

# 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)**

### New Treasurer

If you have a need, God says to ask. So, we did. As AHI continued to grow, we were aware of the need for more expertise and good advice.

*"Make plans by seeking advice."*  
Proverbs 20:18

We began asking God for just the right person to help us maintain our promise of integrity in finances.

The result was exactly what we needed: creative ideas and professional advice. We are quite pleased to introduce and welcome our new Treasurer, Alfred H. Hill, CPA., retired.

Alfred is well informed in many areas concerning the finances of a non-profit organization and knows how to ask the right (pg. 3)

### "I Am An Eyewitness" by Bonnie Teachout

I have heard these, stories that Susan tells, these Survivor stories. I have wept from America as I heard how Bronislava walked away with her three children in her arms after 'someone' let her go. Her parents, sister with babies, and her husband did not fare as well. She never saw them again. I recall that day when Susan told me in San Antonio about Raisa. When Susan first saw her, Raisa would not even lift her head. She had been severely damaged in concentration camps, her entire family murdered. By the time Susan met her, her husband, another Survivor, had died.

*"My life is like a stone,"* she had said in Russian, *"I have no more tears."* I was moved at the depths of her despair. Then I came to Israel and I was able to meet these ladies, and more of the Survivors.

The day I met Bronislava she hugged and hugged and hugged me and blessed me with health. When we walked in she said she knew me already. I want to believe that the Spirit in her recognized the Spirit in me. Raisa welcomed us to her home, now with a warm smile and a welcoming hug. Then there is Rela – her 4 children were shot in front of her. She placed a hand that has fingers missing due to the frostbite she endured on my head and in Russian she prayed and prayed for me! Imagine that! SHE Prayed for ME!

Then I met Boris- he will be 89 next week. When he was 17, his parents were picked up by the Nazis while he was out one day. He ran and hid in the woods and saw the people forced to dig a large hole. He watched in horror as his parents and many others were pushed into the hole and buried alive. When the soldiers left he ran out of the woods and tried to dig them up. But they came back and posted guards. For days the ground moved as they tried to escape. Over and over he ran out and tried to uncover them when the soldiers were not watching. One day, he knew it was too late and had to give up. His smile is beautiful, but fleeting; even now his eyes are filled with pain.

One by one as we visited they offered us tea or Russian coffee. Then they proudly went to their precious stash of letters and packages from the US and showed them to us. *"See what we have?"* they said, meaning... *"Look- someone cares!"* (cont'd pg 3)

### WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2009?!!

- March -** Israel
- April -** Israel
- May -** (Tentative) Oregon, Washington
- June-August -** USA traveling PA, TN, FL, TX **(call and add your state!)**
- September 26 - "A Night to Celebrate Israel!" Conference & Marketplace**  
Grace Chapel, Elizabethtown, PA
- October -** USA traveling
- Nov-Dec -** (Tentative) Israel

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## NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

### **Beit Shalom Hospitality House Update**

- ◆ Funds received: \$150,000    Funds still needed: \$125,000
- ◆ 2008 Volunteers and Guests: Over 80 people from eight different countries
- ◆ Humanitarian Aid given: Over 400 blankets, 50 Welcome Packs to Survivors, Emergency Shelter for 5 local citizens, Bible Studies for local citizens, Volunteers visiting and helping Survivors

Total blessings to all involved: Unlimited! :)

Please consider investing in land in Israel. Become a part of God's work and help us plant this Seed House to begin the harvest of Community Houses for Survivors!

### **Construction Zone: God at Work!**

Once again God is busy building, producing, appointing, preparing and constructing the next phase of AHI. We are constantly amazed at His favor and provision. We pray, God brings us the people and opportunities. The work is advancing to include:

- ◆ partnership with local citizens to provide services to the Survivors and elderly
- ◆ Expansion of list of Survivors from 500 to over 700 names!
- ◆ Increase of Israeli citizen volunteer base
- ◆ Opportunities to help Survivors form a self-run association to increase their ability to apply for aid and representation with the government and foundations.
- ◆ Expansion of surveys for government

### **Vehicle Needed in Israel ASAP**

Along with fast growth and amazing moves of God comes the need for transportation to accomplish His work— a van. Our Survivor Program directors are delivering blankets, food coupons, visiting Survivors and elderly, meeting with Field Coordinators, government officials and Survivor Associations, some of them located all over Israel. The van will also be used to complete Hospitality House projects, deliveries and bus Volunteers. Some of this work can be completed by public transportation, but most requires a van.

We estimate a good used minivan or similar vehicle will cost \$15,000. Please ask the Lord if you need to be a part of this project. God's People need our help.

### **Grants, Foundations, Fundraising**

AHI is seeking information and applying for grants for various funding possibilities. As this is a specialized area, we are seeking those who are interested either in assisting us with grant proposals or providing any information on possible grants and funds. Call 717-557-5775 or email [info@abundanthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@abundanthopeinternational.org)

### **Attention All Potential Volunteers!**

Because of the increase in requests to volunteer with AHI in Israel, we are now handling all applications through our Israel program directors. Please email [ahi.dirisrael@gmail.com](mailto:ahi.dirisrael@gmail.com) to receive a Volunteer Application. Volunteer Guidelines, scheduling and information are also available through them. You can also call 210-249-8401 or write to the San Antonio, TX address on the back of this newsletter.



