

MINISTRY UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Friends and Partners, shalom!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Today we want to share with you a very moving and encouraging story from one of our volunteers, Igal. While reading it, please remember – *you are part of it too!*

SALVATION, FREEDOM, AND A COVENANT OF LOVE

About four years ago, I brought a man named **Victor*** from Tel Aviv streets to our rehab center in Netanya. But my relationship with him began long before that. For almost two years prior, he would come regularly to eat at Aviv Center, our soup kitchen in Tel Aviv. During those two years, I spoke with him often about Yeshua and encouraged him to consider going to rehab and change his life with God's help.

Victor was a typical secular Jewish man. **He rejected Yeshua (Jesus) without really knowing anything about Him.** Yet over those two years – and through much prayer – I began to see change in his attitude.

He would tell me, *“After we talk about God, I always feel good... I feel joy in my heart.”* I would answer him, *“That is the Word of God filling you. The Lord is touching you, because He wants to help you.”*

Finally, four years ago, Victor agreed to come to the rehabilitation home. He began reading the Scriptures every day and asked many questions. Little by little, he came to know Yeshua personally. After six months in the rehab program, **he repented and invited Yeshua into his heart**, and after another half a year, made a covenant with Yeshua through baptism.

But Victor had another prayer on his heart. He would often pray, *“Lord, please send me a wife.”* We fasted and prayed together for this, and even some of the men in the rehabilitation home joined us in fasting and prayer.

About a year ago, Victor met a woman named Ira* at his workplace. He works in maintenance at a hospital. When he first told me about her, I cautioned him, *“Be careful – she is not a believer.”*

But Victor began sharing with her about Yeshua. During their lunch breaks, they would eat and read the Scriptures together.

Slowly, Ira began attending Victor's congregation and joining his home Bible study group. Step by step, her faith grew. **She prayed the sinner's prayer** and later was baptized. Praise the Lord for His grace!

And this month, I had the great privilege of blessing them as **husband and wife!**

How wonderful and merciful our Lord is! He not only saved Victor and set him free from addiction, but He also answered the longing of his heart and gave him a life companion – a wife and a sister in Christ.

Truly, our God not only restores what was broken, but gives so much more! As the Scripture says, **“Taste and see that the Lord is good.”** And in Victor's life, we have seen that goodness with our own eyes!



Let us keep Victor and Ira in our prayers, asking the Lord to bless their covenant and establish their marriage in His love and faithfulness.

NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

• Gratitude and Faith for Provision and Direction



We are deeply grateful for God's faithful provision – through your partnership and generosity – for every need of the ministry, and that we have been able to continue feeding the homeless and those struggling with addiction in Tel Aviv, running our men's rehabilitation home, supporting women who are survivors of domestic violence, and assisting new immigrants and families in need in Ashkelon.

In 2025, however, **the significant decline** of the U.S. dollar against the Israeli shekel reduced the value of the support received, which had a **serious impact on our budget**. While, praise God, all current needs were met, we could not build a financial reserve for expansion in 2026.

Therefore, we are strengthening our existing projects while placing new initiatives on pause as we seek provision for future growth.

Please pray:

- * *For God's continued provision for both current needs and future expansion*
- * *For wisdom and clarity as we plan the next steps*
- * *For sensitivity to the Lord's direction and timing in all we do*

If our ministry is on your heart, we would also be grateful if you would **consider sharing about it with others who might be interested – whether by telling a friend, sharing our website, or reposting our updates on social media**. Your voice helps the story reach those whom God may be calling to partner with us.

• Vision and Open Doors for the Women's Shelter

In recent months, we have received fewer applications to our Women's Shelter, and in some cases, women who initially reached out ultimately decided not to enter the program. This has led us into a season of prayer and evaluation regarding the direction and calling of the home.

Through this process, we sense that God may be leading us to expand our admission criteria. We are considering **opening the program also to women struggling with addiction**, recognizing that domestic and sexual abuse often leads to substance abuse and dependency. Many women carry both trauma and addiction, and we desire to respond more holistically to their needs.

Please pray:

- * *That God would clearly direct the vision and focus of the Women's Shelter*
- * *That He would lead to us the women who truly need help and are ready to receive it*
- * *That the Shelter would become a place of restoration for even more lives*

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

Yours in His Service,

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