAI will open these doors in His time and His way for His honor.

What we accomplished in 2019

We had 28 men come through our recovery program in 2019. 18 men came to faith in Yeshua, Jesus Christ. 10 of the men left the program before finishing. 9 of the men completed our 9 month recovery program.

last year. We fed 3240 people in our shelter and were involved in helping distribute 24000 meals with other ministries. We no longer distribute food to Holocaust survivors. However we continue to work with them and help organize meetings for them every three month which including food. Also we help a local congregation distribute food where our shelter is located.

Update on the Men's Shelter

We are pleased to announce that we are moving (again) our men's shelter location. Finding adequate facilities is a challenge and we take what we can at the time. Several years ago we had to move because the owner of our leased facility was going to raise our rent beyond reason. We located in a location that, at best takes Gene 3+ hours depending on traffic to travel one way.

We found a place better than where we are currently and much closer for Gene. In addition our current rent includes approximately \$800 in taxes per month. Our new location will include only \$400 per month in taxes. In Israel, non-profit and church organizations are not exempt from taxes as we have here in the U.S.



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P. S. *Thank you again for your prayers and your support. Lives are being changed because you care. May the LORD bless and keep you and give you a blessed 2020. Your prayers and financial support is needed and appreciated.*