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Significant Step Forward - Roots and Reflections

The work of Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse has always had two vital aspects to it, the spiritual and the natural restoration of Israel. The Joseph Storehouse concentrates on the natural, physical needs of the Land as God restores His nation in preparation for the return of Yeshua. The spiritual restoration of the Land is just as important, and we are delighted to announce that from March 2007 Vision for Israel will start broadcasting a magazine program on a UK television station that is being launched. This is an exciting and significant move, as it will take the message of the believers in Israel to the Body of Messiah in the nations. The title of the program is "Roots and Reflections."



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Upcoming Events for Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse

USA, Charlotte NC - "Highway to Jerusalem" Conference and dedication of our USA, Charlotte NC Storehouse, March 22-24, 2007.

Visit the Vision for Israel website, for your downloadable brochure and on-line registration. This is our FIRST ANNUAL Vision for Israel USA national conference in beautiful Charlotte, NC. We will also dedicate our new Charlotte, NC headquarters. If you are not able to join us, please inform your friends who are nearby to come and visit us.

Houston, TX - "Catch the Vision" Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse invites you to help us expand our "base" by attending our charity "ball" event at the Nathaniel Center on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

For more information please call: 1.866.351.0075 or by Email: pat@vfiusa.com

UK Conference - "Highway to Jerusalem" - June 21-23

Come join us and experience the anointed teaching of Dwight Pryor, Barry Segal and other speakers and learn about the significance of Jerusalem in our times. Let's enter His courts in praise and worship with the Moriah music team. For more information please call our UK office: +44 (0) 1793.862121.

Succot Celebration 2007 September 26 - October 7

Plan early to join us for the 7th year anniversary of the Succot celebration and 40 years of a united Jerusalem. This is going to be a very special year for Israel. Our coming Succot event will be a combination of Messianic teaching, worship and touring the Land during the one major Feast that has not yet been fulfilled by Yeshua. For more details go to the website www.succotcelebration.com. The USA and U.K. prices are now listed at the tour page of the website.



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To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem.

Psalm 102:21



This is a significant year! 1967 Six day war to the year of 2007 - 40 years for the reunification of Jerusalem. Come up to Jerusalem and celebrate Succot with us!

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O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. Psalm 130:7

POVERTY AND HOPE

Ever since Israel became a nation again in 1948 poverty and unemployment have remained challenges for the country. Today the population of Israel is just over seven million, over five million being Jewish, most of them having made Aliyah from many different nations with different languages, from Ethiopia, Russia, to South America and even New Zealand. This has resulted in enormous strains on the social services of a growing nation, constantly dealing with a massive threat from countries near its borders.

It is not surprising therefore that poverty is still a major concern facing the Government and all the people of Israel. It is also an issue for all believers in Yeshua, who are grafted into Israel, and have a unique responsibility to pray for and care for the Jewish nation.

Let's consider some of the facts:

The number of Israelis living below the poverty line in 2006 exceeded 20%.

Despite economic growth in the country unemployment is at an all time high at 8.4%.

35% of all children in Israel live below the poverty line.

Experts debate the problem and propose a higher level of education, changes to child allowances and cutbacks in the

numbers of foreign workers who are lured into Israel by the promise of good jobs and a new life. At the same time as we read the statistics about poverty we also read in the newspapers that the president of Israel stands accused of sexual misconduct and the P.M. of corruption. The political scene is fraught with division and argument, and recriminations abound about the handling of the war with Hezbollah in Lebanon last summer and of the Palestinian threat from Gaza.

So what is the future for Israel, and how should we be praying in 2007? Ezekiel 36 paints a very different picture to what we see in the nation today:

"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

"And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations" Ezekiel 36:24, 30.

The work of Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse is a labor of hope and faith that these days will surely increase, and that through prayer, love and hard work, the Israel of today will be transformed into the Land of Promise so eloquently described in the Bible.

