



AVIV MINISTRY – for Victims of Addictions and Sexual Abuse
THE NEGEV MINISTRY – Evangelization and Church Planting

MINISTRY UPDATE: SPRING 2020

Dear Praying Friends, shalom!

We hope you are doing well and staying healthy! We want to share with you that our **Women’s Shelter has finally moved to the new, spacious rented home**, and one lady is already living in it. About two weeks ago we were contacted by the director of a secular anti-violence organization and were asked to help a **young woman, Katya**, whom her boyfriend simply threw out on the street. Apparently, she went through severe violence, but she can’t talk about it yet.



She is 26 years old, but looks like eighteen – very small and skinny – and has got nobody here, because she is not an Israeli citizen. She is also a deaf-mute and can

communicate with people only through writing or sign language. We went to pick her up from the police station, and she was crying a lot. Now she is gradually getting better. The same anti-violence organization may send us another lady in the following days. So we are already accepting residents, while still making some renovations in the home.



We are very happy with Tanya, the Shelter’s worker and manager. She is independent, resourceful, efficient and very kind hearted. We praise God for her. We also believe that our move

to the new home is timely indeed, since, as you have probably heard, because of the quarantine measures the rate of domestic violence has increased worldwide, and sadly, Israel is not an exception.

Please pray for Katya and for Tanya.

Beersheva

In our rehab in Beersheva Oleg is still taking care of 14 guys. Five of them are **new rehabilitants** who are recovering from years long addiction to heavy drugs, so please uphold them in our prayers!

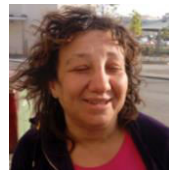
Oleg is doing well, even though he is super busy. *“I want to continue serving my guys”, – he says, – “and I don’t see it as ‘work’. I do this for and together with the Lord. I love to do it and do it with my heart. I hope that we can help many addicts, give them a home. But most importantly, I hope that they will get to know the Lord. Pray for strength and courage for the guys to persevere and stay clean from drugs and alcohol. That they may find and accept Jesus into their lives as their personal Savior. That they would find their identity in Him. And that they would experience His peace through a living relationship with the Lord. And – especially now, in these ‘corona times’ – that His light would shine brightly over all the dark situations. Pray for me and Dov, for wisdom in walking alongside these guys and for the choices we face. For strength and good health to continue doing this work. And above all, that His love would overflow!”*

Tel Aviv

Our **outreach in Tel Aviv continues**, and the street people are very grateful. Our volunteers feed the visitors at the doors of Aviv Center (without letting people in because of the Health Ministry restrictions) and walk the streets, distributing food packages and inviting the addicts to the rehabs.

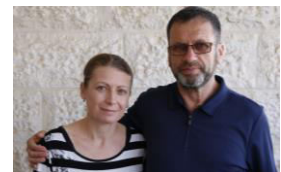


Do you remember **Irena** from Tel Aviv we were helping several years ago? She stayed with us for a long time, but in the end returned to the streets. We were very worried about her, since her health condition was deteriorating rapidly. Today she is in a secular women’s rehab and is holding up quite well! She also asked for a New Testament, sends us her regards and keeps in touch with the believers from Red Carpet Ministry (that works specifically with street women from Tel Aviv). Praise the Lord!



Thank you for all your care and prayers!

Yours in Him, *Dov and Olga Bikas*



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