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Dear Praying Friends,

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:1-3

We will never forget those two memorable Thursdays in May. A few of us were so privileged to be standing in Ben Gurion Airport when the two OPERATION EXODUS flights landed bringing 420 Jewish people to their Homeland. Never were those words of the psalmist so true - it was like a dream. The Spirit of the Lord has moved in your hearts and the Lord gave the vision, we were planning for these days. The Spirit of the Lord has moved in your hearts and the 'impossible' has happened. In three months we have raised \$300,000 to purchase the aircraft. How our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. We thank you for your generosity and for your obedient response to the God who is keeping His promises. Our Lord has opened a way and believing Christians have participated in the return of God's people to their promised land.

20 years of God's Grace
Thus far has the LORD helped us

I will bring them from the land of the north and scatter them from the ends of the earth. Among the blind and the lame, the deaf and the dumb, and women who have never known a great thing will return. They will come with weeping, but I will say as they are brought back, "Jeremiah 31:8-9"

The photos shown below were taken on Thursday and Friday May at Ben Gurion Airport. Your love and gifts made possible the return of these people to their Forefathers . . .



Yes, it was like a dream. Each time as we walked on the airport tarmac, there was so much expectancy. At last, when the planes had arrived and when the doors had been opened, hundreds of Jewish people appeared. There was so much commotion . . . some were laughing, some were singing, they were so excited to have returned home. Others were much more quiet. Like Jeremiah had prophesied, many were subdued, some were weeping, others were praying. In the throng of people, we sensed that we were on Holy Ground. This was the Lord's doing and it was marvellous in our eyes. We were actually seeing the fulfillment of prophecy. God was bringing His people from the Land of the North.

20 years of God's Grace



by Alan Field —CEO and International Coordinator

Very soon, in January 2011, we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Ebenezer – Operation Exodus. We look back in awe, and gratitude, to God for what He has chosen to do through this ministry as we have sought to work in obedience to His calling to help Jewish people go home to Israel from the Former Soviet Union and other countries. Truly we can say *'Thus far has the LORD helped us'* – which is what Ebenezer means (1 Samuel 7:12).



As we rejoice in His faithfulness we are very conscious that everything we have done would not have been possible without your support and the faithful dedication of our volunteers and workers, from East and West, who have served in partnership so well over the years.

'Thus far'! The words are like remembrance stones in the 'Jordans' the ministry has crossed since Gustav Scheller heard God telling him that it was time to start helping Jewish people 'return' to Israel. Ebenezer's birth took place in Jerusalem at a gathering of intercessors that had to shelter in a hotel basement from Saddam Hussein's scud missiles at the height of the first Gulf War in January 1991. 'Thus far' has spurred us onward since then. We have experienced joys, trials, triumphs and many answers to prayers, seeing over 130,000 Jewish people whose lives we have touched reach the Promised Land.

Twenty years of witnessing God's miracles and His gracious hand upon the ministry is a wonderful milestone to celebrate, while fully realising there is much further to travel. In recent years we have been challenged by change and growth, but we must always view this as a continuation of the original vision, moving forward in God's plans and purposes. The Lord has warned us that the days ahead will become perilous and our task more difficult, so we must watch closely what the Lord is doing and follow as He leads. We remember Jesus said *'the Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees his Father doing'* (John 5:19, NIV). This must also be true for Ebenezer for each step we take.

When the ministry began we had few people and no finance. The Lord provided as we moved forward in faith to fulfil the tasks He gave us. Today Christians in 40 countries

are involved with Ebenezer – Operation Exodus and we are supporting the return of the Jewish people from a number of nations. Amidst the ministry's development in the nations we remain fully committed to our work in the Former Soviet Union. There our teams assist over 70 per cent of those making aliyah (the Hebrew word for the return to Israel) from the regions where we operate – a vast area spanning 10 countries.

Changing lives and destinies

The stories you will read in this Bulletin give exciting, and vital, insights into our work. They are about changed lives and changed destinies. The changes take place when our teams reach out to Jewish people in the vastness of the FSU, giving them the help they needed at the right time – God's time. The story of the last Jewish family to leave Baykonyr, the town in the area of Kazakhstan known for manned space flights, is a good example.

Other stories show that our humanitarian aid work is often the important link in a person's decision to go to Israel. These are practical acts of love which can open Jewish hearts to the message of aliyah. Sometimes a first Ebenezer visit bears fruit years later; with others we are able to provide the necessary help near the end of the aliyah process. Our support of Jewish Agency programmes enabling young people to go to Israel is also important because participants often then make the decision to move to Israel permanently, followed by their families.

