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...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Mt. 25:40b

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Dear Friends,

With gratitude to God, we would like to inform you about our recent trip to Ukraine, which took place at the turn of May and June. During

ved friends have been faithfully and devotedly serving for many years in this blessed mission



this time, we were able to deliver the aid for the Pesach parcels, which you so generously supported. This help was provided to all those in need whom we visited, either in the form of food packages or vouchers to be used in local supermarkets.

We began our journey in Shepetivka, where we met in the synagogue with our dear friends and co-workers – Zinovy and Rosa. Our belo-



of helping those in need in Shepetivka. Despite the passing years and growing health issues that increasingly affect them, they continue in this ministry, even though they themselves need more support – above all, our prayers, that the Lord would strengthen and bless them in this challenging mission.

Together with Zinovy and Rosa, we visited people in need in their homes.

The first person we visited was 67-year-old Isaak. After the death of his mother, Bronia, who passed away many years ago, Isaak has been living alone. His greatest struggle – and disability – is mental illness, which prevents him from functioning properly on his own. For many years, he has been under the care of his

uncle's son. By God's grace, Isaak is able to manage basic daily tasks, but he requires constant pharmacological treatment. We ask that you remember Isaak and his family in your



prayers – they need not only physical support but also spiritual. *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* (Psalm 34:18 [or 34:19 in some versions])

May this promise of God's nearness be an encouragement both to Isaak and to those who care for him. May Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, open their hearts to Himself.

We also visited our dear sister in Yeshua – Yeva. As a nurse, she faithfully supported Rosa for over twenty years in caring for the most needy and sick members of the Jewish community in Shepetivka. Recently, Yeva celebra-



ted her 74th birthday. In recent years, she has suffered greatly from advanced degenerative joint disease. Additionally, after a severe case of COVID-19, she is no longer able to care for others – now she herself needs support and care. We are immensely grateful to God for her faithful service and for her vibrant faith in Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, which she continues to share with others.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isaiah 46:4)

May this wonderful promise of God be a source of comfort and strength for Yeva. Please, surround her with your prayers – for God's protection, healing, and daily blessings. May the Lord and Messiah Yeshua, to whom she entrusted her life, comfort and guide her every day.

The next people we visited were a married couple: 72-year-old Raya and 71-year-old Oleg. Both are in a very difficult health situation. We have supported Raya many times in her serious liver problems – unfortunately, the illness has returned. Her husband is suffering from severe kidney failure, which increasingly disrupts his daily life. We kindly ask you to pray for this couple – for God's support, healing, and strength in their struggles. Let us also pray



for their salvation and that their hearts may open to Messiah Yeshua. *The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.* (Psalm 145:14). May this truth about the

Lord's mercy and strength be a comfort and encouragement to them to entrust themselves to God.

The last person we visited in Shepetivka was 76-year-old Raya. We mention Raya in almost every prayer letter, as her health continues to deteriorate. One of the most serious issues, also very difficult for her caregivers, is progressing dementia. We sincerely ask you: please pray for Raya, especially for her physical and mental health – that Yeshua, whom she tru-



sted many years ago, would show her His help and grace in this challenging time of her life. *Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.* (Psalm 71:9)

May this prayer of the psalmist also become our prayer for Raya – that the Lord would be with her until the end of her days.

While in Shepetivka, we also visited the soup kitchen, where our dear ones receive warm, two-course meals every day. It was



a time of fellowship, greetings, and sharing the Good News of the Savior Yeshua. Our dear ones from the soup kitchen in Shepetivka send you warm greetings and heartfelt thanks for your faithful support of this place during such a difficult time for them.

During our visit to the kitchen, we spoke with one of the beneficiaries – 54-year-old Dima. Dima is in a very difficult health and housing situation. Due to numerous illnesses, he cannot take on regular work, and his income is not enough to rent a place. He currently lives with kind people who have shared their home with him. We ask you to pray for Dima –



for God's guidance and a proper solution to this difficult situation.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God. (Psalm 146:5)

Let us pray that Dima places his hope in the Lord and experiences His real, tangible help.

As we left Shepetivka, we carried in our hearts all our dear ones there – especially Zinoviy and Rosa, who tirelessly serve those in need and greatly need our support and prayers. Let us entrust them together before the throne of God's grace.

