



**AVIV MINISTRY – for Victims of Addictions and Sexual Abuse**  
**THE NEGEV MINISTRY – Evangelization and Church Planting**

## **MINISTRY UPDATE: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021**

*Dear Praying Friends, shalom!*



Please keep praying for our outreach in Tel Aviv. Because of the recent spread of Coronavirus Delta we have decided to keep ministering to the street people at the doors of Aviv Center, letting inside mostly those who need first medical aid. Please keep praying for our visitors and volunteers!



### **Women's Shelter**

In our Women's Shelter we have had quite eventful months. After two ladies who had lived in the Shelter for quite a while (N. and A. with two kids) left to live independently, we received several new residents:

L. got her eldest (7-year-old) son Y. back from the foster family. The social workers were satisfied with the transition, and now Y. is getting used to living with his mother and little brother. He is a very active boy, and he is happy to return to his mom, eager to help her and play with his brother.

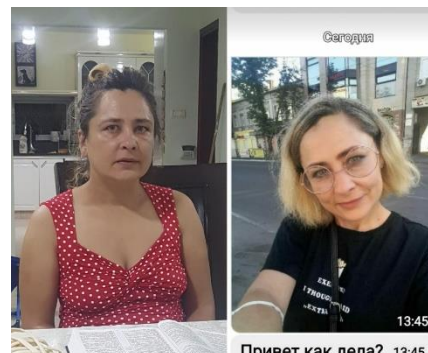


In July a native Israeli lady, Sh., victim of abuse, came to us through the anti-violence organization "Maslan". She likes the Shelter and recently started asking many good questions about the Jewish Messiah! She said that before coming to our Shelter she thought she would feel religious pressure in it, but to her surprise that never happened, and she became curious herself about our faith, seeing all the care and help she was getting in the Lord's name.

Also, in July we got a call from social workers from Tel Aviv and accepted an Arab lady R. She is a very nice and quiet lady and likes staying in the Shelter. She has got serious financial difficulties, and now she is looking for a job.

So, interestingly, now in the Shelter we have got representatives of all 4 major groups of Israeli society: native Israelis, Russian Jewish immigrants, Ethiopian Jews and Arabs. We are glad the Lord is bringing them to us, so we can share His light and love with them. Please keep praying for all the residents of the Shelter (6 ladies and two children).

Also in July one of the ladies, L., who lived with us for half a year (till Feb 2021) and later got deported to Ukraine, got in touch with Tatyana and shared with her that she was doing really well, living with her grown up daughter, working, and looking for a Christian congregation to attend. She says she is grateful to the Lord and to us for all the help she received in the Shelter. It was very encouraging to get this message and also see her current photo!



*L. when she first arrived at our Shelter – and now*

### Beersheva rehab



In our rehab center in Beersheva we are presently taking care of 10 rehabilitants of different ages. One of our newcomers is a 28-year-old N. from Arad. In July, we got a call from an elderly lady who was looking for a rehab for him. It turned out that she was not his mother or any relative. She simply met him in her neighborhood and had pity on him, and used to let him come to her place

from time to time to eat and rest. She is not a believer and she was helping him even though she was a bit afraid of him as a total stranger and a problematic alcoholic... When she called us (she received our telephone number from her believing neighbors), she was asking such questions about the rehab and the conditions in it as if looking for a place for her own son! We were truly impressed by this lady and her heart for N. Today he is in the rehab and is doing really well. He is also attending our church and is very open to the Gospel. Please pray for him and the other rehabilitants.

*Thank you for all your care and prayers!*

*Yours in Him, Dou and Olga Bikas*

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