

Pray for

The Remnant of Israel

"Proclaim give praise and say, O Lord, save your people the remnant of Israel"

A Vision for Provision



a Humanitarian Aid Center in Jerusalem

"For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. This is My resting place forever: here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread." Psalm 132:13-15

We sense that the times in which we live are urgent. It is time to be doers of the word and not just hearers only. It is now time 'to comfort all who mourn and console those who mourn in Zion'. With this goal in mind, in 1993, we established an Israeli non-profit charitable organization called "Vision for Israel". Our vision for this work is to help rebuild the nation of Israel both physically and spiritually. This includes seeking opportunities to

demonstrate God's love and compassion by giving to the poor, the needy, the orphans, the widows, the new immigrants and the families of terrorist victims. Requests for aid are increasing daily from Jewish and Arab communities.

We are now seeing prophecy being fulfilled daily as the Jewish people are coming back to the Land of Israel from the four corners of the earth. We know that because of this, we are living in the last days. In Israel today, over one million new immigrants have arrived from the former Soviet Union. They continue to return by the thousands every month. The social-welfare infrastructure of the government of Israel is now overwhelmed. They cannot handle the pressure alone. We now have a great challenge and responsibility to be a great blessing of comfort to Israel. Over the last three years, the work of Vision for Israel has grown and devel-

oped in stages. The persistent terrorist bombings of early 1996 gave the board members of VFI added dimension to its focus. The maiming, loss and devastation of human beings was both tragic and permanent. The need to support the families that had fallen victim to terrorist atrocities became urgent in our hearts. It was during this time that we sensed the Lord envisioning us to expand into a new area of our charity work. This expansion brought lots of new challenges.

On January 1, 1998, Vision for Israel opened the first stage of The Jerusalem Joseph Storehouse, a warehouse concentrating on gathering, and distributing humanitarian aid with an emphasis on





Dedication of the Joseph Storehouse in Jerusalem medical supplies. The need for medical supplies is vastly unmet and growing daily. Now we also distribute food, clothing, toiletries and toys. On January 1, 1999 we leased a second



storehouse - stage 2. Since we opened both stages, we have received over 10 tons of used clothing, a sea container of medical supplies and hundreds of bags and parcels of toiletries and food brought by various tour groups. We have witnessed many miracles of God as He has met every need and He continues to fill the storehouses to overflowing. We are standing in faith that in the near future we will be able to buy a facility exclusively designed for all facets of **VFI**. A storehouse which will be a floodgate through

which precious provisions can flow. The work is increasing daily with greater demands on personnel and finances. With this letter to you, we have included a few of the challenges we face, for your prayers. It is only through partnership with friends that we can continue to be a channel of blessing to those in Israel who are in great need physically and spiritually.



Thank you for sharing with us in this 'Vision for Israel'.

JERUSALEM JOSEPH STOREHOUSE

Vision for Israel's goal is to be a channel of help to the Jewish and Arab communities of Israel through the distribution of a full range of medical supplies & emergency equipment, bedding, food, clothing, toys and life's basic necessities.

Our budget for the two Storehouses is \$101,275 including all expenses. We still need to meet this budget.

INCOMING CONTAINERS - By the grace of God and the generosity of those shipping humanitarian aid to Israel, we do not have to pay the costs of shipping from various countries. Customs clearance costs, in Israel however, are between \$7,500 and \$10,000 per container, including the VAT (value added tax). This cost is nominal considering a container's contents may be valued up to \$100,000 in supplies.

Over the next few months, we are anticipating the arrival of several containers. The total clearance costs for these containers will be in excess of \$58,000.

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS

Shipment of medical supplies.



VEHICLE

Our transportation needs have grown dramatically as the work has expanded. The cost of purchasing a much needed 20 foot truck for pick-up and deliveries is \$60,000.

ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRANTS



We are in contact with 150 families living in caravans on the south side of Jerusalem. *Vision for Israel's* support of these new immigrants costs \$150 per family. This buys a month's provision of basic food only. **The total amount required to meet their needs is \$22,500.**

"They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do".

