



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!

COORDINATION!

When God gives us friends and special people in our lives, we never know how He will use us together.

I have been privileged to be able to work with many wonderful friends whom the Lord has given me in the past few years.

In addition to having Marianna Esworthy as our Vice President and Barbara Himelfarb as our Adoption Coordinator in Texas, I am now proud to announce Nancy Kurtz as our new Coordinator (pg 3)

COMPASSION ON A GRAND SCALE

Compassion— to feel the suffering of others; to have mercy and show kindness; deep caring combined with action to relieve the situation.

For two weeks in June of 2002 I visited Israel; it was my first time there. During that time I felt drawn to seek God more. On my return flight, I asked the Lord what He wanted me to do. Very clearly I heard,

"Receive the Compassion of Jesus."

My answer to that was simply "Okay." It is truly that easy to accept what the Lord wants to give us. Immediately I began to weep, even as we flew home, aware of being filled with Y'shua's unique love.

Over the next year I found a new understanding of the suffering of people. I began to see how people many times feel like 'leftovers', believing they are undesirable and without value. Many of these people are lonely, suffering from past traumas and living with a daily reminder of hurts from the past. Little did I know I was being prepared to serve a precious People who suffered some of the worst tragedies of all.

The Compassion of Jesus can heal those wounds. By our offering love and kindness linked with hands-on action— we change the lives of those in need forever.

The ministry of Desert Hope International offers a way to revive the lives of Holocaust Survivors in Israel. You who pray, support and write to them help us extend the compassion of Y'shua to each one.

His Compassion is available to all. You can change the lives of your neighbors, co-workers and fellow Believers. Many are survivors, not of the Holocaust, but of abuse, divorce, rejection and feeling unloved. Extend your hands, let God's compassion fill them and bless those in need.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." I John 3:18

For \$18 a month you can provide for these precious elderly folks:

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| A coupon every month of 50 shekels for food | A birthday card |
| Annual holiday cards | A small gift once a year |
| Israeli postage for the cards | |

**Would you please consider sponsoring a Holocaust Survivor monthly?
Give them the gift of Life.**

SCHEDULE

Scheduling for 2007.

Feb 1 to Feb 25 PA
 Feb 27– Apr 30 Israel
 May & June PA
 July—1st week PA
 July– Sep TX, FL, TN
 September 29—2nd
 Annual “Night to
 Celebrate Israel!” in
 Pennsylvania
 Oct & Nov PA

**You can schedule a
 time now for us to
 share about the
 Holocaust Survivors.**

To secure a time for
 your church or group,
 call Marianna Esworthy
 at 717-796-9650 or
 email [marian-
 nae@deserthopeinterna-
 tional.org](mailto:marian-nae@deserthopeinternational.org)

Calling All Crafters!

We are again look-
 ing for handmade (or
 handpicked!) items for
 our visits to the Holo-
 caust Survivors. Pot-
 holders, slippers,
 scarves, cloth handker-
 chiefs & your creative
 ideas.

Deadline of Feb 25th

You can send your
 items to:
 DHI, P.O. Box 3055,
 Shiremanstown, PA
 17011
 Or call 717-796-9650

UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

R - February 23, Men’s Day R - March 8, Woman’s Day
 These two days are very important in the life of a Russian. Be sure to send a card!

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Regular Visitation

Two of our visitor coordinators in Israel who volunteer on behalf of DHI were recently visiting elsewhere and have now returned to Israel. Please pray for Avi and Alex to have favor and boldness in Y’shua as they resume this labor of love.

Additional DHI Address

LOOK! We have an additional address—this one located in PA!
Desert Hope International, P.O. Box 3055, Shiremanstown, PA 17011

Correspondence can be sent here for:

- Marianna Esworthy, Vice President
- Nancy Kurtz, Adoption Coordinator, Pennsylvania
- Wanda Heebner, Adoption Coordinator, International
- Send all craft items for the Holocaust Survivors to this address
- Susan Heagy, Executive Director (when she is in PA—see itinerary)

**All donations and financial inquiries to Treasurer should
 continue to be sent to our main address in San Antonio, TX.**

Volunteer Positions Open

We have several volunteer positions open. Whether it is sharing prayer re-
 quests, data entry or assisting with paperwork, we have areas where you can help.
 Most needs require email and/or phone and an average of 4-5 hours a month. To
 help please call 717-796-9650.

Prayer Works!

