

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, where God connects those seeking Him 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!

ANNOUNCING...

We are pleased and proud to announce a new addition! No, not a baby—but it is a new baby program! :)

Desert Hope is blessed to have Barbara Himelfarb of San Antonio as our new Regional Coordinator for the Texas adoptive families of Holocaust Survivors. What this will mean is improved communication between the families and their Survivor as well as

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WHY WAS HIS LIFE SPARED?

G. (name withheld for safety) was only five years old when his parents put him in an orphanage. He did not understand and waited for them to return but they never did. One year later all the children were transferred to Groznik, Chechnya—an oil producing city. Hitler's army raided the city constantly to steal the oil. Each time the children wore gas masks and spent most nights in trenches outside.

In 1943, when G. was 12, his and other orphanages, 500 children, were evacuated to Siberia, traveling 42 days to get there. Five days in ships, by the Caspian Sea, with five days in each stop to recuperate. One city they stayed in had no water. He and the other 12 year olds hiked 3 kilometers each day to haul water in wagons for everyone. He remembers being constantly hungry.

On reaching Siberia, all the orphanages were established in one village. In his orphanage, they had no electricity, no running water—only one large room for all 107 children. It was -40 degrees centigrade outside and 12 degrees centigrade inside their building. There was a carpet on the floor and each child had one thin blanket.. Since there were no beds, everyone lay on the floor in rows. Each child owned one pair of shoes and had to be careful not to get them wet as it would take a very long time for them to dry. To keep their shoes dry, everyone walked through the snow in their bare feet to reach the toilet area outside.

The oldest children were 12, like G., and so became the woodsmen. The woods were 7 kilometers away so they wore their shoes, galoshes, coats and put cotton socks on their hands to keep warm. The axes and hatchets were not made for children and resulted in a number of injuries, losing fingers, teeth and splinters in their faces. G. was very careful and became proficient at cutting wood. Another of his responsibilities was hauling water from the lake with the help of an ox in the winter and carrying it himself in the summer. During the summer months all the older boys prepared hay for the horses and cows and dug potatoes.

Five years after the war the children were sent to specialty schools. He received a scholarship and studied chemistry and geology, eventually gaining employment at a plant.

After the war G. discovered he had an aunt. She sent him to the city of his original orphanage. He visited a memorial at a trench where 9,500 Jews were shot by the German's and buried. Documents showed his mother and siblings were among those killed. His father had been in the Red Army and was not there to be murdered. In 1957 he finally met his father for the first time. **He also found out the same time his family was being shot in the north part of the city, his orphanage was escaping in the south.** He used to wonder why he was spared death at that time. Now, he says, he knows it was because Y'shua wanted him to hear about Him, the Messiah. He said he and his whole family have accepted Y'shua .

SCHEDULE

July 2, Sunday, 9:15am
Scott McMurrian SS
class in 6B, Community
Bible Church, San Anto-
nio, TX. Call for direc-
tions 210-496-5096

**July 9—Sunday, 9am &
11am** Prevailing Word
Church, Lytle, TX call
office 830-709-0900 for
directions

July 26, Wednesday - at
Lake Bradford Church,
Tallahassee, FL Email
Gary Dansby: [lakebrad-
ford@comcast.net](mailto:lakebradford@comcast.net) for
directions.

Aug 6, Sunday, 10 am at
The House of Prayer,
Davidsburg, PA Call
Ruth Faust 717-259-8280
for directions

Aug 26, Saturday –
9am York Aglow, York,
PA. Call June Fuhrman
717-846-5754 for more
information

Come join us! ☺

Available dates:

Texas - July 1st to July 13th

Florida - July 16 to Aug 1st

Pennsylvania/New York –
Aug 4th to September 5th.

Israel - September thru
November

Back in US - December
thru March 2007

To schedule your group,
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national.org) or call 717-
542-8810.

UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

R - **Siege of Leningrad Day** (Celebrate end of 900 day blockade) - September 8th
J- **Rosh Hashana** September 22nd

NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA**New Prayer Team in Action!**

Our new prayer team was only about two weeks old when we got our first time sensitive assignment. It was something that would not have been possible except for God setting up the adoptions of Holocaust Survivors in Israel!

One of the Survivors had a heart attack and her daughter emailed their adoptive family here in Texas. She passed on the prayer need and the prayer team went into action. Within hours people all over the world were praying for Raisa! We contacted the visitation team in Israel and they set prayer chains in motion there as well.

The next day Raisa was released and went home, doing very well! :) Praise the Lord! Our visitation team went to see her for a brief visit, prayed for her and reported back to us she is well, just tired. That is our God—arranging for ‘family’ to pray for one of His own brethren. Praise God and thank you to all those who prayed in the victory! :)

**WON'T YOU JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM & HELP STAND
IN THE GAP FOR THE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS?**

EMAIL PRAYER@DESERTHOPEINTERNATIONAL.ORG
OR CALL 717-542-8810 FOR INFORMATION

On Trial

Eddie Beckford, an American/Israeli citizen, has been brought up on false charges of assault. The pressure on him and others has been great as he is approaching a new trial date. Please pray for justice, peace and strength.

