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Helping during Passover

Passover in Israel is one of the most joyous biblical feasts. Even though thousands stream in from all over the globe for this holiday season, there are many who are without enough money to celebrate with dignity and honor.

This year, with your help, ICEJ AID was able to partner with several social welfare departments across the land to provide food baskets and food coupons for 650 needy families. Also, we sponsored a seder meal for 70 mentally handicapped adults in Jerusalem.



In the Karmiel, we helped to provide food items for food baskets such as chicken and matzah. We then had the opportunity to volunteer in the distribution of the food to those in need. The director of the program told us "We appreciate your help very much and the fact that you come to help us with the distribution. Your faithful funding and assistance means a lot to us. We couldn't manage to give the aid we do at Passover without your help."



Finally, ICEJ AID provided money to repaint the apartments of 15 Ethiopian families in time for Passover. The painting was completed by youth volunteers from the Ethiopian youth center in Kiryat Gat. With the Ethiopian Jewry being among the poorest demographic of society in Israel, a freshly painted apartment for Passover is welcomed with joy.

Thank you again for your commitment and financial support to the work of ICEJ AID. Your gift has blessed and helped poor and needy immigrants, single-parent homes, elderly and Holocaust survivors in Israel.

Door of Hope

In a narrow alleyway near Tel Aviv's Old Central bus station "hope" hides behind a nondescript metal door in an otherwise depressed neighborhood. The initiated know where it lies, but only a small sign outside points the way, "Women Only, No drugs". Beyond hides a haven for the homeless and prostitutes. Open only during the daytime, Door of Hope, provides a shelter, hot meals, a place to sleep, and an open caring heart to women battered in both body and soul.



Started almost by chance, director Dave Fiquette, began this outreach six years ago when he moved into the area by the central bus station and started discovering the great need in the community. Today he operates the center solely off of donations and with the help of volunteers

supported by the prayers of Christian brothers and sisters worldwide. ICEJ Aid staff were deeply touched by the raw misery and need we saw in the eyes of the women there. This shelter and others in Israel are trying to help women in desperate situations. Help us reach out to hurting and battered women in the land. We ask our Christian friends to give generously to help ICEJ AID help women.

Giving Lone Soldiers a Home



Imagine being a soldier in the Israeli army but having no family or relatives to support you and no home to go to. Beit Kobi was created by Akiva Ichlebom in the memory of her son Sgt. Kobi Ichlebom who was killed in Gaza. Kobi had a particular inclination towards helping lone soldiers in his unit, the Givati Brigade. Now, Beit Kobi carries on that vision and strives to help lone soldiers by creating a home atmosphere for them to live. On the campus, there are 3 fully furnished apartments each housing 3 lone soldiers. The soldiers are provided everything in which they need: food, own bedroom, internet, etc. Also each soldier is paired up with a family who care for them and provide them a home environment in which to visit.

As one soldier who benefited from Beit Kobi said, "I'd like to thank you that you've enabled me to live in the apartment with the other soldiers at Beit Kobi, for the endless support that

each of you gave to me, for the listening ear and for all the help and everything that I needed; for the room that was fully furnished, the food in abundance, and the clean apartment. The knowledge that I had a home and someone who would take care of everything in it when I would return from the army for free days at home enabled me to be a better soldier and to do my work in the army the best that I could without worrying."

ICEJ AID was proud to present a donation from a Dutch donor to help fund all three apartments for six months. Aviva was excited to receive the donation on behalf of the lone soldiers in need and thanked us, "Your donation will help the organization to continue to support and guide these lonely soldier and expand our activities to help them."



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