



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!

PRAYER PERSPECTIVES

With each additional year of this ministry, I become more aware of the desperate need for prayer. Nothing will be accomplished without the coverage of prayer!

Please help us with the power of your intercession!

- Wisdom as we establish the Hospitality House in Acco
- Funds for the full purchase price of the House
- Need for more volunteers in Israel for visitation to the Survivors
- Favor with the Israeli government

THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Wow! Day after day the vision is there; months go by and nothing happens. Did I dream it? Is it really of God or just my own imagination?

The vision of a Hospitality House, a place where the Holy Spirit is present, people are welcome any time and humanitarian aid happens every day, has been on my heart since February 2005. With no idea of how this could happen, where it should be, whom it would serve or how to finance it, I sometimes doubted the dream. But we kept praying for it, asking God to bring it about and talking to whomever would listen about this wonderful vision...

Now it is a reality; it is truly happening. We have rented a house in Israel and God opened the way to do so. His favor and leading was evident as everything fell into place. Now it is time to begin setting the vision in motion.

The house is large, with three bedrooms, a master suite, an attached apartment, huge living room, open kitchen and enclosed yard. Located next to the Acco tel (archaeological site) and on a street with no outlet, it is quiet and peaceful. Filled for the last two years with praise & worship and prayer by a Messianic congregation meeting in the home, the Peace of God is tangible. In response we named it Beit Shalom, meaning House of Peace.

God has been speaking to us of this House being a 'bridge'. He will use it to bridge the gap between Christians, Jews and Arabs, between the Church and Messianic Congregations, various ministries and between Israel and the USA.

He will use it to educate each of us about compassion for the poor, for the hurting Holocaust Survivors and how to reach out to cultures strange to us.

Did you ever wonder how Desert Hope uses donations?

Holocaust Survivor General Fund– Praise the Lord we are currently receiving just enough funds each month to purchase coupons for the Survivors now adopted! Sadly, 154 Survivors not yet adopted do not receive these coupons as no one is supporting them. An additional \$18/mo each would be needed to supply them as well.

Operating Costs– These monies are divided among:

- Administrative– mailing newsletters, postage, printing costs, phone, etc.

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UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

Russian— June 12 is Russia's Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Sovereignty of the Russian federation in 1991.

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

Work Team Heading for Israel!

Would you like to come to Israel and help prepare the new Hospitality House? The dates for our work trip are August 23 to September 1, 2007. We need 8 able-bodied people who can plaster, paint, weed and/or do small cosmetic repairs. Most of our time will be spent working to prepare the House, but some local touring is also planned. Call **717-542-8810** or email susanh@deserthopeinternational.org for an application of eligibility. The cost is only \$1600 to include airfare*, all meals and lodging. A letter from DHI will be available to assist those who are accepted in raising their own tax-deductible funds. Space is limited so call soon!

Need for Adoptive Families!

*based on flight from Newark Intl Airport

We have over 125 Survivors without any family to love them and cover them in prayer! Will you please help us bless them? Please contact the Adoption Coordinator for your area listed on the back page. Thank you!

Housewarming!

As we began listing our needs for Beit Shalom, we thought of you! We have already seen the generosity extended to our Survivors with crafts and gifts, so we thought we would open up the opportunity for you to help furnish our Hospitality House! There are several ways you can put a little of yourself into this House:

1. Inside this newsletter you will find a list of items for the House to help you find the correct items. If you have any of the items listed, and they are new or almost new, we would welcome your donation!
2. Go to www.shop.com fill in first name "Hospitality" & last name "House", choose 'housewarming' and June 2007. Choose from the registry to purchase for the House and it will be sent directly to DHI.
3. Go to JCPenney, ask for the registry for Desert Hope/Hospitality House. Obtain a printout of things we have chosen for the House. After making your purchase, you may notify us for pick-up or arrange for delivery of your donation. Call 717-542-8810 with any questions.

"Night to Celebrate Israel!"

September 29, 6PM

Capital Area Christian Church
Mechanicsburg, PA

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Music with "Jerusalem Song"
Israeli items for sale
Holocaust Survivor Stories
Jewish Foods

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Mark it on your calendar!

Socks for Survivors!

We need socks, shawls, scarves and kitchen wash rags. Your donations are appreciated!