I believe that God will give every Jew the opportunity to go home. And He is giving each of us the opportunity to help them on their way.



Last ones out of Baykonyr

There are now no Jewish people living in Baykonyr, the town in the area of Kazakhstan known for its cosmodrome, launch site for all Soviet and Russian-manned space flights since Yury Gagarin became the first human astronaut in 1961. Ebenezer helped the last 11 Jewish people, all from one family, to go to Israel from this place this past summer. The family, including three daughters and four grandchildren, have relatives in Israel. As Ebenezer

bade them farewell they were looking joyfully forward to their new life, eager to do any kind of work.

Our 'fishermen' first visited the family 12 years ago and shared about making aliyah. They were encouraged to follow God's will to go to their true homeland. Baykonyr is a closed town to those who do not have special permits. All Jewish people left for Israel – except for this one family. Finally, in autumn 2009, they too decided it was

time for them to go and started gathering their documents. Twice they travelled to Astana, the capital, to visit the Israeli consul. Their final journey in Kazakhstan was to Almaty airport for their flight to Tel Aviv. Ebenezer provided financial support and practical assistance, including accommodation and transport.

We were able to help this family thanks to your financial assistance. Please enable us to provide more such assistance.

Opening up the way

We thank God for our dedicated workers in the Former Soviet Union, including volunteers like Olga in Kazakhstan. In Satpayev she seeks out Jewish families and on finding them encourages them to make aliyah, praying for them to do so and offering comfort and support during every subsequent visit she makes to them.

It was in this town that she met two cousins and their families – Yulia, her husband and daughter, and Vika and her son. Though they were interested in moving to Israel there were problems with both sets of relatives that needed overcoming. Olga, with local believers, prayed earnestly for

solutions – and God opened the way! Ebenezer paid for their travelling expenses to enable them to make several train journeys to visit the Israeli consulate for document checks and visas. Finally they flew to Israel, where Yulia's grandmother, Maya, who had made aliyah in October 2009, was waiting for them.



Leaving for Israel (left to right): Vika, the two families' children, Yulia and her husband, and Vika's mother.

The blessings of humanitarian aid

Those who support Ebenezer's humanitarian aid programmes in the Former Soviet Union have such an important role in this work even though they do not see the results at first-hand. This support enables us to pursue our goal of reaching out to Jewish communities and families in many of the more remote areas – small towns, villages and settlements.

Over the past year or so the economic situation in Ukraine has become worse than anywhere else in the FSU. Most affected are the elderly and young families – the latter being particularly hit when one or more parent loses their job. We have been told by leaders of Jewish communities that people are now turning to them more often than before, especially the ones with small children.

Recently Ebenezer Ukraine received aid consignments from the UK and Germany, which were distributed in the central part of the country. Among those who received aid were members of the Regional Association of Jewish Communities of Small Towns of Ukraine. The Association has over 4,000 members in 40 towns and its Chairman, Pyotr Rashkovskyy, thanked us for the timely giving of clothes and shoes to the most needy – half of them living on meagre pensions.

This year we are running 11 aid projects in four countries of the FSU

involving eight of our bases. Our winter shoes programme is being run in three operational areas of Russia – Novosibirsk, Pyatigorsk and Yekaterinburg. A new project is supporting disabled children in the Rostov-on-Don area and another is helping big families in Uzbekistan.

When we bless Jewish people with humanitarian aid it often brings a response in their hearts to our sharing about aliyah. I was encouraged in September when I recognised two of the four teenagers I was taking to Kiev airport to fly to Israel. Two years previously they were among members of the Jewish community in Uman my wife, Natasha and I had given chocolates and cookies to during Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year celebrations. This act was a small step in the process that changed their destiny to a future in the Promised Land!

Another testimony comes from our Moldova base leader, Pavel. In December 2009 he was distributing Hanukkah food parcels to children. Among them were the three children



of Vladimir and Olesea. Pavel found out that Mum and Dad had been thinking about making aliyah but could not afford the children's passports. The result was that Ebenezer paid for them and on 25 July this year Pavel drove the family to Chisinau airport for their flight to Israel.

Please help us to 'comfort' more of God's chosen people (Isaiah 40:1) through your financial support which will, no doubt, result in more of them going to the Promised Land.



Vadim Rabochiy – Deputy FSU Operational Director



Finding his true identity and home

Stanislav has been aware of his Jewish roots from childhood, but it took many years to see how important they were. What he did know was he was out of place wherever he went.