The next stage of our journey was Vinnytsia, where we also spent time visiting many people whom we regularly support.

The first was 56-year-old Jura, who about a year ago suffered an unfortunate hip joint fracture. After the surgery, it turned out the bone was improperly set, making it impossi-

ble for Jura to walk or function normally. He also can no longer continue his construction work, which was his main source of income. After many efforts, he now receives a small disability pension, which is not enough to cover even his basic housing expenses. When we visited him, we saw firsthand how difficult his situation is – he hadn't even owned a refrigerator for over a year. By God's grace and your support, we were able to purchase a used refrigerator to help meet this basic need.



Jura

Please pray for Jura – for wisdom in making difficult decisions regarding a possible second surgery, and for openness of heart to God's Word and the messianic community in Vinnytsia. *Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.* (Psalm 50:15) May Jura experience this promise of God in his life.

A particularly moving visit for us was to 78-year-old Svitlana and her son Anatoliy. Svitlana grew up in the shadow of the Holocaust – her parents miraculously survived the Nazi occupation of Vinnytsia. She worked her entire life as a chemical engineer and now receives a very small pension of about 4000 UAH (roughly \$120 USD monthly equivalent). She suffers from many illnesses and has great difficulty moving around. Her son Anatoliy cannot take a job because there is a real risk he could be conscripted into military service – and then his mother would be left completely without



Visit to Anatoliy and Svitlana

care. Because of this impossible situation, the family has quickly fallen into poverty. Recently, their washing machine broke down, and Anatoliy had to wash everything by hand. Thanks to God's grace, we were able to provide funds for its repair. If anyone is able to help purchase a new one, we would be very grateful for any donation marked: "washing machine." We kindly ask you to pray for Svitlana and Anatoliy – for both practical help and for their hearts to be open to God's love.

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. (Psalm 146:9)

May the Lord care for Svitlana and Anatoliy just as He promised – with love and justice.

We also visited 76-year-old Borys. We are grateful to God that Borys receives regular as-



Borys

sistance from us, and now, as he suffers from acute kidney failure, we are also able to support him through our dear partners from the Shamash Foundation. Borys's wife, Raya, was recently hospitalized due to a heart condition. Both Borys and Raya once visited our country as part of the "Rest" project. They have both heard much about salvation in the Messiah Yeshua. We kindly ask you to pray for this couple – that the good God would provide His best solution for their illnesses, and above all, that He would open their hearts to the salvation found in Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel.

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. (Psalm 41:3)

May the God who knows every suffering transform their pain into grace and lead them to the fullness of life in Yeshua.

We also visited 74-year-old Galina, who recently lost her husband. The grief and sadness



are still very fresh – her beloved husband had been a great help to her in everyday life. Galina also suffers from serious spine problems, which significantly limit her mobility and daily functioning. We thank God for Galina's open heart to the Good News about Messiah Yeshua. Galina also expressed a desire to begin attending regular Shabbath meetings with the messianic community in Vinnytsia. Let us lift up Galina and her life to the Lord – that she may find salvation and rest in the Messiah.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Let us pray that Galina may find her strength and spiritual renewal in the Lord.

In Vinnytsia, we also met with Oksana and her daughter Alexandra. Sadly, their situation has not improved at all. Due to the ongoing war and Oksana's very low income, they are



forced to move from place to place, renting a room or two for short periods. Unfortunately, there are very few opportunities to rent even a single room with a kitchen – which brings Oksana and Alexandra dangerously close to homelessness. This is especially tragic in their case. With our limited resources, we are unable to provide them with the kind of help that would ensure a permanent place to live. In the midst of all this, we continue to lift our hearts and prayers to the Lord, who is the God of the impossible. We pray in faith and hope that He will bring a solution to this deeply complicated situation.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. (Psalm 72:12)

May God, who hears the cry of the oppressed, become their Refuge and Guide.

While in Vinnytsia, we also visited the soup kitchen, which – thanks to your support – we have been able to help for many years. Our dear ones who benefit from this much-needed assistance send you heartfelt greetings filled with gratitude.



