

## MINISTRY UPDATE: JULY 2025

### *Dear Friends and Partners, shalom!*

The war with Iran is over – at least for now – and we are so thankful to **reopen Aviv Center** in Tel Aviv! With everything that happened last month, we did not get a chance to share a special moment that took place just before the war began: **an unexpected encounter on the streets near Aviv Center.**

As usual, on that day, a part of our volunteer group left the Center and headed out into the nearby streets to hand out food and bandage wounds. Suddenly, in the middle of our outreach, two young Israeli men approached us. They looked to be around 25 years old, dressed in army shirts marked with unit insignias – likely reservists called up for extended duty. Their posture, their gaze – everything about them showed seriousness and strength. These were the kind of young men often seen as part of Israel's elite.

They stopped in front of our team.

“Can we speak with you?” one asked.

“Of course. How can we help?”

Then they said something that moved us deeply:


“We live nearby. We see you out here almost every day. We see what you do for the people on the street. And... we just wanted to thank you.”

“We’re Christians,” someone from our team replied. “This is our ministry to God.”

They nodded. “We know. We’ve seen you pray, talk with people, clean their wounds. Sometimes we watch from our windows. And we want you to know – we really appreciate it.”

It was a quiet, unexpected testimony. We weren’t helping *them*. We didn’t even know they were watching. But they saw. And what they saw touched their hearts – a glimpse of the love of Christ in action.

In Israeli society, believers like us often face rejection, suspicion, even mockery. And yet these strong, confident young men came with words of kindness and gratitude. It felt like a glass of cold water in a dry and weary land.

 **Please pray for these men**, and for all the Israelis who see our outreach – that they would seek and find the One their hearts are longing for: the Messiah of Israel.

(By Sergey, Assistant Director of Aviv Ministry)

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### ANSWERED PRAYER

Today we’re overjoyed to share an update from our dear team member and director of the Women’s Shelter, **Tatyana – a testimony that’s truly an answer to prayer!**

Late last year, Tatiana was diagnosed with a serious spinal disc herniation. The pain in her back and leg was unbearable – she could barely walk, even inside her home. Strong painkillers didn’t



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help, and doctors said only surgery could relieve her. At her lowest point, she cried out to God through tears.

One doctor bluntly told her: “Even prayer won’t help – only surgery.” But another, more compassionate physician in Soroka hospital offered to try a spinal injection – “Maybe it will help for a month, maybe more,” she said.

That was **four months ago**. Since then, Tatiana has lived completely pain-free. She’s back on her feet – working, supporting her disabled mother, and serving the women at the Shelter with renewed strength and joy. Praise the Lord!

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### OUR BROTHER VALERIY HAS GONE HOME



You may remember Valeriy, one of the men from our rehab center, whom we previously asked you to pray for. He spent the last few months in the hospital battling aggressive cancer. The doctors did all they could – but in the end, the Lord called him home.

**Valeriy faced his journey with courage and trust in God.** Wilhelm, our rehab director, stayed by his side through prayer and encouragement. Thank you for your faithful prayers – they truly made a difference.

*Please continue to pray for the seven men currently in the center, that they too may come to know the love and comfort of the Lord, just as Valeriy did.*



*Tatiana next to one  
of the former  
Shelter's residents*

### MORE NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Aviv Center Outreach in Tel Aviv**

We are considering the need to look for a larger location to improve the efficiency of our work. We need more space for second-hand clothing, first aid, and the soup kitchen itself. Please pray for wisdom and clear guidance from the Lord in this decision.

- **Future Arab Rehabilitation Center**

We recently interviewed a potential staff member for the new rehab center, and he made a very good impression on us. He is a relatively new but very serious and committed believer, eager to begin this work – praise God! We are also still checking the building options for the center. Please keep praying for wisdom and God’s guidance.

- **Women’s Shelter**

In July, the last woman in our Shelter completed her journey and graduated from the program. Now we are entering a new season: updating the structure, rethinking the process, and praying for God’s guidance. We have open spaces – and even a few women who are considering joining – but they are still hesitant. Please pray that God would send us those women who truly need this place right now and are ready to take the first step.

Thank you for supporting our ministry and please feel free to share your prayers requests with us too anytime!

*Yours in His Service,*

*Dov and Olga Bikas and Aviv Ministry Team*

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