

HOLYLAND MINISTRIES



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“²⁴ For I will take you from among the gentiles, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.” (Eze. 36:24) Throughout the Scriptures the Lord constantly speaks about the return of the Jewish people to the land of their fathers as the sure sign of the last days and the manifestation of His kindness and faithfulness to the master of faith, Abraham, (“Avraham Avinu” – “Abraham – our father” as he is called in Israel), the physical ancestor of the Jewish nation. Today in Israel we are witnessing His wonderful faithfulness to this promise.



A view of part of HLM premises in the Negev

blessed this step of faith as obedience to His Word: – *“³³ Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵ So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden;” (Eze. 36:33-35a).* This exciting promise was a great motivation for our move to the Negev, though of course it was not easy to survive our first summer in the desert area and many other challenges that come with a new settlement. On the other hand it was even easier than in the previous years, because there is very little humidity in the Negev in comparison to Tel Aviv. Now the most challenging part – the summer heat is over and there are many beautiful cool pleasant months to look forward to. All of Israel is about to celebrate the

Since 1948, the rebirth of the State of Israel, the Jewish people have come to Israel, and more are still to come, from different countries. Even in our little community at the moment we speak at least seven different languages besides Hebrew. On the practical level that creates many challenges, but God’s grace is truly sufficient for every task that He calls His children to do!

It has only been seven months since the HLM Board has made the decision to move the homeless shelters from Yaffo-Tel Aviv to the Northern Negev and thus to establish the Messianic community in the agricultural area. We can already see that our Lord has abundantly



Some of the board members making strategic decisions about the Messianic community in the Negev, April 2007



Our view in the Negev

Lord’s Holy Days which He commanded His people to keep and observe. Families in Israel are preparing their “Sukkot” (little simple huts – *Lev. 23:34-43*) which symbolizes the Lord’s provision for His children and His eternal reign upon His return. We have also built a Sukkah on our premises, the new location and Israeli landscape surroundings suit perfectly to this outdoors celebration. It makes our children very happy and even their parents feel like children again as they are feasting and rejoicing before the Lord. (*Lev. 23:40*) All these wonderful things are only a shadow of the eternal joy that we, His children are to enter, upon the return of our King and His eternal reign from Jerusalem!