



# THE DESERT ROAD

## DESERT HOPE INTERNATIONAL

### What is this ministry?

- 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!

### LIKE-MINDED

*"For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state." Phil 2:20 KJV*

In this passage of scripture, Paul referred to Timothy as someone who was "likeminded" or 'like-souled' and that it was natural. Being natural is to be genuine and sincere. Timothy did not serve to gain a good reputation or for what he could get from people; he did it because he took Christ's yoke on himself, never refusing to serve anyone. Not a hypocrite, but filled with "selflessness" and genuine love. Paul appreciated having a fellow worker who was "like-minded" in his work. He knew the value of a companion in the Lord's service who matched him stride for stride, (page 3)

## ANATOMY OF A DHI WORK TRIP

In several newsletters we have referred to work teams going to Israel. To answer subsequent questions about what a work trip entails, below are the details:

1. Request an application, fill it out and return it to us.
2. If you don't have a passport, get one. This process takes a minimum of six weeks. If you have a passport, make sure it is up to date, with 1 year remaining. This is important!
3. We will send you information about the culture, packing instructions, purpose, etc.
4. You will also receive a letter to help you raise funds for your trip. *You can raise tax deductible donations for this trip to cover your airfare, food, lodging, etc.* You are carrying out the goal of the organization and these funds go toward that goal. All funds raised for this trip must be sent to DHI with the goal of the organization in mind to allow for tax deductions. If for any reason you do not to go, the funds you raise will be used to assist someone else to accomplish the work.
5. After raising funds, DHI will get your plane ticket and you can start packing!
6. Next on the agenda, meet with the group and fly to Israel! Once we arrive (page 2)

## Where in the World is Susan?!

### September

**11** 7 AM, WJTL "Get Up and Go Show"

**29** "Night to Celebrate Israel" – Capital Area CC, Mechanicsburg, PA

### October

**7** – **House of Prayer**, Davidsburg, PA call Ruth Faust– 717-259-8280

**1 to 30** Susan available to speak in Pennsylvania/Maryland/New York area

### November

**15** Susan to Israel / Marianna available to speak in PA/MD/NY

### December

**5 to 15** Marianna and work team to join Susan in Israel

### January 08

**1 to 31** Susan in Israel / Marianna available to speak in PA/MD/NY

**9 to 19** Work team to Israel

### Spring, 2008

Speaking tour including PA, TX, AL, FL. Call 717-557-5775 to add your location and state to our itinerary!

To join the next work teams, or arrange for speaking, contact Marianna at 717-557-5775 or email [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org)

## UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

Jewish— Rosh Hashanah  
Day of Atonement

## NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

### **Transformation!**

Wow! Through the willing hands of Patrick, Gideon, Cheryl, Vered, Bill, Patti, Tina and Moshe amazing differences have come to Beit Shalom! We have been plastering, painting, replacing door locks, drilling concrete block to hang drapery hardware & pictures, installing air conditioning (it's hot in August!), moving furniture, landscaping and weeding. Many blessings to these precious, hardworking people! We have prepared two bedrooms and two bathrooms, including a private apartment. Beit Shalom is now officially ready for YOU to come visit! Plan to come stay with us, visit Holocaust Survivors or help other outreaches in the area!

### **Receive "Special Guest of Beit Shalom" Status**

For a Gift of \$5,000 or more given towards the purchase of Beit Shalom, we would be pleased and honored to offer these donors certificates for free visits (donor & one guest) to Beit Shalom. If you are a business, ministry or church, special arrangements can be made for your group. With permission, each donor will have their name displayed in the Beit Shalom House. Partner with us by establishing this Hospitality House then come experience it for yourself!

### **Handmade or Handpicked Donations for Survivors!**

We need socks, scarves, warm caps, shawls, gloves, potholders, kitchen towels, trial size toiletries, etc. to take with us in November. Our deadline to receive items is October 30. Your donations are appreciated! Mail to DHI, P.O. Box 3055, Shiremanstown, PA 17011 or for drop-off in PA, call Nancy at 717-592-0859.

### **Prayer Needs**

- ◆ Katzir Asher congregation— please pray for the quick advancement of permits, renovation and donations to allow the congregation to move into their new building. They have outgrown Beit Shalom as their meeting place and are very crowded. Also our neighbors are getting restless about the weekly P & W.
- ◆ Israeli citizens now involved in visiting the Holocaust Survivors— for safety, discernment & a quiet spirit
- ◆ Favor for DHI with various branches of the Israeli government, with God and man
- ◆ Spiritual discernment for the Board and Staff concerning Volunteers as this ministry expands rapidly

### **Now Where is My Toothbrush...?**

Our Hospitality House is used for many things & a few days ago a little Russian girl, 3 years old, was here with her mother for Praise & Worship practice. At one point the child was gone for a short while but soon reappeared. That evening as I prepared for bed, I could not locate my toothbrush. Looking around my room I realized it was lying neatly atop a row of children's paint jars. It was covered in purple paint... Obviously she had been hiding out in my room. Apparently we adults were not the only ones who have been painting at Beit Shalom!