Dear to our Hearts

These are the special Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse projects that are close to our hearts.

Providing Emergency Relief

Thanks to a better system, a good staff, and your generous donations to Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse, our humanitarian aid and medical supplies have increased this year more than ever in its history. Our medical department, just in the last month, tripled the amount of our donations to various hospitals and emergency clinics and we are able to be a blessing to more medical centers. Word about our relief work is spreading and we are so encouraged to see the amount of places that are receiving from us. Recently, we had truck loads of medical supplies going to many new cities from the North to the South. What an awesome story to tell of how we can approach 2007 with greater horizons.



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Rebuilding The Ruins

It was a great honor and privilege to be able to present the mayor of Maalot-Tarshiha with a monetary gift of about \$150,000, through the generous gifts from Christian Life Missions and an anonymous donor, to build and restore the northern city from the recent war in Lebanon. They were so grateful and appreciated our initiative to help and assist them in finishing this very vital project. The northern cities that are near the Lebanese border in Israel have suffered so many Katyusha rockets. It is taking much effort and financial undertaking to build it back. This donation was given for rebuilding the community center that was destroyed during the war in the north. The mayor thanked all those that are standing with Israel at this time and we enjoyed getting to know him and learned much about many other pressing needs in the north. The most urgent need now is to build a place of rehabilitation for children and adults that suffered from emotional trauma and are in need of counseling and therapy. Some of them have diabetes as a result of acute stress. When he heard that we assist in medical and emergency relief he asked if it would be



possible to help the medical center in the north. Our JSH team enjoyed the visit and we promised to come back and see the fruit of this donation and the progress they are making in building up the ruins.

Embracing the Lonely Soldiers

Lonely Soldiers are young people (about 18 years old) who immigrated to Israel by choice, because of their great love for the Land and



the people in Israel. Most of them are enlisted in the IDF combat units. Generally they prefer not to reveal where they are serving mainly to prevent worries back at their families home. The estimate is more than 9000 lonely soldiers serving. The majority, nearly 70% of them, are coming from third world countries like the former Soviet Union, about 15% from European countries in the West and 15% are Israelis from needy families and broken homes

Male soldiers serve for 3 years, females for 20 months, except if they join special units than they are asked to sign for additional time. The IDF is giving a monthly small sum of 300 NIS (approx. US \$75), in combat units the amount is doubled, 600 NIS (approx. US \$150) to help them with minor expenses. Most soldiers get support from their families that help them pay for their living expenses.

The IDF respects and appreciates the lonely soldiers; their commanders will do all they can to find them good homes and families that can provide them with emotional and physical assistance. Many families, especially those that live in a Kibbutz, are adopting the lonely soldiers and embracing these precious young men by providing them with a home for weekends and holidays. Still many of them prefer their own flats so they can live their own lives on weekends. They need support in order to achieve that purpose.

Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse will provide an additional 500 lonely soldiers with much better and more improved, orthopedic hikers' bags during the month of March. We are so encouraged to be able to bring a small gift to show them we appreciate and care for their personal welfare.

Making a home for Lonely Soldiers

Tom C, was born in the Netherlands, both his parents still reside there. Tom had a dream all his life to come to Israel and help defend the people here; he decided to make Aliya (immigrate) and join the IDF. He volunteered to serve in an anti terrorist unit. We met him when we were distributing the hikers bags in November. He then came to visit us on several occasions, the first visit was to my mother's house, right before she passed away. The next visit was to the storehouse, he and three other lonely soldiers were moving into an empty rental flat in Jerusalem. We offered him to come and choose furniture and any household items he may need. When he arrived to the Joseph Storehouse, he was so amazed to see the variety of what we have, toiletries, house hold items, bedding, towels, pillows, blankets, kitchen utensils, clothes, shoes, even first aid items, beds, mattresses, night stands, a desk, dining room table and much more. He came to me and said this is amazing, you have here exactly what we need, I only came to look at the bed but now I see you have all the items that we need to make our new home.

