

Dear Friends,

*"To everything there is a season
A time for every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



As we look back on the last few months we can see the hand writing of God in all that has happened in our personal lives and in the ministry of Chaim Beshefa. We would like to first give God the glory for all that has taken place, and to say, "Thank you ABBA for the good," as well as "Thank you ABBA for the difficulties". We've had times of joy and times of difficulty and challenge.

The highlight for us as a family in the summer was our two and a half weeks vacation to Finland and Norway. We had a great time and have wonderful memories that we will treasure in our hearts for life. One of them was the campervan in which we travelled 1,500km from Helsinki up to Lapland and Tromso in Norway. What an experience it was for all of us!!! We would really like to thank our good friends in Finland for the blessing through which the life of each member of our family was touched. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Immediately thereafter Ishai and Sima went on a speaking tour to Finland. As part of their message, they showed 6 minutes of the documentary movie that was made about us by Polish TV. These 6 minutes speak about life, reconciliation, and salvation. After they returned from their blessed trip, Anat and Sima attended a conference in Moldova, focusing on prostitution, human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Europe. There were 26 representatives from different countries that participated and shared about their work on these issues. We were so touched by all, and blessed with the teachings and the workshops. Since we knew that it was God who opened the door for us to go and attend, our question to Him was, **"What's next?"**

Little did we know that the answer would come so quickly. We received some phone calls asking for help for the women who are victims of sex trafficking. All the calls came from various sources in Israel. Before we share some of the testimonies, we would like to stress that at this very moment there are women in Israel who are locked up in apartments, who are dying, who are forced to work many hours a day in prostitution, who are abused sexually and beaten, forced to receive a needle and become addicted to drugs. They are getting pregnant and forced to undergo abortions. They are dying inwardly, and have lost all hope for their lives. This is a global issue in which every year over two million young girls and women are sold into the sex trafficking business. Many of them are from poverty stricken nations. Trafficking of women is the third largest illegal business in the world, after the selling of arms and the drug business. These women cannot protect themselves. **Can we take this terrible heart breaking global issue and pray for the women and this problem that is rampant around the world?**

THE STORY OF LENA (all names are alias name)

Lena was trafficked to Israel at the age of 15. As a baby she was abandoned in hospital and not wanted by her parents. The neighbours picked her up and became her grandparents. During that year the "grandfather" sold her to the traffickers. For 24 days she and other women were locked in an apartment in Israel, not knowing what tomorrow will hold for them. The police caught the pimp and the guys who were involved in the trafficking and Lena managed to run away.

Today many years later she is still in Israel, has been involved in wrong relationships, and she is now pregnant with no one to support and help. There is nobody waiting for her to return back to her country. Lena now participates in a Bible study which we are teaching once a week.

Please pray for Lena. There is so much sadness in her life. Pray for our counselling opportunities with her.

A TRUE PRO-LIFE STORY: *Olga* was trafficked to Israel a few years ago. Later when she was freed from the traffickers, it turned out that she was not free at all, inwardly. She was hooked into that lifestyle. She became a drug addict and ended up in prostitution. During those years she fell pregnant and kept the life of her child. One day, after a long day of work, having to go back home to her child, she looked at her *empty hands* and realized that all her money had been spent on drugs and there was none left to give for her child. When this happened, she understood that she cannot continue with the lifestyle that she was living.



For the sake of her child Olga went through a drug withdrawal by herself and stopped prostitution. When we met Olga for the first time she shared with me that a year and a half earlier, I had given her my hotline card during an outreach in one of the brutal areas in southern Tel-Aviv. I had tears in my eyes when I saw the changes that took place in her life. We were so blessed to see her and to see that our prayers and crying out to the Lord for these women were not in vain. He is working behind the scenes. To everything there is a time and a season. Olga is also taking part in the Bible study we were asked to teach. For Olga we would like to ask for prayer that the Lord would continue to touch her and draw her closer to Himself and to her child.



Last night we went to visit *Natasha* in the hospital. Natasha is also a victim of sex trafficking in Israel. She gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, *Leon*, and we could bless her with lots of things for her baby. The beautiful thing is that we could also pray with her and continues to sow seeds of faith in her heart, to counsel her, and support her.

The Bible study we are teaching is specifically for women who are victims of sex trafficking. These women live in a shelter that is provided for them by the government. We are able to conduct the

Bible Study once a week. This is another thing that God birthed after the conference in Moldova.

Please pray for us that the Lord will use us in the women's lives through the Bible study. All of the women are in need for a place to stay after the shelter season is over. Please pray that the Lord will prepare a place for them in homes.

One woman told us that her biggest dream in life is to have HOME.

Following are photos of some of the babies that were born in the last few months:



Li-Yam

Li-Yam is a month old. Please notice the pictures of the rabbi's that his mother put up for him in the stroller for "good luck."



Michael

Michael is a child who was saved from abortion six years ago. He now has a brother, *Itai*, who is 4 months old, whom we also help.

The contact with the mother of these two lovely



Itai

children is continuing, and we will be counselling her on a regular basis in the near future.

We continue to bless the women with great food bags and to visit each one of them in their homes in order to see how they are doing and to ascertain what their needs are. There are more babies who were recently born; however, we don't have photos of them yet. Thank you God for saving them from abortion!

We want to thank the Lord for Laura and Bill who came to volunteer in Chaim Beshefa for two months. They have already been with us for a month and we continue to tell them that they are not only a gift to us but are clearly a gift from the Lord. They participate in all the outreaches that take place each week, which are distribution of leaflets against abortion, sharing the Gospel, intercession, and now a new outreach started of spreading our leaflets in regards to victims of sex trafficking in mail boxes in the Tel-Aviv area. They are a great blessing to us and such an encouragement.



Distributing Food Bags

Last Friday Ishai decided to do the outreach with leaflets against abortion, in Ra'anana. Through that outreach a contact was made with a 17 year old teenager who is pregnant and needs a lot of help and support. Praise God for the leading of the Holy Spirit on that day. How else would we be able to help Shirit in her crisis pregnancy?

What we see is that every time we choose to **go** out as we are commanded by the Lord, we sense the blessing of the Lord and we know that he prepares the contacts and divine appointments with those we meet as we read in *Matthew 28:19-20*: **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

We also know and sense that spiritually we enter into a deeper battle ground not only with the saving of babies from abortion, but also with the work of victims of sex trafficking.

Your prayers and support will help us to help others. We want to thank you for your faithfulness and care for us and care for those we help in this ministry.

Shalom and Blessings to you all,

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"I came that they may have LIFE and have it ABUNDANTLY" John 10:10