



# Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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*Shalom, Dear Siloam friends*

*We send you our warm Christian greetings and hope you are all well.*

We are happy to report that we had a very busy summer with our regular monthly deliveries of food and clothing as well as preparing for our largest ever school backpack distribution programme. A very generous donor in the USA (who would like to remain anonymous) had 10,000 school backpacks made up and shipped to Israel, for children whose families could not afford to purchase them. These school backpacks were delivered or collected by many outreaches and municipalities around Israel. What a joy to know that some disadvantaged children would begin their school year prepared like all their other 'better-off' school classmates, fully equipped in respect of the protection of their school books. This helps to avoid unnecessary and unkind critical comments from other children of 'better-off' parents. We wish to express our grateful thanks to this generous donor in the USA for going to the trouble and expense of organising and shipping these school backpacks which have all been distributed to children in great need.

When Israel is under missile attack by Hamas in Gaza, the nearby town of Sderot is always the hardest hit. This last summer we were

*Providing a child with a new school backpack (satchel), helps them start the new school year on a positive note.*



*Haim Barak (far right) supervising the unloading of some of the 10,000 school backpacks shipped to Israel from the USA, made possible by a generous 'anonymous' donor.*



Giftng a satchel for a child from a needy family can help them start school without being discriminated against or 'picked on' by children from 'better-off' parents who can well afford their school equipment.



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## Haim supervising a food distribution to 'shell shot' Sderot where many are suffering with PTSD.



*Helping in a practical Christian way by providing a 'drop in' venue as well as nutritious food and refreshing drink for vulnerable street people in Tel Aviv.*

asked to step in by delivering food to folk in need in Sderot where many find earning a living difficult due to suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is estimated that as many as 90% of residents and 70% of all children in Sderot suffer from PTSD. We were extremely grateful to have an opportunity to help these dear people. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for this community and thank you also for empowering us to deliver this much needed help to these desperate folk.

We would also like to thank you for enabling us, to share with the street people in Tel Aviv. It's so good for them to have a place to go to receive a loving welcome, counselling and enjoy wholesome food as they navigate through the difficulties in their lives.

We have also had some busy weeks bringing food to those in great poverty before the High Holy Days in the Jewish calendar. We do our best to make sure they can celebrate so we add a few festive elements to our deliveries. These last few weeks we had been able to deliver food to Rishon L'Tsion, Ariel, Kfar Saba, Arad/Be'er Sheva, Bat Yam, and Hadera.

In addition to this because you have been helping us, we were able to supply a large quantity of nappies to the Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Tel Aviv.

We are now preparing to bring food and clothing again to needy folk in Haifa.

Thanks again to all Siloam supporters who have helped us provide for these dear people we are privileged to minister to with the practical love of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely

Haim and Cheryl Barak

**P.S. Thanks also for the £7,395.00 Siloam supporters have provided so far in 2023!**

**Please continue to lift up the people of Israel.**

**We know that Siloam friends will pray and help.**

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