

My Night of Broken Glass

I was back in San Antonio only about 24 hours after having driven from PA to FL and then to TX. After a good night's sleep, I headed out for my morning walk. Coming around my car, I stopped in disbelief. During the night someone had broken out the driver's door window. I looked inside and realized they had stolen my new seat organizer containing all my Christian praise & worship CD's, Bible on cassette, small Bible, AAA maps and all my spiritual teaching CD's. I could not believe it! Why would anyone take Christian teachings and music?

The first emotion to hit me was sadness at my loss. All my favorite CD's were in there and some special teachings. How could they have done this?! Next my practical side kicked in prompting calls to the police and insurance company. Next was anger, quickly turning into disgust for the whole incident.

Standing by the car I asked the Lord about the vandalism and why this was allowed. He reminded me that my "things" were just that— THINGS— and they didn't belong to me anyway. Besides, wasn't He sufficient? Wasn't He really all I needed? Did I really NEED those CD's? Couldn't He use those items to bring salvation for the thieves?

Put in my place, I began praying for those who had caused the damage and stolen "my" things. But the Lord wasn't finished with me. He began to remind me that I have been reading many books telling of the Jews during the Holocaust and their losses: homes, belongings, food, warm clothing, shoes, family— all suddenly wrenched from them. Actually, God had just answered one of my prayers. I have been asking Him to make sure I do not lose the mercy, compassion, the connection He gave me with the Survivors; that I not grow weary or fail in this work to which He has appointed me. As the work expands, I have been literally begging God to make sure I do not lose the first love He gave me.

In His mercy, the answer was to allow me to experience a tiny fraction of what our precious Survivors went through in the war. He sent a shadow of "Kristallnacht" to put my life and purpose into perspective. It was the preparation I needed for my next step.

Before you receive this newsletter I will have gone to Germany for one week before flying to Israel. While there I am visiting Dachau Concentration Camp, walking some of the areas where the Jews suffered and Death Marches occurred. I will also have the wonderful opportunity to meet German citizens who were there during WWII, who cared what happened to God's people and who teach repentance for the atrocities which occurred. In this I will have another prayer fulfilled. For several years I have wanted to go to Germany to face the spirit of death sent by the enemy and declare the spirit of Life brought by our Living Lord.

God is so good to allow me to catch a glimpse of what His people endured. You see, He was there too. He grieved along with them over the horrible things that were done to His Jewish brothers. He is also here now. I am depending on Him to guide us through the work He has given, to gain the understanding He teaches and receive His love in abundance so we may give it freely to those He loves, the Survivors of the Holocaust. —Susan Heagy

WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2009 & 2010?!!

Oct 27– Nov 3	Germany
Nov 3– Dec 31	Israel
<u>2010</u>	
Jan 1-5	Israel
Jan 5-14	Pennsylvania
Jan 14– May	San Antonio, TX
May-June	Israel

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God's Precious Gift-A New Mamma by Jean Kuhn

"Our family story begins in 2004 when Abundant Hope mailed names and stories of Holocaust survivors. The name that pierced our hearts with an arrow was Raisa V. from Arad. Jean began corresponding with her and Raisa replied soon after receiving her letter.

"Before Abundant Hope's Kindness Ministry, Raisa had what she called 'a heart of stone'. But through our love and caring for her with monthly letters, photos, etc. about us and our family, a special loving bond took place and we became a family. When she first was visited by Abundant Hope her head was down (deep depression) and she didn't want to see anyone. Now she welcomes visitors with hugs. She was like a wilted flower who has grown into a bright, open blossom--a beautiful, beautiful sight!

"Our first gift to Raisa was a tube of bright red lipstick which turned out to be her favorite color! Over the past four years we have sent many family and trip photos which she loves to bring out and show her visitors. During our visit this past February she wanted to make sure she knew who all the family members were in the photos.

"For several years Raisa expressed a deep desire to meet us in person, and the Lord provided this opportunity in February 2009. Before we arrived she kept asking her translator, "Are they REALLY coming?" What love greeted us at the door with lots of hugs and kisses! During our conversation Jean mentioned that her mom had passed away and she said to Raisa "You are my Mamma now" and she agreed with a big smile! She also said that now that we have met, we are truly a family. What a loving and caring woman she is. It is an awesome feeling being able to refer to her as Mamma Raisa. Oh how our God is so great! Our Bible verse truly is Psalm 68:6:

"God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing--"

Faithfulness!!

