



THE DESERT ROAD

DESERT HOPE INTERNATIONAL

What is this outreach?

- Making a difference in the lives of Holocaust Survivors with visitation & 'adoption.'
- Establishing a Hospitality House in Israel to help those in economic need, connecting those seeking God with those who can guide them.
- Speaking and teaching in churches or congregations about the Holocaust Survivors and Israel

Come join us in loving God's People!

The Prayer Room

Two years ago, when we first presented the idea of the Hospitality House, a powerful prayer group in Landis Homes, Lititz, PA, caught that Vision. They have been faithfully praying for it since the first presentation in our newsletter.

These intercessors have been meeting consecutively for 21 years! Now in their 80's & 90's, their faithfulness is evident, never wavering.

One intercessor shared "When I read about the House, I immediately saw you standing in the House and KNEW it was from God!" (page 3)

ONE GIFT TO GIVE

At this time of year, Believers gather together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. We enjoy our families, share time with relatives, chat over coffee with friends and bless special people in our lives with gifts.

But what of the Holocaust Survivors in Israel? What are their holidays like? They have no families as theirs were murdered in concentration camps and ghettos. No relatives as they disappeared into a black hole of unknown fate. Friends are rare as few Survivors learned to share themselves with others, not understanding love. Giving gifts to special people is often not an option as they still live in poverty, years after losing everything in the war, leaving their homeland behind.

However, there are ways we can make a difference this holiday:

Give the gift of fervent prayer for them to know their own Messiah.

Give the gift of your family to someone who lost their own in the Holocaust.

Give the gift of friendship through a short letter or card.

Give the gift of "Life!", and provide a monthly food coupon for a Survivor.

Before the year ends, make it unlike any other.

Change the life of a Holocaust Survivor – give the gift of joy... forever.

Where in the World is Susan?!

December

9th 4:30 pm Next Generation Ministry, Grace Methodist Church, 826 Village Rd West Princeton Jct., NJ– Call Mia Chang at [\(609\)750-1447](tel:6097501447) or [\(609\)558-4708](tel:6095584708) for directions

12th Susan to Israel / Marianna available to speak in PA/MD/NY

January 08

9th-19th Work Team to join Susan in Israel; Team Leaders Nancy Kurtz, Adopt. Director & Wanda Heebner, Intl. Adopt. Coordinator

February

13th-26th Alexander (Sasha) Bakulaev, DHI Field Coordinator, Russian/Israeli citizen, visiting the US– limited bookings! – call [717-557-5775](tel:7175575775)

March **(Tentatively full!) (next Volunteer trip November 12-22, 2008)**

25th-April 5th NEW! Volunteer Training Trip, Israel with Susan & Marianna Accepting applications now– come learn about Israel & meet Survivors!

April

25th thru May USA Speaking tour including PA, TX, AL, FL. *Call today to add your location and/or state to our itinerary!*

To join the next Work / Visit Teams, or arrange for Speaking times, call [717-557-5775](tel:7175575775) or email info@deserthopeinternational.org

UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

Jewish– Hanukkah, December 5th **Russian**– 2008 New Year, January 1st-5th & Russian Christmas, Jan 7th

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

“Voice of the Survivors!”

Imagine five minutes a day/five times a week- sharing personal experiences of the Holocaust Survivors. Part of the DHI vision is to educate the public that the Holocaust was real, actual people experienced it and they deserve to be remembered. How sad that many people today know nothing of that time in history!

One of the best ways to communicate is through radio. Would you help us? We are seeking sponsors, \$75 / wk (or \$15 a day), so we can begin telling many others the truth about the Holocaust. You can choose to sponsor five programs a week or just one. Each program sponsor will receive acknowledgement (advertising) on each spot, perfect for small businesses, churches, organizations or even individuals. Help us honor the Holocaust Survivors! Call 727-557-5775 or 210-249-8401 to sponsor [“Voice of the Survivors!”](#)

Visa Approved!

Alex (Sasha) is one of our Field Coordinators in Israel, visiting the Survivors in his home town, with over 60 Survivors in his care. Sasha is a Russian/Israeli citizen with a wonderful heart of compassion. Some of you, adoptive families, have received cards saying he visited your Survivor. Sasha has been seeking to visit the US for the last year and finally got his visa approved! Praise the Lord! He will be in PA from February 13 to 20 and Oregon, February 21 to 26, 2008. His time is short, but we would like to give him every opportunity to speak of Israel, living the Gospel and the current status of the Holocaust Survivors. Please call 717-557-5775 or 717-542-8810 to arrange for him to speak to your group. This is your chance to meet Sasha!

Volunteers Doing Kingdom Work

Several trips are planned over the next 5 months, **all Volunteer**, to renovate Beit Shalom, visit Holocaust Survivors, contact Israeli Aid Organizations, train Volunteers and speak to raise awareness! If you want to help, choose a name from below, send their name along with your donation for them, and please pray for us!

