

Today's Hope!

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“By the word of their testimony...” Revelation 12:11

Are you aware that the value of our testimony is rarely realized? Our words have the impact to change lives through retelling our experiences and what God is doing in our lives. It encourages those in need and brings renewal to someone's life.

Words and pictures are what we use at Abundant Hope to bring you past history, present situations and future solutions concerning the Holocaust Survivors of Israel. Communication is more than vital; it brings “Life!” to those we serve.

There are various ways this is brought to you:

- ◆ “Today's Hope” monthly newsletter by email and hardcopy
- ◆ “Grafted In” quarterly newsletter for adoptive families
- ◆ Website and blog at www.abundanthopeinternational.org
- ◆ Intercessory Prayer Team
- ◆ Adoption Applications, Information Packs, AHI Presentation booklets, AHI DVD, Volunteer Opportunity List
- ◆ Speaking and presentations by an AHI representative to groups, churches, schools and conferences

All these sources are available to each of you who know about our work. But there is a great need to get this information out to more people. We

need your help. Our time is short to tell others how to help the Survivors and YOU are the key.

Susan is available to share about the Survivors & AHI with subjects such as "Circles for a Cheeseburger", "Releasing All to Gain Even More", "Voice of the Survivors", "Divine Connections", "Temporary Blindness", "God is Healing Survivors!" and much more. She will come wherever you are, whether in the USA or elsewhere in the world.

We also have additional representatives to speak about AHI in the following areas: Central PA; Long Island/NYC, NY; San Antonio & Corpus Christi, TX; Longview, WA; Nashville, TN.

A letter is included with this newsletter. Please feel free to make copies and give to those who would like to hear the needs and accounts of the Israeli Holocaust Survivors. ***Please help us change lives- invite us to speak to your group or organization.***

To schedule Susan or an AHI representative, or for more information,

call 717-542-8810, 210-845-2044 or email
info@abundanthopeinternational.org today!

DID YOU KNOW...

...IN WARSAW, POLISH SURGEONS HELPED JEWS ESCAPE DEATH THROUGH SURGERY? DR. TROJANOWSKI AND OTHER POLISH DOCTORS, RESHAPED JEWISH NOSES AND REVERSED CIRCUMCISIONS. THIS LAST CONTROVERSIAL PROCEDURE WAS PRACTICED AS EARLY AS 168 BC TO AVOID DETECTION AND ROMAN PERSECUTION DURING NAKED SPORTS EVENTS AND PUBLIC BATHING.

- "THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE" BY DIANE ACKERMAN

WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2010?!!

April 1-30 TX**

**11 Faith Christian Church, 10:30AM, Johnson
City, TX call 1-830-833-4529 for directions**

May-July Israel

Aug TX, FL, PA **

Sept 1-30 PA**

**October 3 House of Prayer, 10am & 6pm, Davidsburg,
PA call 1-717-259-8280 for directions**

5-11 Tallahassee, FL**

12-31 TX**

Nov-Dec TBD**

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NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Survivors are Dying

His name was Natan. He and his wife Eliza were married over 50 years but now she is alone. Yacov's wife, Sara, died about six weeks ago after over sixty years of marriage. He is in his nineties. Each of these *precious* people endured the horrors of the Holocaust, lost family members to the Nazi death machine, had years with a loving spouse, but now are alone once more.

Time is short; our Survivors are approaching their final days. We desperately need families to "adopt" them, write, pray and sponsor them for a monthly Food Coupon- to be their family strength. Will you do this for them? To receive an adoption application email Nancy at adopt@abundanthopeinternational.org or call 717-592-0859 today.

House Director's New USA Phone Number

For reservations for Beit Shalom House, call Cookie at 1-210-845-2044

God's Favor and A Special Surprise

To learn about the truth of the Holocaust, and the people who lived it, we seek out books and information. Recently, Susan went to a used book store and bought "*I Am A Star*" by Inge Auerbacher. Imagine her surprise when she got home, opened the book and discovered it was autographed by the Survivor author! God's Favor!

Recommended Books

Book: "*The Zookeeper's Wife*" by Diane Ackerman

The Warsaw Zoo was ruined, animals killed and stolen, during the occupation by the Nazis in WWII. But the zookeeper and his wife chose to use the grounds for a different "animal", the rare and hunted Jews, at great risk to their own lives.

THE ROLE AND WORK OF AN INTERCESSOR*

BY BARBARA AUMAN HILL

Part 2: One morning in 1999 during my usual quiet time with the Lord, which included reading portions of His Word, I came to this scripture:

“I sought for a man among them who could build a barricade or stand in the gap to oppose me on behalf of the land, so that I would not destroy it, but I found no one.” Ezekiel 22:30

I was astounded! It appeared that if God could have found even *one* intercessor at that time among His people, the Israelites, He would have changed His plans to bring judgment upon them and the land! Could this be? Then the Spirit of the Lord spoke to my spirit and said, “The Lord desires you to become an intercessor.” So I asked the Holy Spirit to guide me further into the Word and give me understanding regarding this calling. Thus began my transition from being one who prayed somewhat irregularly and mostly for personal reasons, to one whom the Lord was calling into a ministry of *intercession* – of being what the Bible also calls a “*watchman*.”

