

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

MINISTRY UPDATE: MAY 2026

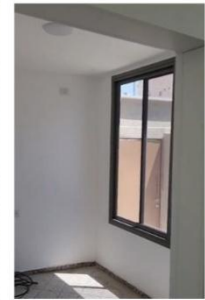
Dear Praying Friends and Partners, shalom!

This month we are especially grateful to share that the renovations for **our new Rehabilitation Center for Israeli Arabs** in Ramla have finally been completed, and the contract is now being prepared for signing. Lord willing, next month we will officially launch this new project.

Before



After



When you look at the different projects the Lord has entrusted to us, you may ask: what unites all these people we serve? At first glance, they seem very different – people struggling with addiction and homelessness, single mothers and their children, victims of domestic violence, new immigrants, people with disabilities, the elderly, and the poor. Yet behind so many of these stories we see one common reality: **vulnerability**.

Again and again in Scripture, God calls His people to care for “the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.” Why them specifically? I believe these were the most vulnerable members of society – people without protection, support, stability, or a place where they truly belonged.

When we look around today, we recognize the same vulnerable groups in a modern form. Single mothers and women escaping violence often carry the same loneliness and financial burden as widows. Their children grow up lacking the safety and support every child needs. New immigrants are still “strangers,” trying to find their place in a new land and culture. And many of those struggling with addiction or homelessness come from similar backgrounds: broken families, trauma, abuse, rejection, or deep isolation.

We believe God sees these people with the same compassion He showed throughout the Bible. **With your partnership, we seek to bring them His love and care** – sharing the Gospel, creating safe places, offering practical help, and supporting them on their path toward restoration. Thank you for walking this journey together with us!



BEHIND THE HEADLINES

This story – one of the many echoes of October 7 – once swept across the country, leaving no heart untouched. Igor Pivnev, a police officer, courageously fought against terrorists while trying to reach and rescue his wife, Hen, and their three daughters from their community near the Gaza border. Although the family survived that terrible day, the trauma left deep wounds. Following a long and difficult emotional struggle, Igor tragically took his own life a year and a half later.

Only after his death did Hen discover that she was expecting another baby. Earlier this year, she gave birth to a son. **Our team met Hen after the family relocated to Ashkelon.** Since then, we have been visiting them regularly, bringing food packages. In

addition, we were able to help with some household supplies, clothing for the children, things for the new baby, and a Bible as a gift.

As is often the case, public attention to personal tragedies gradually fades, while families continue carrying their pain quietly for months and years afterward. We are grateful that God allows us to continue walking alongside Hen and her children during this difficult season.

Please pray for this family – for comfort, strength, provision, and healing from trauma. Pray especially that in the midst of loss and uncertainty, they would encounter the peace, hope, and loving presence of the Lord.

WOMEN'S SHELTER UPDATE

Recently, we welcomed two new women into our Shelter.

Sonia*, originally from Moldova, came to Israel on a work visa and had been caring for an elderly woman with dementia. Under the weight of stress and exhaustion, she experienced an alcohol relapse and found herself completely overwhelmed and alone. Through believers who met her on the street, she was connected with our Shelter. During her stay with us, Sonia participated in Bible studies and attended fellowship meetings. Soon afterward, she was able to find new work in Ashkelon. Please pray that the seeds planted during this time would continue to grow in her heart.



Worship night at the Shelter

We also welcomed **Ilona***, originally from Ukraine, who has lived in Israel for many years and has struggled with alcohol addiction in the past. Ilona is a believer and came to the Shelter with a sincere desire to strengthen her faith and rebuild stability in her life. She actively participates in the life of the Shelter, joins Bible studies, openly shares about her struggles, and desires to understand the deeper roots behind her past relapses. We are encouraged to see her openness and hunger for spiritual growth.

Please keep praying for the women in our Shelter – that they would not only find safety and restoration, but truly encounter the Lord and His transforming love.

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As our work continues to grow, one of the great ways you can help is by **sharing about Aviv Ministry with others**. If you know an individual, church, or organization that may be interested in what we do, please consider forwarding this newsletter or connecting them with us.

Yours in His Service,

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