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GOOD NEWS

A Meal That Changed Everything

KALANIOT UPDATE

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Shalom

I want to thank you with all of my heart for being such a valued member of our loving family and God-given mission here at Christians Care International.

Have you ever felt a nudge in your heart—a gentle, persistent voice urging you to go deeper in your spiritual journey? While many of us find comfort in our routines—attending services, reading scripture, and practicing our faith—we may still sense a gap between what we believe and how we live it out.

Think of the great heroes of the Bible. Their stories are marked by bold, faith-driven action. Abraham stepped into an unfamiliar land, leaving behind everything he knew. Esther entered the king's court, risking her life to save her people. Their faith wasn't just a mental checklist; it was the driving force of their lives. They trusted God enough to take the next step.

My family, this is exactly what God wants from us: to have a faith that moves and a love that acts.

This is not just a poetic phrase; it is a divine invitation to step into the deep waters of God's purpose. It challenges us to elevate our mission and breathe new life into a broken world through our work.

Ok, let's start with Faith...

When we answer God's calling to assist in His plan for Israel and the Jewish people, we are not questioning His will. Instead, we are moving our faith into action—blessing and bringing our suffering brothers and sisters home to Israel. And by doing so, the bigger picture emerges. We are also helping to shape the future—a future where Messiah returns, and the world is united in peace under the One God of Israel.

So, if faith is the engine, then love is the fuel. But just like faith, love is often misunderstood.

A "love that acts" is a practical love and it shows up. Sentimentally love may feel bad for someone who is hungry, but active love makes them a meal. Sentimentally love might cry over the news of a child losing their home and family, but active love rushes to the child's side, and helps to restore a broken little life.

When you pair a faith that moves with a love that acts, you align yourself perfectly with God. You become a vessel that He can use.

Let's pray... God, give me a faith that refuses to sit still. Give me a love that refuses to be passive. Show me where to move and show me how to act. I am yours.

As you step out with this new perspective, you will find that the ground is firm beneath you. You will discover a richness of life that the comfortable route could never provide.

Let's inject this newfound energy, excitement, and love into our work every day. With our everlasting trust and faith in God, we can help create the world we once only dreamt about.

May God bless you abundantly for putting your faith and love into action together with us.

Don Horwitz
CCI Executive Director

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My Family,

When we look into the faces of hungry children, it's divine love that compels us to step forward and make a difference.

This is most powerfully expressed in our Children's Feeding Program where every meal we serve is infused with love. In our kitchens, we don't just provide food... we deliver Hope and Care to children who really do need us.

Whether it's through the caring hands of our cooks or the warm smiles of our servers, each meal is a message of our Love In Action. It's really so simple, but also so very powerful.

My family, this is the love that God has instilled in each and every one of us. When you embrace the truth that Love is Our Fuel, you realise that anything and everything becomes possible.

May God bless you abundantly and may He shower you with His Everlasting Love.

Don Horwitz

The Power OF LOVE

BY DON HORWITZ

In a snow-covered village, 84-year-old Olga sat alone, mourning her husband who passed away three years ago. The bitter cold was piercing through her, but the pain of loneliness was excruciating. With no money for heat, she fought to stay awake, fearing if she fell asleep, she might never open her eyes again.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

When we found dear Olga, she was freezing and all alone. We immediately brought her into our Senior Care Home, where we assured her that she was now part of our loving family.

"Everyone here takes such good care of me" said Olga "What a gift it is to have people in my life who show me love, give me attention, and genuinely care about how I feel and what I need. The night I was rescued, I thought I'd never open my eyes again. But look at me here today—it's a miracle!"

My family, with your life-saving Gifts of Love, we can continue to bless and save our suffering elderly Jewish brothers and sisters. May God bless you abundantly for every one of your acts of love.

LARISA'S JOURNEY

COMING HOME TO ISRAEL

BY DON HORWITZ

God has brought us together to work at the very heart of our mission: Aliyah. He has not only called us to assist in His divine plan but has also prepared and equipped us for such a time as this. Today, we are empowered to act swiftly—to save lives like Larisa's and others just like her, whose hope for the future depends on coming Home to Israel.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

When our sister Larisa was recently diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition, her world seemed to crumble. The coronary bypass surgery she urgently needed was far too risky in Ukraine, and without it, her health would rapidly decline.

Desperate for a solution, Larisa turned to her son Artem, who lived in a distant city. He rushed to her side, doing everything in his power to support her. But it quickly became clear that her only hope was in Israel. Determined to save his mother, Artem reached out to our Aliyah team and scheduled an appointment for her.