Vision for Israel & The Joseph Storehouse is providing them with all the basic supplies they need and we are in the process of furnishing a whole apartment for these lonely soldiers. Our prayers and hope is that Israel will be their permanent home for the rest of their lives.

Loving them with a Pack to School

We are now finalizing the Pack to school contract with our supplier this year. Join us as we continue to bless thousands of needy children in Israel. About 110,000 children were already blessed with this wonderful act of love and we pray that we will be able to provide more than 15,000 children to go to school this year. Partner with us as we walk in faith again for this year's Pack To School project.

Reaching out to those in despair



Loads of emergency and humanitarian supplies were given out to Jericho, Bethlehem and many other Arab villages where poverty is so severe amongst the Arab population.

With Much Appreciation

Headquarters of Military Police corps officer
Israel Defense Military, 14 January 2007
Dear Vision for Israel staff,

During October 2006, 350 bags were contributed by your organization to the benefit of our corps soldiers. This activity is most blessed and appreciated by us and we are hoping for fertile cooperation in the future.

Greetings, Yossi,

Assistant of Headquarters of Military Police corps officer

Thank you letter from the Municipality of Kiryat Sh'mona:

Salute night to discharged soldiers – 6/11/2006

Dear Batya,

On my behalf and the behalf of the Kiryat Sh'mona soldiers, I would like to thank you for your generous donation contributing 500 backpacks to Kiryat Sh'mona residents. The donation event was a very special and exciting evening and you were part of the evening.

Your donation cheered up a big community which we honor and thank you for your generosity. I hope that this blessed evening would become a tradition and strengthen the relationship between you and the high education unit along with the discharged soldiers. May you experience joy and happiness through all your lives, just as you made us.

I would like to inform you that 300 bags were handed out on the ceremony day and 200 more were handed out the week after to the discharged soldiers who couldn't reach the ceremony event.

Kind regards and wishing of continuous cooperation,

Shlomi, General Manager of the guiding of discharged soldiers and student unit.

Avi family

I would like to express my appreciation for your donation. We are a 6 person family in distress and your donation brought in a beam of light to our life and helped the family a lot with food, cleaning supplies and toiletries. You also helped us a lot when our son was enlisted to the army and you gave him underwear and undershirts.

I wish for you to continue in your exalted way of receiving and giving back to families in need.

Regards, Avi Family

Festival of Light

Embracing the children in high risk and bringing light in their lives during Hanukkah. Thank you letters from those that appreciated the gifts so much it brought tears to our eyes. The boxes filled with sweets and small gifts were a great delight for those whose families could not afford to buy them anything for Hanukkah.

The Children of Israel Training Project Thank You Letter:

Thank you for your generous donation. Your donation of 250 present packs – including Hanukkah lamps and candies handed to 250 of the children who are part of the "Children of Israel Training Project", has made them very happy. There is a saying: "One picture is worth a 1,000 words," so your donation is worth 1,000 smiles!!!

We hope that these packages, like the backpacks you gave our children at the beginning of the school year, would become a tradition. With people like you, we can let in another ray of light to children that deserve a better tomorrow.

Please send our thanks to the devoted "Vision for Israel" team. Together we can succeed in continuing our work and giving these children far above their basic needs.

Thank you for being partners in our activities.

Kind regards,

A. B. General Manager

Current Social Affairs in Israel

Immigration To Israel In 2006 Reaches 18 Year Low:

The number of immigrants to Israel in 2006 slipped to its lowest level in 18 years, according to figures released by the Jewish Agency in December. Some 21,000 immigrants moved to Israel in 2006, The figure is down from 22,657 in 2005 and is the smallest number since 1988, when 13,034 people moved to Israel. (Associated Press)

Israel's Population Growth:

Israel's population grew 1.8 percent in 2006, to 7.1 million. As the clock chimes out 2006, Israel's population stands at 7.1 million, of which 76 percent is Jewish and 20 percent Arab, according to figures published Thursday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The data showed population growth of 1.8 percent this year, similar to the rate reported in the past three years. This low growth rate is similar to that reported in the 1980s, before the arrival of the huge wave of immigration from the former Soviet Union. Most of the 120,000 new Israelis - 88 percent - came from natural increase, while 12 percent were immigrants. In the 1990s, immigration accounted for 56 percent of population growth. Ha'aretz 1/11 2007.

