



# 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!

## THE ELUSIVE PEACE?

Do you feel like you are running ragged each day, even when sitting still?

If so, let me share something with you. Peace & Rest IS attainable in your daily life. It really is! It is not an elusive butterfly that you seem to chase endlessly. It is actually sitting right inside you waiting to be discovered.

Once you have asked Y'shua into your heart, the Holy Spirit (the author of Peace) is waiting to download that quality into your daily activities.

Still feeling skeptical? :) Okay, try this. Sit quietly and close your eyes.

Think of a quiet place (pg 3)

## PROJECTS THAT LIVE & BREATHE

I am sure you are all used to hearing about projects for the Holocaust Survivors- making afghans, slippers, potholders, etc. We are always in need of those items and they are so very welcome when we receive them! With each visit we are in need of 300 to 500 gift items to bless each Survivor.

However, I would like to tell you of a different kind of Project. It is the people who visit the Holocaust Survivors in Israel on a regular basis. We have several Israeli citizens in various cities who check in on the Survivors, see if something needs translated or a special need has arisen. Most of these faithful people have a very limited income and are doing this because of the compassion in their hearts.

We at Desert Hope International have the desire to help them financially and provide a portion of their income. It isn't just the need that we are viewing, but our desire to honor them for the faithful giving of their time, effort and love. One of these Visitors is actively responsible for 61 Survivors, with one helper. Can you imagine yourself seeking to visit 61 elderly folks in your spare time?! Most jobs pay below minimum wage and require a 6-day week. That amount of 61 does not include the spouses of the Survivors- and we acknowledge ALL their birthdays.

Currently we have eight people volunteering various blocks of time to visit whenever they can. Right now we have a total of 219 Survivors in 17 cities. When we return in August for one month to prepare the Hospitality House, we expect to receive 300 more names for a total of 519 people. We desperately need more people visiting. I would ask you to make this a priority matter of prayer for us.

As these Israelis pour their lives out for God's Forgotten People, we would like to make sure we remember their sacrifice. It is our desire to give them a bit of financial help, \$100 / month each, which will help cover the cost of bus fare as they visit and for basic needs. At our current growth rate, we are needing a full-time Visit Coordinator in Israel, with a support base of about \$700 / month.

### **Help us tell others about Desert Hope International!**

Give your pastor or friend a packet containing information about the Holocaust Survivor and Beit Shalom Hospitality House outreaches. You can also send them to our website [www.deserthopeinternational.org](http://www.deserthopeinternational.org)

To request an informational pack, contact us at the mailing address, email or phone numbers on the back of this newsletter. Thank you for your help! :)

## UPCOMING JEWISH AND RUSSIAN HOLIDAYS

Jewish— July 3rd Fast Day Lamenting the Breach of Jerusalem's Walls by Romans in First Century BC  
 July 24th Tisha B'Av (see article "Our Jewish Roots")

## NEWS IN ISRAEL AND THE USA

### Beit Shalom Hospitality House, Acco, Israel

God's faithfulness mixed with His provision, using people to accomplish His Plan. :)

**\$300,000 needed for purchase of House by June 2008**

#### Specific needs:

\$1350/month for rent beginning  
 September, 2007 until July, 2008  
 \$1000 Air conditioning units  
 \$3000 Furniture  
 \$2000 Paint & Plaster (inside and outside)  
 \$900 Plumbing & Electrical work



Please pray and ask God how He wants you to be a part of this project!

### 2000 Mile Trip

From June 18th to the 23rd, Marianna and Susan drove from Harrisburg, PA to Cordova, TN and Canton, Burkburnett, Richardson and San Antonio, TX. Thank you to all who were praying! We met many new people and enjoyed renewing current friendships. It is evident the Lord wants this ministry to thrive and grow! It is all for His people, both Holocaust Survivors and those we will reach through the Hospitality House. A special thank you to the VZI Intercessors, The Grafted Branch Congregation, Eitz Chaim, Kathleen Nicholson, Terri & Jeff Peacock and Gary & RaJean Vawter.

### Automatic Withdrawals for Donations

A number of you have been asking if we can arrange for automatic withdrawals. We now have answers from the bank! For set-up, please call Kathleen at 210-249-8401 or email [kathleenn@deserthopeinternational.org](mailto:kathleenn@deserthopeinternational.org)

### "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

~Mark it on your calendar! ~

### Welcome Packs for Survivors!

We need socks, hankies, shawls, etc. 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

**July 11**– 7 PM at Prevailing Word, Lytle, TX call Melissa 830-709-0900

**August 1** – 7 PM Lake Bradford Church, Tallahassee, FL call 850-576-2721

**August 11 to September 5** - Susan in Israel to prepare Hospitality House

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

**September 11**— 7 AM, WJTL "Get Up and Go Show"

**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**—Susan returns to Israel / 2nd Work team  
 For House to Israel. To join the work team contact 717-557-5775 or email DHI.

