

The Desert Road

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We were two very different women: I, a volunteer to ministry in Israel and she, president of a growing Christian organization in PA. Yet, God saw fit to give us the same vision concerning a House of Hospitality and Healing. We had met through another of God's famous divine appointments, pleasantly surprised to find our visions were almost word for word the same. We prayed together, asking for the Lord's hand upon this plan; for Him to go before us and prepare the House(s). She had mentioned the verse "I go to prepare a place for you..." (John 14:2) referring to Jesus getting our place ready in heaven. But this day we immediately knew He was going before us to prepare His Houses for His people. I knew immediately the Lord was reassuring me once again, "I will do it!" (I Thes. 5:24)

Since that day, I have met several others who have the same or similar vision, to establish or help with Houses that will serve those referred to in Isaiah 58; to 'feed those who are hungry, clothe the naked and free the oppressed.' Is it a coincidence that others have the same desire, the same vision? I don't think so. The Lord tells us we are each different parts of the Body. It takes working together to complete His plans.

In Habbakuk 2:2, the Lord tells us to write out our vision and make it plain. He tells us to make it SO plain that a runner can zip past us with the vision written on a board so we can read and understand it in a moment! Do you have a vision from the Lord? Has He made the plan for your life plain to you? Jeremiah 29:11 states He has a plan for every one of us, a plan for our future. Did you know that "plan" is His vision for you? When God gives you a vision for your future, He is handing you His heart.

Doing my part to help fulfill God's vision for the Hospitality House and ministry to the Holocaust Survivors has taken many different paths in the past nine months:

- Traveling in the US, sharing the desire to minister to the needy in Israel through a House of Hospitality by newsletters, web site, in churches and groups.
- Watching in awe as the Lord networks, arranging divine appointments of people with like desires and passion for outreach, for ministries to help one another.
- Putting a proposal together with the details of the Hospitality House. It has been passed on to an international ministry for whatever purpose God has planned.

This ministry belongs to Him and none of it to us. When He says to build something, we do so as His servants. As we follow His instructions, not our own, we must remember it was never ours to start with. Following His plan makes it so much easier. Jesus says "My yoke is easy, My burden is light." (Matthew 11:30) That is, if we stay in step with Him in that yoke, our paths will be made straight.

October 22nd I am headed back to Israel! We have several goals in mind:

Re-visiting the Holocaust Survivors in Arad to determine needs, check on letters and packages sent to them and contact their adoptive families to give a personal update on each one. At the request of the congregation pastors, I will spend time with their volunteers to see how the visitation is progressing. I will also collect more names for the families waiting to adopt!

Heading out to visit with various contacts the Lord has put in my path, I expect to travel to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beer Sheva, Akko, Afula and wherever else the Lord leads. This fact-finding trip will be to determine a location for the Hospitality House and talk with different ministries in conjunction with the operation of the House.

My intended itinerary:

1. To be in Arad for about two months. I will be living completely on my own upon my return to Israel. Please pray for increased funding to cover the living costs.
2. Checking sources for Holocaust Survivor names to expand the adoption program.
3. Two to three months traveling and collecting information; following through with contacts and determining the location of the Hospitality House; pricing homes and praying for the Lord's leading. We are believing for this House to be bought and open this time next year! Please stand in agreement with us!
4. I plan to spend the last weeks in Arad with the survivors and congregations.
5. To this date we have pledges and donations equaling just over \$15,300 for the Hospitality House. I love how God works - it is very exciting to know how the majority of these funds have come in... **they were given from the sale of houses!** God is speaking to those selling homes to sow into the ministry of His Home for His people! ☺

This is how it happened for one Hospitality House donor...

Waking up Sunday morning, she was not going to go to church that day. It had been a rough week. But she began to feel an urgency to attend. She arrived a little late for Sunday School and the guest speaker had already begun. Lying on the table were some brochures and a floor plan of a house. Looking at the information, she heard the speaker mentioning Holocaust Survivors and Israel. She read the name of a bedroom on the floor plan – “The Rose of Sharon” – that name had great meaning to her. She began to listen closer. The speaker was mentioning places in America that also had significance to her. Now she spoke to God. “Okay, God, if this speaker mentions a name with the same initials of a friend of mine, I will know this is from you. I will write a check to this ministry for the amount you tell me.” The very next sentence indeed had a name with those initials. She wrote out a check from the sale of her house, adopting the “Rose of Sharon” bedroom.

