



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!

Do you mind if I brag?

Bragging. It usually brings to mind people who puff out their chest (or belly!) and begin to talk about, what else, but themselves.

But if you will indulge me, I want to brag on people I know, or even have just met.

Whenever I travel I am often dependent on the hospitality of people in the area where I speak. Whether it is staying in their homes, or in a motel thoughtfully provided for me, I am still at the mercy of their kindness.

I want to say that in the past four years I have never been disappointed. On the contrary, I (pg 3)

Location! Location! Location!

We have already shared how Beit Shalom Hospitality House has hosted people from over 10 countries and how God has blessed others in emergency situations with shelter. We have told how the Holy Spirit has led people there to fulfill the prayer of others. But now we want to tell you about the physical location. Oh, yes, God really knows how to pick real estate!

Directly across from Beit Shalom is the Akko tel, now being developed into a beautiful park. Since our street has no outlet, traffic is minimal. The mayor lives a few houses down giving us 24/7 police protection. At the end of the road is a huge expanse of fields soon to be filled with professional gardens. Several streets behind us is the only mall in the area supplying all our physical needs. On the other side of that mall the city of Akko has planned an extreme sports park, unlike anything in Israel- a combination sports, playground, grassy area (even the roof!), climbing, skating-everything park... designed to accommodate normal & handicap extreme athletes. Imagine, now, the land value once it is completed? So, what do you think about investing in God's work? Come join us in owning property on what will soon become the best street in this part of Israel!

HOUSE UPDATE: In July & August we had been negotiating a payment arrangement for purchase with the landlord of the House in Akko- Beit Shalom. In a surprise move, he turned down our deposit and demanded the full amount up front. Since God has not said differently we are continuing to Stand- that the Lord will provide the remaining funds for the House. Please pray with us: God will preserve the House & it can only be sold to us, to be used for His Glory!

Where in the World is Susan?!

September

- 1-7 Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tennessee call 717-542-8810 for locations
- 8 Arrive in PA
- 27 5:00pm 3rd "Night To Celebrate Israel!"
Grace Chapel, Elizabethtown, PA

October

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

November, December thru January 2009

1-30 In Texas

February 1-April 1 In Israel - Volunteer Tour with Susan

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To arrange for Speaking 717-542-8810 or [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org)

## UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

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| <b>Jewish</b> | <b>September 10-19 S'lichot (Prayers of Forgiveness)</b><br><b>September 29 Beginning of Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year)</b> |
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## NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

### Published Article on DHI

Coming up! Expected in the **Sept/Oct issue of "Discipleship Journal"** is a small article (DJPlus section) on Desert Hope International's Holocaust Survivor Adoption program. It will be a good tool for letting your friends know about our outreach to the Holocaust Survivors!

### Spring of Hope Foundation

*"While yet I breathe, I hope"* This is the motto of a non-profit organization that supports humanitarian outreach in Israel. We recommend to you this high integrity ministry devoted to assisting the people of Israel. Go to their website to learn more: <https://cp26.heritagewebdesign.com/~mpd9986/index.html>

### A Special Volunteer at Beit Shalom

From Australia, more than qualified to visit with our Survivors, N. came to give assistance and that is just what she did. What a blessing to have her visit, play badminton with a spry 85 yr old in Akko, use her skills of Russian to communicate God's love to our Survivors, be a Guest Hostess at Beit Shalom and bring encouragement to Guests who were there. And what a great help she was to the House Manager! Thank you so much! May many others follow in your footsteps and offer their services to the people of Israel as you did!

### Visa Problems in Israel

The Visa situation in Israel has been constantly changing. A law for quite awhile, Israel is now enforcing the '**Tourist Visa**, 3 months out of 12, calendar year' rule, severely limiting trips for everyone to Israel. In addition, MANY people in Israel on **Volunteer Visas** of one year, renewable up to five years, are having to leave the Land. A new law went into effect limiting Volunteer Visas to two years maximum renewal. As a result many heads & workers of ministries, organizations and businesses in Israel have to leave immediately or are being turned back at the airport. These folks are no longer eligible to return on a Volunteer Visa for one year and must obtain a permission stamp from the Israeli embassy in their home country to qualify again.

For DHI, the impact on us is minimal as most of our Volunteers go to Israel for short terms & a maximum of three months each year. All of our Coordinators are Israeli citizens reflecting our belief that Israeli's should be in charge of helping their own people. We do need prayer for an increase of citizens being involved.

