



# THE DESERT ROAD

## DESERT HOPE INTERNATIONAL

### What is this outreach?

- Making a difference in the lives of Holocaust Survivors with visitation & 'adoption.'
- Establishing a Hospitality House in Israel to help those in economic need, connecting those seeking God with those who can guide them.
- Speaking and teaching in churches or congregations about the Holocaust Survivors and Israel

Come join us in loving God's People!

### Serving Akko

I had been asking God, "What are we going to do about the Survivors in Akko? We know there are at least 200 names and are just getting started! Who is going to begin the contacts?"

Again, stepping into that Red Sea, I went to meet with the Social Services in Akko and offered to do a survey, give out Humanitarian Aid and find out what each Survivor needs. Tall order when I have no one to do it. But God knew something I did not... He already was speaking to hearts. He was calling Sue and Howie, new immigrants in (pg 3)

## "Shall I go up? Will you give me the city?"

These were the words spoken out as I prayed before the initial meeting with the owners to inform them of our intent to purchase the House in Akko. The night before we had an incredible time of prayer (see "As One", pg 3) for the House.

Why did I ask these questions? Because, like David, what I saw before me seemed difficult & I sought confirmation. With only \$11,000 towards a \$300,000 need, to step out in such a manner made no sense. I wanted to stay within God's will, be sure I was following His Plan. All this time, when it seemed impossible, God said to stand. I had no ephod like David, but now it was time to move forward and I was asking for confirmation. "Will you give me the city?"

The meeting was simple, not long, but a heart pounding experience. Telling them we would purchase the House, "your lawyer can talk to our lawyer," putting the ball into God's court.

The next day, God threw the ball back to us— along with enough to make the down payment! After taking a stand, in one day we received enough funding to begin the purchase process for Beit Shalom! God is so good! Pray for our continued and final funding, to stay standing. Let's glorify God for His Goodness!!

*"Publish His glorious deeds among the nations.*

*Tell everyone about the amazing things He does."* Psalm 96:3 (NLT)

## Where in the World is Susan?!

### July

**1-11** In Israel

**12-24** In PA

**25-31** Traveling to TX

### August

**1-31** In TX

**16** Metroplex Messianic Fellowship, Euless, TX ([www.metroplexmessianic.org](http://www.metroplexmessianic.org))

### September

**5-30** In PA

**27 5:30pm 3rd** "Night To Celebrate Israel!" Greater Harrisburg, PA

### October

**14** Traveling to TX

### November

**12-22** Volunteer Trip to Israel

*To arrange for Speaking [717-557-5775](tel:717-557-5775) or [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org)*

## UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

**Jewish: July 30—Tisha B'Av** This day is significant because of numerous calamities that have befallen the Jewish people throughout their history on, or near, the ninth of Av. Please pray for Israel's safety in this time.

## NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

### Prayer Garden at Beit Shalom Hospitality House

We invite those of you who love gardening to come visit Beit Shalom and dig into the soil of Israel. Here we offer you the opportunity to be a literal part of the Land. Come work and pray in our new Prayer Garden!

### Status of Survivors

As God increases our territory with more names of Survivors, He reminds us how short a time they have. Even as we have begun helping the Social Services here in Akko by doing surveys of their Survivors, we received the news of one of our Arad Survivors passing away. We do not know her spiritual state when she died, however, two months ago she spontaneously asked many questions concerning forgiveness for her neighbor and if we knew how to ask God to forgive her. We answered her questions, being her family where she had none. What prompted this? Simply meeting friends visiting Israel who loved her unconditionally. Please consider helping us love these Survivors. We now have over 300 precious people asking, "Do you have a family for me yet?" Pray and see: Are you the one they are waiting for?

### Are You a Guest Host or Hostess?

We currently are in need of Volunteers to assist with the daily operation of Beit Shalom Hospitality House. In addition to working everyday with the local Believers and the Community at large, you would have time off for personal touring of Israel. If you can **come to work in Israel for 2 weeks to 3 months**, please contact us at 717-557-5775 or email [beitshalom@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:beitshalom@deserthopeinternational.org) for an application. Any amount of time you can serve would be a blessing – dates most needed: **July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008**.

### Setting Speaking Engagements

With my imminent return to the USA on July 12th we are now setting up speaking engagements. I will be available to share the Vision and Purpose of DHI, the current work and amazing Divine Appointments and Incredible Happenings in Israel! We will come to any groups, small and large, anywhere. No place is too far away to come as I am willing to go wherever the Lord opens a door. See the schedule on page 1 for when I will be in your area. If I am not scheduled for your area, call and we will add your location! Before July 12th, please call 717-557-5775 or 210-249-8401; after July 12th call 717-542-8810; or you may email [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org)

### Pastor's Luncheon

July 3rd, 12 noon, we are having a Pastor's luncheon at Beit Shalom Hospitality House in Akko. It will be following the "Back to Jerusalem" conference including pastors from around the world. Please remember these pastors and pray for unity, wisdom and to hear clearly from God.