What she could not have known was how discouraged the speaker, me, had felt that day. I was beginning to doubt my ability to adequately present the vision of this House. She also could not have known... the locations in the US and the name with the initials she had requested? I had never used any of that information or that name

when I was speaking before that day. In fact, when the name mentioned came out of my mouth, I hesitated from the shock – I had no intention of saying their name in my time of sharing! But God had other plans... ☺

The check she wrote was the first substantial amount we had received. **It turned out to be a seed.** She received that amount back unexpectedly within a few weeks! Not only that, but last month *someone else gave funds from the sale of a house – and the amount they gave was exactly double the first check!* Praise the Lord!!

Are we saying only large donations are needed? Not at all! There are a number of people who have pledged a regular amount each month, adopting a room in the House to support. Every gift is to the Lord! God is the one involved here. This vision for the Hospitality House is God's vision, God's heart. We are all a part of His work; all of us together. We need your prayers and your help.

To establish this House, **you can help** by spreading the word. We need you to share this vision with others. Tell your church, your family, friends and your co-workers. Prayer is what will bring in the funds needed and cause the doors of the Hospitality House to open. But it also takes some action as well.

To make it easier for you to talk to others about this, we have a written report presenting the costs, the vision and the concept of the Hospitality House. If you would like a copy, contact Charlotte at desertministries@satx.tx.com and we will email it to you. If you would like a proposal sent to a ministry or pastor, please send their name and address to Charlotte and we will be pleased to send them a professional proposal.

News Brief!

Returning to Israel

A special "Thank you!" to those who made sure the travel funds were available for my return! One couple sowed 50% of the amount needed as a seed for their own desire to visit Israel. Six months later they received double, 100% travel fare (Isaiah 61:7), specifically for both to visit Israel in November! God's promises are true!

Continued Disturbance in Arad

The Datim continue to harass the Believers in Arad, rioting wherever they can. Little is being done by authorities to curb their violence. Please pray for all the Believers living there. Pray for the ultra-orthodox to see their Messiah in the scriptures they read daily! Please pray for the Lord's divine protection over me to visit the Survivors as I need to be able to move freely among them.

Non-profit Status

Very soon our non-profit status should be in place. We have filed as "Desert Hope International" and are working feverishly to get everything ready to do business as a non-profit ministry. We are grateful to the Messianic Hebrew Christian Fellowship for patiently assisting us by providing tax-exemptions for all those donating to our work!

Precious Saints!

In the past six months I have been filled with joy by the many Believers, churches and congregations who have blessed me. Their encouragement, support and love cannot be adequately expressed in this newsletter. Thank you! You truly represent God's heart.

Attention! Needed Bus Funds for the Holocaust Survivors!

On November 6th, in Jerusalem, there will be a concert by John Hagee Ministries. We would like to honor the Holocaust Survivors in Arad by providing transportation for them to attend. To do this we will need to rent a bus costing \$450. We already have \$150 towards the trip; leaving only \$300 to make this happen for them. If you feel led to give for this trip, please mark your donation "Survivor bus trip".

More Divine Appointments and Blessings!

1. I was introduced to the head of a ministry who sets up safe-houses worldwide. Think they would have anything for me to learn? ☺
2. No train ticket for me to the airport! I was offered a ride – Hallelujah! ☺
3. One ministry was led to give me a large key (with Israeli symbols) and a handmade quilt. Maybe the 'key' to the Hospitality House and 'comfort' to give those in need?
4. I spent a wonderful two days with leadership of Aglow International – learning, networking and being blessed by their friendship.

Prayer About Communication

Staying in touch with everyone is vital to this ministry! While here in the States I have been able to access the internet in various places. In Israel, it will be more difficult without having a central location. If I rent a single room, I would have no access to be online. Getting an apartment would assure online capability, but the costs involved (phone line and deposit) would increase the rental costs. I am in need of prayer on what is the best way to serve our Lord. Will you pray for provision and clarity?

In His service - Susan Heagy

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*To stand with this ministry, please send your gift to the address below and thank you!*

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