Susan Heagy , Director, DHI	(To Israel, airfare & expenses for Dec & March)
Nancy Kurtz , Adoption Director & PA Coordinator	(To Israel, January Work Trip)
Wanda Heebner , International Adopt Coordinator	(To Israel, January Work Trip)
Ed Keller , Volunteer & General Contractor	(To Israel, January Work Trip)
Marianna Esworthy , Vice President, DHI	(To Israel, expenses March & April)
Alexander Bakulaev , Field Coordinator in Israel	(To USA, airfare & expenses February, speaking)

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ’S

Q. *“Can we give an end-of-year donation to help us with tax purposes?”*

A. Yes, we are a 501(c)3 organization and all your donations are tax deductible.

Q. *“Do you help Holocaust Survivors in the USA too?”*

A. Currently we are working only with the Survivors in Israel, but are open to Volunteers helping here.

Q. *“Surely almost all the Holocaust Survivors are dead now. How many can possibly be left?”*

A. Worldwide over 850,000 with approximately 350,000 of them in Israel. We need to help them now!

Attention! All Stampers & Handcrafters!

Would you like to put your talent into the hands of the Survivors? Every year DHI makes sure the Holocaust Survivors in Israel, and their spouses, receive anniversary and birthday cards. If you are creative, we could sure use your help! Cards decorated outside, blank inside, allows us to add salutations in Russian or Hebrew. We encourage you to pray over the cards as you make them. For 2008 we need 300 hand-loved cards. For more information, call [717-592-0892](tel:717-592-0892) or send them to the Shiremanstown address on the back page.



OUR JEWISH ROOTS— HANUKKAH
BY MARIANNA ESWORTHY



Hanukkah is the “Feast of Dedication.” This holiday is in celebration of a special miracle that took place in Jerusalem, approximately 167 BC when G-d gave victory to the Maccabees against the Seleucids to prevent the total “Hellenization” (conversion to Greek culture) and extermination of the Jewish people.

Antiochus IV, the leader of the Seleucids, had taken over much of Israel, and defiled the holy temple in Jerusalem by sacrificing a pig on the altar to the Greek god Zeus. A priest named Mattathias and his five sons organized a revolt. One of the sons, Judah, rose to leadership and was nicknamed “Maccabee” (the hammer). Although greatly outnumbered, they gained victory over the Seleucids. They restored and sanctified the temple in Jerusalem, and re-dedicated it to the L-rd. Upon lighting the menorah (7 branch candelabra), they discovered that there was only enough oil to burn for one day, and it takes eight days to make the special type of oil that is burned in the menorah. G-d performed a miracle as the menorah remained lit for eight days without being refilled until the new oil was produced. This miracle is commemorated as Hanukkah.

This holiday is mentioned in John 10:22 & 23 when Yeshua was in the temple in Solomon’s Porch. We can understand that this is a celebration of deliverance and dedication. Our Messiah Yeshua has come to deliver us from sin, and so we become the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19,20) Oil represents the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh). Are we continually being “filled” supernaturally with oil and burning brightly, to be a light in this darkened world? (Matt. 5:15,16) Yeshua is the light! (John 3:19-21) Let us make sure that we are totally dedicated to the L-rd! *Happy Hanukkah!*

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What an encouragement to us!

Because they have continually stood strong, interceding and encouraging, we want to honor them with a plaque outside the Prayer Room in the Beit Shalom Hospitality House:

*The Friends of Zion
Prayer Room
Landis Homes,
Lititz, PA*

*“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray... then will I hear from heaven... and will heal their land.”
II Chronicles 7:14*

Thank you to each prayer warrior for your intercession, your love and faithfully standing with us! -Susan Heagy



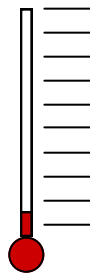
Come be a guest at Beit Shalom!

Completed renovation:

- Shalom Bedroom
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Fields of Grace Apartment

In planning stages:

- Oil of Gladness Bedroom
- Judah Praise Room
- Rose of Sharon Bedroom



\$294,000 still Needed - Invest in God’s House today!

\$6000 given/pledged

DID YOU KNOW...

...AFTER THE AMERICAN TROOPS LIBERATED PELIG CONCENTRATION CAMP, THE RED CROSS TOOK THE SURVIVORS TO A NEARBY NAZI HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT?

THE FORMER NAZI TORMENTORS FROM THE CAMP, AND THE GERMAN NURSES, WERE FORCED TO CARE FOR THE JEWISH SURVIVORS AND NURSE THEM BACK TO HEALTH.

~ A FEW WORDS ~

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:17 & 18

The word “church”, “ecclesia”, literally means “called out”. It was used during Roman times to refer to the Roman Senate. The word indicated that the members must be selected, drenched with the emperor’s purposes through time with him, know his heart, mind and will, & be prepared to represent him in new territory.

Isn’t this what we are called to do? Shouldn’t we be “drenched” in the purpose of our Lord? Shouldn’t our mind, will and heart be so ‘One’ with our God that we can’t help but fulfill His Purpose, His Plan? Don’t we need to be prepared to enter new territory for our Leader, our Messiah? Be an Ambassador for our Lord! Make Him your sole Purpose in Life! Don’t let 2007 end without dedicating your entire heart to Him and bring Him Glory!

New!!

Solid Rock Christian Store

New!

1009 North Mountain Road, Linglestown, PA 17112 Ph. 717-541-1300

Now selling mezuzot and other items from Israel!

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All contributions and communications can be sent to the address below:

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Credit/bank card donation option on our website www.deserthopeinternational.org

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dedicated to blessing and honoring the Holocaust Survivors and elderly Jews from WWII. (Psalms 68:5&6)

Other outreaches:

- Beit Shalom, a House of Hospitality in northern Israel
- Holocaust Survivor Adoption Program
- Volunteer Working Tours to Israel
- Monthly newsletter
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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