

Today's Hope!

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Interview With Cookie

AHI: *What is your role in Abundant Hope International?*

Cookie: I am the Director of the Beit Shalom Hospitality House

AHI: *What does that entail?*

Cookie: Process applications, answer emails, book reservations, interview and train guest host and hostesses. When I am in Israel I am the acting House Manager. The House Manager (and guest hosts) are there to serve those who serve. That includes anything from helping a new volunteer or guest buy groceries, showing them how to change money or use the ATM, making breakfast, helping them catch the train or regular household duties down to cleaning the bathrooms. It is the same as taking care of a large family, assisting them in their needs. You think you will be there to bless the volunteers and they always end up blessing me ten times more. As an example, when we had guests from Germany the ladies hugged me and let me know their appreciation for the simple things I did for them.

AHI: *Do you find it hard to leave home and go to Israel?*

Cookie: Definitely not! I am homesick now. I want to go back and see all my friends— it is like going to see my extended family.

AHI: *What do you do on your time off when you are in Israel?*

Cookie: Visit with the Holocaust Survivors, hang out with my Christian Arab girlfriends, spend time with my special elderly Russian friends, babysit the Arab pastor's children, go to the old market in the Old City of Akko, walk down to the Mediterranean and have lunch at the shawarma stand. I enjoy the Arab congregation Friday night and the Jewish congregation Saturday morning.

AHI: *What do you like best about being at Beit Shalom?*

Cookie: I enjoy meeting and getting to know Believers from all over the world and hearing what God is doing in other countries. One of my favorite things is fixing Mexican dinners for the Americans who have made aliyah and don't get to taste the real thing anymore! There is no Mexican food anywhere in Israel except at Beit Shalom—not even the ingredients.

AHI: *Mexican meals at Beit Shalom are only available when you are there, isn't that right?*

Cookie: Yes, and that is because I bring the cheese, tortillas, beans and spices in my suitcase. I especially enjoy the pure delight on the face of one American, H., every time I cook a Mexican meal and he attends.

AHI: *What do you do when you are not in Israel?*

Cookie: I take care of my grandchildren, head of the costume department for my church, continue answering emails for AHI and spend time with my friends.

AHI: *What would you say to someone considering Volunteering in Israel?*

Cookie: To go it will be the biggest blessing of your life and your life will never be the same. If anyone is interested they can contact me at beitshalom@abundanthopeinternational.org or call 1-361-242-1565 I will send them an application to begin the process. Anyone who can do manicures, pedicures or haircuts we would love to have come to Beit Shalom for the Survivors or let us know if they want to host the House.

AHI: *Cookie, thank you for sharing with us about your work in Israel. We appreciate your heart for the people and we know all your friends in Israel can hardly wait for your return.*

BOOK REVIEWS

“Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland”

by Jan Tomasz Gross

Written from the perspective of an historian, proving there was no prior animosity between the Jews and their neighbors to bring about the massacre of 1600 Jews in the small village of Jedwabne.

“Witness: Voices from the Holocaust” by Joshua M. Greene and Shiva Kumar

Twenty-seven first-person accounts, a diverse group including a former Hitler youth, a partisan, a soldier liberating a concentration camp, a death march... each telling what Nazi Germany was like during the Holocaust of WWII.

WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2010?!!

Mar	Canton, Denton and Dallas area, North TX **
April	San Antonio, Lytle, and surrounding area, Texas **
May - July	Israel
Aug-Sept	FL, PA
Oct	PA, TN
Nov-Dec	TBD

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A New Hope

Slowly climbing the stairs S. paused every few steps. Occasionally, you could hear a low moan of pain as her arthritic knees objected to the effort. B., her ninety-year-old husband watched, hovering nearby as they made their ascent together. Though he carried the groceries, her pain was reflected in his eyes.

Three times a week the ambulance comes to pick up D., taking him to the hospital for dialysis. Being on the third floor, no elevator and narrow, dark, unheated stairwells requires the medical personnel to lift him at dangerous angles to get him down the stairs. He dreads the trip and fights depression.

R. is ninety-six years old and confined to her apartment, a third-floor walk-up with no elevator. Four hours a day she has a caretaker, but the other 20 hours of each day she is alone. She is fearful of fire or burglary.

G. lives on the third floor with no elevator, a tenement with unheated stairwells and lights that no longer work. Outside, on the wall at the entrance, is spray painted a circle with an "x" inside—the same symbol used on the railroad boxcars to transport the Jews during the Holocaust. It is a symbol of the Final Solution.

Each of these Survivors live in Israel; each deserves a better life. AHI wants to give them New Hope through better housing. Someone needs to help them. That someone could be you. More coming in the next issue...

The Current Host Is...

For over two years we have been asking the Lord to send a permanent host or hostess for Beit Shalom Hospitality House. To date, God has not answered that request. As usual, God knew best.

