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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Aviv Centers

To whom it may concern,

Last month, I went to visit the Aviv Center in Tel-Aviv. I wanted to tell you how impressed I was with the work that Dov, Max and the whole team is doing there:

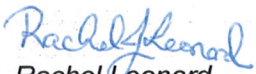
Dov and his team are doing such a wonderful job reaching out to the drug addicts and prostitutes on the street of Tel-Aviv. Although I do not understand Russian, I could tell that Dov was welcomed by the people on the street who were gaunt, full of bandages and at times, even shooting up in front of us. I was shocked to see the state in which some of them were in. I particularly remember one prostitute who had slept in the dump she was rummaging through and had been badly beaten, yet even in her battered dirty state, she tried to sell herself to one of the men in our group and another pregnant lady shooting up next to a guy who was obviously out from doing drugs (he let the coke he was given spill all over him). One particular girl spent a lot of time asking Dov questions. It turns out she started doing drugs and selling herself on the street at the age of forty. Now, at the age of forty-three, she looked less gaunt and old as others her age in this horrible field, but still very lost. I wondered what brought her to that state, but when I got a chance to ask her, she either couldn't answer me or was too out of it to think straight.

I can tell you that from watching Dov's patient and loving stance, it is a very draining job, but he reaches out to each of them with love drawing them to the center to hear the Word of God, eat some food and drink some coke or water. Max and other volunteers in the meantime talk to those who come in and then give a teaching which is centered on God's Word. The talk the day we came was about God's forgiveness. One of the ladies (Christina) had a hard time forgiving someone (maybe herself) so she spoke up quite a few times when Max mentioned that God can wipe all of their sins away. I, personally, was very impacted by that day I spent with Dov at the center in Tel-Aviv and will continue to pray and support their work there.

Please continue to pray for the whole team – for the Lord's strength and protection, and for the right words to share and deal with those they are ministering to.

May the Lord bless you from Zion!

Blessings,


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