



**AVIV MINISTRY – for Victims of Addictions and Sexual Abuse
THE NEGEV MINISTRY – Evangelization and Church Planting**

MINISTRY UPDATE: SUMMER-FALL 2020

Dear Praying Friends, shalom!

Sadly, the Coronavirus, which in Israel seemed to be more or less under control for a while, is now spreading fast again, and Tel Aviv is one of the locations where the spread is very intensive, so please pray for all our workers and volunteers who regularly come to Aviv Center to minister to the street people. Of course, we still cannot let our visitors inside and keep distributing food and sharing the Gospel at the doors of the center,



but everyone is really missing the quiet, private conversations we could have with the addicts inside the building.

We also have not had church services for a long time, staying in touch only through the internet, and the people are truly missing the meetings and fellowship. Please pray for wisdom to make decisions for the future, as it seems the situation is not going to change for the

better anytime soon.



Women's Shelter

Please keep praying for our Women's Shelter. Since May several women have lived there: two stayed for a couple of days, the other two stayed longer – one for two weeks and the other one, Katya, stayed for two months. Then we also took a native Israeli family (mother and two daughters). They returned home after a week but we could establish a good relationship and keep in touch. At present we have got two Russian-speaking ladies, one young native Israeli from Tel Aviv streets (she was sent to us by the Red Carpet ministry) who is expecting a baby, a native Israeli girl who was abused by her parents and was sent to us by the anti-violence Israeli organization "Maslan", and a mother with a baby who has just undergone an operation to fix a rare life threatening birth defect.

Work with abused women is a new ministry area for us in which we lack knowledge and experience, and the Lord wonderfully supplied this need, when an Israeli lady who worked in this sphere for 30 years called us (after reading about our new Shelter on a Messianic website) and suggested us a free course (through Zoom) about helping victims of domestic violence! This course

is a great blessing and help to us. We also have volunteers from our congregation who started coming to the Shelter regularly to help Tanya with the home maintenance and the residents.



Women's Shelter team

Beersheva

Our rehabilitation center keeps working at full capacity. We are especially happy about A., one of our rehabilitants, son of a lady from our congregation, who came to us with a deep depression (not substance abuse), because of which he had severe headaches, suicidal thoughts, could not eat, sleep normally or leave home. Today, after seven months in the rehab, he is doing much better both physically and spiritually, finally started smiling and is getting his life back on track. Please pray for him and other rehabilitants.

Thank you for all your care and prayers!

Yours in Him, *Dov and Olga Bikas*

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