



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

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Dear Friends and Partners, shalom!

Thank you for your prayers for the situation in Israel! Beyond the military conflict, there has also been a sharp rise in terrorist attacks. This month, there was a terrorist incident in our city, Beersheba, right at the central bus station. A 19-year old girl, a soldier, was killed, and many other people were injured...

It struck me that as a rule, all these terrorists do not even try to escape; they shoot to kill as many people as possible before they themselves are killed. They are willing to die because of their hatred towards the Jews! I couldn't help but contrast this with what Jesus did. He died driven by His Divine love for us - the exact opposite of the demonic hatred that destroys so many lives these days. It's heartbreaking to see this level of darkness, but it also highlights the urgent need for the message of Christ's love to reach as many people as possible. Please keep Israel in your prayers, for protection, peace, and for the light of the Gospel to shine brighter every day!

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TEL AVIV OUTREACH

Yuliy*'s story

(by Leonid, Aviv Center volunteer)

Yuliy* came to the Aviv center one day, a broken man in a battle between his past faith and his present struggles. That morning, we had about 40 visitors in Aviv Center, all seeking something – peace, hope, or simply a warm meal. But Yuliy* stood out, not as a newcomer, but as someone who once knew the deep freedom found in faith but had since fallen away.

We sat down to talk, and Yuliy* opened up about his story. He had come to know Christ in one of the most unlikely places – a prison. He shared how a group of believers had regularly visited the prison, speaking of God's love and salvation. Through their witness, Yuliy* had found Jesus, and soon, a small group of believers had formed behind the prison walls.



"It was a serious prison," he recalled, his voice trembling slightly. "There were terrorists there, people serving life sentences. And yet, it was the best time of my life. I was free there – truly free. We prayed every morning, studied the Word, and shared fellowship."

But now, on the outside, Yuliy* found himself in a different kind of prison – the prison of sin. This strong man of 51, who had once known the joy of salvation, was now deeply broken.

"I understand what's happening," he said with tears rolling down his face, "but I can't stop. I feel so ashamed before God. I can't even pray."

I saw in his eyes that Yuliy* wanted to return to God, but he was trapped, unable to forgive himself, believing that God must feel the same way. My heart broke for him, and as I shared my own story – how I, too, had once fallen but had been forgiven - I couldn't hold back my own tears.

"I've been where you are, Yuliy*," I told him. "God's love is still here for you. His mercy hasn't changed."

I asked if we could pray together. Yuliy* hesitated, shaking his head. "I can't. I'm too ashamed."

So, I prayed for him, asking God to touch his heart, to remind him of the freedom he once knew. Afterward, Yuliy* embraced me, not with the forced politeness of someone going through the motions, but with a deep, sincere gratitude, like family. He thanked God for Aviv Center, for this place where he could still "touch" the presence of the Lord.



Visitors of Aviv Center

I don't know where Yuliy* is right now, but I trust in God's Word that says, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret." And so, I continue to pray that Yuliy* will find his way back to the arms of the Father, where true freedom awaits him once again. Let's pray together if God puts Yuliy* on your heart!

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MINISTRY FOR WOMEN



A few months ago, we launched a free dance class featuring Israeli and Messianic songs for women from our Shelter, as well as any other women interested in joining. This initiative is another way to share the Good News with local women, and the group is steadily growing, bringing joy through fellowship and dancing. Unbelievers have also begun to attend, such as a Ukrainian refugee who dreamed of dancing but couldn't afford it. After accidentally meeting her in a grocery store, Irena, the class leader, invited her to join the activity, and she loved it. Please pray for the continued growth of this ministry and that all participants come to know the Lord!

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

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