Soup kitchen in Vinnytsia

Our visit with Leonid was filled with emotion and joy. We were deeply moved as we recalled his time in Poland as part of the “Rest” project, during which he had the opportunity to hear much about salvation in Messiah Yeshua. In the past two years, Leonid has gone through tremendous tragedy – first his son died, and not long after, his wife passed away. He fell into deep depression and isolation, cutting himself off from the world. Not long ago, on his 85th birthday, Leonid suffered a brain haemorrhage, which resulted in temporary paralysis on one side of his body. Thankfully, most of the symptoms have now subsided. During our visit, we strongly felt the desire to once again share with him the Good News of Messiah Yeshua – and to our great joy, he asked us to pray with him to receive



Visit to Leonid

Yeshua as his Messiah and Savior. For him – a Holocaust survivor – this was a great and joyful day: the day when the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who had spared his life so many times physically, now received him to grant him eternal life.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

Glory to God for this wonderful day of new birth for Leonid!

That same day, we also visited 89-year-old Cyla, another Holocaust survivor. She shared with us her moving life story, telling how the Lord Himself saved her multiple times from the hands of the German oppressors while she was hiding in various places in and around Vinnytsia. Together with Cyla, we gave thanks to the God of Israel for His grace, faithfulness, and the many miracles she and her loved ones experienced.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. (Psalm 9:9)



Cyla

Please pray for Cyla – that the One who protected her all her life would now also open the eyes of her heart to the salvation found in Messiah Yeshua.

We also visited 76-year-old Dola. Dola is a well-known singer, poet, and translator of Hebrew and Russian. A collection of her poems, as well as a volume of Ukrainian and Russian poetry translated by her into Hebrew, was published in Israel.

The crowning achievement of her artistic career was the release of a CD featuring Psalms of David arranged and performed by



her. Dola lives alone and has a deep faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Our heartfelt desire is for her to come to know the Savior Yeshua – that His love and care may become a real and tangible experience for her.

The Lord has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Let us pray that the Lord will reveal Himself to Dola in the full beauty of His salvation.

We also visited Kola and his wife Luba. A few years ago, Kola fell seriously ill and was hospitalized in Vinnytsia. This difficult time – during which Kola came very close to death – was deeply emotional for both his parents and for Kola and Luba themselves. That experience brought them closer to God and to Messiah Yeshua, and the help many of you provided has remained for them a powerful testimony



of God's touch and love. Kola is still undergoing a long rehabilitation process, which is progressing very slowly. Nevertheless, he and his family continue to need much patience and perseverance before he fully regains physical strength. During our visit, we were able to pray together and entrust Kola and Luba with their children into the hands of Almighty God. Luba, who serves in the military, also needs God's protection and guidance in her service.

The Lord protects the simplehearted; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. (Psalm 116:6–7)

While in Vinnytsia, we were overjoyed to take part in a special Sabbath celebration combined with the Feast of Shavuot. We thank God for the continually growing messianic community in Vinnytsia. At the last meeting alone, five new people joined the community! How much joy we experience seeing these dear faces – people who, through the practical help they've received from us over the years, have opened their hearts to the Savior Yeshua. Let us continue to lift this community in prayer to Almighty God, asking for further growth, that it may



be an oasis and a meeting place with the living God of Israel for many.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3)

During our trip, we also visited Hnivan, where we have been helping members of the local Jewish community in need for many years. From the very beginning of our ministry in this city, we worked with Borys, who, now over 86 years old and after the passing of his wife, is no longer able to continue this service. Although Borys can no longer coordinate the aid efforts in Hnivan, we thank God that someone has stepped in to continue this important work among the local community. During our visit with Borys, we reminisced together about the beautiful and blessed times of our ministry there. Please pray for Borys's health – especially his



mental state, which has remained fragile since the loss of his wife. His situation is further complicated by advancing dementia.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

While in Hnivan, we also visited Julia, whom we've known for many years. When her mo-

ther Bella was still alive, we supported them through very difficult financial times. Julia now lives alone. Despite mental health challenges and other medical issues, by God's grace she is doing well and is under the ongoing care of the local Jewish community.



Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. (Psalm 55:22)

We also visited 86-year-old Emma, a Holocaust survivor who lived through the horrors of the Bershad Ghetto. Her life story is filled with extraordinary events and miracles from



God. With deep gratitude to the Lord, Emma confessed that she is alive only thanks to His grace and goodness.

From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. (Psalm 3:8)

Let us carry Emma in our prayers, asking that in her old age, the Spirit of God would open her heart to salvation in Messiah Yeshua.

