

TODAY'S HOPE!

"They will celebrate your abundant goodness..." Psalms 145:7



- ◆ Humanitarian Aid for Holocaust Survivors, Israel
 - ◆ Adoption Program for Holocaust Survivors
 - ◆ Education through media, speaking, teaching
 - ◆ Beit Shalom Hospitality House, Akko, Israel
 - ◆ Volunteer Program
- AHI is a 501(c)3 faith-based organization, dedicated to blessing and honoring the Holocaust Survivors and elderly Jews from WWII. (Psalms 68:5&6)**

Returning "Home"

When you receive this edition of the newsletter, I will have returned to Israel for a three-month visit. Each time I go back, I have a sense of returning home.

For those of you who know me, you understand for me to say "home" is ironic since the Lord has me living wherever my suitcase happens to be. To live life as a nomad, traveling from place to place, is reminiscent of two people I greatly admire: Paul (New Testament) and Corrie Ten Boom (Holocaust Survivor).

When I began this journey of loving on the Survivors, I heard God instruct me to "get mobile like Paul." I did that, giving up all my possessions to be free to go wherever God said. (pg. 3)

Guess Who's Coming to Beit Shalom...

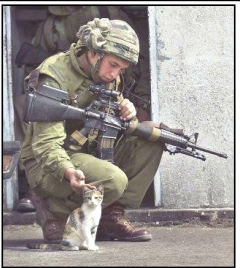
Beit Shalom Hospitality House is a lot like a Surprise Package— sometimes we never know who is coming. Besides our scheduled reservations, Guests will suddenly call needing a room, someone comes to visit, workers for another organization need respite time or an emergency arises creating a need for temporary housing. Otherwise, rooms & various events are booked in the House:

- ◆ A Volunteer assisting a Jewish organization in the Akko area
- ◆ Two sweet ladies from France as Guests/Volunteers
- ◆ A Christian Arab Bible Study in the Judah Praise Room
- ◆ A group of leaders visiting with us at Beit Shalom
- ◆ A family of volunteers from the Gaza area seeking a respite time
- ◆ Volunteers from the US & Israel touring and visiting Holocaust Survivors
- ◆ A couple coming to visit three Survivors they adopted and write faithfully
- ◆ A gentleman seeking to help us with humanitarian aid in Israel
- ◆ Cookie, a favorite Guest Hostess, returning to Beit Shalom! Yay! :)
- ◆ A pedicurist from Holland will spend two weeks serving the Survivors
- ◆ A hairdresser from the USA will cut hair for the Survivors for a few weeks

This is the fulfillment of the Vision of Beit Shalom Hospitality House (see pg 3) and the preparation for what God is doing next. Goals for 2009 include:

- ◆ Setting up an office for our Survivor Program Directors in the House.
- ◆ Base operations at House to (see back page)

The Gaza war pictures Hamas doesn't want anyone to see! More photos inside...



WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2009?!!

- February** Israel - Volunteers & Guests at Beit Shalom, distributing blankets
- March** Israel - Visiting Survivors, Guests, expanding outreach
- April** Israel - Visiting Survivors, partnering with organizations, outreach
- May** (Tentative) West Coast (OR, WA, CA)
- June-August** USA traveling TX, TN, FL, KY, PA (call and add your state!)
- September 26** "A Night to Celebrate Israel!" Conference & Marketplace
Grace Chapel, Elizabethtown, PA
- October** PA
- Nov-Dec** (Tentative) Israel

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Available for speaking about the Holocaust Survivors to congregations, church groups, school students, organizations, clubs, conferences and home groups

To arrange for Speaking times:

Call 717-542-8810 or email info@abundanthopeinternational.org

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

They Are Still Coming In!

We are still receiving new names of Holocaust Survivors in need of families. Please pray about adopting a Holocaust Survivor. You can change their lives forever just by writing to them once a month, praying for them and helping provide a Food Coupon. Call 717-592-0859 or email adopt@abundanthopeinternational.org today!

Considering Coming to Beit Shalom to Volunteer? Important Information!!

Volunteers **MUST** first fill out an application & be approved before coming. If you worked at Beit Shalom before, and did not yet fill out an application, you **must do so** before coming again. Rooms fill quickly with Guest reservations and Volunteer positions are by approval and availability. To apply please call 717-542-8810 or email beitshalom@abundanthopeinternational.org

Thank You

We at Abundant Hope International want to extend a warm "Thank You!" to two ladies, Sharril and Katherine, who separately filled the position of Hostess/Manager at Beit Shalom Hospitality House over the last six months. This position requires a heart to serve and willingness to fulfill the goals of Beit Shalom. To apply & schedule an interview please email susanh@abundanthopeinternational.org or call 717-542-8810.

Touring in Israel

Tour Israel with Rosemary Schindler, Israel's Tourism Ambassador. Call 1-800-300-8778, go to www.schindlersark.com or email schindlertours@yahoo.com for info.

HELP NEEDED

All positions require email, phone and 5-7 hrs / month.