In Baku, Azerbaijan, where he was born, his looks caused him to be mistaken for a Russian. Not that it mattered at the time, for Baku was known as an international city and 'we were all friends'. The conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan, changed that, for Russians living in the region started to be oppressed. Stanislav's relatives left to settle in a safer area, Krasnodar region. Stanislav was in the army but joined them after finishing his service.

There his troubles continued. He was treated as 'a second-rate person', maliciously teased about his looks and called offensive names. Trying to correct those who taunted him, he said he was Jewish – which made them angry. He discovered that behind his back they were saying things such as 'Hitler should have exterminated more of them, all Jews are avaricious and should be driven away.'

He told his grandmother about all this. 'It's no wonder – you are a Jew!' she responded. That started him thinking. He had learned nothing about Israel growing up in the Cold War years, only that the nation was an aggressor and enemy of the Soviet Union. But Stanislav began to dream of going to Israel.

A broken marriage and resultant financial problems caused the dream to fade, but not vanish. Eventually he moved to Nevinnomyssk and joined the



Stanislav

local Jewish community, who helped bring the dream alive again by giving advice on making aliyah. This brought him into contact with Ebenezer. In late July this year Stanislav, his second wife and young daughter landed in Israel, the culmination of a long process of gathering the necessary documents to make aliyah. Before they departed Stanislav thanked the local Jewish community and Ebenezer 'for your help and a heartfelt concern for people like me'.



The visit that changed him

'Your last visit and what you shared about aliyah stirred my son Sasha to start moving!'

exclaimed Larisa, adding that Sasha and his family 'are very happy in Israel now!' Marina and Klara, Moldova team members, accompanied by a Jewish Agency coordinator, knocked on Larisa's door while visiting other Jewish families in a village called Karapetrovska. It was the warmest of welcomes!

When Ebenezer met the family in 2003, Sasha was 20 years old. He had never thought about going to Israel

and was intent on pursuing a military career. But that day God's Word changed his heart. He finished his army service and enrolled on a Jewish Agency programme, going to Eilat for a cooking course. He wanted to move to Israel permanently, but it took three years to find all the necessary documents. Ebenezer helped him and his wife to make aliyah and today in Israel he is a successful professional cook and speaks Hebrew fluently. His wife gave birth to their child in the



Larisa (right) wants to make aliyah too.

Land and Sasha is very grateful to Ebenezer and the Jewish Agency for the opportunity given him to make aliyah at a young age to start a new and happy life.

Now Larisa wants to make aliyah. She suffered a stroke recently so we pray that she will recover fully to join her family in Israel.



Yekaterinburg: **Intensive work bears fruit**



Alexey
Base Leader,
Yekaterinburg

Ebenezer – Operation Exodus has been helping Jewish people make aliyah from the ancient city of Yekaterinburg for 10 years.

Our staff, volunteers, helpers and regional representatives have worked intensively – seeking Jewish people in the city and far beyond, meeting olim at railway stations and helping them with their baggage to the airport, buying and distributing food parcels and establishing relationships with Jewish organisations and churches. Often it meant long journeys on rough roads, severe in harsh winter conditions.

The hard work has borne fruit. Today friendly and trustful relationships with members of local Jewish communities are proving very helpful in assisting people to make aliyah. Many of the

repatriates are amazed because they don't expect non-Jews to help them. They tell us we are always welcome in their homes in Israel. It is such a joy to be regarded as their friends. In recent months we have been experiencing a deepening of our relationships with the Jewish Agency.

Many of those we come into contact with for the first time have already heard of Ebenezer, especially because we have helped family members make aliyah. Often we begin by helping one or two members of a family – either their children to go to Israel on study programmes or elderly parents to repatriate. So as other members

prepare to make aliyah they know the kind of assistance we give. A large family from Kamensk-Uralsk moved to Israel over a 10-year period with our help.

One of the greatest concerns about the work of aliyah in the Yekaterinburg region is the reluctance, generally, of churches to become involved. We need much prayer for this to change.

The importance of humanitarian aid, which is distributed among needy Jewish families, cannot be underestimated. It has often been the key to sharing about making aliyah, as well as building up relationships with Jewish organisations. Ebenezer often works closely with local communities in distributing food parcels. This co-operation has proved particularly

Schoolbooks, shoes and aliyah



Our teams are building up trust and relationships with Jewish people in many ways. At the beginning of September, the start of the new school term, our Pyatigorsk team contacted Jewish families to see if they needed help in buying necessary items for their children. One family in particular was struggling to make ends meet, so the team bought exercise books and other items for their children. 'Indeed God sent you!' exclaimed the mother when the team offered this help.