Galatians 2:10



OPERATION PACK TO SCHOOL

“He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy... for He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper“ Psalm 72:4,12

In Israel today, one out of every six families lives under the poverty line.



An urgent necessity for children of poor families is a school bag containing basic supplies. We are arranging to purchase 15,000 school backpacks which will be an ongoing project. We are working

fervently to provide these necessary materials by the start of each school year. Further details can be obtained by post and by E-mail. **Pray for all 15,000 backpacks to be filled on schedule.** This is our greatest challenge to date. Your gift of \$25 will provide one child with a pre-packaged backpack of school supplies. The entire project will cost **VFI \$375,000.** *Please pray about how many children you can help.*

Vision for Israel is on the move and we see these challenges as opportunities to bless the poor and needy people. In our nation's desperate situation we can see the mercy of God in action.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to be part of this vital charity work.

VISION for ISRAEL'S first visit to the Ethiopian New Immigrant Camp

A quick five-minute drive from the largest shopping mall in Jerusalem, on the rugged southern hills, hidden away from the eyes of modern Israel, one enters another environment and dimension in time. Acting upon a request for assistance, I (*Batya*) drove to this location on a Friday afternoon, just before Shabbat, to visit a group of new *olim* (immigrants) from Ethiopia. Having been told that the new Ethiopian Jewish citizens at this Jerusalem absorption camp were in much more desperate circumstances than even the normal immigrants, I wanted to venture there personally to see what help might be needed. At the new *olim* camp, I found more than 150 families living in poor conditions in a neighborhood of house-trailer caravans. It reminded me so much of when I was three years old and visited a similar immigrant camp with my parents. Remembering this, as I walked between these primitive pre-fabricated dwellings, I prayed that the Lord would guide me. He directed me to some children who were playing soccer with our co-worker Malachi. The children invited us to their caravan to meet their mother, Aviva.

Aviva came to Israel several months ago, a gentle and humble widow with five children. Her husband died in Ethiopia a few months before she made Aliyah. The family had been crowded into a modular unit no bigger than 400 square feet – the size of



Aviva, one of the new immigrants from Ethiopia



a train compartment - and were in desperate need of food, clothes, and shoes. Aviva herself was barefoot in the chilly weather.

We expressed our desire to be a blessing to them and to help provide them with clothes, toiletries, food items and household utensils. They were so humble and were reluctant to say anything but we kept asking them their needs as we saw their desperate condition.



The oldest boy at 14, Shai looked much older than his real age, and seemed mature beyond his years. His eyes were very sad, yet he was excited by our visit and shared his secret dream and hope of one day having his own bicycle. **Maya**, the 12-year-old, wanted only clothes, and shoes. **Gadi**, 6 years old, had never had a soccer ball. **Malka** – 9 years old was dreaming about having a doll. **Adam** – 7 years old wanted some crayons and toys. The other children were just happy to see us. We fell in love with this precious family.

We sensed their greatest lack was for the



household ~ cooking utensils, food, clothes and toys ~ almost everything we take for granted. This one family represents many Ethiopian Jews living in similar conditions ... the most needy people in our society today.

Four days later, we came back to visit them with the first delivery of many. First, we went to Aviva, the widow with her five children. Shai, the 14-year-old son, was already waiting for us outside. He was so excited about our coming. Normally, he would not have come home from his Yeshiva school across town on a Tuesday, but because he knew we were arriving, he came especially to see us and to find out what we were bringing. He helped us carry the bags and boxes into their tiny home.

As we took out the items one by one, they were all so happy. It felt like a wonderful



holiday for them. The children were all standing with great anticipation to see the next thing that I would take out of the bags that we had brought. ...*would it fit them?* ...*hoping the next item would be only for her, only for him.* Shai and Gadi took the soccer balls and started playing. We explained to them how to use some of the toiletry items and the bandages. Aviva served us a cold drink. She was so delighted to host us in her home and her smile said it all. It meant so much to her that someone cared for her family. There was a great sense of God's love and compassion in that place. He led us to this precious widow and her orphans.

