

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)**

Directing Beit Shalom

This month marks one year we have been in Beit Shalom! We have had over 50 people stay and twice as many visitors. Running this House of Peace takes work, workers and planning. We have been praying for a House Director, knowing God had someone special in mind, and special is the right word. We are SO pleased to announce Cookie M. has accepted the position! She is currently here and making beautiful improvements inside and out.

Organizing, cleaning and preparing the House, she will also be training the Guest Host/Hostesses through either one-on-one or email and phone. Cookie understands the importance of serving our Guests (pg. 3)

Shopping– Israeli Style! by Cookie M.

When I was asked to write an article for the newsletter about shopping in Israel my first thought was, ‘How can you explain something like that?’ After several shopping trips I decided to look at the whole experience, definitely unique, as an adventure. There is no such thing as ‘one stop shopping’- ‘I’ll just run in, it won’t take but just a minute”. I learned not to plan on getting “just what I was looking for”.

I remember my first trip to the Mega, Israel’s supermarket chain. I mean, try shopping when almost nothing is written in English; Hebrew, Arabic and Russian, but little English. Have you ever heard the expression “a picture is worth a thousand words?” Well, they weren’t talking about Israel. Sometimes even the picture doesn’t tell you ANYthing about what’s in the package! Canned tomatoes for example: first of all they aren’t canned, they are in little tubs; then try to figure out which is tomato paste, tomato sauce, pizza sauce, crushed tomatoes etc. After you buy 3 or 4 different kinds of tomatoes and find the one you’re looking for, I recommend you save the package; you will need it next time you go to the store.

Even the shopping carts need a five-shekel coin to use and when you push them, they go sideways, left turns without signaling... anything but straight.

The check-out line is best of all. There is no such thing as losing your place in line. Or, the checker is half finished ringing her order when the customer remembers something else they forgot and leaves to do more shopping. The lady in front of you decides to leave the line because she forgot something and when she returns she wants that same place saying, “I was here.” Uh, okay. Meanwhile everyone in line waits until she returns. Oh, I almost forgot, you have to sack your own groceries- quickly to keep yours from getting mixed up with the melons and cans of the next customer rolling down the counter to meet yours.

I think the most important thing to take with you when shopping in Israel is your sense of humor. Most likely, at some point, you are going to need it!

WHERE in the WORLD is Susan in 2009?!!

- May-June** Israel
 - July** TX, WA, OR, CA
 - August** TN, KY, PA
 - September 26** “A Night to Celebrate Israel!” Conference & Marketplace
Grace Chapel, Elizabethtown, PA
 - October** PA, GA, FL, TX
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- To arrange for Speaking times (add your location!) Call 717-542-8810 or email info@abundanthopeinternational.org

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Service to Survivors

They were lined up, quietly talking among themselves, waiting for their turn to get their hair cut. Cost for the hairdresser to fly to Israel? \$800. Haircutting equipment? \$200. The joy evident on their faces for each Survivor to receive a free haircut and personal prayer? Priceless!! Thank you, B., for your heart and your service.

Additional Help!

A young Russian pastor, Home Groups, an Israeli citizen from the Netherlands and returning olim (immigrant)... all of these citizens have come alongside AHI. Each one has a desire to gently love the Survivors, a people group who live in their traumatized past. God is calling in the workers to plow the stony ground and prepare them to hear His Voice.

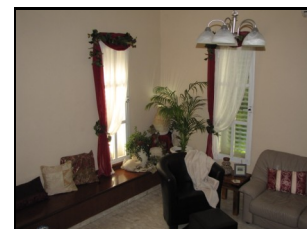
Intercessory Prayer Team Brings Victory!

The AHI Intercessory Prayer Team has been making inroads into enemy territory. They have been praying specifically for situations, needs, developments and growth within AHI. Led by Barbara H., a Prayer Intercessor herself, we are aware of the power emanating from their concerted prayers. Are you a Prayer Warrior too? Is the Lord leading you to join this elite team in praying for Holocaust Survivors and Israel? If so, email Barbara at abhill@libertyrides.com today!

May 9 Victory Day (liberation of Holocaust Survivors from the concentration camps)

Volunteers Serving

- ◆ Interested in coming as a Guest Host or Hostess? contact Beit Shalom Hospitality House Director at beitshalom@abundanthopeinternational.org or call 717-557-5775.
- ◆ Have a Service Talent (medical pedicures, manicurist, hair stylist or barber, massage therapy, geriatric exercise, interior repairs) you want to share with the Holocaust Survivors? Email ahi.dirisrael@gmail.com or call 210-249-8401 for more information and application.
- ◆ Secretarial experience and looking to volunteer and serve Israel? AHI could use your help. Contact 210-249-8401 or email info@abundanthopeinternational.org



Beit Shalom Hospitality House—Judah Praise Room

Time Is Ticking, Ticking...Time is Gone

Six months, six have died. They were Holocaust Survivors, Immigrants from Russia, Israeli Citizens... they were our friends. When each Survivor passes away, it is like losing a grandmother or grandfather over and over. Our Field Coordinators become close, we get to know them, we come to love them— then they are gone.