### Thank You! (English) Todah! (Hebrew) Spaceba! (Russian) Shukaran! (Arabic)

We have many people to thank for various things! In the past few months we have had blessings through numerous people: bring Humanitarian Aid items in their suitcases, a HUGE package of items through Fed Ex, Volunteers who gave of their time, talents and unending energy to Beit Shalom, intercessors who faithfully stormed the gates on our behalf, pastors and leaders who prayed for the House and the Survivors, Volunteers in Israel who daily give of their time and efforts to visit and pray with the Survivors, saints around the world who are giving sacrificially to make His work go forward, adoptive families who change Survivor's lives through visiting them in Israel, letters and prayers, guests at Beit Shalom we now count as friends, precious regular supporters, encouraging emails and letters and to God for all His blessings and Divine Appointments!

## AND THEY GATHERED TOGETHER AS ONE...

It was the day after Shavuot and Beit Shalom Hospitality House was hosting a Pastor's dinner. Invited were Jewish, Gentile and Arab pastors to come together to learn of how Beit Shalom could assist them and all pray together.

*"When Pentecost had fully come they were in one accord in one place."*

Acts 2:1 NKJ

After enjoying a wonderful meal prepared by our talented Volunteers, the pastors gathered around one table and we began to talk. Explaining to them the purposes of Beit Shalom, asking them how we can help and what Visions they have for their congregations, many questions were asked and hope began to be expressed. For several of these pastors here in Israel, the daily workload is wearing and much seems unattainable. To find there are people who want to help, and a place where they can find respite and come to pray, brought amazing changes to their countenance. As they relaxed they began laughing together, enjoying the evening— Jew, Arab and Gentile together.

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."* Psalms 133:1

After everyone had been given a tour of Beit Shalom and the Vision of Hospitality was presented, we all gathered in a circle to pray. Holding hands, the power flowed as prayers were presented: petitions for funding, blessings for all who enter, many Volunteers to serve, safety, for the Vision to be fulfilled... All of us- Jew, Gentile and Arab- in one accord praying in unity. The air was charged with the Holy Spirit and everyone knew... Beit Shalom is much more than a guest house, more than a place of respite for Kingdom workers. It is a neutral zone where everyone can come 'As ONE' to fulfill God's Plans and Purposes, together.

*"So that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 15:6 NASB



Beit Shalom Hospitality House

**Thank you!** We reached our initial goal and have the down payment to purchase the House!!  
**Next** we negotiate the contract. To pay in full we still need \$200,000. Please pray for God's favor!  
**Your prayers will help this ministry of God's Heart grow. Your donations will keep it alive!**

Call 210-249-8401 or 717-557-5775  
 to find out how you can help!

## ~ A FEW WORDS ~

*"Praise be to you, Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."* I Chronicles 29:10-13 [Hallelujah!!!]

Akko (Page 1 cont'd)

Akko. Hearts of gold, compassionate and seeking to help Israel's citizens – I am thrilled to say they are volunteering for Desert Hope. Sue is our new Field Coordinator for Akko and Howie is working to bring Volunteers to the municipality through Katzir Asher congregation and Beit Shalom.

Both with a medical background, Sue and Howie are an amazing couple. It is truly a privilege for me to work with them. But even more, the Holocaust Survivors in this area are about to receive blessings and honor through two people who love God so much they want to love His people.

-Susan Heagy

## DID YOU KNOW...

...MANY JEWS CAME TO ISRAEL OUT OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER WWII?

MOST OF THEM WENT THROUGH THEIR OWN HOLOCAUST.

PLACED IN 'GHETTOS', BEATEN, RAPED, KILLED, LOSING HOMES, BUSINESSES AND ALL POSSESSIONS, JEWS OF IRAN, EGYPT, IRAQ AND OTHER COUNTRIES LOST ALL AND LIVE WITHOUT HONOR, RECOGNITION OR COMPENSATION.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

All contributions and communications can be sent to the address below:

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*Desert Hope International* is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, faith-based organization,  
dedicated to blessing and honoring the Holocaust Survivors and elderly Jews from WWII. (Psalms 68:5&6)

Other outreaches:

- Beit Shalom, a House of Hospitality in northern Israel
- Volunteers in Israel Program
- Holocaust Survivor Adoption Program
- Monthly newsletter
- Humanitarian Aid to Survivors & Elderly
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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