For years, Larisa had dreamed of coming Home to The Holy Land. But now, that dream had taken on a new urgency—it was no longer just about fulfilling a lifelong aspiration; it was about saving her life.

When Larisa entered our office, she was overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty. But because of your unwavering support, our Aliyah team was able to comfort her and immediately spring into

action. They worked tirelessly to gather her documents and navigate the complexities of her emergency application.

Today, I am overjoyed to share that Larisa has arrived safely in Haifa, Israel. She is now surrounded by a loving community that is supporting her and helping her prepare for the life-saving surgery she so desperately needs. Although her son remains in Ukraine, he is finally at peace knowing that his mother is in the best place possible.

My family, this is the power of your love and the impact of putting your faith into action. Larisa has returned Home, filled with hope for a brighter future.

May God bless you abundantly for your continued support of our Aliyah programs. Together, we are not only changing lives—we are saving them.

RISING **AGAIN**

BY JENNIFER WADDLE - MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"

- John 11:25-26 NKJV

One of the most touching stories of Jesus' life and ministry was when He arrived on scene after Lazarus' death. From a human standpoint, it seemed He had waited too long, missing the opportunity to heal His friend. Martha, Lazarus' sister, saw Jesus on the road and ran to meet Him, saying, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died."

As I read about this painful encounter, I can't help but wonder how many times we've dismissed the Lord's ability to resurrect what seems lifeless in our own lives.

- Struggling marriages on the brink of divorce
- Financial hardships with no provision in sight
- Health issues that continue to be unhealed
- Loved ones running far from God

Many of these situations can seem final, unchangeable. But no matter how desperate our circumstances, we can learn from Martha who said, "I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." (John 11:22)

What do you know to be true, my friend? What are you entrusting to Jesus to resurrect from the grave? Though it seems like He is delaying, we can trust His perfect timing. As Hebrews 10:37 says, "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay."

Imagine how the disciples felt after Jesus' body was placed in the tomb. Those three days must have felt like an eternity! But on that glorious morning, at just the right time, the Son of God arose again! And it's from this place of victory from which we now live.

Our ministry of loving and serving our Jewish brothers and sisters is empowered by the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. For this reason, we do not lose heart. We do not fret when it seems like the adversary is wining. Instead, we borrow from Martha's faith, saying, "Even now, God will do it."

This Easter, celebrate not only what God has done through the resurrection of His Son, but what He continues to do through us. We are not held down, buried, or forgotten. Instead, we rise again, day by day, in the resurrection power of Christ. May God bless you and your loved ones with renewed peace, provision, and purpose.

KALANIOT UPDATE

By Don Horwitz

After adopting my three severely abused and neglected daughters from an orphanage in Siberia, I have spent over 31 years dedicated to saving the lives of orphans. During this time, I have witnessed children suffering from violence, abuse, and life-threatening neglect. I have also encountered heartbreaking loneliness, profound depression, and malnutrition so severe that it often led to critical illnesses.

Yet, through these painful experiences—what I like to call God's training grounds—I have answered one of my greatest callings: the creation of our Kalaniot Children's Home.

"For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in." Psalm 27:10

MEET **DAVID**

At just ten years old, David has endured more pain than most of us could imagine in a lifetime. His childhood, once filled with dreams, was overshadowed by the constant rage of his father's anger. The yelling, the threats, and the pain became his daily reality.

Little David often tried to be brave, holding back his tears because he knew his mother already carried so much. Yet, at just 10 years old, he would crawl under the bed to cry in secret so that he could protect his mother.

One morning just a few weeks ago, David and his mother woke up to find his father gone, taking with him the little money they had. Left with nothing but each other, David's exhausted and broken mother turned to us for help.

When David arrived at Kalaniot, he was so scared and deeply traumatised. But here, surrounded by our loving family and team, he has finally found safety. He is learning to feel loved unconditionally, to sleep without fear and to dream once again.

MEET **ALINA & SASHA**

Alina and her older sister Sasha have become cherished members of our loving Kalaniot family. Their story however, is filled with immense heartbreak.

Born into a home consumed by darkness and addiction, Alina and Sasha grew up surrounded by chaos. Their parents were drinking heavily and offered no love or stability at all, leaving these sweet girls' days filled with shouting, violence and uncertainty.

The rare moments of kindness came from caring neighbours who would feed them when they had extra food. During one of these meals they noticed bruising on little Alina and reported it to the police. That night, the girls were removed from their home and brought to us at Kalaniot.

We quickly discovered that Alina was facing immense health challenges. She was diagnosed with a serious heart condition, a sight threatening optic nerve atrophy and major dental problems caused by years of neglect.