Our next stop was Sharhorod, where we visited several people we've been supporting.

The first person we met there was 90-year-old Arkadiy, who welcomed us with great joy.



Meeting with Arkadiy

Despite the terrible experiences he endured during the Holocaust, Arkadiy is in good health and spirits. During our visit, he shared the deep tragedy of losing many of his friends and loved ones during that time. With great emotion, he told us how he faithfully tends to every grave in the local Jewish cemetery where his dear ones are buried. Together, we gave thanks to God for His miracles and the grace He has shown to Arkadiy throughout his life. Our heartfelt prayer is that in his old age, Arkadiy would come to encounter the living Messiah of Israel, Yeshua.

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true. Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight. (Psalm 119:142–143)

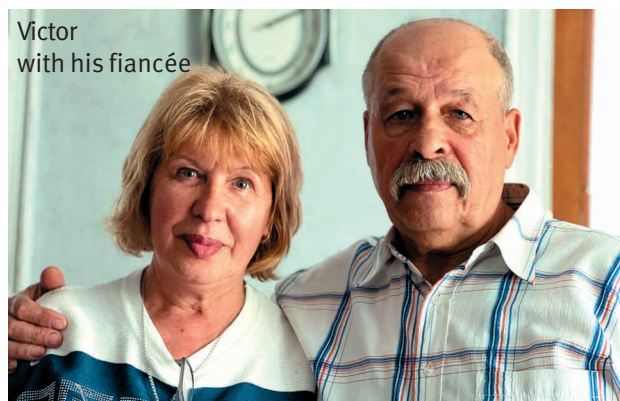
Next, we met with 65-year-old Alik. With great tenderness and gratitude, he spoke of the help he has received from us on numerous occasions and continues to receive. We also want to thank each one of you who have not held back your prayers and financial support, making this ministry possible — bearing fruit both in practical aid and in the salvation of many from the Jewish people.



Meeting with Alik

Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you. (Numbers 24:9b)

At the end of our time in Sharhorod, we met with Viktor, who shared some very joyful news with us. After the death of his beloved wife and many months of mourning and grief, a new chapter has begun — Viktor has met a won-



Viktor
with his fiancée

derful woman, and they are planning to marry and begin a new life together. We are thankful to God for guiding Viktor's life in such a beautiful way and for turning his sorrow into joy. Please pray for them both — that together they may serve not only the needy Jewish people in their town, but also the God of Israel and Messiah Yeshua.

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy... (Psalm 30:11)

During our stay in Ukraine, we also visited the town of Bar, where we have been providing help for many years. While there, we met with several individuals receiving this support.

The first was 92-year-old Ilia, who lives alone following the loss of his wife. Ilia is nearly completely blind, but spiritually he is a man who has encountered his Lord and Savior, Yeshua. Despite his limited eyesight, he clear-



ly saw Yeshua's outstretched arms and the love of the Messiah of Israel embracing him. We are grateful to God that Ilia remains under the care of the local Jewish community in Bar. It brings us great joy that years of contact and support led Ilia to come to faith in Yeshua the Messiah.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)

We also visited 46-year-old Ilona, who suffers greatly from a chronic skin condition known as ichthyosis. This rare genetic disorder causes extreme dryness of the skin, which becomes scaly and vulnerable to painful cracking and itching. These cracks often lead to various infections. Despite her young age, Ilona faces serious difficulties in maintaining regular employment and fully supporting herself. For many years now, Ilona has placed her faith in Yeshua as her Savior and is an active



member of the local Christian community. Please pray for Ilona — in addition to this debilitating illness, she also experienced rejection from her father. After the death of her mother, she was left completely alone. Still, Ilona holds firmly to her faith and trust in the Lord. Let us support her in our prayers.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. (Psalm 27:10)

We had a very meaningful visit with the couple Larysa and Wladimir. Both of them are refugees from the eastern part of Ukraine, which is now occupied by Russian forces. Their home in Mykolaiv was completely destroyed, and they barely managed to escape with their lives. After many traumatic experiences, and with the help of distant acquaintances, they made their way to Bar, where they now live in very modest conditions in a rented house.

