



THE DESERT ROAD

DESERT HOPE INTERNATIONAL

What is this outreach?

- Making a difference in the lives of Holocaust Survivors with visitation & 'adoption'.
- Beit Shalom Hospitality House in Israel to encourage Volunteers, assist local ministries & help with 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!

Just to Serve

"A free haircut? How can that be? Who would do that for us?" - a comment by a Holocaust Survivor

Who? Barbara of New York City, that's who.

A few years ago, a woman showed up at one of the cities where our Survivors live, offering to cut their hair. It was just the beginning.

When we first began visiting the Survivors in 2004, it was quite evident some of them were cutting their own hair to save money. I began to pray for a hairdresser to help. About one year later, Barbara came- an answer to my prayer. (pg 3)

Defeating Loneliness

She was obviously nervous and depressed as the visitors entered the room. It was a last minute decision on her part to even let them come. She welcomed them in, offered coffee and tea, the usual fare given by Holocaust Survivors.

R. made it clear she had no intention of sharing her WWII account and they reassured her it was not necessary; they came just to visit with her. Slowly, as they shared about one another's families, R. began to open up. She mentioned to them that she wrote poetry. With that statement, she was amazed, "I never intended to tell you that! I haven't told anyone about it!"

Asked if she would share her poetry, she adamantly refused. However, she began to speak of her sadness since her husband passed away, that she wrote her poetry since losing him. The reason? She can't talk to God, so she writes.

One of the visitors commented, "So, actually, you ARE talking to God—through your poetry." Shock registered on her face, followed by peace and a smile. She WAS talking to God and had not realized it.

This visitor's lone comment, Holy Spirit inspired, changed her whole outlook on God and life. The visit came to an end, but not her desire to see people again.

Through simple visitation, a life was forever changed. It is why we at DHI do what we do... God is changing and healing Survivors, one life at a time.

Where in the World is Susan?!

August

1	6:30 pm	"Bridges to Israel-Murfreesboro," TN	615-848-6958
2	11 am	Kol Dodi Congregation, Nashville, TN	
15	6:30pm	Prayer Warriors Arise! McKinney, TX	214-592-9061
16	10:30am	Metroplex Messianic Fellowship, Eules, TX	
		(www.metroplexmessianic.org)	877-713-6416
17	10 am	Metroplex Chapel, Eules, TX	
		(www.metroplexchapel.org)	817-267-8000
31	10am	Anaville Baptist, Corpus Christi, TX	361-241-9557

September

5	Return to PA		
27	5:00pm	3rd "Night To Celebrate Israel!"	(see page 2)

October

5	10AM & 6PM	House of Prayer, Davidsburg, PA	717-259-8280
14	Traveling to TX		

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

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

COMING!! 3rd Annual Night to Celebrate Israel, Greater Harrisburg, PA September 27, 2008

What can you expect at this yearly event? Come and see when you join us!

Marketplace opens at 5PM... music begins at 6:30PM... Marketplace reopens afterward.

- ◆ Music & Israeli dancing
- ◆ presentation of new Israeli ministries & latest update on DHI and what is happening in Israel!
- ◆ Jewish pastries with beverages
- ◆ Marketplace offering items from Israel, mezzuzot, books written by Survivors, Israeli artwork & more!

Location: Grace Chapel, 2535 Colebrook Rd., Elizabethtown, PA

Call 717-557-5775 for more information! Come Celebrate Israel with us!

Beit Shalom Hospitality House... Not Your Ordinary B & B!

After being open full time for only 12 weeks, Beit Shalom fulfilled another of the mandates for this facility. We were able to extend a helping hand in an emergency situation. Someone who had no place to live, and was struggling with the slow economy of Israel, was able to find immediate temporary shelter at Beit Shalom Hospitality House. Their first reaction at the invitation? Shock that they could take a shower and have a kitchen to use. We take so much for granted. Their gratitude should be an attitude check for each one of us to be truly grateful for God's provisions. *"...to provide the poor wanderer with shelter..."* Isaiah 58:7

Help! We Need Part-time Sowers!

- ◆ Would you be willing to write a few notes or make a few phone calls?
- ◆ Do you have a few hours a month to enter information into a computer?
- ◆ Could you give a little time to help with mailings or filing?

We currently are in need of several people to lend a hand to our busy Adoption Director in the Camp Hill/New Cumberland, PA area. Please contact Nancy by calling 717-592-0859 to let her know you can help!

Prayer Points

We here at DHI very much appreciate prayer. Many of the people helping us need lifted up for safety, strength, to be filled anew with joy and for God to continue to provide for their needs.