Thank God these dear children are now under our care. Together we can be the family that they desperately need while ensuring that they receive the life-saving treatments and tender loving care that will save their precious lives.

May God bless you for your continued support of our Kalaniot Children's Home.

Meet Our Heroes

Say Hello to Vika!

Behind every life that we save together is the unwavering dedication of our compassionate and hard-working team. Caretakers who sacrifice sleep to provide comfort. Psychologists who heal invisible wounds. Cooks who serve hope with every meal. These extraordinary individuals breathe new life into those in our care, one courageous act at a time.

Vika is a deeply compassionate and highly skilled psychologist who finds immense joy in working with the children at our Kalaniot Children's Home. With her gentle and understanding approach, she specialises in supporting children who have endured severe trauma and face special educational challenges.

Her warmth and compassionate care create a safe and nurturing environment where children feel valued, protected, and loved. In this safe space, they can share their most difficult experiences and know they are truly heard.

Vika's dedication wraps each child in a sense of security and love, empowering them to heal, rediscover joy, and embrace hope for a brighter future.

Remembering Our Sister ELENA

BY DON HORWITZ

We mourn the loss of our beloved Elena, a Holocaust survivor who graced our lives for many years. When we first met this dear sister and her husband Boris, they were living in extreme poverty and battling multiple illnesses. After Boris's passing, we brought Elena into our Senior Care Home—not just as a resident, but as a family member. We didn't just provide her with care, but we poured our hearts into loving her every single day that she blessed us with her beautiful presence.

Rest in peace, sweet Elena. You are cherished beyond measure and will be missed by every one of us.

A MEAL THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

BY DON HORWITZ

Thirteen-year-old Danil loved his grandfather very much. With no father figure in his life, the two were absolutely inseparable often spending their entire weekends together. But that world came to an abrupt ending when his grandfather was tragically killed while fighting for Ukraine. The loss left Danil heartbroken, plunging him into a deep depression.

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Through our Hearts Across Generations Program, a simple delivery of food and tasty treats became the spark that changed lives. It was during this delivery that Danil met 89-year-old Tamara, an elderly woman who was also struggling with deep loneliness and losing hope. In that first meeting, something extraordinary began to unfold. An unlikely friendship began to grow, nurtured by laughter, shared stories, and frequent visits.

Within a few months, their connection blossomed into something truly beautiful. Tamara, once isolated and shutdown found a new light in Danil. And Danil, who had lost his guiding star, discovered a loving presence in Tamara. She became the grandmother he never had, and he, the grandchild she had longed for her entire life.

Their relationship is a powerful testament to the transformative power of love and connection. It demonstrates how, even in the aftermath of immense loss, new bonds can form—replacing emptiness with closeness, laughter, and joy.

Your very special gift of love will allow our Hearts Across Generations Program to continue growing and filling the lonely with love, attention and the companionship that has been missing in the lives of our elderly and children under our care.

MY BUBBY

By Don Horwitz

Throughout history, fear has been so much more than just an emotion for Jewish people from the Former Soviet Union - it has been a constant companion.

I would like to introduce you to my Bubby (Yiddish for cherished grandmother). She was just 17 years old when she fell in love and married my Zayde (grandfather). Just days after their wedding, their parents called them over and sat them down. With tears running down their cheeks, they told them that they must leave Ukraine immediately as they were in imminent danger of losing their lives.

The very next day, they packed everything they had into a single suitcase, said a final goodbye to their parents and all of their loved ones, and then fled for their lives to escape the horrors of the Pogroms in Ukraine—a series of violent anti-Jewish riots where thousands of Jews were viciously tortured and killed.

Despite the immense trauma that she carried throughout her entire life, my Bubby was the embodiment of love and resilience. I will never forget those very special Saturdays that I always looked forward to every week. My cousins and I would gather at Bubby and Zayde's apartment early in the morning.

There, she would wrap us in her comforting warmth, cook us the most delicious meals from scratch, and then shower us with an endless supply of her love. Their home was a place where we all felt so loved, safe and cherished.

With all of those beautiful moments and memories, there was one thing that always stood out: Bubby and Zayde never, ever, spoke about where they were from, how and why they left, or who the family members and friends were that they left behind. Why did they not share their past with us?

The answer was...immense loss and fear. Bubby and Zayde lived their entire lives in overwhelming fear—a fear that they would somehow be found, returned to their homeland, and then lose their precious family that they had built and loved more than anything in life.

