



# 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!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Sometimes when we ask the Lord for something, we never really know how He will answer. But in every circumstance, He provides in extra ways we could not have seen.

I had requested of the Lord to provide someone to accompany me on this trip to Israel. He did so with a friend, Carol. She went with me into some difficult areas, listened to the Holocaust Survivors tell their horrendous stories and (cont'd pg 3)

## COUPONS OF FAITH

I stood holding a 50 shekel coupon in my hand, in awe of what God had just accomplished. Up until a few days ago, my desire to bless the Survivors with gift cards for groceries was just a 'plan'. I went to the 'Mega', the main grocery store here in Israel, and asked if I could purchase "coupons" for groceries. They sent me to see the manager. After the usual pleasantries, he explained these coupons are only given out once a year for Hanukah and normally sold for a minimum of 10,000 shekels (\$2380).

Endeavoring not to flinch at the minimum I asked if it was possible to buy the coupons monthly and purchase only 3000 shekels (\$714) at a time.

"What do you want them for?" he asked.

"I want to give them to elderly people in this town who are poor." My reply brought an immediate change in his expression.

"Really? That is very nice! Let me make a phone call to the main office." After hanging up, he informed me they would be willing to do this for us.

I was very pleased to make this deal and was ready to leave the office. But the Lord wasn't finished yet. The manager then offered to give us a 10% discount. If we needed 3000 shekels in coupons, we could pay only 2700 shekels—would that be okay? I was very happy to say "Yes!" God is so very good!

We are virtually stepping out in faith that we will have \$643 (after 10% off) each and every month to supply these food coupons to the (cont'd page 3)

Come Join Us For A...

## "Night to Celebrate Israel!"

December 17, 2006 – Kislev 26 5767

7 PM – 9 PM

Capital Area Christian Church  
1775 Lambs Gap Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Join us in a time of song and dance as we worship Yeshua and Celebrate Israel

Special guest speaker Susan Heagy of Desert Hope International  
A ministry dedicated to Holocaust Survivors

Worship and Davidic dance led by Marianna Esworthy  
for more information call 717-796-9650

**SCHEDULE**

**Dec 6** - On the radio  
**“Rejoice With Marianna”** on 720 AM  
 “The Rock” at 1 PM

**Dec 10** - House of Prayer, 10 AM and 6 PM Davidsburg, PA

**Dec 12** - Aglow Hbg West, 10 AM at Brothers Restaurant, Dillsburg, PA

**Dec 17** - “Night to Celebrate Israel” Call Marianna Esworthy for info 717-796-9650

**Tentative Scheduling for 2007**

Dec 06 to Jan 07 PA/MD

Jan 07 to Feb 07 TX

Mar 07—Apr 07 Return to Israel

To schedule time call Marianna Esworthy at 717-796-9650 or email [marianna-nae@deserthopeinternational.com](mailto:marianna-nae@deserthopeinternational.com)

**Calling All Crafters!**

We are again looking for handmade (or handpicked!) items for our visits to the Holocaust Survivors.

Potholders, slippers, bib aprons, neck and head scarves, hats & cloth hankies. To help please contact us by email or 717-542-8810.

**UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS**

J- December 15— Hanukkah  
 R- December 25— Christmas

**NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA****More Divine Appointments!**

- I went to meet one gentleman about working with his ministry. When I arrived, he had someone else with him— who had answers to my legal questions. I had asked the Lord six months ago to supply some legal advice; God remembered and delivered!
- When I attended a holiday party, not knowing anyone, a Believer I had hoped to meet was there, walking up to me and introducing herself...
- Attending a congregation in the Haifa area, someone heard about our ministry. She sent me her own ministry info and phone number. Four weeks later I met a Believing tourist looking for a place to volunteer. Her skills and their needs were a perfect match. God sometimes uses us to connect others!
- Wonderful folks who shared their home with me have opened up new possibilities for speaking in another beautiful state—Colorado! Look for future times of visiting there.
- Many special new friends at Tents of Mercy and Acco congregations—precious folks who love the Lord!

**Alert! Adoptive Families Needed!**

The Lord has blessed us with more names of Holocaust Survivors. We now have 130 waiting to be adopted! To adopt a Survivor through DHI is very easy but so important! All that is needed is a willingness to write to, love and pray for one Holocaust Survivor!

Are you someone who is ready to share your heart? Please contact us at the address on the back of this newsletter, email [susanh@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:susanh@deserthopeinternational.org) or call 717-542-8810. YOU will be blessed tremendously by taking a Holocaust Survivor into your heart!