The Pyatigorsk team were greatly blessed through helping another Jewish family they had first met while distributing Hanukkah food parcels last year. Soon afterwards Ebenezer provided more help

through the Winter Shoes project. 'The last winter shoes,' said the mother, implying that they were the last of this kind of shoes her son would need. The next kind of practical assistance we gave to this family was to pay for documents to help them make aliyah.

In the Republic of Alania, which comes under the oversight of our Pyatigorsk team, financial assistance was provided for two young men, Dima and Timor, to buy their passports and cover their travelling expenses



Dima and Timor

to the Israeli consulate. Alan, our regional representative, discovered that Ebenezer had first visited the family when the boys were younger. Our workers had kept in touch, encouraging them, sharing about God's will for Jewish people and providing food and medicines. Dima and Timor cherished all this, giving them the desire to go to their true homeland!

successful in remote parts of the Urals, Udmurtia republic and Kurgan region.

A striking example of the aid work is the Winter Shoes project for Jewish children. This has enabled us to meet many families. A number of them requested further meetings with us to hear more about Israel and making aliyah. The project especially touched the hearts of the 5,000-strong Jewish community in Udmurtia, including Mark, head of the Hesed charity. He was particularly moved by the fact that Ebenezer was willing to make a long trip for the sake of one family living in a remote place.

Thank you for your support which has enabled our bases to help so many families. It is much appreciated.

FACT FILE: YEKATERINBURG BASE

Total Jewish population: Approximately 20,000 in and around Yekaterinburg, with thousands more living elsewhere in the surrounding region.

Number of families our teams visited last year: 1,264

Food parcels delivered: 437

Number helped to make aliyah: 287

Visits to churches: 45

Visits to Jewish organisations: 81

Cost of operating base: approximately \$130,000 per year.

The fruit of our labours in Ukraine

Working in Ukraine over the past seven years, I have seen that the greatest treasure here is ordinary people who have a real relationship with the faithful Father in Heaven and know His voice: our team members, volunteers and helpers from the churches. It is a great encouragement to see how the Lord provides the right people and contacts along the way.

Four years ago an Ebenezer worker in the Chernigov area shared about the work of aliyah in a small church. The seed fell on good ground, especially with the pastor, and bore fruit. I went with another team member to seek Jewish people in the pastor's city for several days. We introduced him to the Jewish community and we have since heard that he was working with the local Hesed director to help Jewish people with problems, had offered to help care for the Jewish cemetery and his church were providing gifts for Jewish 7-11 year-olds. This pastor and his church are building relationships and when Jewish people need help they know who their friends are!

Task is urgent

This kind of relationship is so important. My perception is that the number of Jewish people still living in Ukraine and other parts of the Former Soviet Union is much higher than official statistics. It is urgent that we get on with the task of urging them to make aliyah. As I have prayed for them, and Ebenezer's work,

I have felt a warning that difficult times are coming.

In September Vadim Rabochiy (Deputy FSU Operational Director), took Viktor and Luba and their children from Feodosia, in the Crimea, to Kiev airport to fly to Israel. The Jewish Agency representative in this southern part of Ukraine phoned to thank us for helping them; if we hadn't they would never have been able to make aliyah. Yanya had made the initial visit to this family and again when accompanied by Western volunteers. In 2009 they decided to go to Israel. Pastor Vasiliy's church in Feodosia helped them with food, clothing and meeting bills, while Ebenezer covered the cost of their documents and visits to the Israeli consul.

Alexander, Natasha and their family left for Israel the same month. Ebenezer met them for the first time last December when Yanya and Pavel were distributing Hanukkah parcels. Having three small very active boys, they were busy. But it didn't take them long to make the right decision.



I am amazed that while transporting these precious ones to the airport there has never been a time when a person missed their flight. In spite of road conditions, driving at night, through the winter we have always got them there in time. What a faithful God!



Tanya Matveyeva –
FSU Prayer Coordinator



Overcoming Svetlana's difficulties

Ebenezer often finds Jewish people who need special care and attention. Svetlana was one of them. She wanted to leave Moldova to join her children



Flight day for Svetlana (left).

in Israel, but was struggling with the aliyah process because of a recent stroke. Pavel, our leader in Moldova, drove her to consultations at the Israeli consulate and interviews with the head of the Jewish Agency. At our office in Chisinau, the capital, Marina was also able to help, such as the time when Svetlana needed to collect her passport.