**Spring, 2008**– Speaking tour including PA, TX, FL. If you are in another state, call 717-557-5775 and make arrangements to add your group into our itinerary.

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

## OUR JEWISH ROOTS— “TISHA B’AV”

Tisha B’Av is one of the saddest days in Jewish history. Its name denotes the ninth day (*Tisha*) of the Jewish month of ‘Av,’ which falls in July or August. This year it begins at sunset July 23, 2007 and ends at nightfall July 24<sup>th</sup>. This day is significant because of numerous calamities that have befallen the Jewish people throughout their history on, or near the ninth of Av. These events occurred at that time:

1. On this day, the twelve spies sent by Moses to observe the land of Canaan returned from their mission. Two of the spies (Joshua and Caleb) brought a positive report, but 10 of the spies brought an "evil report" about the land causing the children of Israel to panic and despair of ever entering the Promised Land. For this, God did not allow them to enter, and that for all generations the day would become one of crying and misfortune for the descendants of the Children of Israel. (See Numbers 13 thru 14)
2. Solomon's Temple (the First Temple) and the Kingdom of Judah were destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC and the Judeans were sent into exile. (Jeremiah 52:12-13)
3. The Second Temple was destroyed by the Roman Empire 70 AD scattering the people of Judea (The “Diaspora”) and beginning two thousand years of Jewish exile.
4. When the revolt against Rome failed, both Bar Kokhba and Rabbi Akiva were killed as well as many other important sages of the Mishnah. Following the Siege of Jerusalem, one year later the city was razed. Other calamities which occurred were:
  - ◆ The burning of the Talmud in 1242
  - ◆ In 1290, the signature of the edict by King Edward I expelled the Jews from England.
  - ◆ The Alhambra Decree, expelling the Jews from Spain, began at midnight July 31, 1492, which was the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> of Av, less than 24 hours before Tisha B'av began.
  - ◆ In the WWI, Germany declared war on Russia on Tisha B’Av, August 1, 1942.
  - ◆ The first killings at Treblinka took place in 1942

\*There are also many who see Tisha B'Av as a remembrance day for the Holocaust as well as participate in its remembrance on Yom HaShoah.

These events in history, **as well as recent conflicts in Israel (such as last year’s war with Hezbollah)**, should inspire all of us who love Israel and the Jewish people to be in prayer especially at this time.

If you feel led by the Holy Spirit, you may wish to join in the fast day which lasts 25 hours beginning with sunset on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and ending at nightfall on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

*“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”* Psalm 122:6 & 7

## ~ A FEW WORDS ~

*“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”* Romans 8:14

Hearing from God about our direction is the most important item in our life after salvation. If we are not tuned in to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying, we are like someone driving with no destination in mind. When we have divine direction, our lives become evidence of having a right relation to God, with a Heavenly map to get there..

“It is important that the place we serve should be by divine appointment. Both the ‘steps’ and ‘stops’ of good men are ordered of the Lord... It is possible to keep going and serve as we go, yet not be in the place of God’s appointment.” -Lehman Strauss

We must all “check in” with the Holy Spirit before stepping out, but **DO** step out! When you begin to move, God will direct you, and stop you, if you are headed the wrong way. Don’t be a parked car, going nowhere; get on the road and let God lead your way.

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you have been– a garden, the sea shore– listen to the sounds from your memory for a few moments to quiet your mind. Next, ask the Holy Spirit to bless you with the Peace of Y’shua. Wait for Him; He will give you His Peace.

Scripture says we don’t receive anything unless we ask, and most of the time, we never do. We assume everything comes automatically. When you buy a computer program, you have to take action to download it to your PC. This is no different.

“Ask and it shall be given to you...” Matthew 7:7

Ask today and receive the Peace prepared just for you! - *Susan Heagy*

## DID YOU KNOW...

... APPROXIMATELY  
50,000 PEOPLE  
STARVED TO DEATH  
IN THE WARSAW  
GHETTO IN 1941?  
THE NAZIS IMPOSED  
A DEATH PENALTY  
ON ANYONE WHO  
TRIED TO ESCAPE  
THE GHETTO.  
IRONICALLY, 33  
JEWISH DOCTORS  
TRAPPED IN THE  
GHETTO DECIDED  
TO STUDY THE  
HUMAN BODY IN  
VARIOUS STAGES OF  
STARVATION.  
THEIR FINDINGS  
WERE PUBLISHED IN  
1946, THE MOST  
COMPLETE STUDY  
ON STARVATION  
EVER DONE.

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All contributions and communications can be sent to the address below:

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**Credit/bank card donation option** on our website [www.deserthopeinternational.org](http://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:

- Beit Shalom, a House of Hospitality in northern Israel
- Monthly newsletter
- Speaking / educating to groups, churches and schools

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