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FEAST REPORT

Thank you for coming and thank you for praying. It was a privilege to meet many SAP supporters among the 5,000 people who came up to Jerusalem this year. The Feast is a busy time and we are grateful for those who upheld us in prayer, as we manned our booth and organised two of the tours that were offered to Feast visitors.

We received items for distribution to needy families with great joy. The clothing, linen, school supplies, toys, toiletries that poured into the SAP booth, were of excellent quality and we know they came with love. We appreciate that people were prepared to bring 'something extra' in their suitcase for Israel.

We gave Feast visitors the opportunity to visit the same army Base to which we make regular visits as 'surrogate parents' for lone soldiers on Parents Days. Others visited an organisation which among other areas of caring, has extended friendship and understanding to many young victims.



Two of many visitors who came to our booth bearing gifts.

The visitors listened as these young people told not only about the horror of their separate experiences, but how they had been locked into depression and an inability to function normally until this organisation drew them into a support group which included a holiday abroad together. It was with pleasure that we presented them with a cheque and again assured them that Christians around the world cared for them in their struggle to overcome the trauma they have experienced.

From the Director

"We would like to thank you for your kind donation on behalf of those of you who visited Jerusalem for the Succot celebration. Your donation helps us to continue with our many programs and activities for survivors of terror in Israel. The visit of your solidarity mission had a great impact on the survivors of terror. They felt very strengthened by the variety of countries that showed interest in their personal experiences, and allowed them the opportunity to finally express and share their unheard suffering, this is one of the best therapies they can receive."

GROUPS VISITING ISRAEL MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING SAP ABOUT A POSSIBLE GROUP VISIT TO THIS ORGANISATION TO MEET SURVIVORS OF TERROR. ASK SAP FOR DETAILS.

THE WORK OF SAP GOES ON

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

During the last month we have:

- Contributed towards a program, which will enable 14 drug addicts in the north at Migdal Haemek, go through an advanced group therapy program that will continue with their rehabilitation, giving them effective tools to cope with daily life and circumstances. Thanks to our donation a program that was about to close through lack of funds could continue to achieve its successful results.
- Sponsored two talented children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Jerusalem for lessons in the dramatic arts.
- Ensured that mentally ill patients enjoy ongoing therapeutic activities in Raanana near Tel Aviv.
- Provided recreational equipment for a centre for the elderly in Lod.
- Contributed to 10 groups of 17-18 year old youths from disadvantaged backgrounds to take part in a program that prepares them for their military service of 3 years. Part of this program places the youth in volunteer positions as part of their development as responsible citizens and this is the part that we are funding.
- Purchased knitted garments made by blind Arab ladies.



**A Christian Arab lady, blind from birth,
teaches needy blind Arab women a skill to earn money.**

- And given assistance to many families and individuals in financial crisis.



Please help us supply needy families with warmth this winter.

FROM LAST WINTER'S DISTRIBUTION, here is one of the many thank you letters we received:

"I wish to thank you for your generous donation toward the purchase of winter clothing. Every year before each holiday we make every effort to help needy families in our area. Without your assistance and support we would not be able to give aid. In these difficult times when the morale is low your help encourages us to continue operating.

I wish to share with you about one family from many: Family C. consists of 2 parents who keep the Jewish traditions and 10 children aged 2-16. The family lives in a home of 2 rooms. The mother doesn't work; the father is a security worker. Their income comes from the father's work and the children's Benefits. At home there is a deal of economic crisis. The basics are missing from the home. There was no money for heating or to buy winter clothing. This family was greatly helped by your donation. They received winter clothing as well as heaters for the winter. This is one example among many."

Please mark donations for SAP – Winter Distribution. Indicate if you would like to donate any of the following.



- \$50 will buy a heater
- \$10 will buy a blanket
- \$ 50 will pay the monthly electricity bill of elderly person.

WE HAVE A GOAL OF GIVING WARM BLESSINGS TO 1,000 FAMILIES ACROSS ISRAEL THIS WINTER.

Greetings from Cheryl, Claudia, Maxine, Nicole, Yudit.
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