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Dear Siloam caring friends

Between Christmas and Candlemas (February 2nd) Siloam this year will assist our co-worker Haim Barak with his very practical Christian caring ministry known as 'Love to the Needy.' We currently have around 300 supporters of 'Love to the Needy' who donate through Siloam on a regular basis to provide food, clothing, cleaning materials and school supplies to needy families in Israel. This year already Siloam supporters have donated £2,500.00 to this worthy project: 050. And, last year Siloam forwarded £5,132.00 to Haim Barak.

According to official statistics, one in every three children in Israel is considered poor. Many go to school without eating a proper breakfast and others do not have the correct equipment they need for school as their parents have insufficient money to purchase books, schoolbags, notebooks etc...

The ministry of 'Love to the Needy' was established in 1997 and is known in the Hebrew as 'Ahava La Nizkak.' The organisation was set up by Haim Barak after he returned from Australia and worked initially with the welfare department in the Kfar-Saba municipality. After working for some years as a volunteer in the Messianic congregation Hamaayan, Haim was prompted by reading the scriptures to establish 'Love to the Needy' – Israel. The photos on our brochure can explain far more eloquently than the text in this letter but we want you to have the opportunity of sharing with our co-worker Haim Barak in the ministry to which he feels called and that has the recommendation of a number of agencies not only in the UK but also in Holland and elsewhere.

The vision of 'Love to the Needy' is to provide light for the people so they can see first-hand the good deeds of others and praise our Father God in heaven for providing help to those who need regular support and a route out of poverty.

Already, we have pledged a gift of £5,000.00 which we will send before Christmas but gifts over and above that amount that arrive before the 2nd of February, will be included in our 'Candlemas top up' ministry gift grant.

Observing Christianity in a very practical way dispensed by the Salvation Army in Australia, Haim Barak was motivated

Martha heartily thanks her contributors. She lives in the nearby centre and is a mother of two, she works part time as a carer for the elderly. By the middle of each month, she is almost out of groceries because of her lack of resources.



Meet Orit, a single mother with 4 children. One of them suffers from epilepsy and sadly, another daughter's eyesight has deteriorated to the point of virtual blindness.



Eli and Lydia live on a Kibbutz with their 8 year old son Gideon. They have been 3 months in Israel and are currently studying Hebrew.



Supplying clothing and food to an aid organisation in Tzfat which supports 100 families many of whom are single parents and others who are holocaust survivors.



Sophie and her volunteers support 30 needy families through an organisation helped by 'Love to the Needy' known as 'Ha Glilit' in Hatzor. Some of the people helped are new immigrants from Russia, others are elderly holocaust survivors.

to assist these dear folk in Israel. We often hear about the refugees from the Ukraine but few realise that many have migrated to Israel and are now seeking shelter there. In fact, 1.3 million people have been displaced within the Ukraine and more than a third of a million have left the country. Mothers and their children who have lost husbands and fathers during the war have been left abandoned without any income whatsoever to provide for their well-being. This is truly a heart-breaking situation. Even those trying to help with humanitarian aid were in some cases kidnapped by the Russian army forces. 'Love to the Needy' has already been delivering clothes and furniture to an aid station in Ashdod which provides for new immigrants from the Ukraine.

This is a wonderful timely opportunity for you to provide help during this extended Christmas period which I believe would be pleasing to our Lord. I am reminded in the scriptures where it says "When he had finished, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave gifts of food to every man and woman in Israel: a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins." 2 Samuel 18-19

As we will no doubt be celebrating ourselves this Christmas and New Year, I feel we will also be uplifted in our spirits if we share again with the refugees and immigrants who have sought safety in Israel. We are helping Christian believers, Jews both secular and religious as well as Arabs and those without any faith whatsoever. These gifts of love given out on your behalf to those most in need, are given as a practical expression of God's love in the hope that many will come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your donation of £10.00 could provide a bag of food or educational supplies for an impoverished child trying to make headway in school. A gift of £20.00 could provide for a pensioner suffering with a disability and unable to work. Sacrificial offerings of £50.00 or £100.00 will I know be wisely used by Haim Barak and his team as he seeks to fund the ongoing humanitarian ministry to which Siloam concurs, he has been called.

Yours sincerely on behalf of Haim and his caring co-workers – may you also enjoy a very blessed Christmas and a spiritually prosperous 2016

Richard Norton



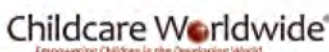
P.S. I believe your gift could make a real impact right now, your Christian love does matter – thank you.