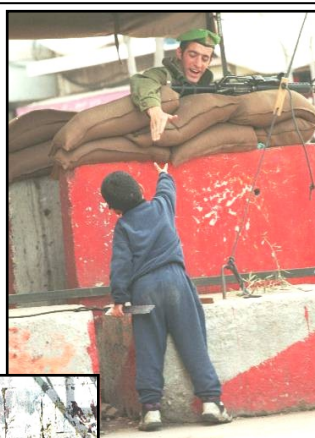
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(Clockwise from top)
Palestinian child shakes hands with Israeli soldier...
Palestinian child plays game with Israeli soldiers...
Palestinian soldier shakes hands with Israeli soldiers...
Israeli soldier helps elderly Palestinian



Pictures from Gaza during the recent war.



PLEASE HELP US BY VERIFYING YOUR INFORMATION

Beit Shalom Hospitality House Update

The Vision: "To establish Houses in Israel for the purpose of providing practical needs, offering hands-on ministry to Believers visiting Israel, assist local ministries and congregations to fulfill their Visions and be a Light to the community."

2007: We signed the contract and shared the House with Katzir Asher, a congregation already in place. One bedroom was assigned for guests and the congregation was invited to stay as long as they needed.

2008: Beit Shalom Hospitality House began operating at 100% capacity within 12 hours of Katzir Asher moving to their own facility. Since then Guests and Volunteers from 12 different countries have lodged with us.

The Current Situation:

Summer and fall, 2008, we negotiated for a contract for purchase having the required down payment (1/3 cost). The landlord changed his terms and demanded full payment in cash. We are still renting the house in Akko. Renovations/improvements will follow the purchase.

The Lord continues to use the House for His purposes of humanitarian aid, respite for Kingdom workers, emergency shelter and a base for our Holocaust Survivor Visitation Program. We are still seeking to purchase this House. The location is one of the best in Akko and surrounding area. God has not changed His mind.

The Future:

This House is the 'Seed House.' It must be 'planted' in order to reap the harvest of Houses for the Holocaust Survivors. Our time is short; the Survivors are in need of safe housing and they deserve no less.

Please consider helping us plant this 'Seed House' with your own financial seed. Help us bring in the harvest for the Survivors! Time is short but you can help.



~ A FEW WORDS ~

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, "Here am I, here am I."" Isaiah 65:1

America is in trouble. We as a nation have grown distant from the original intent of our founding fathers. The USA was formed as a republic, our Constitution based on the precepts and statutes of the Word of God. In 1933 we took deliberate steps to go against what was written and began the process to turn America into a democracy. A republic is where the people hold their leaders accountable for their decisions and the people rule; democracy is where the government rules and the people are unable to hold them accountable. Today our God and the Bible are no longer in our schools or government and considered to be politically incorrect.

Even so, God still calls to us and offers to help; calling to say "Here am I."

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

I encourage each Believer to call on the Lord while He may be found. Pray daily for our nation & our leaders, the President to your local councils. Please pray!!

"Home" (pg 1 cont'd)

Paul was mobile, traveling where he needed to preach the Gospel. Corrie ten Boom traveled constantly to educate people of what really happened in the Holocaust and to teach forgiveness. I travel to spread the news of the Holocaust Survivors today & teach that God's love is relevant in how we treat people everyday. It is not what you say but how you show the love of Y'shua.

Do I miss having a home of my own? Not really. Most of the things I gave up are just that— things. *"What you refuse to give up today you may regret at having to carry tomorrow."* -Arthur Burke.

If God is calling you to simplify your life, I encourage you to listen. It is worth everything you own to follow Him. Susan Heagy

DID YOU KNOW...

...ZIVIA LUBETKIN HELPED TO FOUND THE JEWISH FIGHTING ORGANIZATION IN THE WARSAW GHETTO?

THEY FOUGHT BACK IN JANUARY 1943, FORCING THE NAZIS TO RETREAT, THOUGH ONLY TEMPORARILY.

APRIL 19, 1943, EVE OF PASSOVER, THE NAZIS SET FIRE TO THE WARSAW GHETTO OF 50,000 JEWS. STILL, THEY RESISTED UNTIL MAY 10, 1943.

ZIVIA ESCAPED AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT.

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begin our search to establish Community Residential Houses for the Holocaust Survivors, many of whom are living in unsafe apartments, having many flights of stairs and are subject to scams and robberies.

- ◆ Expanding our outreach through increased humanitarian aid and partnering with other organizations

Two needs stand out to accomplish these goals.

1. We need to complete the purchase of the House. To complete the sale we need approximately \$150,000.
2. An Israeli couple to live at and manage the House

We ask for your prayers that we may accomplish the work God has entrusted to us to accomplish. Pray for the partners God has called to join us and that He will prepare just the right people to fulfill His Plans.

Books / Movies to Learn About the Holocaust

Books: "The Holocaust Chronicle" Louis Weber, CEO, Legacy Publishing

"Dear God, have you ever been hungry?" By Joseph Bau (true story featured*)

Movies: "Defiance" (currently in theatres) "Schindler's List" * (on DVD)