

## MINISTRY UPDATE - JANUARY 2022

*Dear Praying Friends, shalom!*

One morning Olga and I read from Numbers, chapters 13-14, about the reaction of the Israelites to the report of the spies about the Promised Land. The difficulties described by the spies discouraged the people so much that they even decided to return to Egypt, even though they had *daily* seen visible miracles like manna and the pillar of cloud and fire. If we compare that with the lives of modern believers who do not have so many visible miracles – not on an everyday basis for sure! – and quite often go through trials, difficulties and even tragedies, it becomes especially amazing how you and I keep going without turning back and even grow and get stronger in our zeal and love for the Lord. **This is a true miracle in itself and the result of God's living, though unseen, presence in our lives.** Let His name be praised!

### *Answered prayer*

We praise the Lord for answering our (and your!) prayers for more volunteers for our Women's Shelter! Recently **three wonderful ladies started participating in our work** who have an in-depth understanding of the needs and difficulties of victims of violence and abuse and have also got great compassion for them. They are a real blessing to our ministry. Also, we praise the Lord that **our long-term volunteer from abroad was finally able to arrive last week**, after almost a year of frustrating delays. She will live in the Shelter with the ladies, and this is going to be a great help for them and for Tatyana.

Please pray especially for B., the young lady in her twenties we have already written about. She suffers from severe fibromyalgia that can confine her to bed for days. Pray that she gets stronger both physically, emotionally and spiritually (she is a believer in Christ). Also please keep paying for L. who lives in the Shelter with her little kids and suffers from depression and certain health problems.

### *Unconditional love on Tel Aviv streets*

We praise the Lord for the outreach in Tel Aviv and for all our volunteer teams. We see that their work in Aviv Center leads to stronger and closer relationships and cooperation between Christian/Messianic rehabilitation centers in Israel. We also praise the Lord for the unconditional love He is filling the hearts of our volunteers with – **love towards those whom the rest of the world resents and avoids**. Here is the report of Leonid, one of our volunteers:

*One day a transgender came to Aviv Center who appeared very disturbed and even aggressive. He was running around, cursing us, throwing plastic cups and food. I asked him not to shout and talk with me normally. "I have something to tell you," – I said. Finally, he agreed to talk quietly, and I told him: "Friend, calm down, no need to shout like you did. Do you really think I have come all the way to Tel Aviv just to fight with you?" He said: "You know, I am actually a good person, but my parents do not love me because I became a transgender...." He kept talking and started crying. I hugged him, pressed him close to myself and said: "Listen, Jesus loves you and He can change your life." He kept crying on my shoulder and I saw that he, just like many others like him, lacks love and tenderness in*

*their lives so much. I understood that this aggression, and this shouting were just a means of defense for him. Please pray for his salvation.*

Please keep praying for all the visitors of Aviv Center who need God and His unconditional love so much!

### *Outreach in the brothels*

We also ask you to pray for the prostitutes in the brothels close to Aviv Center. These days we are **resuming the outreach** among them that we started before Corona. Tatyana, our Women's Shelter's manager, started visiting the ladies in the brothels to build relationships with them and tell them about the Lord.

In our Rehab Center for men, we currently have **9 rehabilitants**. Please pray for them and for the Rehab's manager, Wilhelm.

May God keep you and bless you,  
In Him,  
Dov and Olga



Overdose, reanimation



Tel Aviv street addicts



Ministry in Aviv Center



Bible study in the Women's Shelter



Volunteer prays with B.