Through prayer we are seeing an increase in Survivor adoptions and relationships! Thank you to those praying faithfully. Join our Intercessors--call Barbara at 717-557-5775 or email abhill@libertyrides.com!

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Phone Number Changes!

Beginning November 5, 2009 two of our phone numbers are changed:

**For Donations, Financial and Prayer Partner information:
call 1-717-557-5775**

**For Main Office, General Information and Volunteer:
call 1-210-249-8401**

Holocaust Survivor Adoptions remains the same—717-592-0859

E-Giving is Here!! ("Tzedakah!"- za-dah'-kah)

Our prayer has been: "Lord give us the ability to administer with integrity, creativity and bring us those who know how to do it best." As the needs rise, and consequently the administrative duties increase, we have prayed for the best way to use our time wisely. The Lord is faithful and has answered this concern. We are pleased to present EGiving to you, our faithful supporters.

EGiving Systems is a unique Believer based group that helps organizations use their time wisely and plan for the future. Their online donation system is designed to allow our faithful monthly givers to do the same. Through this system AHI will be able to plan more Humanitarian Aid projects, needed expansion to reach more Survivors, save costs and release our people to do more hands-on ministry. Our heart's desire is to focus our time and love on our Holocaust Survivors rather than fundraising.

Through monthly electronic Partnerships with AHI, joining us in "**Tzedakah**" (righteousness, justice and charity), you will help us make a greater impact against the darkness attacking the Holocaust Survivors of Israel. This method includes Partners around the world as EGiving handles virtually all denominations of currency for electronic drafts and credit cards (both USA; Credit card required for all countries outside the USA). This form is now available online at our website www.abundanthopeinternational.org, safe and secure through GeoTrust. You can also use the paper method provided, or print online, for regular post. **EGiving** saves you time, stamps, and provides peace of mind that your gift is received every month without fail. If you have any questions, please call Alfred Hill at 717-557-5775 and he will be happy to answer them for you. We look forward to you joining us as a "**Tzedakah**" Partner, embracing the best we can offer to bless you in your faithfulness.

DID YOU KNOW...

...IN 1791 CATHERINE THE GREAT, CZARINA OF RUSSIA, CREATED A ZONE OF RESIDENCE- OR CONTAINMENT- FOR THE JEWS COMPRISED OF MORE THAN 38,000 SQUARE MILES? THE JEWS CALLED IT "THE PALE" AND MOST WERE RESTRICTED TO THIS AREA UNTIL AFTER THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1917. DISPUTED TERRITORY FOR MANY YEARS, THE LAND IS NOW KNOWN AS LATVIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, BELORUSSIA AND UKRAINE. IN 1880 IT WAS HOME TO NEARLY 4 MILLION OUT OF 7.7 MILLION JEWS WORLDWIDE. -"JEWISH AMERICANS" BY ROBERT STEIN

~ A FEW WORDS ~

“Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” Job 1:8

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31& 32

Is your life making enough of an impact that Jesus and Satan discuss you? Are you enough of a threat to our spiritual enemies to create a stir in the demonic world? The trouble that came into Job and Peter’s lives was not because they were disobedient, but because they were upright, loved God and followed Him. The Lord was proud of them and even bragged about Job. Like them, we need to make a difference. We may fall even as Jesus predicted for Peter. But “when” we turn back, we need to “strengthen our brothers.” Make the Lord proud and Satan mad!

From the Beginning...

Elva is a mother and a grandmother. She teaches Bible studies, performs in her church’s Christmas program, is an office manager by occupation and has great compassion for those in need.

Elva loves an exciting basketball game if it is the San Antonio Spurs. She cooks a great Mexican meal and enjoys a good movie. Soon Elva will be retiring and is looking to serve the Lord with her talents and skills.

At the very beginning, in 2004, Elva was a friend who prayed for us. Next she involved her Bible Study group to fold the hard copy of “Today’s Hope” newsletter. Now Elva is advancing into another area of AHI: assisting us with some administrative duties, communications, office needs and occasional travel for Abundant Hope.

Why am I telling you all this? Many of you have some of the same skills as Elva; some of you have different talents, and have no outlet to use them.

I would encourage you to pray and find out if the Lord would have you join AHI, giving Him some of your spare time. We are blessed the Lord called her and Elva has chosen to join us. Now, how about you?

Susan Heagy, President

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