We have had a variety of guest host and hostesses come and go, each one with the obvious gift of hospitality. But God had a great idea— let Him place people with the different personalities that were needed according to the guests coming! Since this is obviously something we could not plan or match, we needed to wait on the Lord and that is exactly what we have done. The Lord has been faithful in supplying the folks to fulfill HIS needs and plans.

Currently we have a gentleman hosting the House and doing a great job. E. has been a blessing to us and to those who are visiting. Hosting the House requires being in good physical health, the gift of hospitality, spiritual strength, funding for airfare and personal costs, flexibility, compassion and a love of Israel. If you meet God's requirements, let us know. You may be our next host!

Attention! New Development

One of our Israeli Coordinators, S, has the opportunity to go full-time for AHI and is desperately needed. He is in immediate need of regular support. Pray to see if you are so called!

Are You An Intercessor?

by Barbara Auman-Hill, AHI Prayer Coordinator *

Jeff Foxworthy, a popular “redneck” comedian has coined a phrase in his stand-up routine that goes, “You might be a redneck if....” Borrowing unapologetically from that technique, I’d like to say to you, “You might be an Intercessor if....”

- ◆ you find your heart easily moved to pray for the concerns you see around you, including people, groups and even nations;
- ◆ praying a “little prayer here, a little prayer there” doesn’t suffice – you pray “without ceasing” until there is a breakthrough;
- ◆ you find yourself waking up in the night hours with a definite burden to pray, and sometimes you don’t even know for whom or for what but you just HAVE TO PRAY (praying in the Spirit is especially helpful at these times);
- ◆ you find yourself going into travailing prayer as the Spirit of God shares God’s heart-concerns with you;
- ◆ you begin to have words of knowledge, prophecy, dreams and visions from the Holy Spirit that are, in some cases, intended for you to share with your pastor; in other cases, are meant only to allow you to pray specifically for that which God has revealed to you;
- ◆ you feel compelled by the Spirit of the Lord to prayerwalk and intercede at specific places He directs you to;
- ◆ your **FIRST** response to every human situation is to pray with faith in the authority of Jesus’ Name;
- ◆ your greatest heart’s desire is to reach the lost and you often find yourself weeping over their “lostness”, as Jesus did, and you cry out for their salvation on a regular basis;
- ◆ when you intercede with prayer you lose all track of time and don’t count the cost of remaining “on the wall, standing in the gap” until you are released from your “post”.

These are but a few of the characteristics of an intercessor. Jesus is, of course, our most profound example of what it means to be an Intercessor. He is our Heavenly Intercessor, having earned the right to intercede on our behalf by His total obedience to the will of His Father God and His sacrificial death in our place.

And now, amazingly, He has given us His Durable Power of Attorney (to use a legal term), by instructing us to pray IN HIS NAME, to intercede on behalf of others in HIS authority, thus linking His authority over all the earth through those whom He redeemed, and enabling us to ENFORCE His victory over evil at Calvary in the power of the Holy Spirit..

**with quotes from Dr. C. Peter Wagner, and excerpts from Intercessory Prayer, The Lightning of God by Pastor Dutch Sheets, plus notes from the teachings of my intercessory prayer mentor, Pastor RaJean Vanter*

Next issue: The Role and Work of an Intercessor

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Coupons: Delivered!

A big THANK YOU! to the Joshua Fund (www.joshuafund.net) for providing Food Coupons for 200 of our Holocaust Survivors for the month of March. What a great blessing that every Survivor will have their food purchasing power increased!

The West Coast Connection

If you ever visit the state of Washington, make a point of spending Saturday, 9:30am, at TRI-HOP, Three Rivers House of Prayer. At that time Torah Study begins and the revelation of the Word is amazing. You will be greatly blessed and learn wonderful insight in the Torah.

More and More and MORE Names!

We have opportunities to receive the names of more Survivors. Lists include the sick and needy and one encompassing 28 cities in Israel. Currently we have about 200 of our Survivors adopted. We need your help. Please pray and ask the Lord if you should Adopt a Survivor and be their new family. Contact info on back page.

Sock it to Us!

We are in need of new socks, size L and XL, for both men and women Survivors in Israel. If you are able to assist with this supply, please send them to our Adoption Director at **AHI, P.O.Box 3055, Shiremanstown, PA 17011**. Thank you!

~ A FEW WORDS ~

*“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell
in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze
upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4*

Are you desiring to fully experience God? Are you wanting to find holiness? Do you feel a hunger in your spirit to deepen your relationship with the Lord?

If you are truly wanting change in your life, sitting on a rocking chair and waiting for it will not make it happen. It has been said, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.” To achieve a closer relationship with Him, you have to desire it, go after it, pursue it.

Pursuit - n. 1.the act of pursuing; 2. an effort to secure or obtain; quest

God has not moved and will not run from you. If you seek Him, He will be found. (I Chronicles 28:9) You want it? Then, what are you waiting for? ***Go after God!***

-Susan Heagy, President

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