Svetlana's son-in-law came to Moldova to accompany her on the flight to Israel in late July. Marina and Klara, another member of our team, took them by taxi to the airport, where happily Svetlana said her goodbyes, grateful for all our support, and looked forward to a new life in the land of her forefathers.

Help close at hand

The security guard at the large building in Rostov-on-Don was curious: Why were so many people visiting just one office out of many in the complex – the one with the unusual name, Ebenezer Emergency Fund? Besides, all the people had a certain kind of look about them! The visitors told the guard they were going to Israel and those in this office were helping them.

The security guard went to Volodya, our team leader, and asked him if it was true we helped Jewish people to repatriate to Israel, because his wife was Jewish and they had been dreaming of going to the Promised Land.



In one five-day period 64 visitors came to the office and this flow of people aroused the attention of other workers in the building, especially from the companies and organisations that had offices on the same floor as Ebenezer's. Some of these men and women are Jewish and they now know that help with making aliyah is close by. And they are referring other Jewish people to our office for consultation!

EVERYTHING by Prayer

1. 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY

1 Samuel 7:12

Thanksgiving for God's calling in January 1991 to help Jewish go home to Israel and for enabling Ebenezer – Operation Exodus to fulfil this calling over the past 20 years.

Please pray for:

- The Lord's ongoing provision to meet all our needs to continue the work of aliyah from the former Soviet Union and the nations of the world.
- Sensitivity and obedience to the Lord's leading to move and change to enable Ebenezer to effectively fulfil our God-given task in the days ahead.

2. ALIYAH FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Isaiah 55:11

Thanksgiving for our teams reaching out to Jewish people in this vast territory, including helping the last Jewish family to leave the closed town of Baykonyr and go to Israel.

Please pray for:

- The dedicated staff at our bases, along with regional workers, volunteers and prayer partners as they faithfully labour to bring God's Word about aliyah to Jewish families and the Church.
- Jewish families and the Church to respond after visits from our teams, that they will wake up to the urgency of the hour.
- The good relationships Ebenezer enjoys with the Jewish Agency and other Jewish organisations in the FSU will continue to be built up so that more families can hear about and be assisted to make aliyah.
- Many more opportunities to share about making aliyah through our humanitarian aid programmes.

3. ENGAGE: THE NEXT GENERATION

Psalms 71:16-18

Thanksgiving for the further development of this initiative that challenges young people to become involved with the work of aliyah.

Please pray for:

- Engage: Israel – for the Lord to draw more 18-39 year-old Christians to participate in this tour of the Land so that they gain understanding of God's purposes for the Jewish people and become involved in aliyah through prayer and practical means.
- Engage: Ukraine - the hearts of at least 10 young people, whom the Lord is calling, to be prepared to participate.

Studies programmes lead to aliyah

Among the 33 people that Ebenezer helped to go to Israel from Kazakhstan this past August were 12 teenagers taking part in the Jewish Agency Naale and Sela study programmes, which we are continuing to support.

The programmes have an excellent track record of participants deciding to make aliyah – and encouraging their families to do so as well. Once in the Land they simply don't want to leave! They come back to their parents in the Former Soviet Union for the summer holidays and then eagerly return to Israel. In August the JA asked our Rostov-on-Don team office to meet 12 young people taking part in the programmes at bus and railway stations, arrange hotel accommodation and then take them to the airport the following day for their flight back to Tel Aviv.

It is thanks to one of these programmes that a family finally made aliyah from Rostov this year. Alexei, Svetlana and their three young children were refugees from Uzbekistan, where



Ebenezer had helped Alexei's parents to move to Israel. Responding to a request from the parents, the Rostov team visited Alexei and his family to encourage them to go to their true homeland as well.

The family lived in a tiny building on the edge of a village. But despite their extremely cramped conditions Alexei and Svetlana were reluctant to seize

the chance of moving to Israel. But that visit was the start of a friendship. The Rostov team regularly visited and phoned to encourage the family. Sometime later Alexei told Ebenezer they were going to apply for passports. In 2009 the two elder children went to Israel on the Naale programme. A year later Alexei, Svetlana and their youngest son made aliyah!

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engage The next generation

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new next generation programme name and concept.

