

«For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost» (Luke 19:10)

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Dear Ministry Partners,

This time we would like to share with you several short stories from all our projects. Thank you so much for your care and prayers!

Rehab Center

Sometimes our Rehab center gives shelter to people who are not necessarily drug or alcohol addicts, but have got into a temporary crisis and need immediate help. Like **Tamir***, for example. He was referred to us by one of our ministry's friends. Tamir* is in his early forties. He had just returned to Israel after a long period of living abroad, and had nowhere to live and no relatives who could accommodate him. He stayed in our rehab for two months and was very grateful for the support he received. He felt safe with us, and saw what real care and joy are. Interestingly, Tamir* comes from



a Jewish Orthodox family, and he was very surprised to see that it was none other but Messianic believers who helped him in his time of desperate need. That was a testimony for him and his family. Please pray for Tamir* - that he would see and find his true Messiah, Yeshua!



A Bible study in the Shelter

Women's Shelter

Thank you for praying for the two new ladies in our Shelter – **Inna*** and **Rina***. We see positive changes in Inna*. She has become calmer and more stable emotionally, actively participates in the Shelter's activities and asks for more Bible studies. Rina* is very traumatized and has difficulty with adapting to new environments, but she is doing her best and is making progress too. The Shelter's

program and the support group for victims of abuse that we launched in January has been helping her understand her past and present, as well as her road to recovery. Please pray for her to find true peace in the Lord, and that He would comfort and lift her up on the wings of His hope.

Food distribution project in Ashkelon

Some time ago Eduard was asked to visit a handicapped person from Ashkelon, **Igor**, and see if he needs any help. Eduard got acquainted with Igor, brought him a food package, and helped him get to hospital one day at his request. Then more visits followed, with good conversations, when Eduard also prayed for Igor. His son later called and thanked Eduard. He was surprised that complete strangers had been paying his father so much attention. Neither Igor nor his son are believers, but meeting Eduard and his team has been a powerful testimony for them, and Igor is very open to learning about God. Please pray for him!



Tel Aviv Outreach

Many different people visit our soup kitchen and outreach center. Sergey, one of our volunteers shared this story: "Some time ago one Arab began to come – **Fadi***. He was very courteous and polite, but he didn't speak Hebrew nor English (no Russian either, of course). His eyes were very kind, and I really wanted to talk to him, but how? On the third or fourth time I realized that Google could help. I spoke Russian, Google translated into Arabic and vice versa. We had a very good talk. He told me a little about himself and his family, about what he was doing in Israel, and I told him about Christ, about who we were and what we were doing in Aviv Center. It turned out he was from Gaza. A week later we continued or conversation, then again. And then there was October 7th... And he disappeared. Some say he was a spy. I would like to believe that it was not so. That the Word of God did touch him. I still remember his eyes." Please pray for **Fadi***.







Thank you for your prayers and feel free to share your prayers requests too anytime!

Have a blessed Easter filled with joy, love, and faith!

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