



*'Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God. Speak
tenderly to Jerusalem, and
proclaim to her that her hard
service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid
for, that she has received
from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.'*

Isaiah 40:1

FOCUS ON AID

AID HELPS THEM GO HOME

The Lord has called Ebenezer Operation Exodus to be a ministry that, among other things, brings comfort to the Jewish people (Isaiah 40:1). We have the privilege of doing this through humanitarian aid projects which serve as a key to homes and hearts.



Many in this small country of Moldova find life a battle for survival. The cost of medicines and the most necessary food cause particular hardship amidst the worsening economic situation.

The winter months are tough for most young Jewish families in Moldova, especially those with many children and low incomes. So the importance and fruitfulness of the Hanukkah food parcels and winter shoes projects cannot be overestimated, as they enable us to reach out and give these families much-needed help and, above all, to encourage them to respond to God's call to return home to Israel.

We have been greatly inspired to see a number of those who receive this aid take to heart what we share about aliyah and take the necessary steps to go to the Promised Land. Among them were Vera and her family. The Lord

strengthened her so that after treatment for cancer she and her family were able to make aliyah. They are extremely grateful for Ebenezer's encouragement, prayer and financial support. We helped them with visits to the Israeli consul, paid for the urgent processing of their documents and gave practical assistance with their preparations to leave. They were soon in Israel, united with their eldest son, who made aliyah several years ago.

Through the financial generosity and prayer commitment of you who support the work of Ebenezer Operation Exodus we are able to meet the immediate practical needs of those who desperately need it. Thank you! We cannot do without you.



PAVEL & LINA
MOLDOVA TEAM LEADERS

MOLDOVA



UKRAINE

AID PROJECTS ARE VITAL

Humanitarian aid projects are at the heart of our ministry. Hanukkah food parcels distribution to children and needy families is one of them.

In Ukraine we make a difference in many Jewish people's lives by showing our support with love in action, bringing the light of joy into their homes during this special time. Michela and I had the privilege of taking part and gained first-hand experience of the level of commitment that Ebenezer has in helping the Jewish people in Ukraine. Vadim, Yanya and the team are a written letter of God's love that any Jewish family can read.

During our stay we helped with food parcels distribution in the Kiev region and in Bila Tserkva, a town in central Ukraine. We visited 46 families and blessed 56 children. Some of the families had not had any previous

contact with Ebenezer and heard the message of aliyah for the first time. Others accepted our offer of financial assistance to obtain their passports, with some saying they would take further steps towards moving to Israel this year.



In Bila Tserkva the local Jewish Agency representative helped us find families, accompanying us on some visits. We were welcomed by the headmistress of the local Jewish school where, on the eve of Hanukkah, we were given the opportunity to speak to a group of elderly people gathered for the occasion.

As any Ebenezer volunteer knows, there's no better way of spending days than finding Jewish families, making children happy, sharing the message of aliyah and speaking purpose into people's lives. It brings a sense of peace and fulfilment knowing that you are committed to God's eternal purposes.



GIAN LUCA & MICHELA MOROTTI
ITALY NATIONAL COORDINATORS

A SEASON OF MIRACLES!

What a blessing to be able to help the team in Moldova to distribute food parcels during Hanukkah!

Each parcel was received with joy by the many families we met. The children were filled with wonder at the sight of chocolate they shyly received. Then laughter rang



out as we played and drew pictures with some of them. The language barrier was not a problem any more.

We were deeply moved by meeting a Holocaust survivor, Maria, who received us warmly along with her daughter, Ludmila, and granddaughter Iya. Orphaned at three years old, Maria told us of her hard life. The three women were making do as best they could on their meagre income. They joyously invited us to celebrate Hanukkah with cakes and chocolates. What an honour!

We were shocked to see the poverty and unhealthy housing in which some families lived. Igor's plight broke our hearts. His wife had been in hospital with tuberculosis for some time, leaving him to look after his five children, the youngest just four months old. Our team came to his rescue with support that

included buying nappies for the baby. In the midst of all the family's difficulties Igor knows that a better future awaits them in Israel. We encouraged them not to delay their departure.

Hanukkah is a season of miracles and we saw one happening before our eyes. We met Tsilla, who lives with her son and two grandchildren. She sadly told us that her granddaughter was unable to study in Israel because of submitting insufficient papers. Barely an hour after our visit the Jewish Agency informed her that all was well now! So happy, Tsilla told us that the four of them would leave as soon as possible.



**GERALDINE & BERNADETTE
TRIBAUDAUT**
ENGAGE: SWITZERLAND
& EBENEZER FRANCE



JOY FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Tears ran down David's face as he recalled the day Hitler's soldiers arrived in his village in Ukraine. He saw his grandparents and parents beaten up and the whole community were taken to the edge of a deep

ravine where each family was shot and thrown into it.