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After they had all tried on their clothing and received their gifts, we went to visit the eldest daughter in her early twenties with her three babies. We all had to fit into the truck – the entire family and some of the neighbors who wanted to follow along. We had nine in the pickup truck...what a record! We managed to get there quickly as she lived only a few streets away. Upon entering her home, another caravan with very little space, she was so happy to see us. We came in with more boxes for her family. She was holding **Chaya** in her arms – a beautiful baby girl with curly hair and dark almond eyes. We brought Chaya brand new tiny shoes. I had thought to myself that these shoes would be too small to fit a one-year-old baby. We took her slippers off, and to my surprise, they fitted perfectly. This was her first pair of shoes.

A DREAM COME TRUE

One of our prayer partners in Austria read our report of the visit to the Ethiopian's absorption center. She was moved and sent us a donation to buy a bike for **Shai**. We decided to surprise him by coming back unexpectedly.

We went with our children to deliver this special gift directly to him. We knew he only came home on Fridays. We found his mother and sister preparing for Shabbat. I tried to explain to her that we needed to see Shai. She pointed to where we could find him. Within seconds there were about 20 more Ethiopian children all around us. They heard that Shai had got his first bike. With great excitement they started to run in front of our pick-up truck trying to help us find Shai. As we got to the top of the hill we stopped the truck and took the bike out of the vehicle. By then, Shai was running with all his strength to get to us. He was so happy. The big smile on his face said it all. We told him "God has answered your prayers, your dream has come true, you have a bicycle thanks to a dear lady that cared for you." He thanked us and after some instructions from Barry he got on and was riding all around the neighbourhood. We sensed great joy as we blessed this little orphan with something that meant so much for him.



Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27



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JERUSALEM JOSEPH STOREHOUSE

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

We had the privilege of hosting the president and founder of a large, international medical and humanitarian aid organization. During this time, we were able to visit over 12 medical facilities in Israel meeting with several key leaders and receiving much favor from open warm hearts. At the very beginning of our guest's visit, his words were, "I never considered Israel to be a third world country." However, before he left his words were: **"Israel has absorbed close to 1 million immigrants and most of them came from third world countries. Many of them come with nothing. I can see the great need to provide you with medical supplies."**

HUMANITARIAN AID SHIPMENTS

The first major shipment of medical supplies we received came from Germany. We are overwhelmed by the requests that we receive daily from the sick, the elderly and from other medical centers. Shipment of food supplies and other humanitarian aid are arriving now. *Please pray that this shipment will move through all shipping channels safely & smoothly. May these items be a great blessing to many. Pray for future containers of medical supplies and other humanitarian aid to come and fill the great demand that is increasing every day.*

May the comfort and love of God through the ministry work of THE JOSEPH STOREHOUSE continue to bring healing where there is sickness, light where there is darkness, and satisfaction where there is hunger.



SAVANNAH JOSEPH STOREHOUSE

OUR NEW DEPOT IN THE USA

Once again the Lord has done exceedingly, abundantly above all that we could imagine! He has blessed us with a new consolidation depot, **The Joseph Storehouse - in Savannah, GA.** We had been looking for several months for a storehouse to no avail when a brand new, unused, warehouse became available. We watched it being built for someone else. When we discovered it was becoming available, we began to seek the Lord for His direction. Miraculously He provided the first year's rent from one donor! We moved in to the storehouse on April 1st, 1999 and we are now ready to receive shipments.

We can see the hand of the Lord directing our steps in this vision.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for our staff. Pray for God's protection, wisdom and strength. Pray for financial provision for them. *Please also pray for additional volunteers in Israel, in Europe and in the USA, that are called and anointed to do this work.*

You are invited to celebrate with us!