During the past few weeks many people have been praying for Dahlia, a Survi-
 vor, who was in the hospital dying. Her lungs had stopped functioning and the
 family was expecting the worst. But God was not finished with her yet! We sent
 a prayer request by email and within days she was off the respirator and improv-
 ing every day. Her family, who would not discuss God, commented that the
 prayers of all those people must have worked! Thank you to all who stormed the
 Heavenly Gates on her behalf! Please continue to pray for Dahlia’s health and for
 the entire family to find their Messiah!

Praise and Prayer

Praise for 15 adoptions—pray for ALL Survivors to be “set in families”!

Adoptions of Survivors are Open!

We have 109 Survivors to adopt from three different towns:

- Arad (located in the Negev)
- Rishon LeZion (southeast of Tel Aviv)
- Qiryat Motzkin (between Haifa and Acco)

Contact the Regional Adoption Coordinator for your area today!

COORDINATING COORDINATORS!

Desert Hope now has folks to help you with your Survivor Adoption process. Whether you have already adopted a Survivor, or are thinking of doing so, we now have Regional Coordinators to assist you. They can:

- Get you started in adopting a Survivor
- Help you maintain communication
- Answer your questions & provide support by email, phone or snail mail
- Arrange for local families to share their ideas, concerns and prayer

Introduce yourself by calling the Coordinator for your area!

Regional Adoption Coordinators

Texas -

Barbara Himelfarb coordtx@deserthopeinternational.org 210-945-8943

Pennsylvania -

Nancy Kurtz coordpa@deserthopeinternational.org 717-938-4171

International - (All other States and countries)

Wanda Heebner coordintl@deserthopeinternational.org 717-730-7147

FROM ONE WHO HAS SEEN... (CONTINUED FROM BACK)

I want to do anything I can to make her life easier and bring some joy into her life. I try to do that by sending money and small gifts to her on a regular basis. I also pray for her salvation, that her heart will be open to the Holy Spirit, for joy in her life, and improved health. But I feel so inadequate to meet her needs. Time is running out for these precious Holocaust survivors, and they need Christians ministering to them and praying for them.

- L.S., San Antonio, TX

~ A FEW WORDS ~

“Hey, can you do me a favor?” With that question we are usually looking for special treatment or an open door where we would not normally expect one.

“Now God made Daniel to find favor, compassion and loving-kindness with the chief of the eunuchs.” Daniel 1:9 (Amp)

Isn’t it interesting that favor is listed with compassion and loving-kindness? Daniel committed himself to a pure life, trusting God for the outcome. He treated the man placed in authority over him with respect and kindness— even though he and his companions were in captivity. Since Daniel treated the eunuch well (sowed kindness and respect) he was treated with kindness (reaped special favor).

What was the result? God provided good health, special favor and *“God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in visions and dreams.” Daniel 1:17*

Do you have a special need for wisdom and favor in your life? Seek purity and sow kindness into others. God will reward you with Goodness and Favor!

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For Survivor Adoptions in Pennsylvania. Also, for the International and All other remaining American States, Wanda Heebner, my current landlady & friend, is our newest Coordinator.

I am very pleased to announce as well a gentleman, Trace Vindich, who has joined us, providing his expertise in our Accounting Department. We are blessed indeed to have you all on our team! I thank the Lord for each one of you!

—Susan Heagy

DID YOU KNOW...

...TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SURVIVING JEWS OF KOVNO WERE FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES AND RELOCATED TO THE SMALL SUBURB OF VILIAMPOLE?

ONLY THREE SQUARE FEET OF LIVING SPACE WAS ALLOWED FOR EACH PERSON!

“THE HOLOCAUST” BY MARTIN GILBERT

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

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FROM THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN...

Growing up I struggled with prejudice against the Jews because that's what I was exposed to. Except for an elderly Jewish couple in the neighborhood who spoke with an accent, Mr. & Mrs. Stoger, who were nice to we kids, the Jews I came in contact with were the neighborhood merchants. Saul and Ida had a little general store where I'd get candy bars as a treat in the summer or school supplies. Ely's was the closest thing we had to a department store. Nice people, but they were "Jews." We treated them with respect but they were "different." We'd laugh when we'd see Saul or his son wear their little caps, fastened with bobby pins!

"However, with God's help I have matured as a person and grown in my Christian faith. I now value Jews for who they are--they are still God's chosen people and most blessed of all people on earth. Not to mention that my Savior was a Jew! I'm just a lowly Gentile saved by God's miraculous grace. I want to help and serve his chosen people in any way I can... out of gratitude to Him and love for them. Ministering to my Survivor, Zanna, is such a privilege. I have the opportunity to help one of His chosen children specifically and personally. She's had such a hard life. (cont'd page 3)