Israeli Government Launches \$38 Million Investment Fund for Arabs -

A chief aide to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced early in December that the government is launching a \$38 million investment fund for Israeli Arabs as part of the war on poverty. The government and private investors will split the costs of the fund. "We want to prevent a situation in which there are two separate economies with different participation levels in the work force and unequal opportunity," said Ra'anan Dinon, Director General of the Prime Minister's office.

17 Percent of Children in Israel Receive Welfare Services -

The number of children utilizing welfare services has increased by some 40 percent over the last five years, according to an annual report published Dec. 27th, 2006 by the National Council for the Child. "The annual abstract has in recent years been depicting a clear picture of deterioration in the condition of Israeli children," wrote Dr. Asher Ben-Aryeh, Yaffa Zionit and Michal Kimhi, all of whom compiled the report. The report also details a rise of 120 percent of children seen by social workers because of abuse or neglect in the last decade.

1 in 4 Israeli citizens poor

Annual poverty report reveals over 1.6 million Israeli citizens live below the poverty line. Over 1,630,000 million Israelis live below the poverty line, according to an annual Poverty Report.

The report, published Thursday by Israel's National Insurance Institute (NII), showed that 404,000 families lived below the poverty line during the second half of 2005 and the first half of 2006.

The poverty line is defined as 50% of the median net income and is adjusted to family size.

The report also showed that over 35 percent of children in Israel were living in poverty.

Report: 775,000 children live in poverty. Post Staff, January 25, 2007

Over 1.5 million (1.63m.) Israelis live below the poverty line, a report published Thursday by the National Insurance Institute revealed. The number includes 775,000 children. According to the figures, while the number of children classified as "impoverished" rose slightly in 2006 as compared to 2005, the percentage of poor children among the total population of children in Israel remained the same.

The National Council for the Child stressed that Israel's percentage of impoverished children (one out of three) was the "highest in the world."

"This figure is not only horrible for the poor children themselves," the council said in a statement, "but represents a strategic threat to the security of Israel."

We are so grateful for our volunteers..

Hi Batya

I am so grateful to you and Barry for giving me the opportunity to come and volunteer for the Storehouse. My experience at the Storehouse was beyond my expectations and I am so thankful to the Lord for your lives and the great ministry he has given you. Firstly, within a few minutes of my arrival in the Storehouse, all your wonderful staff made me feel welcome. I had the opportunity to work in welfare, medical and also to go on deliveries. Apart from sorting out clothes, jackets, underwear, school supplies, etc in welfare, I also had to do some family packs. My heart always goes out to the families, and I am led to pray over the products while packing or bagging them. Making the family pack was very important to me. In the medical warehouse, it was really nice to meet hospital officials when they came round to visit and confirm the medical products the hospital needed. It was really nice to see the smile on their faces as they go round and check the equipment and products in order to confirm what they need. Making the hospital order was also important to me as I know peoples lives were being saved because of the equipment and products we were boxing for the hospitals. Lastly, going on deliveries or visiting families with their products was another important and awesome experience for me. Especially seeing the kids faces with smiles. It was also touching to know that Vision for Israel supports everyone in need as I remember us visiting Arab families in Abu Ghosh. All the families we went to visit were so excited to see us, as we unloaded the bags, especially the kids, I will always remember this experience.

I am willing and happy to come and serve again. Thank you so much for making it possible for me to come and serve.

Irene, UK