



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

MINISTRY UPDATE: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Looking back at the year that is almost over, I can say that it has been both challenging and fruitful.

Challenging because of **Olga's health condition** that seems to have become chronic, with no hope from the doctors for any improvement in the future. This, no doubt, puts an additional emotional and physical burden on our family.



On the other hand, the ministry has been growing and bringing fruit, praise the Lord!

1. In our outreach center in Tel Aviv about 12,000 meals have been distributed this year, and **many street addicts have decided to go to rehab centers.**

Some of them have completed a rehab program and now even come to Aviv Center as volunteers. There are those who decided to **dedicate their life to the Lord and have been baptized.** All our teams remain active and enthusiastic about the work, and we hope that more volunteer groups will join us soon. We also **praise the Lord for the renovations** in Aviv Center. It has become a beautiful, clean and safe place!





Beersheva rehabilitants serving in Aviv Center

2. We are grateful to the Lord that the **six rehabilitants** who live in our Beersheva rehab are all doing quite well, **making good progress**. This year we have had a great help from volunteers from Russia who come for about a month at a time to live in the rehab, disciple the rehabilitants and have fellowship with them.

3. Recently we have finally made the decision to expand our Beersheva rehab center by renting an adjacent part of the same building, where we will also be able to hold **our congregation's Shabbat services** and other meetings. This is going to be a good solution for both our rehab (**we will be finally able to open the Halfway House!**) and for our congregation, which up till now had not got a place of its own, but simply rented a hall for Shabbat services. We have made basic renovations and are going to start holding our Shabbat meetings in this new place this weekend!

4. We praise the Lord for the development in our new project of **street evangelism for drug addicts in Beersheva**, in the park where they use to gather. Some people from our congregation and I go there twice a week and the addicts already approach us themselves, ready to talk and take Christian literature. They are native Israelis, Russian immigrants and Arabs (Bedouins). One day one of them asked us: "Why are you coming here? What are you looking for?" So I replied: "We are looking for treasure! You are precious in God's eyes, and He is looking for you!" Some addicts have taken our phone numbers and have asked where they can find us if they decide to start a rehab program. Please pray for God's guidance for us and that He would touch the lives of these people and help them embrace His salvation.



We are very grateful to all of you, our dear brothers and sisters, for partnering with us this year, for walking with us, hand in hand, towards the common goal – winning lost souls for our Savior's kingdom!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

Yours in His love,
Dou and Olga Bikas



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