During our conversation, Larysa and Wladimir listened with great interest and attention



to the Good News about the Messiah of Israel – Yeshua. We ask you to pray for this couple – that through continued contact with our dear co-workers in Bar, they might one day entrust their lives into the loving hands of Israel's Messiah, Yeshua.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Though these words are spoken by Yeshua in the Gospels, their promise can already be found in the Book of Isaiah:

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:29)

The last town we visited during this journey was Zhmerynka.

We thank God for the many years of assistance we've been able to provide there to members of the local Jewish community in need.

We are grateful to God for our dear Emma, who – despite many challenges – faithfully coordinates this ministry, not only by helping individuals, but also by running a soup kitchen for the most vulnerable.

Together with Emma, we went to the local synagogue, where we handed out food vouchers to those in need who were already waiting for us.

It was a wonderful opportunity to speak with them and to pass along greetings and expres-



Meeting in the synagogue in Zhmerynka

sions of love — the same love they are receiving through your support.

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! The Lord will deliver him in the day of trouble. (Psalm 41:1)

Together with Emma, we also visited several people in their homes who receive help from us. One of them was 64-year-old Zhanna, who cared for her paralyzed husband for 20 years.



Zhanna

Since his passing, she has been living alone. Zhanna suffers from many health problems, the most serious being issues with stabilizing her blood pressure.

We spoke with Zhanna about the Gospel of peace and about how worthwhile it is to entrust one's life to Messiah Yeshua – the One who gives true peace and joy, even in the midst of loneliness. Please pray for Zhanna – for her health, and most of all, for her salvation.

The next person we visited in Zhmerynka was 89-year-old Boris.

The powerful story he shared with us took us back to the dark times of the Holocaust.

Boris, together with his mother and two younger brothers, witnessed the brutal murder of his father by German occupiers. They



A visit to Boris

were forced to wander through forests and backroads to survive. As the Scriptures say:

If the Lord had not been on our side – let Israel say – if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us... (Psalm 124:1–2)

Eventually, they arrived in the village of Lopatyntsi, where they thought they had found safety. But not long after, special German death squads (Einsatzgruppen) arrived in the area. Warned in time by one of the village resi-

dents, they managed to escape. By God's providence, they got in contact with a distant relative who hid them in a pit dug in the forest and camouflaged to stay hidden.

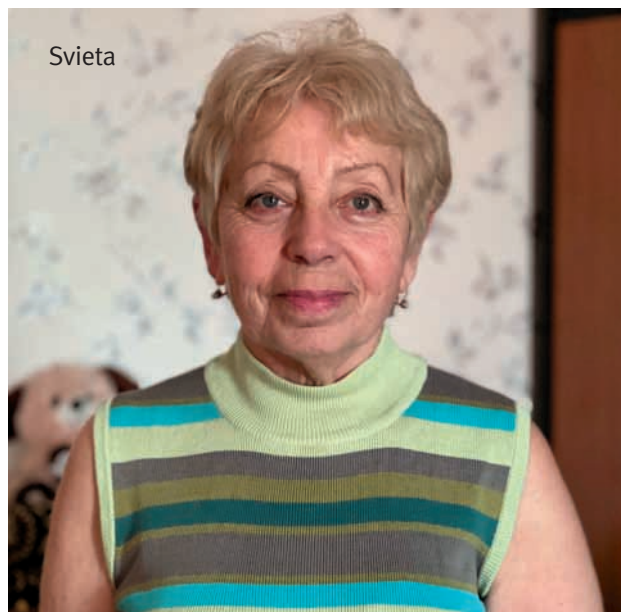
After the war, this same relative married Boris's mother, becoming a father to him and his brothers — a true act of God's saving grace. As written in Isaiah:

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

After the war, Boris managed to rebuild his life. He married and had a son. But his life was not free from sorrow and tragedy. His beloved son, a high-ranking sapper officer, died tragically during the war in Afghanistan. Three years ago, Boris also lost his wife. As we listened to Boris's story, we felt a deep desire to encourage him to entrust his life to the Savior, Yeshua. We prayed together that the Lord would reveal His salvation through Messiah Yeshua — the One given to the people of Israel from the very beginning. Thanking God for Boris's life, we invite you to pray that the Holy Spirit would convict him of his need for the Savior — the One who brings true comfort, hope, and eternal life. Boris's story is a powerful reminder to us of the need for prayer, support, and love in the face of tragedy — but also of unshakable faith in God's providence. Despite all the heartbreaking events he lived through, Boris still has the opportunity to discover the fullness of life in Messiah Yeshua. By supporting Boris in this way, we remind ourselves how important it is to show love and assistance to those who have endured tragedy — especially within the Jewish people.