I began to search the Word regarding the role and work of an intercessor. I was astounded to find scripture after scripture that described how critically important intercessors (aka watchmen) are for the protection of the people of God and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. I also read many excellent books on the subject and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I gained a new understanding about the difference between being one who prays and being a praying intercessor. As Dr. C. Peter Wagner has written in his book entitled Prayer Shield (page 47): “Intercession is coming to God on behalf of another. All intercession is prayer, but not all prayer is intercession.”

The Bible is filled with examples of intercessory prayer made on behalf of individuals or entire nations by one person who is willing to **pray the price** until the loving heart of God responds in mercy or victory for the one for whom the prayer is being offered without ceasing. I’ll mention only a few:

- ◆ Abraham interceding for any righteous people he might find in Sodom (Gen. 18:22-33)
- ◆ Moses praying for mercy for his envious sister, Miriam (Numbers 12); for the entire nation of Israel (Numbers 14), for Joshua (with the help of Aaron and Hur) as he fought and won the battle of Rephidim (Exodus 17:8-13)
- ◆ Samuel, the prophet, interceding for Israel and saying, “Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.” (1 Sam. 12:23)
- ◆ Esther’s fast and selfless prayer for protection of the Jewish people with an “If I perish, I perish” attitude (Esther 4:15-17; 7:1-4)

- ◆ Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel, pleading for God’s forgiveness and mercy as intercessors on behalf of the Jewish nation – identifying with their sin as a nation and calling for a stay of judgment (Ezra 9:6-15; Nehemiah 1:5-11; Daniel 9:1-19).
- ◆ And we see the first Messianic Jewish believers offering intense intercession for Peter, who had been slated for execution by Herod, resulting in his miraculous release from prison and the executioner’s sword (Acts 12:1-12).
- ◆ Paul asked for personal intercessors on at least five occasions, which we read about in Romans 15:30, 2 Cor. 1:11, Philippians 1:19, 1 Thess. 5:25 and Philemon 22.

And we certainly can not omit Jesus’ impassioned intercession for “His own and for those who will trust in Me because of their word” as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 17.

**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 Vawter*

Next issue: Part 3: **Some Qualities of An Intercessor**

Quote: "Jerusalem is not a settlement; it is our capital!" - Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Prime Minister, while speaking at AIPAC, in answer to the US White House demand that Israel stop building and give East Jerusalem to the Arab nations.

Israel’s Green Building Standard 5281

For environmental needs and efficient housing, Israel has adopted a building standard divided into four parts:

1. Energy (thermal, passive solar, natural light, insulation, energy efficiency and conservation)
2. Land (use of land, conservation, average density of building and ground contamination)
3. Water, wastewater and drainage (conserve fresh water, grey water, recycling drainage)
4. Other environmental subjects (renewable energy systems, air quality, noise, solid waste)

What does all this have to do with Abundant Hope International?

Next issue: **“The Green House Project”**

~ A FEW WORDS ~

“...but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs. They worshipped their idols which became a snare to them. They sacrificed their sons and their daughters...

They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters...

and the land was desecrated by their blood.” Psalms 106:35-38

This scripture refers to the defilement of Israel by His people. Through their sin, their land was defiled as they sacrificed their own offspring to other gods. Is there any difference between the Israelis then and the American people today? Have we not also defiled our land through shedding the innocent blood of our offspring through abortion? Our idols are convenience and selfishness, our sacrifice to those gods are our own children. Israel repented and cried out to the Lord for salvation. Let us also repent and cry out, **“Save us, O Lord our God...”** Ps. 106:47

Passing the Baton

I was at a pastor’s home, waiting to meet a young woman who would assist us visiting the Survivors in her city. It was exciting to know we had someone new to help us.

Almost five years before I had met another translator who became a wonderful friend to the Survivors of that area. He had done a great job but the time came for him to go to university and he needed to leave. Now, we had someone new, someone excited about meeting our Survivors.

When she came into the room I could see she was filled with eagerness to get started. On our first visit, she was overwhelmed at the loneliness of the people. She also became aware of their vulnerability to scams and those who would use them dishonestly. As our visits increased, she also began to understand that sometimes not even their basic needs were met. Helping us give out winter jackets as the cold moved in, she really “got it” and understood the urgency of our work.

Y. has now been joined by others she knows, all eager to visit and give love to the Survivors in their city. We are grateful for those who believe the words,

“...love your neighbor as yourself...” Lev 19:18

-Susan Heagy, President

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