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Christmas thru, Candlemas

Siloam's 'love in action' project: 050



Left; an elderly couple from Holon receiving food and cleaning supplies. Wheelchair bound, Nagat is defined as being 100% handicapped due to severe nerve damage. Her husband Baruch is technically and legally blind. The couple exist on social security handouts.

Right; baby food and infant milk in particular, is extremely expensive in Israel so gifts of food to help needy mothers with infants is very much appreciated.

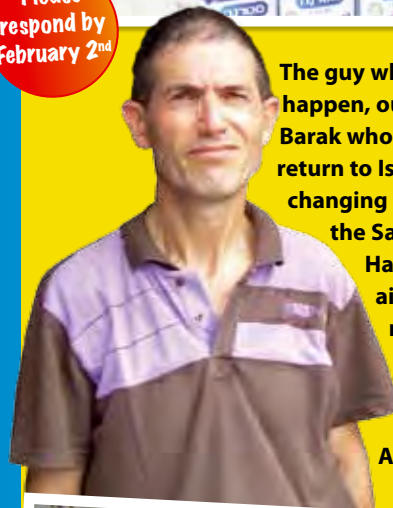


Please respond by February 2nd



Left; this is a special project conducted in co-operation with the local synagogue in Kfar-Saba. In this location about 500 needy families receive regular help. On this occasion, 77 boxes of clothes were delivered.

Right; this family with 8 children in the village of Olesh have been struggling financially for a long time. The family are grateful to 'Love to the Needy' for providing food, clothing and other goods. Without the help of Haim Barak and his team, this family don't know who would take care of them.



The guy who makes it all happen, our co-worker Haim Barak who felt called to return to Israel after his life-changing experience with the Salvation Army.

Haim co-ordinates aid deliveries from many agencies and visits families in desperate need in the Tel Aviv area.

Families from the city of Sderot receive regular help with food and cleaning materials from 'Love to the Needy'. Sderot is located near the Gaza Strip and has suffered continuous rocket bombing over recent years.

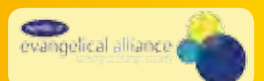


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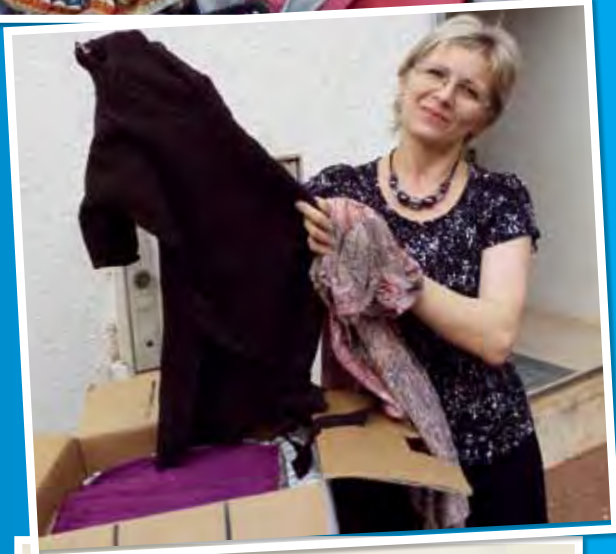
Siloam will provide 'Love to the Needy' with at least £5,000 by Christmas Eve so that Haim Barak can purchase more food and other essentials for desperate families in Israel.



Some of the clothing provided by 'Love to the Needy' in a recent clothing distribution at the local synagogue in Kfar-Saba.



Left; Yaakov lives near Kfar-Saba in a single room apartment. Because Yaakov is 44% handicapped and disabled, he is only able to receive a minimal pension.



Right; working with another organisation in Tzfat, they support 100 families, many of whom are single parents. Others are holocaust survivors and families with several children.



Left; providing food and delivering it to help the families in such terrible need, provides a lifeline to many whose cries go unheard. Please pray for Haim Barak's safety. – Thank you.



Anna, a single mother lives with her daughter Lior who is sadly allergic to various food products and has difficulty in school as she suffers with attention seeking deficit disorder.



Left; this immigrant widow was grateful for a donation of a dresser for her sparsely furnished room.



A recent distribution of schoolbags in Tel Aviv, Kfar Saba, Ariel and Hadera, was deeply appreciated because children need school supplies to help them with their education.