Even today, many Jews in Ukraine continue to struggle with poverty, war, suffering, and hopelessness. And it is precisely there — in the midst of hardship — that our practical love is especially needed.

The last person we visited in Zhmerynka was 72-year-old Svieta, who some time ago accepted Yeshua as her Messiah and Savior. Svieta is battling cancer. In January, she completed a round of radiation treatments and is now continuing with medication.



Svieta

Despite being alone and facing many challenges, she remains joyful and confident in the daily help of her Savior Yeshua, to whom she entrusted her life.

She openly shared that it is He who gives her supernatural strength, joy, and unwavering faith that her life is in His almighty hands.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Let us lift Svieta up in our prayers — that with God's help, she would remain a strong and steadfast witness of His protection and care in her life.

While in Zhmerynka, we also visited the soup kitchen we've supported for many years in this city. There we met with many of our dear friends who benefit from this assistance. Please accept from them heartfelt expressions of gratitude and every blessing for your open hearts and practical support, through which this soup kitchen is able to function. For many lonely and sick individuals, this help is real



Soup kitchen in Zhmerynka

and meaningful in their daily struggles. As Scripture says:

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:35–36)

We kindly ask you to pray for the continued operation of this soup kitchen, as the dramatic rise in food prices makes daily meals increasingly expensive, and the threat of having to shut it down has become a real concern. To conclude this letter, we want to share with you a beautiful moment we experienced during our stay in Zhmerynka.

While still at the synagogue, we were invited by the leader of the local Jewish community to a holiday gathering held in honor of the Feast of Shavuot.

This is a time in Jewish tradition when thanks are given to God for the gift of the Torah to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai, and the Book of Ruth is publicly and solemnly read — the story of a Moabite woman, a foreigner, who loved her Jewish mother-in-law Naomi and chose to bind herself forever to the people of Israel.

When we arrived at the synagogue in the late afternoon, we found the hall beautifully decorated. We were given a place at a festively adorned table, where we sat with other guests. Together, we listened as the entire Book of Ruth was read aloud during this special evening. It was at that moment that we felt like Ruth herself, when she said to her Jewish mother-in-law:

But Ruth replied: Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will



Reading of the Book of Ruth in the synagogue in Zhmerynka

go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16)

For us, this was a deeply moving and symbolic moment. This experience filled our hearts with gratitude, and the example of Ruth — her devotion, love, and willingness to become part of God's people, Israel — will remain forever etched in our memory. At that time, with thankful hearts, we thought of all of you —



Joint celebration of Shavuot
at the synagogue in Zhmerynka

those who, through your prayerful posture and acts of practical love toward the people of Israel, are like Ruth.

Through your commitment and love, you not only become part of this people, but also a living testimony of God's work and love in the world.

Your support — both spiritual and financial — enables us to continue this ministry, which for over twenty years has been bringing practical help and the message of love to many Jews in need — Jews who have given their lives to the Messiah of Israel, the Savior Yeshua. Your attitude is a tremendous testimony to us, and the help you bring changes the lives of many people. Thanks to your financial support, prayers, and love, many Jews suffering from poverty, persecution, or the effects of war can feel God's love in a practical way. Often, this is the only help they receive.

By supporting us, you become part of this great work that not only changes the lives of those who receive it but also transforms us — it is fully God's plan, where every help and every good deed we pass on carries immense significance.

Just like Ruth, who through her devotion became part of the people of Israel, we are also called to be part of the same plan. Every act of love, every prayer, and every help we show – especially in the face of difficulties such as today's war in Ukraine and the drastic impoverishment of society connected with it – has deep meaning.

By supporting poor Jews in Ukraine, we become participants in God's plan of love and salvation for His beloved people.

Many Jewish families in Ukraine are struggling with dramatic hardships: war, poverty, lack of hope. Your support allows not only to provide them with the necessary means to live but also to give them hope and a sense that they are not alone.

Because of you, we can bring help in the form of daily meals, medicines, and also spiritual support.