### **Anatomy of a DHI Work Trip (continued from front page)**

and settle in, we will begin working to accomplish the typical goals listed here:

- Painting, plastering, gardening, minor repairs, move furniture
- Doing outreach, visiting Holocaust Survivors, assist other ministries
- Praise & Worship and Intercessory Prayer over Akko with Israeli Believers
- Tour Akko, Nazareth Bible Village, Jerusalem, etc (areas vary with each trip)

Fun at the Mediterranean beach, shopping, visit with Israeli Believers

7. Say "Shalom" and depart for the USA— until the next time!

If you would like to join one of our work trips to Israel contact Marianna 717-557-5775 or email [info@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:info@deserthopeinternational.org) for an application. Come bless the people of Israel!



**OUR JEWISH ROOTS**  
BY MARIANNA ESWORTHY



What is Rosh Hashanah? Literally it means the “first of the year,” but the Word of G-d says it is in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishri and it is called the “Feast of Trumpets.” (Lev.23: 24, 25) There is no discrepancy here because there are different “firsts” in a year. Much like we have a calendar year, a fiscal year, or a school year, Rosh Hashanah in the month of Tishri, is the New Year for the purpose of counting the year number, whereas the Jewish month of Nissan 1 (occurring in March & April) is the New Year for counting the reign of kings and months on the calendar. It is a two-day holiday, beginning this year at sunset on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and ends Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Why is it called the “Feast of Trumpets?” The “trumpet” is a SHOFAR! (curved ram’s horn- 100 notes sounded each day on Rosh Hashanah). The shofar has several purposes throughout G-d’s Word such as: a call to worship, a call to battle, and in this case...a wake up call to repentance! (James 4:8) Throughout the month of August (Elul – means “to search”) there is a searching of the heart. (Ps. 139: 23, 24) It’s a time to ask forgiveness of those we may have wronged (Matt. 5: 23,24), in preparation for the High Holy Days:

- \*Feast of Trumpets (in Hebrew called “Yom Teruah” – the Day of Sounding the Shofar)
- \*Days of Awe (10 days of repentance) leading up to...
- \*Day of Atonement – (This year on Sept.22<sup>nd</sup> Hebrew- “Yom Kippur” Lev. 23: 27, 28):

This is a time of sacrifice and receiving G-d’s forgiveness. As believers in Yeshua, we know that His mercy and forgiveness is available to us each day. (1 John 1:9) (Col. 3: 9-14). We celebrate the atonement made for our sins (once and for all- Heb. 9:12) by the blood of Messiah Yeshua!It can be observed by prayer and fasting, and wearing white to represent Isaiah 1:18. G-d has given us these High Holy Days to remind us to have a particular time to search our hearts and see where we are in our spiritual walk with the L-rd.



Please pray and ask God how He wants you to be a part of this project!



**~ A FEW WORDS ~**

In the spring of this year, I noticed a fig tree in the yard of Beit Shalom that had been drastically pruned by a former tenant. I certainly did not expect it to bear any fruit this year as it looked to be ragged and in a poor state. But apparently the removal of many limbs caused the tree to multiply its blossoms and has recently been producing much fruit. We have been able to pick fresh delicious figs daily.

*“He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” John 15:2*

What a lesson for us! As God prunes us, may we also bear much fruit for Him. Let’s tempt the world with luscious fruit of the Spirit, great taste and nourishment for their souls! Come join us at Beit Shalom to eat of our fig tree and make yourself available to produce more fruit for Him.

**Like-Minded (Page 1 cont’d)**

yoked together, to plow a straight line and reach the same goal.

I am very aware and grateful for the “like-minded” saints God has placed in the service of this ministry. As Volunteers with no pay, sometimes long hours, and simply a crown awaiting them in Heaven, the workers in this field have proven their worth many times over; proven their “selflessness.”

I want to publicly thank our Board, Adoption Coordinators, Advisors, Israeli Visitation Coordinators, Supporters, Intercessors, Accountant, Hand-crafters and all the Adoptive Families for their commitment to integrity, compassion and love. Know the Father is pleased as you pursue the true passion of His Heart. May the Lord bless you! -Susan Heagy

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.” Phil. 1:3&4*

**DID YOU KNOW...**

...THERE ARE HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS ALL OVER THE WORLD? MANY MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN SET UP BUT FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THEM. LOOK IN YOUR PHONE BOOK, ASK AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OR CONTACT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN YOUR TOWN. SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST.

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

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**Credit/bank card donation option** on our website [www.deserthopeinternational.org](http://www.deserthopeinternational.org)

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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
- Holocaust Survivor Adoption Program
- Monthly newsletter
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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