

Road to Zion Update

NOVEMBER 2007

*For the L-rd has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His dwelling place;
This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*
Psalm 132:13-16

Our prayer for this trip:

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness. To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free. And that you break every yoke." Isaiah 58:6

When you read scripture describing how the L-rd has chosen Zion as His dwelling place and has chosen the Jewish people as His people, it is hard to relate those verses to the scenes that assail as you arrive in the "red light" district of Tel Aviv. What we saw around us as we arrived to work at the "Door of Hope" was a vivid, heart wrenching, picture of the bonds of wickedness and the heavy burdens of sin described in Isaiah 58.

We mentioned in our last newsletter, October 2007, that we had been invited to paint and do some repair work for the "Door of Hope" center that ministers to prostitutes and drug addicts in Tel Aviv. The shelter averages 6-10 women each day coming in for food, a shower, rest and the Gospel. There are at least 200 known places of prostitution in the area. This center of light is wedged in between two such places.

The center had a long list of needed repairs and a very limited budget – existing on the



generosity of others. We accomplished what we could in the three days we were there, patching holes in the walls and painting. We were also able to buy a freezer for the center and had it delivered while we were there. (See photo below) Their goal is to prepare a large quantity of meals and freeze them in individual containers. When the girls come in for food there will be a complete, nutritious meal to pop in the microwave to serve them.



Each day as we worked women came in; hungry and exhausted, some with no idea of

where they were because of the effect of drugs, some with physical wounds – all with emotional and spiritual wounds. I watched how the staff accepted them as they were, talked to them when they were able to comprehend and otherwise gave them comfort and a place to rest. I wondered how discouraging this ministry must be to watch the girls go back out on the streets as the day ended.



When our work was finished Dave, the administrator of Door of Hope, showed us pictures of a girl, before and after pictures – before salvation when she was a prostitute living on the street, using drugs and a recent picture of her living and working in a rehab center, studying G-d's word and planning a new life. No matter how closely you looked at the pictures you would never know it was the same girl. He summed it up by saying, **“This is why we are there. If one soul is saved, one girl is rescued, it is worth the effort.”**

During our last week in Israel we completed other projects that included painting the home of a single mother who has a counseling ministry to other single mothers and buying a stove for a family that had been doing their cooking on a hot plate.

When the work was finished we had many wonderful experiences as we traveled through the Galilee and Golan Heights for three days. We thank G-d that He blessed us with a beautiful place to stay in the Galilee, excellent food, safe travel and wonderful volunteers willing to take G-d's message of love to a very dark part of Israel.

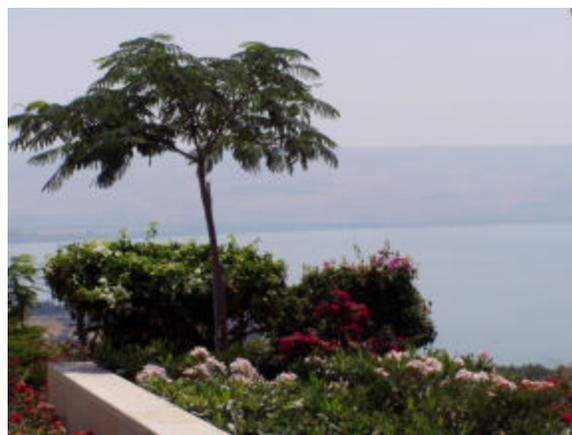
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we will be going back to Israel to work and tour. Please join us.

If you would like to experience 12 fantastic days seeing the land G-d calls “His resting place forever” and help encourage His chosen people please contact us for details.

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You may have noticed the “o” missing from the name of G-d in this newsletter. To honor His holy name, Jewish people refrain from adding the “o” when writing the name of G-d. We have chosen to respect their tradition by doing the same.