



«For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost» (Luke 19:10)

## MINISTRY UPDATE: OCTOBER 2025

***Dear Friends and Partners, shalom!***

We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support – you are a vital part of everything God is doing through Aviv Ministry!

This month, we want to share **two moving stories of God’s mercy and perfect timing**: one from our *Women’s Shelter*, where **Elena** found safety and a new beginning, and another from the *streets of Tel Aviv*, where a **simple bowl of soup** became a miracle of love for **Maria\***, a young woman in crisis.

May these stories remind us that God still meets people right where they are. ♥

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Our *Women’s Shelter* continues to be a place where women who have suffered violence find safety, warmth, and hope. Here is one story from the beginning of October – the story of **Elena**, whose life was broken by fear but touched by grace.

When Elena came to Israel a little over a year ago, she believed she was starting a new life.

She had met a man who seemed kind and caring. But soon after their marriage, his true nature appeared – addiction, mental instability, and abuse.

For a year she lived under control and threats, growing weaker every day. Finally, just before Yom Kippur, she escaped and went to the police. Because all shelters were closing for the holy day, a social worker urgently called us – and that’s how Elena arrived at our Shelter in Beersheva.



She came in a police car with bars on the windows. When I saw this fragile, exhausted woman, I simply hugged her – and she began to cry. That moment was the beginning of her journey back to life. Within two days, she started to eat, sleep, and smile again.

She said to me:

“What a right and needed place you’ve created here in Beersheva.”

Elena decided to return to her homeland as soon as possible, so we assisted her with packing and accompanied her to the airport. Now Elena is back home with her family.

She sent me a message:

“Talking with my loved ones, I keep saying: it’s amazing that there are people who help others so sincerely, expecting nothing in return. It gives faith and hope for the future!”

Every story like Elena’s reminds us of **God’s mercy and timing**.

Even *two days* of care and peace can become the beginning of a new life.

🙏 Thank you for supporting the Shelter’s work and please pray for Elena! We gave her the contact details of a church in her city and hope that she will continue fellowship with believers and find the Lord!

*By Tatyana, the Shelter’s manager.*

*(Photo for illustration purposes only.)*

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### A DIVINE APPOINTMENT FOR A BOWL OF SOUP?? 🍲

Last week, after finishing the shopping for our Aviv Center, I suddenly had a thought: “*Maybe I should stop by home and take some soup my wife made.*”

I didn’t really know why – just felt I should bring it. So I did.

Later that day, we all arrived at Aviv Center, prayed together, and began our outreach to the people on the streets of Tel Aviv. Honestly, I completely forgot about the soup sitting in the Center’s fridge.

Toward the end of our shift, a young woman walked in – I had never seen her before. She was pregnant.

She came up to me and asked, “*Do you have any soup... maybe homemade?*”

I stood there, speechless for a few moments, realizing exactly why I had brought that soup!

I told her, “*God loves you so much! Before I left home, He put it on my heart to bring this soup – just for you.*”

Her name was **Maria\***, and tears filled her eyes.

She said, “*All day I was thinking about having soup... and here it is.*”

Maria\* is 28 and addicted to drugs. Seven months pregnant. After she ate, I sat with her and shared about God’s love – how He knew her need even before she walked in. I read John 3:16 and told her that this is what divine love looks like.

Maria said quietly, “*I believe God cares for me. But I’m addicted... and so is my baby. I don’t know what to do.*”

We told her about rehab centers for women and the help available for mothers like her. Then we prayed together – that Yeshua (Jesus) would show her the way.

🙏 Please keep **Maria\*** and her baby in your prayers – that God will guide her, protect her, and bring her to full healing and freedom!

(By our volunteer Igal.)

### MORE NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### • Arab Rehabilitation Center

We are glad to share that the owner of the building we plan to rent for the new Arab Rehabilitation Center has begun renovations to adapt the space to the center’s specific needs. Once the work is complete, we will be able to move in and begin operating right away. Please pray with us that everything will be completed smoothly and launched in the Lord’s perfect timing!

#### • Ashkelon Outreach

This month, we held our first social event with the new immigrants, and the topic was *the Biblical Feast of Tabernacles*. Most participants didn’t know much about this holiday, so they were interested and asked many questions. At the end, we shared delicious food that the immigrants themselves had brought, enjoying a warm, joyful, and homelike atmosphere – no one wanted to leave! Please pray that God will guide us in how to continue these meetings and bless this growing fellowship.

Thank you for supporting our ministry and please feel free to share your prayers requests with us too anytime!

*Yours in His Service,  
Dov and Olga Bikas and Aviv Ministry Team*



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