- ◆ **Sharril** returning to Israel for double duty– Hostess at Beit Shalom & visiting Survivors
- ◆ **Susan** as she drives across the US (see schedule) and around TX, speaking and sharing about DHI
- ◆ **The remaining cost** of Beit Shalom Hospitality House- \$200,000
- ◆ **Praise** for the down payment to begin the purchasing process!
- ◆ **Nancy** as the Director of Adoption– her workload has increased with more Survivors and desperately needs assistance in Central Pennsylvania
- ◆ **The duties of Treasurer**– a vast increase in responsibilities with the growth of DHI has brought the need to divide the work.; a few hours a month accounting and data entry in San Antonio, TX
- ◆ **Field Coordinators in Israel**– Sasha, Dima, Maria, Sue & Howie and for more Volunteers to assist them.
- ◆ **Praise** for Sue and Howie to work with the Survivors in Israel! Prayer for the many challenges involved as they adjust as new immigrants and while they have a brief visit in the US to raise support.
- ◆ **Increase of networking** to partner with existing Humanitarian Aid groups in Israel
- ◆ **Praise** for Volunteers coming to Israel who are willing to give their time and effort to bless the Survivors
- ◆ **Stamina, creativity and more Volunteers** for our 3rd Annual Fundraiser "A Night to Celebrate Israel!"
- ◆ **Unity and endurance** for the many Messianic congregation leaders and workers in Israel
- ◆ **Pray for more prayer warriors** willing to do Spiritual Warfare on behalf of Israel and DHI!

**WON'T YOU JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM & HELP
STAND IN THE GAP FOR ISRAEL?**

EMAIL PRAYER@DESERTHOPEINTERNATIONAL.ORG TO JOIN TODAY!

NEWS CONTINUED

A Letter of Love

Twenty Holocaust Survivors, recipients of one or more Visitations, free haircuts & pedicures, Welcome Packs, blankets or other services, wrote us a letter. In it was their expression of thanks, amazement and joy to find that someone cared enough to come see them. They stated their desire to have continued contact with DHI. What is this letter for? To give to the government of Israel and let them know how much they appreciate what YOU are doing through your generous gifts. They have said “Thank You!” and we now pass it on to you. God Bless You!

Tel Akko and More

Akko has been chosen by the Israeli government for improvements to increase tourism and better their community. The Akko Tel, the original site of the city, is being transformed into a beautiful park. Archeologists have dug on the tel for many years and continue in some areas. But the majority of the tel is going to be green and inviting. Where is this tel located? Directly across from Beit Shalom Hospitality House! Come visit us and enjoy the new parks and historical Akko!

Prices Up– Dollar Down

All over the world the prices of everything keeps rising, Israel included. Right now the value of the US dollar has dropped dramatically. Those who depend on dollars from America are having great difficulties. Some prices have risen as much as 35%. This also affects our final purchase price for Beit Shalom. Please pray the dollar increases quickly and holds steady.

Holocaust Survivors Covered by DHI

We now have over 500 names of Survivors with many not yet adopted. Please pray for adoptive families to take them into their hearts and prayers!



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 ~

“For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me...” Psalm 27:5 & 6

Are you in the midst of extreme troubles? If you are feeling a heaviness and find it difficult to lift your head each day, it is time to be encouraged! If you can call Jesus “Lord!” then these verses are for you. Read it again—it says he WILL keep you safe, he WILL hide you! It’s a Promise to you that God is your Defender and will bring you higher than your circumstances, financial troubles, health problems... EVERYTHING is subject to God! Praise the Lord for victory!

Just to Serve (Pge 1 cont’d)

She comes to Israel on her own, dependent on God for provision. Her motive? To make the Survivors feel good about themselves by having a good haircut.

This is the motive behind what we do in DHI—to show the Survivors and elderly of Israel what Believers feel— the Love of God— towards them.

I want to publicly thank Barbara for her good and faithful service to these sweet and gentle people. Please join me in praying God will fulfill all her needs so she may prosper wherever God takes her. And while she is tending our precious folks, we are truly grateful!

-Susan Heagy

DID YOU KNOW...

...BEFORE WWII THE CITY OF VILNA BOASTED A LARGE POPULATION OF GIFTED JEWISH POETS, MUSICIANS & THEATRE ARTISTS?

IT HAD NUMEROUS LIBRARIES AND WAS KNOWN AS THE ‘JERUSLEM OF LITHUANIA.’

THE NAZIS TURNED VILNA INTO A GHETTO, FORCING 50,000 PEOPLE INTO A SMALL AREA, 30 PEOPLE TO A ROOM. THEIR GIFTEDNESS WAS DESTROYED...

...ALONG WITH THEIR LIVES.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All financial and informational communications can be sent to the address below:

Desert Hope International, P.O. Box 760183, San Antonio, TX 78245

Desert Hope International is a 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
- Monthly newsletter
- Volunteers in Israel Program
- Humanitarian Aid to Survivors & Elderly
- Holocaust Survivor Adoption Program
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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