

The Desert Road

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Shalom from Texas! I arrived in San Antonio on March 12th, and whom do I get to spend time with? Why, several people I met in Israel on my last trip! God amazes me with His timing! It has been wonderful to renew friendships with many special people in San Antonio and I look forward to all the new folks I am going to meet! ☺ Praise God!!

News from Israel and the USA!

Web Site Up!

We are so excited! Our web site is now residing at our own domain and in search engines! ☺ You can Google us by name or go to www.deserthopeinternational.org In the near future we will be adding a new look to our web site with more information. Thank you, Lew Halstead, for your great work! ☺

Visitation Goes On

We are blessed to have several people in Arad, Israel continuing the visitation of the Survivors, some of them making regular rounds! They have even been able to maintain contact with the Russian veterans I met just before leaving. It is so reassuring knowing God will provide in all areas – whether we are there or not.

SaWorship.com – in Print

What a blessing! Online at www.SaWorship.com is the article about our ministry and our precious Holocaust Survivors. Enter 'Holocaust' in the search box on their home page and there we are! ☺ The print version is now available all over San Antonio, TX!

Akko

Please pray for those living in the city of Akko. The Lord is moving mightily there with a congregation of Believers, an anointed leader, many people interested in bringing prosperity and blessings to the residents and prayer warriors upholding the city each week. I expect to be returning to Akko on my next trip to Israel, narrowing my search for God's location for the Hospitality House. I have fallen in love with the people in this city of 40% Muslim and 60% Jewish all living in relative harmony. Over 100 Holocaust Survivors live in or near Akko.

One of the best ways to pray for the Jewish people of Israel is to pray for salvation for the Muslim, the Palestinians. They are also descendents of Abraham and God loves them too. If you turn those seeking harm to the Jews to Y'shua, no more conflict!☺

Board Meeting

Wow! God is so good! On March 18th we were able to have our first board meeting with all in attendance. Previously, one of us was out of the country! ☺

Cindy, our Ministry Director, called for the reading of our Mission and Vision to make sure we are on track. Discussing both triumphs and challenges, we reminded ourselves of our ultimate purpose. Below are our Mission Goals:

- We desire to bring God's unconditional love, compassion and kindness to the Holocaust Survivors of WWII, beginning with the Russian Survivors in Israel.
- To open their hearts to God's love through visitation, interaction, communication and 'adoption' into families, forming lasting relationships.
- Pure love and compassion to be given without active evangelizing and proselytizing, but with prayer.
- To release the visitation programs to national congregations, following training, for continuation of ministering kindness and compassion to the Survivors, similar to church planting.
- As needs arise in other communities we would be willing to respond with expansion into those areas.
- To offer communities economical, physical, emotional and spiritual help and healing through Hospitality Houses.
- To not limit God with our human plans, but to rise above and beyond what we can imagine - with Him.

*"...he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.
He maintains his integrity..."* Job 2:3

Citing God's words about Job, we desire to hold ourselves, and this ministry, to the highest degree of integrity and purity we can. We pledge ourselves to you, our partners; to love and bless those the Lord sends to us for help.

Note From Our Treasurer

When sending a check for donations of any kind, make sure you include **a separate note indicating your designations of those funds.** The IRS has made it clear any checks with the designation of a specific individual written on the check will not be a tax-deductible donation. Please make sure you indicate your designations separately.

All checks sent so far have been entered as tax deductible. In future, please help us do our best to expedite your desires to bless this ministry.

Thank you,

Kathleen Nicholson, Treasurer

Itinerary:

April 5 – 8:45 & 9:30 am Morning Chapel at River City Christian School, Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX Info and directions www.rivercitychristianschool.com

April 8 – 2:30 pm Eitz Chaim Congregation, Richardson, TX Info and directions www.eitz-chaim.org

April 9 – Morning service Foursquare Gospel, Canton, TX Info and directions www.foursquaregospel.com

April 11 – Many People prayer group, Dallas, TX

April 12 thru 14 - Sharing with RaJean and Gary Vawter in various groups in and around Canton, TX

April 12 – Passover begins!

June 25 – Morning with The Word Class, Highland Park UMC, Dallas, TX Info and directions www.thewordclass.com/

August 26 – York Women Aglow, York, PA call June Fuhrman 717-846-5754

As our schedule fills in, we will keep you updated. If you would like to schedule for your group, email me at sueheagy2004@hotmail.com or call 717-542-8810. If you can join us, we would love to see you! If not, I ask for your prayers for these meetings. ☺

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The blinding flash of lightning was immediately followed by the resounding boom of thunder—the vibration traveling through me as my face pressed against the window of my bedroom. San Antonio was being treated to an immense thunderstorm. I love watching storms. In my childhood my family would stand on the porch amid drenching rain, crashing thunder and rips of lightning. It was so exciting to see God’s power unleashed! This time, though, the storm reminded me of what Y’shua gave up.

“Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?” (Psalms 113:4&5)

I suddenly had a tiny insight into what the Son of God gave up! Try to imagine being a spirit- nothing ever goes wrong, you can be in the galaxies one second, standing under a shade tree or be in the molten center of the earth by simply desiring it to be so. You know all things and you ARE all things. Whatever you speak comes into existence and is Truth. You have ultimate power at all times to create or destroy. You also have children you have created and they are heading for the cliff overlooking Hell. You gave them the choice to go there or spend time with you. Now you have to make a decision...

simply write them off and start over with a fresh batch of people, or give up who you are to save them—knowing your own offspring are going to beat and kill you.

Y'shua chose to walk away from everything and become human, for eternity. He will spend forever in the form you and I will have as the Redeemed. He did that for us. He gave up who He was.

The Holocaust Survivors also gave up who they were—but not voluntarily. Through force they lost much of their identity: their parents, children, siblings—the people who make up understanding for each of us of who we are. They have been living for over 61 years without having any true knowledge of who they are. But God's heart aches for these lonely people. Just as God wants you to know Him as your Father, He wants them to know they are His. He wants to tell them His Son, Y'shua, loved them enough to die for them. He loves them enough to prepare a place in Heaven for eternity.

So, what role do you play in this? After all, you had nothing to do with the Holocaust! No, you had nothing to do with the cause, but you can have everything to do with the final effect. You can bring those suffering emotional pain, a mental madness, by your prayers, your monthly support or becoming their family. Contact us today to see what part you can play in this final scene in their lives. For them, time is running out...

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In His service,

Susan Heagy

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