

Ministry Update – February 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

AUDIO PLAYERS PROJECT

About two years ago, with the support of “Trans Word Radio”, we started distributing **audio players with the New Testament and personal stories of former addicts** among regular visitors of Aviv Center, residents of our rehabilitation center in Beersheva and in other Israeli Christian rehabs. We are grateful for this opportunity to help the street people and rehabilitants hear the encouraging testimonies and start getting acquainted with God’s Word, even while they are not ready to start reading the whole Bible yet.

The person responsible for the distribution, Leonid, who volunteers regularly in Aviv Center, tells that the addicts really like the fact that they can listen to the messages and the Bible, because many of them have got poor eyesight and no glasses. He also tells that he sees **positive fruit** of the distribution. For example, he gave a player to Egor*, a young man who had been coming to Aviv Center’s soup kitchen regularly for quite some time. Later he told Leonid: “You know, I have been listening to the Gospel and now I feel ashamed to steal. Recently I had an opportunity to rob someone, but could not do it. I would rather gather empty bottles for several shekels, but do it honestly.” Please pray for Egor*. He believes in Jesus, but still remains in the chains of addiction, on Tel Aviv streets. We hope that what he hears from Aviv Center volunteers and from the player will bring more fruit in his life in the future.

Leonid also says that since many addicts feel they have ruined their lives irreparably and nothing can be done about it, the testimonies recorded on the players give them real hope, and it is very important. One guy told Leonid: “I believe that I will be able to succeed just as these guys on the player did”. And we believe that too. There is nothing impossible for our God!

WOMEN’S SHELTER – ANOTHER GRADUATION

In the end of January one of the ladies who had lived in our Shelter, Rafia*, left it after finding a job in Tel Aviv and a place to rent. We are happy for these positive changes in her life. When she came to us 5 months ago, she was in a very complicated and depressed emotional state, she had debts and nowhere to live, and her relationship with her family was broken. Slowly her condition started to improve, relationship with the family got restored and she started dealing with her financial issues with the help of social services. **We are happy for Rafia* and plan to keep in touch with her.** She is from a Muslim family and we hope that the seed that was planted in her heart while she was living in the Shelter will grow and bring fruit one day and that she will see clearly that all these positive changes happened to her when she was living in a Christian home. Please keep praying for her, as well as for other Shelter’s “graduates” Tatyana keeps in touch with – Nikol* and Alina*.

IRENA’S UPDATE

We hope many of you remember Irena from Tel Aviv streets who stayed at our home for long periods of time (that was before we opened Women’s Shelter), but then returned to drug abuse. We were very worried about her and kept praying, and eventually she went to a secular women’s rehab and finished it successfully! **Irena has been clean for almost two years already**, restored her relationship with her family and lives on disability pension. Olga keeps in touch with her by phone. Sadly, Irena still suffers from serious health problems and psychological consequences of former addiction and street life. Please pray for her physical, emotional and spiritual restoration.

AND HERE ARE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL PRAYER POINTS FOR FEBRUARY:

- Keep praying for our outreach in Tel Aviv. The government cancelled many Covid restrictions this month, as the Omicron wave starts to decline, and we can finally **start letting our visitors inside Aviv Center**, just as before Corona. We are happy that finally we will be able to have longer and closer fellowship with our visitors and will have more opportunities to share the Gospel with them and invite them to rehab centers.
- Please pray for all our rehabilitants, and especially for **two young friends from Eilat**, Avi* and Ari*, who have recently realized their alcohol addiction will ruin them completely unless they do something. They found out about our rehab, contacted us and shortly after came and started rehabilitation.
- Please keep praying for our **Shelter's residents**, and especially for Lea*, who dreams to be able one day to reunite with the rest of her kids who still remain in the foster family.
- In the last days of January **Tatyana fell very ill with Covid**. She feels better now, but still has a cough and weakness. Lea* and her kids have been sick with Covid too. Please pray for their health.

Thank you for your care, support and prayers!

May God bless you all,

Dov and Olga



In Aviv Center



Street addict



Audio player



Tel Aviv ministry



Art activity in the Shelter