DHI, P.O. Box 3055,
Shiremanstown, PA 17011

or for drop-off, call
Nancy at 717-592-0859

Tentative Schedule for 2007

June 3—PA Survivor Adoptive Family Get-together, 3PM call 717-592-0859

June 23—7 pm **Grafted Branch Congregation**, Burkbennett, TX

Call Rabbi Marty Cohen, 214-529-2659 www.GraftedBranch.com

June 25 to July 29—San Antonio, TX (available for speaking other areas in TX)

August 2 to 9 – Tallahassee and Jacksonville, Florida

August 23 to September 1 – Work team for House in Acco, Israel

September 6 to 30– Pennsylvania/Maryland area

September 29 – "Night to Celebrate Israel" – Capital Area CC, Mechanicsburg, PA

October 1 to mid November – Pennsylvania/Maryland area

October 7 – **House of Prayer**, Davidsburg, PA call Ruth Faust– 717-259-8280

Mid–November/December/January 08—Israel

To schedule a time for either Susan or Marianna to come share about the Holocaust Survivors or the Hospitality House in Acco, Israel—call 717-557-5775 or email info@deserthopeinternational.org

OUR JEWISH ROOTS— “Shabbat, A Time To Rest”

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the L-RD thy G-d: in it thou shalt not do any work...” Ex.20: 8-11

Shabbat (The Sabbath Day) has a two-fold purpose, which is symbolized by the lighting of two candles at sundown on the evening when the Sabbath begins. (Shabbat is Friday sundown to Saturday sundown)

1. **Remembrance** (Zachor)- We are to *remember that G-d has created all things* (Ex.20:11 & Col. 1:16). We follow His example, that on the 7th day He rested. Also, we *remember that we are no longer slaves* in Egypt (or slaves to sin) being forced to labor 7 days a week. Rest means freedom! (Deuteronomy 5:15)
2. **Observance** (Shamor)- We are commanded to *observe Shabbat by abstaining from work*. The Sabbath was given to man for rest. (Mark 2:27) G-d knew how man would be prone to being preoccupied with the things of this world, and with the love of money (Matt.6: 24-33), causing him to forget G-d and become physically and spiritually worn out. Therefore, He gave us this command for both our physical health and our relationship with Him.

Keep Shabbat holy by spending personal time with the L-rd. Worship Him with a congregation or church to remember and observe the Sabbath day!

Use of DHI Donations (from the front page)

- Israel visitation- we have five people in Israel who are giving many hours to visitation of the Survivors. Four of the five have no income. We are currently sending \$50/mo for two of them and would like to support all five with larger amounts.
- Airfare, travel cost of ministry for Susan’s trips to Israel & in USA
- Paper goods and postage for Adoptive Program’s Coordinators

Hospitality House- funds designated for the House go towards rent, purchase and operating costs. We are in need of \$300,000 for the purchase price.

Currently Desert Hope is in need of a boost to it’s finances. If you feel the Lord tugging on your heart to help in any area, please pray for His guidance of where and how much. Please prayerfully agree with us that “God will do it!”

~ A FEW WORDS ~

Ever ask God “Why?” You want to know ‘why’ you didn’t get that job, or ‘why’ you missed your plane! Have you ever thought about NOT asking why? I mean, do you REALLY need to know? I believe total trust begins with NOT needing to know. God is sovereign, the complete supremacy of authority and rule. He is absolute and He is never wrong..

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just,” Daniel 4:37a

When you release the need to know, you actually dwell in a place of peace and total trust. God says *“I have plans to prosper you and not to harm you”* (Jer. 29:11) indicating we can trust Him with our life. Rest in Him completely and let Him worry about the details of “Why.” Doing so will make you worry-free!

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- Enough monthly support for our operating costs (newsletter, postage, etc)
- Airfare costs for Susan and Marianna as they travel to and from Israel
- Need for volunteers to do data entry and/or handle emails for DHI

We need prayer coordinators and prayer warriors!

If you feel the Lord is leading you to be part of this all important branch of DHI, please email info@deserthopeinternational.org . Thank you!

- Susan Heagy

DID YOU KNOW...

.... THE PEOPLE PLACED IN GHETTOS THOUGHT THE FENCES WERE FOR THEIR SECURITY? INSTEAD, THE NAZI SOLIERS WOULD SHOOT THEM THROUGH THE FENCE FOR SPORT OR OFFENSES SUCH AS DIGGING FOR VEGETABLES IN A GARDEN OR NOT REMOVING THEIR HAT WHEN MEETING A SOLDIER.

-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
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Credit/bank card donation option on our website www.deserthopeinternational.org

Desert Hope International is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, faith-based ministry, dedicated to blessing and honoring the Holocaust Survivors and elderly Jews from WWII. (Psalms 68:5&6)

Other outreaches:

- Monthly newsletter
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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