David's mother kissed him one last time, saying, 'It is our destiny.' 'No,' he replied. 'Then run,' she said. He

did, bullets flying after him but all missing him. 'I am alive today only by the grace of God,' he told us.

David is one of many Holocaust survivors and Jewish war veterans Ebenezer meets and helps in the former Soviet Union, especially by purchasing medicines for them. What is even more precious to them than the medicines is the love and care of Christians who bring them. Conversations give many opportunities to share about aliyah – which they then often talk about to younger members of their families. Please pray for our ministry to these very special elderly people.



YANYA
UKRAINE TEAM

STUDIES SUPPORT SO FRUITFUL!

Maria (bottom left) had been accepted for a Jewish Agency children's study programme in Israel and needed to go to Moscow, accompanied by an adult, to obtain her visa but her parents could not afford the air tickets. The local JA leader asked us to help so we paid the fares for the 6,500 km (over 4,000 miles) journey to Moscow.

Being met on arrival from the Russian Far East and taken to the Israeli Embassy enabled Maria to fly to Israel in time for the start of the new school year.

Our teams have assisted many young Jewish people in the former Soviet Union to be able to study in Israel. This is one of the most fruitful parts of our aid work as we know

that a lot of those we help love being in Israel so much that they end up making aliyah and are instrumental in causing their parents and other family members to do so as well.



KONSTANTIN & ALYONA
Khabarovsk Leaders



OUR ONGOING PROJECTS

SOME OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS ARE:



SHOES, CLOTHING AND BLANKETS

Our provision of warm winter shoes, clothes and blankets are gratefully received by many Jewish families struggling to get through the long, often extremely cold Russian winter months.



HELP IN ISRAEL

At our Jerusalem office we help those who have 'returned' to Israel during the transitional period of settling in the Land, some with food and other essentials and many with advice and information to enable them to truly make Israel their home.



MEDICINES FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

We help the survivors and other elderly Jewish people by purchasing medicines they need for their chronic illnesses which they cannot afford on their tiny pensions.



JEWISH FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Purchasing school uniforms and stationery sets is very welcome indeed by parents struggling to afford these expensive items. We also help children to go to Israel on study programmes.



FOOD PARCELS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Our food parcels distribution is vital to Jewish families who cannot afford to eat properly. They are especially blessed with this aid during Hanukkah.



BNEI MENASHE

We are continuing to financially support Shavei Israel, a Jewish organisation, in enabling the aliyah of the Bnei Menashe this year.

MEETING CHILDREN'S NEEDS

One of the ways we help Jewish families struggling to survive on low incomes is through purchasing school uniforms and stationery sets for their children. In response to a request from the leader of a local Jewish community, we helped two single mothers both with

three children by buying uniforms. We also provided stationery for the children of 10 other families.

Rising prices of these items is causing real concern and the parents were so grateful for our help in time for the start of the new school year in September.

Other humanitarian aid projects which we ran for children in 2015 included medicines and food parcels for more than 20 families. We gave gifts to children at gatherings, one of which was arranged by the Association of Mothers with Physical Disabilities and another at an art centre where disabled children develop handicraft skills. Many hearts were deeply touched at each of these events.

Our Novosibirsk team blessed 28 families in Siberia by buying their children school uniforms, stationery, books and satchels for the start of the new school year in September 2015.



RUSSIA



NIKOLAI
PYATIGORSK REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE



INDIA/ISRAEL

THEY'RE COMING BACK!

Ebenezer Operation Exodus is helping to bring about a miraculous homecoming to Israel, one of profound historical and Biblical significance.

More than 2,700 years after their ancestors were exiled from the Land of Israel, the tribe of Bnei Menashe (Hebrew for 'the sons of Manasseh') is returning in ever greater numbers, just as the prophets foretold.

Over the past two years, Shavei Israel has brought over 1,100 Bnei Menashe to Israel from the far reaches of north-eastern India. There are now 3,000 of them living in Israel, with another 7,000 still in India waiting for the day when they, too, can set foot on the Land where their forefathers lived.

This year the Israeli government will allow Shavei Israel to bring more than

700 Bnei Menashe home and by the end of this decade we hope to bring all the remaining members of the community to Israel. Their return to Israel is accelerating but we need your help!

Isaiah 49:22 says, 'See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders.' That means it is you who will carry the sons

and daughters of Israel back to the Land from the nations.

You can carry us with your love, prayers and financial support, so please help us to bring the Bnei Menashe home.



MICHAEL FREUND
CHAIRMAN
SHAVEI ISRAEL



EBENEZER
OPERATION EXODUS

**CELEBRATING
25 YEARS**
HELPING
THE JEWISH
PEOPLE
RETURN TO
ISRAEL

Operation Exodus is an instrument of the Lord, to encourage and help the Jewish people to return to the Land of Israel from the land of the north and all the nations and to proclaim God's Kingdom purposes for their return.

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