

HOLY LAND MINISTRIES

Summer Report 2009



Dear Friends and Partners of Holy Land Ministries, blessings and greetings to you from your family in the Messiah here in Israel!

First of all we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithful support of our work in Israel!

For a number of years our ministry besides the regular various charity projects, teaching programs, soup kitchens etc is working on developing the "Negev Project". The goal of the "Negev Project" is to establish an agricultural Messianic/ Christian Community where we could receive the needy and weak categories of Jewish emigrants, especially from the third world countries such as Russia, Ukraine etc.

For HLM Senior Pastor Vladimir, co-Pastor Oleg Nerodin and for many others from HLM ministry team **James 1:27** serves as a clear instruction for the ministry work in Israel " **Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world**". That was always a practical guidance for our ministry and for our personal life as well. HLM Administrator and Co- Pastor Oleg Nerodin with his wife Olga, though both of them are not Jewish by blood, were used by the Lord to adopt Jewish orphans in the Ukraine. They have two natural children and four adopted. They also have guardianship over some other Jewish children in the Ukraine who don't have parents. As disciples in Yeshua, we are also commanded to help the needy, elderly and widows and we are determined to carry on with this mission as a top priority of Holy Land Ministries.

The HLM pastor's families are committed to work in this believing community and by the Lord's grace to support those who are weak. We also have many candidates from the Christian Rehabilitation centers in Israel who are willing to move to such a community with the commitment to provide for themselves and for others who cannot support themselves fully.

All these are very demanding and long term projects, but the joy and fulfillment that the Lord is encouraging us are overwhelming. We are so blessed and honored that our Lord has allowed us to minister to His people and even in the Holy Land of Israel.



Negev Landscape

Dear friends, please Board of Holy Land working now on putting by -Laws and believing Community. We project is very essential the future life of young together. HLM pastoral the help and advice of Christian bodies in the council and advice of our the Messiah abroad. share your thoughts essential project as the Lord leads you.



pray for the Pastoral Ministries, as we are together the rules, Constitution for our realize that this for the success of believers living team is widely using other Messianic and Land, as well as the extended family in Please feel free to with us on this

Baptism in the Mediterranean (a few meters from HLM regular outreach in TA)

In the meantime we are as usual carrying on with regular HLM activities: baptisms, Kabbalat Shabbat services, discipleship programs, soup kitchen homeless outreach and other long term and short term projects of Holy Land Ministries in Israel.

There are, of course, many challenges and obstacles on our way, but the joy of the Lord and the Power of His Love are increasingly prevailing in every trial and difficult life situation that we are facing in this world. There is nothing more rewarding and encouraging than to see the saving hand of our Messiah in practice when he restores the lives and rescues the precious souls of his people.

Paul's exhortation recorded in Philippians 2: 14-15 is indeed a great practical instruction for living a godly and fulfilling life in the believing community: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourself to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world."



Kabbalat Shabbat" and Community meals in HLM temporary homeless shelters

The Meeting Place and Operation of the Homeless Outreach in Tel Aviv

Over the period of years the HLM homeless Outreach weekly event in Tel Aviv has become for us an important meeting place with our potential shelter guests and with everyone who comes for help. This is a unique opportunity to meet with “outsiders” and in the name of our Wonderful Savior to freely offer them all that we have in Him. We are very grateful for the wonderful possibility to share food with every needy person at our soup-kitchen ministry. At the same time, as Yeshua’s disciples we are earnestly seeking to share more than the food with the many desperate souls who come to us at this appointed place.

The HLM homeless outreach event has also become an opportunity to invite other Messianic/Christian ministries in Israel to unite and join our efforts in rescuing these precious souls in the name of our Blessed Messiah. Every Shabbat during the serving meals we are announcing an open invitation to everybody who is ready and willing to come with us as they are, to leave the old life behind and to embrace a new life in Yeshua.

Each time there are people who respond to this call and we are on the spot arranging for them transportation to be brought to the various programs and rescue missions that are receiving them with an open heart and arms and providing every tool and support for starting a new life in the Messiah. Of course this is a challenging ongoing process, but the final goal and the results are definitely worth every effort we are putting into this. At the moment Holy Land Ministries is closely partnering and connecting with another three rescue missions that also serve the homeless and needy in Israel. This partnership and cooperation is a wonderful blessing from our Lord that enables us to strengthen and increase our efforts in rescuing His people.



HLM regular soup-kitchen homeless outreach

Please pray for the Court Case in Beer Sheva, as several weeks ago some of HLM's volunteers have received a summons from the Beer Sheva Office of the Public Prosecutor accusing them according to Section 174 of the Israeli Criminal Act (which determines that anyone who grants or receives a benefit in courtesy of or as a reward for a religious conversion is considered criminally offensive). The event that caused this accusation took place several months ago, when HLM volunteers consisting of different churches and ministries in Israel started a joint project in Beer Sheva. The goal of this joint project is to establish the homeless outreach for poor and needy, just in the same way we are doing this for many years in Tel Aviv. First, this new project looked quite easy for us because of many years of experience. Though soon we discovered a strong spiritual opposition that we did not expect. On the very first occasion of the soup kitchen outreach in Beer Sheva the Orthodox local believers called the Law according to Section 174 of the Israel Criminal Act, as explained above. Many of the HLM volunteers have been arrested at that time and have spent many hours in the local police station. This Law Suit was supported by the Chief Rabbi of Beer Sheva



Please pray that the Lord will use this whole situation for His glory and will provide for us an opportunity to witness about Yeshua's Light and Redemption to many of the desperate souls around and even among the Orthodox believers who are still blinded about their Blessed Messiah. May many of these precious people have an Apostle Paul (Rabbi Shaul) experience and their eyes will be opened by Messiah Himself. This situation has also a tremendous potential for witnessing to many secular Israelis about Yeshua's teaching: about His Love for the needy, about His mercy for everyone who comes to Him and is ready to turn to the God of Israel, His redeeming Power to transform the lives, and His Gospel, the Message of Eternal Salvation.

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HLM Praise Report! After many years of efforts and prayer, HLM Pastor Oleg Nerodin, has obtained a long term working visa from the Israeli Embassy in Ukraine with the purpose of managing and progressing HLM's Negev Project in Israel. Pastor Oleg has also been serving as a member of the HLM Pastoral Board which is responsible for the spiritual oversight and direction of the work of Holy Land Ministries in Israel. Pastor's Oleg physical move to Israel is a tremendous blessing for many on going HLM projects that require a constant pastoral presence and supervision.



Gurion meeting our dear pastor!

The joyful occasion in Ben



Thank you again dear friends for all your prayers and support! Blessings and Greetings from your brothers and sisters in Israel! May His Joy and Shalom be always with you!

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