Oprah Winfrey partners with... Desert Hope International?

Last month some of you may have seen the Oprah Winfrey show, a special program about the Holocaust, featuring students who won an essay contest on that same subject. One of the winners mentioned she had ‘adopted’ a Survivor here in America through a sponsoring program (not ours).

Suddenly I began receiving emails saying they saw me on Oprah (huh?), they heard about our program on TV (what?) and they looked us up on the internet. After some research, I began answering the emails. Result? We now have new families adopting our Survivors! Our adoption program now includes eleven states, Canada, Australia and Japan! We are definitely a global organization—and God used Oprah’s show for His glory! Hmmm, I seem to remember talking to the Lord the week before as I had no idea how we would get more families...

NEWS, CONTINUED

Board Changes

As with every organization, we can expect changes on the Administrative end. We are currently needing a Vice President and Secretary on our Board of five Directors. The persons filling these positions would need to be in the San Antonio, TX area. Please pray with us for the Lord to bring in those people He is even now calling to do His work.

More Contacts in Israel

God is truly amazing as He arranges Divine Appointments through the medium of email. I have been given contacts, or been contacted, by people and groups opening more doors for Holocaust Survivors in Israel to bless. I will be meeting those people and Survivors when I head to Israel in the fall. Hallelujah!

Desert Hope International relies solely on the gifts of those who have a heart to continue and expand this work; thus we greatly appreciate your help, prayers and support.

~ A FEW WORDS ~

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” (Revelation 12:11)

Every day we read or hear of someone who lost their freedom, possessions, family or even their life because of standing firm in belief of Jesus Christ. Only a small fraction of people are ever asked to choose between life and death, suffer cruelty or martyrdom, in regards to their faith.

But a time is coming soon, very soon, when vast amounts of people will be faced with those decisions. Almost every one of those people who will remain following the rapture of the Church will not understand the consequences of their decisions. They will not have the courage to stand against the modern-day Pharaoh, the anti-christ.

We all know many people we believe are headed to Hell. But how many others do you wonder about, not sure if they are saved? You think maybe they are and just don't act like Believers. If all those people I just mentioned are left behind after the Believers are removed from this earth, how long do you think any of them will last before denying Christ once and for all? Most have no concept of the finality of that action.

Are we doing all we can to make sure our neighbors, friends and family are aware of the peril headed their way? When the Church is Raptured, no one will remain to tell them of Christ or encourage them to seek Him. The world will be plunged into total spiritual darkness.

What about you? Are you prepared to say as Daniel's friends did *“The God we serve is able to save us... but even if he does not, we want you to know, oh king, that we will not serve your gods.”* (Daniel 3:17,18)? Don Finto writes in his book Your People Shall be My People, “During the closing days in our ‘Egypt’ our focus is steady. We must

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being able to work together as a unit. Barbara has made some awesome suggestions to benefit the families.

She also has some great ideas to allow the families to meet Holocaust Survivors living right here in San Antonio.

If you are in Texas and have adopted a Survivor, you should have already received a letter of introduction from Barbara. If you are in the process of receiving your Survivor, you will hear from her very soon.

God knows what is needed and He knew before we did. As we set up Regional Coordinators to assist the families in their areas, we appreciate your prayers for success and blessings all around!

DID YOU KNOW...

...IN 1915, WWI, PRIOR TO THE HOLOCAUST, “THE JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH WAR CASUALTIES WERE IN AN ALMOST EXACT RATIO OF THE RESPECTIVE POPULATIONS? JEWS AND NON-JEWS ALIKE FOUGHT AS GERMANS” FOR THEIR COUNTRY. -FROM THE HOLOCAUST BY MARTIN GILBERT

CONTACT INFORMATION

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must be ready to go at a moment's notice... spiritual cloaks tucked into our belts, our sandals on our feet, our staff is in our hand, and we are ready to depart. When the call comes, the exodus will be abrupt. *"In its time I will do this swiftly,"* Isaiah quotes the Lord (Is. 60:22)."

Are your family and friends ready? Are you? Are you really living ready for the Messiah to come at any moment? Judgment is coming swiftly, according to Malachi 3. But not for everyone... *"Surely the day is coming, it will burn like a furnace... But for you who revere my name, the sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings."* (Malachi 4:1& 2) (emphasis mine)

Pray for your friends, family and for yourself. Pray for God's Chosen People. Bless Israel with your prayers and your love.

" 'SO I WILL COME NEAR TO YOU FOR JUDGMENT. I WILL BE QUICK TO TESTIFY AGAINST SORCERERS, ADULTERERS AND PERJURERS, AGAINST THOSE WHO DEFRAUD LABORERS OF THEIR WAGES, WHO OPPRESS THE WIDOWS AND THE FATHERLESS, AND DEPRIVE ALIENS OF JUSTICE, BUT DO NOT FEAR ME,' SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY."
MALACHI 3:5