**Hospitality House Update**

Keep praying for the actual location of the Hospitality House. A meeting of all involved in directing this project is being planned for March of 2007 in Israel. For all fundraising, investing and directorship of this project, please email Tiffany Street-Beka at [tiffanysb@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:tiffanysb@deserthopeinternational.org) or call 717-542-8810.

**Thanks For the Prayer!**

As I prepare to head back to the States, I must say “Thank You!” to all those holding this ministry and myself up before the Father. Thank you too for prayer for Carol as she traveled with me. A special thanks to those who prayed while I drove in Jerusalem. Thank God for Bumper Angels!

**WON'T YOU JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM & HELP**

**STAND IN THE GAP**

**FOR THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS?**

EMAIL [PRAYER@DESERTHOPEINTERNATIONAL.ORG](mailto:PRAYER@DESERTHOPEINTERNATIONAL.ORG) TO JOIN TODAY!

**COUPONS OF FAITH**

Holocaust Survivors in one area of Israel. If we cannot do this faithfully every month, the offer will be revoked. As these free coupons arrive in their mailbox, can you imagine their pleasure as they open the envelope? Your \$18 a month will supply for a Holocaust Survivor :

- A coupon every month of 50 shekels for food
- An annual birthday card
- Annual holiday cards
- A small gift once or twice a year
- Postage for the cards

*"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always..."* (emphasis mine)

Isaiah 58:10&11

**Would you please consider sponsoring & blessing a Holocaust Survivor ?**

**FROM ONE WHO HAS SEEN...**

She has been writing to and praying for Rela for over a year. All this time her Holocaust Survivor has been simply a name, a devastating story and a picture. Now, Nancy had come to Israel on a tour and Rela was about to become a reality.

I watched as Nancy and Rela met for the first time. They both had been anxiously awaiting the moment and neither was disappointed. Rela was ecstatic—commenting on how beautiful Nancy looked, embracing her over and over again. She referred to Nancy as her ‘daughter’ as she only has sons now. During the Holocaust Rela had witnessed the murder of her daughters from the confines of a box car. But now she considered Nancy as restoration of lost children.

We sat with our translator, and a visiting pastor, sharing coffee and cookies. In between questions to probe each other’s lives, Rela would reach out and touch Nancy’s cheek. She was so pleased to have her adoptive contact visit her—and she knew it was for only a short time. (continued on back page)

**~ A FEW WORDS ~**

*"The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord..." Proverbs 21:1*

*"You have granted him (the king) the desire of his heart..." Psalms 21:2*

On Nov. 21st I read these passages before meeting with a pastor for whom I have high regard. As the time approached to speak with him about this ministry, I asked the Lord to hide my words and my countenance behind His Words and His Presence. I wanted only God’s intentions to come forth. I prayed for the “king’s heart”, the pastor’s heart, to be in God’s Hands; but I also desperately wanted God’s heart to be in my words.

The Lord was faithful and we had a blessed time of sharing. Any plans we make must be part of God’s Heart or it is not worthy of our time or work. Does your work, your daily activities and your investment of time reflect the Heart of God? If not, ask Him to make your heart’s desires reflect His.

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gave hugs liberally to all. She was navigator while driving throughout Israel, including Jerusalem. We walked some dubious streets in Tel Aviv together, faced opposition to attend a congregation and blindly shopped for food written in Hebrew. She helped me prepare welcome packages for Survivors; met, visited and comforted her own Holocaust Survivor and blew the shofar on the borders of Lebanon to declare victory.

Thank you, Carol, for giving your time, energy and love to this land of Israel and her people. —Susan Heagy

**DID YOU KNOW...**

... DURING WWII, IN THE GHETTOS, CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 5 YRS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SLIPPING OUT DAILY TO FIND FOOD FOR THE FAMILY? MANY STOLE & TRADED ON THE BLACK MARKET TO OBTAIN BREAD, MEAT OR VEGETABLES. THEY WERE OFTEN GIVEN A HIGHER RATION OF FOOD THAN SIBLINGS OR FAMILY TO KEEP THEM STRONG ENOUGH TO OUTFRAN SOLDIERS OR THEIVES.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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**FROM THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN...**

Rela's time is short too. She is 92 years old and in fragile health. We want very much for her to know her Jewish Messiah and pray for her often. Those in her area visit her often, concerned for her daily needs and her health.

On leaving that day, Rela and Nancy had difficulty letting each other go. Neither knows if they will see one another again. But if we pray and believe God will call Rela to Him, we will all be able to see her in Paradise.

The latest numbers released in Israel tell us there are now 300,000 Holocaust Survivors in Israel. Some of them are among the oldest people on earth. Their time is running out. Will you please help us pray for them? God grieves for them as they suffer from their past.

Let's pray for their future with their Messiah.

**Your prayers are changing lives.  
Your gifts enable more lives to be changed.**