**"I Am An Eyewitness" by Bonnie Teachout (cont'd from pg. 1)**

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These are just a few people; a few stories. There are 6 million stories of death- but these are about survival, about life. Amazing that God instructed Susan not to say a word about Him! *"Just love them,"* He said, *"I will do the rest."* So she has visited and gotten to know them and loved on them and Yeshua has loved them through her. Their hearts are becoming soft, and when she comes into their home they welcome her. They are beginning to trust and beginning to understand how much God loves them.

questions to get the desired results.

We have gone to visit many others whose stories we do not yet know. We hand them a blanket and say, *"This is a gift, for you, to keep you warm."* Inside I want to say *"I am sorry. I am so sorry!"* Yes- they deserve that from a world that stood by silently as their families were annihilated. They are surprised; some cautious; all are curious- *"Why?"* they ask, *"Why do you do this? Why do you come now?"*

I personally consider Alfred to be a gift from God and am grateful for his work ethics and love for God.

I asked myself what the difference was between these Survivors and the ones we had visited before, and then I suddenly understood. These survivors have not yet been adopted! They do not yet have families! They have not been prayed for. They have not received letters or cards from their new family. They do not yet know that someone far away cares!

For all of you who have been contacting Kathleen Nicholson with questions concerning your donations, she is still on the job and handling your needs. We consider Kathleen to be a valuable member of our team and she will be assisting and working with Alfred in the area of finance.

When we went to visit Moshe for the first time the house was full of people with more coming in! His daughter came out, *"Why are you here? Why are you here today?"*

God has shown Himself to be faithful to AHL. He is the One who began this good work and we know He will see it through and staff His team. He is a good God and loves His People and we love them too.

*"We came to bring this blanket to your father because he is a Holocaust Survivor and we want him to know we care,"* said Susan.

- Susan Heagy

*"We just came from the cemetery,"* answered his daughter. *"We have just buried him."*

Susan wept with her. She wept for him and all the people we have been unable to reach. There are 350,000 Survivors just in Israel and so few have been adopted! She wept for the time that is passing. All of the Survivors are elderly- time is short and the need is great.

We must never forget what happened. We must never be silent. We must show the compassion of Yeshua. It takes so little for us to do this and it means so much to these Survivors of the Holocaust- one of this world's most horrific crimes to date.

*"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch." Isaiah 62: 1*

**Let's not forget. Let's not be silent! Let's not be too late!**

**DID YOU KNOW...**

...CHILDREN OF SS OFFICERS WERE CHRISTENED IN "ELABORATE AND OCCULT-LIKE" CEREMONIES?

"EACH CHILD WAS GIVEN A SILVER BEAKER, A SILVER SPOON AND A BLUE, SILK SHAWL.

FOR EVERY FOURTH CHILD BORN TO AN SS FAMILY, THE MOTHERS WERE PRESENTED WITH A SILVER CANDLESTICK ENGRAVED WITH THE MESSAGE, 'YOU ARE A LINK IN THE CLAN'S CHAIN.'" -THE HOLOCAUST LEGACY PUBLISHING

**~ A FEW WORDS ~**

One of our Volunteers to Israel was considering spending her last few days visiting Jerusalem, especially desiring to walk and pray over the ramparts of the city. Not sure if this was a God-idea or her own, she sought Him for His plan. Her daily devotional for that day was Psalm 48:

*"Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end." Psalm 48:12-14*

Her answer was rather clear, don't you think? :) Most times when we ask God for an answer we will receive it, but not usually straight out of the Bible like she did. But how many times do we REALLY ask God about a situation or decision, AND wait for His answer without charging ahead?

The Lord is interested in the details of our lives but we tend to leave Him out. Begin today to let God be your partner in decisions. After all, doesn't it make sense to ask advice of the One who knows the future outcome of your decisions?

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## Elections in Israel

How many of you are confused by the election results in Israel? Well, you are not alone. Several comical articles have been released about the process; here are some of the "facts."

Livni got 28 seats in the vote, but lost.

Netanyahu got 27 seats in the vote, but lost.

Liberman got 15 seats in the vote, and won. Because his 15 seats will give someone a majority, he gets to be the catalyst to form a coalition (partnership) with one of the top two parties.

Israel's president, however, gets to choose which one (Livni or Netanyahu) will have the first chance to form a government. His choice was Netanyahu. Does that mean Netanyahu won? Not really...

Netanyahu now has one month to form a majority government and achieve as many seats as possible (there are quite a few major parties) so they can work together. If he fails to do so he will lose the opportunity to run Israel.

Meanwhile, the current prime minister, Olmert, continues to run the government, even though he was impeached.

Have a headache yet? There are many more aspects to this but I can't continue. Now **I** have a headache...