The Joseph Storehouse Savannah, GA

Dedication/ Channukka Celebration

Friday 10th - Saturday 11th December 1999

Friday Evening - Shabbat Banquet Dinner,

Praise and Worship With Barry & Batya Segal

Saturday - Mini Conference

Saturday Evening - Dedication of the Storehouse,

Israeli Concert, Davidic Dance

Travel & Hotel information from Cindi Doyle at Designs Travel, Tel: 1-800-732-9963

More information to follow

We appreciate and value your prayers and your stand with us in these critical hours. We are sensing an increased opportunity to show the compassion of Yeshua through the humanitarian aid work of VFI.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

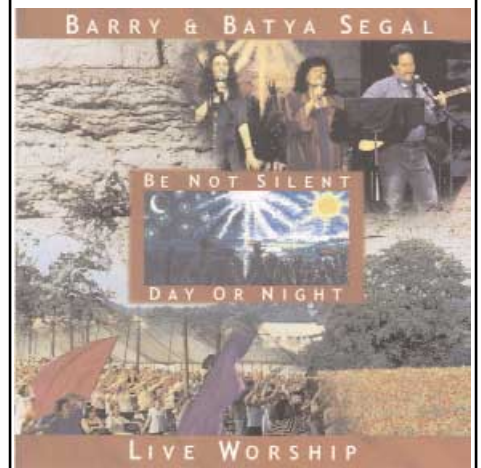
Deuteronomy 28:8

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Statement of Clarification

**“The Joseph Storehouse”,
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are a part of the charity work of
“Vision for Israel”.**

**We have no official links with other
Joseph projects worldwide.
To partner with us please contact our
offices directly.**

ATTENTION



ALL TOUR GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS COMING TO ISRAEL

The following is a list of current, basic items that we need. These items can presently be brought in luggage by friends, tour groups and individual tourists who are coming to Israel. Our highest priority at this stage is FOOD ITEMS, TOILETRIES, CHILDRENS CLOTHING and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. We welcome any quantities of the goods listed below:

FOOD ITEMS & MORE

- ◆ DRY MILK ◆ POWDERED EGGS
 - ◆ POTATO MIX ◆ HONEY
 - ◆ PEANUT BUTTER ◆ PRESERVES
- (Please Note: For safety, we recommend that these items only be packaged in plastic containers or cans. Seal the lids with masking tape or wrap them in bubble wrap and place in zip-loc bags)*
- ◆ CANNED TUNA IN WATER ◆ NUTS
 - ◆ DRIED FRUITS ◆ BAKING SODA
 - ◆ BAKING POWDER ◆ BROWN SUGAR ◆ OATMEAL ◆ SOUP MIXES *(no pork)* ◆ OATMEAL ◆ BOXED DRY CEREALS ◆ HERBAL TEAS
 - ◆ ICED TEA MIXES
 - ◆ KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
 - ◆ DISHES (plates, bowls, cups, mugs...)
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SUNDRIES

- ◆ TOILETRIES ◆ SHAMPOO
- ◆ VITAMINS ◆ FIRST AID KITS
- ◆ OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES
- ◆ BLANKETS ◆ TOWELS
- ◆ SLEEPING BAGS ◆ BEDDING
- ◆ AIR MATTRESSES
- ◆ BATTERIES ◆ FLASHLIGHTS
- ◆ ZIP-LOC BAGS (Freezer bags)
- ◆ TRASH BAGS, LARGE SIZES
- ◆ SCHOOL SUPPLIES (pencils,  crayons, erasers, notepads etc.)
- ◆ CANDIES and CHOCOLATES
- ◆ TOYS ◆ WATCHES 
- ◆ CHILDRENS NEW CLOTHES
- ◆ BABY CLOTHES
- ◆ SHOES and SNEAKERS
- ◆ SOCCER BALLS

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Luggage pick-up at the airport is for groups only.
2. Please make sure to notify us ahead of time before your arrival to Jerusalem. We need time to arrange our pick-up for the cases.
3. Do not leave suitcases with hotel staff or security as there is a chance they will get lost.
4. Please inform us by phone, e-mail, or fax. when you are arriving. Make sure you give us all the details: Your name, dates of your stay, name of the hotel, times when we can reach you, room number, etc... It is vital to coordinate ahead of time and not leave it until the last minute. *Thank you.*

*We warmly welcome you to visit "THE JOSEPH STOREHOUSE" that is located in the hills of Jerusalem
Love, Barry, Batya and the VFI staff*

"It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors for if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. Romans: 15:27"

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FOR LARGER QUANTITIES

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