The one most affected in DHI by the visa limitation is Susan as she needs to go more often to oversee the work, take Volunteer Teams, direct Beit Shalom and make contacts with government and organizations. Please pray for us as we seek God's direction and possibly a different type of Visa. Currently she will not be able to return to Israel until the beginning of 2009 but is in contact with the Coordinators within The Land.

### Link Up!

During our travels, we at DHI have opportunities to meet many other ministries, organizations and worthy causes. It is important for Believer-based groups to network to help Israel. Here are some recommendations:

[www.eagleswings.to](http://www.eagleswings.to) - Eagles' Wings, Robert Stearns  
[www.out-of-zion.com](http://www.out-of-zion.com) - Out of Zion Ministries, David and Josie Silver  
[www.jij.org.il](http://www.jij.org.il) - Jerusalem Institute of Justice

### New Web Design

DHI will be getting an upgrade on our Web site soon! We are pleased to announce the work will be done by Evan Hill of Ponderosa Internet. You can contact him at his website: <http://www.ponderosainternet.com>

**“See, I am doing a new thing!...” Isaiah 43:18 & 19**

If you have been a Child of God any longer than 24 hours, you are probably well aware that God likes to change things in our lives, sometimes in surprising ways and almost always unexpectedly. However, we always know it is for our good. God has blessed us with tremendous growth and so DHI is re-organizing to handle it. Among the things happening:

- ◆ Addition of Survivors on our rolls & more Adoptive Families. Praise God!
- ◆ Beit Shalom is open full-time and we’re seeking funds to complete the purchase
- ◆ Increasing numbers of Volunteers are going to Israel to help
- ◆ Lots more opportunities to share and educate about the Holocaust Survivors
- ◆ More organizations and groups becoming involved in both the US and Israel

Whew! In order to handle what God is doing we need to re-structure the administrative end of our organization, increase our Volunteer force and seek ways to streamline current methods of handling the work. As changes occur we will keep you updated, but **be assured that as we proceed all operations will continue as they have in the past!**

We would appreciate prayer as we fulfill this need and continue to increase partnerships in Israel and the US to benefit the Holocaust Survivors. If you know of someone you think we can partner with, please call 717-542-8810, 210-249-8401 or email [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org) to give us their information.

Thankfully, no matter what changes, God is in control. And it is wonderful to remember... *“I, the Lord, do not change.”* Malachi 3:6

**Please pray for our elections in the US! Only prayer can bring the leaders we need!**



Beit Shalom Hospitality House

**\$125,000 has been given so far-Thank you!!**

**Update: The owners have turned down our payment offer & demanded full price up front of \$300,000. Pray for God to preserve this property while we wait on the Lord!**

**Your prayers help this ministry of God’s Heart grow. Your donations will keep it alive!**

**Call 210-249-8401 or 717-557-5775 to help!**

**~ A FEW WORDS ~**

*“Having therefore, brethren, the boldness to enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus...”* Hebrews 10:19

What does it mean to you to enter “into the Holiest”? When you pray, do you turn your entire will and all of your desires over to God’s Will and Desires? Do you pray with your head or with your heart? Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit lead what you pray for and how you pray?

To be a true Intercessor for God, I challenge you to turn your prayer life over to the Holy Spirit. If we give up our own agenda, even in prayer, through the Blood of Jesus we will have unlimited power to accomplish those things important to God. Can we say with Christ... *‘Yet not what I will, but what you will’?* Mark 14:36b

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have been immeasurably blessed by the hosts and hostesses of my travels.

Taken into their homes for meals, meetings, prayer, overnight stays, impromptu gatherings, late night discussions, helping me prepare for meetings, giving me space, encouragement or comfort or just making sure I have a real good time— I simply cannot express my full gratitude to the many folks whom I now have the privilege to call “Friends”.

You know who you are and I want you to know I love you and I pray God blesses you richly & completely for fulfilling Romans 12:13.

*-Susan Heagy*

**DID YOU KNOW...**

...VIOLENT ANTI-SEMITIC HATE CRIMES HAVE RISEN **100% IN GERMANY** SINCE 2000, **70% IN AUSTRIA** BETWEEN 2002 TO 2003 AND **60% IN AUSTRALIA** BETWEEN 2002 TO 2003?

**FRANCE**, IN 2002, REPORTED **193 OF 313 RACIST CRIMES** WERE AGAINST **JEWS**. ANTISEMITIC CRIMES INCLUDE VIOLENT ATTACKS, DESECRATION OF PROPERTY & ABUSE.

- FROM WATCHMEN ON THE WALL: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR JERUSALEM PG. VIII

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*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)

Checks to be written out to “Spring of Hope Foundation”

Other outreaches:

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

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