



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

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Dear Siloam giving friends and potential new ministry investors

Siloam has supported the ministry of 'Love to the Needy – Israel' since 2009. It's hard to believe but that's over 12 years ago! In 2021, Siloam was able to forward on £11,800 from Siloam supporters to Haim and Cheryl Barak the project directors who came originally from Australia following a vision they had received from their former Salvation Army background.

As this ministry of 'Love to the Needy' fits very well with the Siloam ethos of using education, medical aid, social and other relief as a vehicle for the gospel, we have been happy to encourage our supporters and investors to get behind 'Love to the Needy' and support it as the Lord no doubt prompts them.

During the 'Covid-19' pandemic, there have been many restrictions on all our co-workers and especially so in Israel. Although Israel has been very much at the forefront of vaccinating its population, there still has been considerable hardship for those in great social need, particularly the homeless and dispossessed. 'Love to the Needy' also help many returning immigrants to Israel who come from the former Soviet Union as well as countries like Ethiopia where there are many of the Jewish faith, – (i.e. Falasha Jews).

It is Siloam's pleasure to just share a little with you some of the highlights of 'Love to the Needy' they have conveyed to us.



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Providing schoolbags complete with stationery to children whose families simply cannot afford them. This avoids poor children from being bullied by other pupils who feel they are of less social standing.

VERY GRATEFUL

'Love to the Needy' report that they are most grateful that they were able to mark the end of summer last year with a delivery of schoolbags complete with school stationery supplies to help children whose families simply cannot afford them. Last year they delivered primarily to the children in Karmiel, Acco and Haifa. The children were very grateful to be in a position to start the new school year with everything they need to begin their studies.

This does not just mean material help but also emotional help to encourage these children who would otherwise be labelled as 'poor' by their classmates. I remember when I was at school seventy years ago, just how embarrassing it was for pupils to be identified as those who had 'free school meals', who were identified as belonging to deserving families. 'Love to the Needy' want to thank us all for making it possible to provide this simple yet important social relief to help these children and their families.



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Ministering to gypsies in Jerusalem, perhaps you have never known or heard about them there but they have been in residence for over 400 years.

REACHING GYPSIES

Haim and Cheryl have also been working alongside another relief group reaching out to the gypsies in Jerusalem who number perhaps 1,000. This particular tribe has had a continuous presence in Jerusalem for over 400 years and they mostly reside in the Arab quarter of Jerusalem. This social group are hardly recognised by the Israeli population or the Arab community and they face difficulties providing the ability to support themselves. Most take work that quite simply no one else wants to do, others occupy themselves making crafts which they sell to tourists etc. This compassionate ministry is simply obeying the commandment 'to be kind to the foreigner among you' Deuteronomy 24:19-20.

The summer also ended with 'Love to the Needy' working alongside 'Israel relief aid' to bring 300 cartons of new children's jeans to needy youngsters throughout Israel. They continue with all their regular deliveries of food to 18 centres and to many individual families as well. 'Love to the Needy' are grateful and deeply thankful for the prayers and financial support they have received which has proven to be a real blessing to others.

HOMELESS FOLK

As the winter temperatures began to fall and the rains arrived, Haim and Cheryl received sad news from one of their co-workers that one of the homeless folk they ministered to on the streets of Tel Aviv had died of hyperthermia. Just before this tragedy they had received a shipment of winter clothing so went through the many boxes of aid looking for warm coats, scarfs and socks for the homeless. The first time Cheryl and Haim travelled down to Tel Aviv, it was a rainy cold evening and as they handed out the warm clothing to these precious ones, they were overwhelmed with gratitude. Haim reports that he doesn't know who was the happier, those who received the supplies or the co-workers who were equipped with something to give to these desperate people on the streets.

Even some of those who were not really aware of what was going on, because they were so deeply affected with drugs, would awake to find themselves under a warm coat with a small nylon backpack by their side with a message of Christian love and a few basic necessities.



By providing warm food and encouragement, 'Love to the Needy' help to lift people out of poverty and provide an individual with self-worth which they can come to understand when they study the Word of God and realise the purpose that God has for them individually and in their future lives.



Every child is worthy of love and practical support, no matter what their origin or ethnicity.



Giving the 'thumbs up' as a token of deep appreciation for a warm coat.



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'Love to the Needy' are also very grateful to sponsors and to those who have provided Bibles and Bible related literature that have been distributed through another street ministry in Tel Aviv. This group also provide food and friendship with the Word of God that has the power to set people free. 'Love to the Needy' feel honoured to be working with this group who

give their lives as well for the sake of others.

However, they do have two specific prayer requests we want to pass on to you.

The city centre that previously housed their container decided that they needed that space for another need. Unable to find a suitable place to move the container, they decided to donate that container to another ministry who had space to accommodate it.

It just so happened at the right time (God's perfect timing) that this other group was looking for a container to store necessities to be used for helping new immigrants in need. 'Love to the Needy' were so happy that it could be used for a good ongoing purpose. But, now 'Love to the Needy' must find a local solution for their own need for storage. In addition the outreach to the poor people in Hadera are also in need of more space because of the steady stream of new immigrants who are in need. We know that Siloam friends will pray and help 'Love to the Needy' practically as God guides you to the right solution. Please also continue to lift up the people of Israel as a nation, for their repentance and salvation.

It's difficult for us to imagine that homeless people like we see on the streets of the UK are also to be found on the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other Israeli cities. Their needs are just as great as those we may come in personal contact with here in our own towns so we should seek to provide the help they need to minister to their souls. After all, we are 'the hands and feet of Christ' in situations like this.



Thank and praise God that another ministry could benefit from the use of this valuable container. When ministries work together, it is a powerful witness of Christian unity.



Providing much needed food for a rehabilitation centre in Haifa.

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Working alongside others at the distribution of clothing centre for the poor at Hadera.



Ainee runs an outreach to refugees in Tel Aviv. In addition to practical help, Ainee also provides the 'Good News' of the gospel to those she helps.

Haim and Cheryl Barak signed off by thanking us for our former support which they want us to convey to all our supporters who have provided much needed help, but they have asked us to continue to pray that their ministry will be empowered to support those who are generally overlooked by the population in Israel in general.

Siloam's giving to 'Love to the Needy' even increased last year from £11,700 in 2020 to £11,800. This was amazing considering the 'Covid-19' pandemic which affected fundraising generally in the UK and elsewhere.

It was also encouraging that this level of support exceeded the £8,500 that 'Love to the Needy' received from Siloam supporters and investors back in 2019.

Please continue to uphold 'Love to the Needy' in your daily prayers and make financial provision for this worthy group as the Lord prompts you.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we can reach with the love of Jesus in Israel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Norton".

Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. Even gifts of £5, £10, £15 or £20 when accumulated together can achieve much and can provide the wherewithal for Haim and Cheryl and their dedicated co-workers to minister the gospel in a loving and practical way. – Thank you.

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