Please, we need families to relieve the loneliness of their last years. Adopt a Survivor today and give the gift of Life to them through your love. Contact Nancy at adopt@abundanthopeinternational.org or call 717-592-0859 to help a Survivor before it is too late. The clock is ticking...

"But the noble man makes noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands." Isaiah 32:8

We Kangoo, Can You?

We prayed for several weeks prior to beginning our search for a vehicle to continue the work with the Holocaust Survivors. On the day we went out to look, we asked for God's favor. The first car we checked on was perfect. Surely it can't be that simple, can it? Skeptical of taking the first one we see, we left and talked about it over lunch. Sure enough, God confirmed it was the one for us. He even provided a car that has the complete history of maintenance- no mystery car for us!

It is a 2007 Renault Kangoo, a 5-person car with hauling capabilities for humanitarian aid. God provided quickly because we prayed about it first. We are continuing to pray as we go through (cont'd on back page)

Years Bring Changes by Barbara S.

Hi! I want to tell you some of the changes I have seen in the Holocaust Survivors since I first met them.

Four years ago I came to Israel to help them by cutting their hair and praying for them. I do this as a service to them, as a Volunteer. At that time, when I first started to meet them, I saw they did not want to talk about God or pray. They would say "Where was God during the Holocaust? Where was God when we were starving and running from the Nazis?"

But I have seen changes in them over the last years. People visiting them from all over the world have shown them the love of Yeshua in many ways. [Volunteers performing services like pedicures, haircuts and errands-ed.] Their love has made a change in their hearts. I see God is helping them to become warmer and to feel His love. Sometimes they want to talk about God and now I see they always want prayer and we love to pray with them. Showing the Holocaust Survivors the love of God through serving them warms their hearts like no other way. Through us they see God.

~ A FEW WORDS ~

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms..." Eph. 3:10

If you want someone to know something, you tell them- right? Thinking about it or wishing they knew what you want does not get your point across. So, you tell them.

It also works the same way when you want *"the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms"* to know what you have to say. One important way we can have victory against the enemy is to describe the character of God. How can we do that? By telling "Glory Stories"; sharing accounts with one another about how God saved us from danger, provided when we were destitute, gave incredible favor or performed a miraculous healing. These events are part of God's character: Salvation, Provider, Almighty God, Healer. It's a form of worship you can do daily, everywhere.

Share God with others by telling of the daily miracles, large and small, in your life!

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and teaching our Volunteers to do the same.

In addition, Cookie is some kind of wonderful cook! She is becoming legendary in the Akko area for her Tex-Mex dinners when she is here.

Cookie first came on the scene last year when she became the answer to my desperate prayer for help here at the House. Since that time she has proven to be a true friend and a Servant of God. Her heart, humility, wisdom for House management and God-given talent for greenery and decorating make her God's choice for Beit Shalom! Thank you, Cookie, for joining us!

- Susan Heagy

DID YOU KNOW...

...THE DIETS THAT
CAMP INMATES
RECEIVED HAD
PROFOUND LONG-
TERM EFFECTS UPON
THEIR DIGESTIVE
SYSTEMS?

AMONG THE RESULTS
OF PROLONGED
MALNUTRITION WERE
SEVERE CASES OF
DYSENTERY, MANY OF
WHICH PROVED FATAL
EVEN AFTER
LIBERATION.

LICE AND FLEAS
MADE LIFE EVEN
MORE UNBEARABLE
AND THEY CARRIED
DISEASE AS WELL.
THE ALLIES HELPED
WITH DISINFECTION
ON LIBERATION.

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We Kangoo, Can You? (continued from pg 3)

the amazingly complex and drawn out process of purchasing a car and obtaining insurance. Several days have been invested just beginning the paperwork. One entire afternoon was needed to get the insurance. Because it is the Middle East, hospitality reigns in all transactions. First you sit and have coffee, discuss family, weather, our individual histories related to Israel and finally talk about insurance. Who is liable in which kind of accident, the details of Israeli insurance, signing papers, asking questions and then we go home. The Lord gave us a great insurance agent and a car in excellent shape for \$1500 less than comparable vehicles.

This car will be used to transport humanitarian aid, volunteers helping Survivors, our Directors and Field Coordinators to their destinations and encouraging one another. Attending meetings, airport and train station runs, delivering Food Coupons, running errands and even giving Survivors a ride when needed. This car will fulfill a GREAT need here in Israel!

What is needed next is your help. Would you please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you assist with the purchase and insurance costs? We need \$14,600 for everything, the car and insurance for one year. It is a worthwhile investment— changing the lives of Holocaust Survivors, enabling us to reach even more.