

# The Desert Road

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*"I am God, and there is no other... I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon... from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."*  
Isaiah 46:9-11 (emphasis mine)

It is great to know God is in control! Renewing my visa was denied. I had to leave Israel and am back in the States. ☺ I will be eligible to return to Israel in six months, citing that I have spent too much time there. In fact, they told me I "must be up to something!"

Yes, we are up to something – ministering to and blessing God's people, the Holocaust Survivors! All of us, working together, are reaching them with love and kindness. ☺

I am very excited to see that God is moving in ways we do not yet understand. In Isaiah 43:18 & 19 He tells us He is doing a new thing! And so, we will trust Him and continue the work from the States for a short while, until it is time to return to Israel. I truly believe the Lord is putting other people in place to visit and help expand our outreach. Do we quit when it gets harder to accomplish His purposes? Absolutely not!! His plans, the desires of His heart, are worth our labor to complete His work.

## News from Israel

### More Names Coming!

Doors are opening in Israel to receive more names of Holocaust Survivors; plus survivors of different campaigns during WWII, such as the Leningrad Siege. These additional atrocities resulted in imprisonment, persecution and death of loved ones. These precious people also suffered trauma but are not recognized as Holocaust Survivors. I am grateful the Lord trusts us to recognize each one and present His love to them.

### Honored!

Two days following my visa denial, I went to the Russian Veterans headquarters to speak to them of more survivor names. I was in for a surprise! I was formally presented with the *Holocaust Survivor 60 years of Victory Medal* in honor of our caring about the Holocaust Survivors and Survivors of the Leningrad Siege! I was speechless!

When told of my visa dilemma, the director informed me he would issue a formal invitation for my return through the Israeli Ambassador! We have no guarantee that this will take place, but wouldn't it be just like God to have the same government that did not renew my visa to then give me a formal invitation of return? ☺ I know I will be returning to Israel, but I wait on His timing.. I also believe this ministry is about to bust

wide open, expanding in ways we cannot fathom! Get ready to buckle your seatbelt and wait expectantly for the move of Almighty God! ☺

### **Divine Appointments**

Once again, within days of my arrival in New York City, the Lord began networking, bringing people and information to me by phone, email and in person. It is evident – if we wait on the Lord, He will answer every need! ☺

### **No Translator!**

We had received three new names of survivors and I was going with the Russian head of the Arad Holocaust Assn. to meet them. At the last minute, my translator could not go (Help!) and it was just the two of us. Half running to keep up with this former weight lifter, we covered about 3 miles of Arad on foot. Practicing my few words of Russian at each place, eliciting smiles and laughter at my ‘accent’, always glad to entertain. ☺ I did my best to interpret the body language, some Russian words, played my own game of Charades to communicate and took pictures. Indicating I would return to write down their stories the following week, we parted company. Heading home I thanked the Lord for His goodness in giving us more of His people in Arad to bless!

### **Here are some comments of Survivors while visiting:**

*“We so look forward to our letters. Please tell our family in America we have a bedroom waiting for them. They are welcome to come stay with us when they visit. Tell Vicki and Ron a late Merry Christmas!” – Boris L.*

*“Thank you for helping me! You have been such a blessing! Please tell Kelly thank you for remembering me. Bless all of you!” – Klara F. (spoken after hearing someone was coming to clean up her yard and do small repairs. Klara is blind, can barely walk and lives alone)*

*“It was good to be able to visit with you. Some of your friends came to see me while you were gone. I received a gift. Tell Walter and Jean thank you for caring.” – Raisa V.*

*“Tell our American family a bedroom is ready for them to stay with us!” – Arkady G.*

*“The only ones who show they care are the Christians. You are welcome anytime and we hope to meet our American family one day. They are so nice to care.”- Sofia M.*

*“Thank you for remembering us! I got a birthday card yesterday from Diane. It was so nice to be remembered.” – Rosaliy and Leonid O.*

*“Oh, it is so very good to see you. We are grateful to Sherry for caring. Please visit us again.” – Josef and Fiana K.*

*“Thank you so much! Tell Carol we love her and want her to stay with us when she comes to visit. Her bedroom is ready!” – Chaya K.*

Such comments are in response to the love shown through your letters, cards and prayers. **Thank you to those who have adopted Survivors and faithfully bless them.** We have only a few families left on our waiting list to adopt survivors. It is simple to write, send a card and pray. Would you like to start a new friendship? If you are interested in adopting your own survivor, contact me at [sueheagy2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sueheagy2004@hotmail.com).

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Throughout His Word God tells us to care for the widows and orphans. James 1:27 refers to our religion as pure and faultless if we do. I would ask you to pray for our ministry to reach these special people. Your prayer can be the one that makes a difference.

1. Pray for more workers to carry out the visitations in Israel
2. Pray for clarity of direction for me as I continue working from the States until my return to Israel
3. Pray for funding to maintain and expand this ministry. Living expenses are high in Israel and time is short as the Survivors are elderly and in poor health.
4. Pray for the board of Desert Hope International as we work together; for wisdom in decisions and outreach.
5. Praise the Lord for His goodness in every area of this ministry!

Thank you and God bless you tremendously for your compassion and caring! ☺

In His service,

**Susan Heagy**

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