As we reach out to young adults in the countries in which we are represented, we felt it would be helpful to create a unique name and logo for this branch of the ministry. Our primary project, which is known as engage:israel, is held in the Land. With engage we found a programme name that we can use in many ways:

engage:israel — the new name for THE ISRAEL PROJECT from 2011 onwards. This trip introduces the land and the people of Israel to participants. They are able to pray, serve practically, worship with local congregations, network with Israeli

youth and receive profound biblical teaching on God's plan for Israel, the worldwide Church and aliyah.

engage:ukraine — a prayer and ministry trip introducing young Christians to the very essence of our ministry. The programme will include teaching, equipping and practical application of intercession for aliyah at specific sites as well as humanitarian aid distribution and fishing.

engage:austria — a prayer trip through Austria focusing on intercession, where we teach how to address spiritual strongholds that are against aliyah and spiritual revival.

engage — The vision is to form local groups of young Christians who want to be involved with our ministry and

will serve our National Coordinators and Representatives in each country. This team will organise their own activities and programmes to reach out to other young people as well as participating in the ministry of aliyah.

engage newsletter — If you would like a copy of the latest Engage newsletter featuring our summer 2010 tour to Israel then please email me on andy@en-gage.org



Andy

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Reunion and conference for the Americas

“They will follow the LORD: He will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.”

Hosea 11:10 (NIV)

In fulfilment of the words given by the prophet Hosea, the roaring of the Lion of Judah is being heard by the scattered people of Israel in the Americas. As a result, there is an increasing exodus by the Jewish people to the land that God gave to their forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Being aware of this undeniable fact, all of us who are part of Ebenezer in this region of the world were led by the Holy Spirit to hold a reunion for our team in the Americas. As a result, in the city of Monterrey, Mexico, 59 representatives from Canada, USA, Belize, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Mexico got together. We were joined by others from invited nations such as South Korea, Switzerland and UK. The main purpose of this gathering was to seek our Lord in unity and prayer so we could discern His strategies and receive guidance in how we should prepare to give the necessary

assistance to the Jewish people in our continent on their holy return to the land of their forefathers.

After this reunion, the annual conference *Preparing the way* was held in the city with the participation of more than 1,500 people, including 110 youth leaders. The meetings were vibrant with enthusiasm and joy in the Lord. As part of the event, an emotional anointing ceremony took place for two new National Coordinators in Latin America - Nelson Castro for Venezuela and Lucio Spinzi for Paraguay.

Our prayer is that during the years ahead we might continue experiencing in the Americas and world-wide extraordinary open doors to promote Ebenezer's vision. The time has come to make known in the distant coastland (Jeremiah 31:10); it is the time to awaken the dry bones as stated in Ezekiel 37:12. The time when

God will give life to His people is just before us (Hosea 3:5)!



Heriberto Gonzalez – EEF
Regional Coordinator for
Latin America



Israel update – A busy summer of aliyah!

As I sit here looking across Jerusalem from my office window I am filled with awe thinking about what the Lord has done during the past summer months. Many flights arrived from around the world bringing Jewish people home to their promised land, Israel. It was exciting to see our partnership with the Jewish Agency bearing much fruit at the numerous Aliyah Fairs, where the new immigrants joyfully received their ID cards making them Israeli citizens within 24 hours. They also received assistance opening bank and post office accounts and with insurance provision and other services to help them settle in Israel as quickly as possible.

At our busy Jerusalem office we regularly meet those who have recently made aliyah from various countries, as well as those who arrived several years ago. It is always encouraging to hear what caused them to make aliyah. Then there are those who contact us because they need some extra help such as a food parcel or it can even be just an encouraging or comforting word. Our door is always open but

if they are unable to come to our office I will pay a personal visit.

The elderly, single mothers and widows need our assistance the most: It is the Lord who calls us to care for them. With His help and your support we will continue to offer practical assistance to those in need as they settle in the Land. Recently a single mother who had considered leaving Israel was encouraged to stay after I met with her several times. Praise the Lord that she found new hope!

Thank you on behalf of those olim who come to us with heavy hearts because of all the challenges they face but leave our office with a smile and hope. Thank you for faithfully supporting the work we are doing here in Israel.

Shirley Lawrenson
Olim Liaison

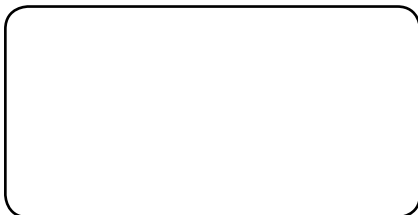


Paula (Jewish Agency), Beverley (Ebenezer) & Shirley



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