Just like Ruth, who through her love for Naomi became part of God's people, so you, through your commitment, become part of this wonderful plan of love that embraces not only Israel but all nations.

With gratitude in our hearts, we thank God for your attitude and for the fact that thanks to your support, this ministry can continue. We thank God that you are part of this mission – a mission of practical help that brings blessing and hope to those in the most difficult situations.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your open hearts, for through your help, you become a living testimony of God's work and love – just like Ruth, who through her attitude, devotion, and love became part of God's people, bringing blessing to all who met her.

Shalom from Oświęcim

Rest Project 2025

In the Gospel of Luke 15:7, Jesus says: *I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.* This powerful verse holds special meaning in the Rest Project, which we have been carrying out for many years now. Our elder brothers in faith from Ukraine and Israel have the opportunity each year to come to Poland and see our beautiful country. Here, they can rest and – for a moment – forgets about air raids, attacks, uncertainty, the sound of sirens that always bring fear, not only for themselves but also for their loved ones.

This is a tremendous blessing, one that we Poles so often take for granted. We are forgetful of the great gift the Lord has given us – that we can fall asleep and wake up in peace and safety. Our dear guests can experience this here and, if only for a few days, escape their daily reality. Rest and physical renewal are just one side of this project.

However, life always needs stability and balance. That's why a key part of this project is also focused on Bible study and getting to know our loving Father. By combining care for both body and spirit, we create a complete experience – one that always touches their hearts.

The Rest Project began on April 30th, when a plane from Tel Aviv landed late at night at Kraków Airport, carrying seven of our guests. Five women and one married couple – all residents of Haifa – looked around hesitantly until we approached them. There is always some initial tension, but then emotions ease, and bonds are formed that often last for years. The oldest of them, Ludmila, was already 85 years old; the others were only slightly younger. They arrived in Oświęcim late at night, and that marked the beginning of the entire project.

The first three days spent in this region evoked many emotions. During this time, we went to Wisła, a picturesque town at the foot of Barania Góra. The Silesian Beskids, full of charm and attracting thousands of tourists every year, truly capture the heart. It was no different with our

guests. But what touched them the most was the hospitality and love they experienced there. As in previous years, our friends from the church in Wisła Czarne prepared such a heartfelt welcome that many previous groups still remember their time there fondly.

On May 3rd, we departed for a sanatorium in Kołobrzeg, where they were to spend two weeks. The long train journey left them a bit tired, but the sight of the Polish Baltic Sea fully compensated for the effort. Polish cuisine, daily rehabilitation treatments, and the beauty of Kołobrzeg itself helped ease the negative emotions they had brought with them, day by day. Kołobrzeg was not chosen by accident. The healing properties of Kołobrzeg's peat were discovered by a Jewish doctor, which sparked the development and prosperity of this small fishing village. So why shouldn't Jews also come and benefit from this place? And so, we've been coming to Kołobrzeg for several years now.

During their stay, we held evening prayers and Bible studies regularly. We explained the Scriptures that point to Yeshua. There were always many questions from them. These were usually hearts that had been distant from God, having rejected everything associated with Jesus. Yet as the days of reflection passed, the ice in their hearts began to melt. Curiosity began to grow – the desire to know more, to understand what they had long since rejected.

It's not easy to come to terms, in the later years of life, with the realization that one may have lived it without ever knowing the greatest love and joy given to humankind. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, such a transformation is nearly impossible. So we give glory to God that each year, some of these hearts open up to His love.

After the stay, we traveled to Warsaw for three days, from where they were to fly back to Israel. Warsaw captivated them with its beauty and history. We visited the POLIN Museum, where they learned about the history of Polish Jews. Some of them were unaware of certain key events from our past and later asked more questions about Poland's rich and often difficult history. They were also enchanted by the Old Town – entirely rebuilt after the war – which shows a glimpse of the splendor of Warsaw, brutally murdered during the war. Murdered – because a verdict was issued by Hitler that it should never rise again. And yet, today Warsaw stands rebuilt, proud and beautiful, independent, although its Jewish citizens are no longer among its residents.

After returning to Israel, some of the individuals who had opened their hearts to Yeshua joined their local Christian communities. This fills our hearts with joy and always motivates us to continue this spiritual work.

However, none of this would be possible without the generosity of many hearts who support our work. Therefore, may our loving Father reward your sacrificial hearts.

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