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Shalom, dear Siloam friends

Since our last newsletter sent to you in October last year, shortly after Israel was attacked by Hamas, we are pleased to share with you news from our co-workers Haim and Cheryl Barak, Christian social work missionaries to Israel. At this difficult time for Israel, we know that the Israeli government is coming under very critical scrutiny from its supporters around the world for the way it is pursuing the war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. We also know that there is much unhelpful social media and many confirmed reports which do not show the Israeli military in a good light! But, our real concern is for the ordinary people, particularly the poor people in Israel who never seem to get much of a spotlight focused on them. All we can do as onlookers with limited finite knowledge of the real situation, is to pray for the Lord's hand to be shown in this chaos and a speedy solution found to end the suffering of all concerned and bring about a lasting reconciliation of hearts and minds as He surely will at the end of the age!



Your prayers and practical help preserve precious lives. Haim (right) and his many co-workers continue to be the 'hands and feet' of Jesus Christ in Israel at this very difficult time.

Every Friday food is distributed to families in dire need and every Wednesday clothing is delivered and handed out to needy ones.

We do thank you for helping us to bring vital aid and much encouragement to folk whose remaining hope is wearing very thin.

In the meantime, we continue to pray for and support financially our co-workers at 'Love to the Needy' Haim and Cheryl Barak, who persevere in helping very poor and marginalised people in Israel. This early spring is proving to be a very busy time for Haim and Cheryl as there are more evacuees from the border area with Lebanon where Hezbollah persists with its airstrikes against Israeli towns, such as Kiryat Shmona, Metulla, Meron, and Tsfat as well as smaller villages and Kibbutzes. With more accurate missiles now, Hezbollah have taken a serious toll against civilian targets as well as Israeli army bases.

At the same time, Hamas still proceeds in launching missiles (though far fewer) in the south. Some families though, are returning to their homes in spite of the remaining intermittent air-raid sirens and bomb alerts after spending three to four months with their whole family crowded into a single hotel room. Under these circumstances, it is impossible for many people to go to their regular places of employment.

This tragic and needless war has taken a very serious psychological toll as well as causing great physical suffering to so many.

In Migdal, where 600 families are sheltering from the town of Kiryat Shmona, Haim and Cheryl have been bringing food and clothing each month. Every Friday food is distributed to families in dire need

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We do thank you for helping us to bring vital aid and much encouragement to folk whose remaining hope is wearing very thin. It warms their hearts to know that strangers from other nations like the UK, care about their desperate plight.

This past winter, Haim and Cheryl have also been able to distribute raincoats and jackets to the poor, including the homeless. Thank you so much for your help in helping these folk be protected from the cold of the past few months. These dear ones were so grateful to receive these coats so they want us to convey their many thanks to you.

'Love to the Needy' also maintains their help to their friends at the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Tel Aviv, providing baby formula milk powder, nappies and occasional baby clothing and baby blankets as they become available from time to time.

Please sustain your prayers for the folk that Haim and Cheryl are ministering to in Israel right now who are really suffering and in need of your encouragement as well as your ongoing financial support. Later in the summer, we hope to send out another report to keep you informed of Love to the Needy's valuable activities ministering to the poorest of the poor in a country of great need right now.

We must persist also to pray for the people suffering in Gaza but with the absence of any help that we could provide if we only had a means, we are really only able to focus our attention on the projects that can be ministered to by Haim and Cheryl Barak. We will have to leave the suffering of the dear souls on the Gaza Strip to still be addressed, as they surely need to be addressed, by the larger aid organisations only when the political and practical corridors for help open up.

Thanks again for your anticipated ongoing support. Siloam ministry investors provided financial help totalling £12,850 in 2023 and £3,953 so far in 2024 which Siloam has been privileged to forward on to help these dear ones in the Holy Land.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve in Israel and elsewhere



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. Our next contribution to help Haim and Cheryl Barak will be despatched in April. Please share with us if the Lord has laid the needs of these dear ones on your heart being ministered to by Haim and Cheryl Barak. – Thank you.



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Clothing is always deeply appreciated and folk are without exception grateful to receive precious gifts Haim and Cheryl can provide.



Simple everyday commodities to us but vital supplies to those who are most in need in Israel at this time. Please help Siloam keep the supplies coming. Our gifts sent by telegraphic transfer are translated into practical food stuffs purchased in Israel with the correct labelling.

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