



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

Aviv Ministry – Celebrating 20 Years of God’s Faithfulness

A Word from Dov Bikas
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This year, our ministry celebrates its **twentieth anniversary** – running **four major projects**, with a **fifth** in its initial stages. Everything we do is aimed at **sharing the Gospel**, while serving vulnerable and marginalized people in Israel, and our team consists of **ten staff members and dozens of volunteers** who carry this work wholeheartedly day after day.



But our beginnings were very small. We set up a simple table in one of Tel Aviv’s parks where drug addicts gathered, and we began to feed them. Those were our first steps – simple, without experience, without resources.

In our newsletter from September **2005**, we wrote:

“Just a couple of weeks ago, we started a new project in the poorest and most neglected part of Tel Aviv... We talk to Russians, Jews, Arabs – hopeless, broken people – and are amazed at how open they are to the Word of God...”

If someone had told me back then that this tiny initiative would grow into a full ministry with ongoing projects, a staff team, and an impact on hundreds of lives, I probably would not have believed it.

Looking back on the journey of these 20 years, one word stands out: **FAITHFULNESS**.

- **God’s faithfulness** toward His lost sheep.
- **The faithfulness of our friends and supporters**, who have prayed for us and stood with us all these years.
- **The faithfulness of our staff**, who have served tirelessly in His fields.
- And finally, **God’s faithfulness toward us**, as He led us through different seasons – some easy, some difficult. There were times of uncertainty, lack of resources, and many challenges. And yet, the Lord carried us through them all, remaining faithful to the end.

To God be all the glory!

Aviv Ministry Timeline

“Remember the whole way the Lord your God has led you...” (Deuteronomy 8:2)

2005 – Street outreach begins, twice a week, among the addicted and the homeless.

2006 – Indoor **Bible studies** launch, street outreach continues.

2009 – Ministry expands to serve victims of **human trafficking**, offering care, dignity, and practical help.

2012 – **Aviv Center soup kitchen** opens, steadily extending its hours and services over the years.

Today, we distribute up to **2,000 meals every month** and see **30–40 addicts each year** take steps off the streets and into rehabilitation programs.



2013 – The **Rehabilitation Center** opens, becoming a stable home for men leaving the streets and overcoming addiction. Each year it helps **20-25 men** with safe housing, good meals, daily Bible study, and support for a new start, with **7–9 residents** living there at any given time.

2020 – A **Women’s Shelter** opens. Since then, **more than 50 women in crisis** have received protection, housing, meals, counseling and Bible-based encouragement.



2022 – Launch of **assistance for new immigrants**, especially the waves of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

2023 – With the outbreak of war with Hamas, the ministry mobilizes humanitarian aid for families in **Ashkelon** during heavy bombing and throughout their return to daily life.

2024 – The ministry transitions toward broader **humanitarian aid**, continuing to support the vulnerable and the new immigrants.

2025 – Ongoing support provides **100 monthly food packages** for needy families, alongside assistance with *aliyah* and practical help for the integration of new Israeli residents into society.



We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Let us continue praising the Lord together for His faithfulness and for every life transformed!

Yours in His Service, Dov and Olga Bikas and Aviv Ministry Team

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