Sadly, over a century later, this same fear that Bubby and Zayde felt during their entire lives, is still permeating the lives of our elderly Jewish brothers and sisters in our Senior Care Program in Ukraine.

Holocaust survivors like Diana, who we found suffering from malnutrition and extreme loneliness, continues to live in daily fear of being taken away, beaten, and starved—just as she was as a young child.

So many of these precious souls have lived their entire lives looking over their shoulders. Just like my own grandparents, they remember the terror of being hunted, the cold desperation of hiding, and the unspeakable loss of loved ones. But together, we can replace that lifelong fear, with our tender loving care. We can be the comforting hands and the reassuring voice that finally lets them know…"You are safe now."

Let's take this moment to pause, pray and reflect on the darkness they survived. Imagine the courage it took to breathe, when the world wanted them gone.

Join me and say "Never Again". This is not just a phrase, but is a promise to put our Faith Into Action.

Sadly, no one was there to support my Bubby and Zayde, but thank God, we are here today, with Hearts Full Of Love and Hands Full Of Action.

May God bless you abundantly for your life-saving gifts of love and for every single one of your acts of kindness.

Good News / **FEATURE**

THE PASSOVER **LAMB**

BY JENNIFER WADDLE - MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

On a recent trip to visit family, our flight was delayed by adverse weather. We were stuck in the airport for hours and eventually sent to the customer service desk. When we reached the line, however, we were shocked to see it wrap around the airport terminal, almost the length of a football field!

Without any other recourse, we took our place in line, preparing ourselves for the hours-long wait. At first, my heart was "grumbly," wanting to be anywhere else but in that line. But then, the Holy Spirit lifted my gaze to the people around me. As crowds brushed past, hurrying to their flights, I realised I was surrounded by people from all over the world. Young, old, happy, sad... people from every age and stage were confined in that airport, each one trying to make it to their destination.

"Lord," I prayed silently, "Please bless these people and guide them on their way. And if they don't know You, please make Yourself known to them."

Praying instead of grumbling changed my entire perspective that day, and I

began to think that perhaps my flight was delayed so that I could pray for those precious people. My frustration turned into compassion, and my impatience turned into humble praise.

It's that time of year again when the beautiful traditions of Passover remind us of our humble condition. It's a time to pause and remember God's love, mercy, and redemption through the perfect sacrifice of His Son. The true Passover Lamb continues to reach people of every nation, as John the Baptist said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

The focus of Passover has always been freedom, freedom and deliverance for God's people. And as we celebrate alongside our Jewish brothers and sisters, we pray for people everywhere to be freed by the true and living God.

Reflecting on the night of the first Passover, we remember how God's love and mercy marked the doors of every believer. They didn't know what the future held, but they trusted in the One who held the future. What a strong message for us today. We, too, can trust the God of our future.

My friends, why not try gathering around the table for a Seder meal this year, letting every element point to the Passover Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ who is mighty to save. May mercy, peace, and freedom be yours in abundance.

A Prayer for Peace:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the sacrifice of Your Son, the One who makes a way when there seems to be no way.

We Give Thanks to God For:

Bringing our beloved Elena, a Holocaust Survivor, into our lives so that we could provide her with our love, warmth and care. We give thanks for your trust in us to be the family that she needed in her final days as we wrapped her in our loving arms and ensured that she never felt alone again.

For blessing us with our highly trained staff of caretakers, social workers, and psychologists, who form the rehabilitative foundation of our life-saving Kalaniot Children's Home. We give thanks for their unwavering commitment to bring healing, hope, and happiness into the lives of our children who have lost so much.

For you, our loving family, who so faithfully walks and works together with us in the Footsteps Of Our Lord. We thank God for your continued support and involvement in this mission that is so near and dear to His Heart.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth *(Isaiah 43-5,6)*

Please Pray For:

84-year-old Olga,

who was living in life-threatening conditions while suffering from extreme loneliness when our rescue team found her. Let us pray that this dear sister continues to thrive in our Senior Home while she receives the love, attention and care that she had been missing so much in her life.

Little David,

who arrived at our Kalaniot Children's Home after suffering from immense abuse, neglect and horrific trauma. Please pray that this little sweetheart continues to feel safe under our care while he learns to feel loved unconditionally and sleep each night without suffering from overwhelming fear.

Larisa,

who was diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition that requires coronary bypass surgery. Please pray that our dear sister settles into her new home in Haifa, Israel where she is now surrounded by a loving community and has access to the life-saving medical care she desperately needs.

Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. (Jeremiah 17:14)

What a blessing this is, for us to be able to work together as God's hands and feet as we spread Gospel through action and answer God's calling to gather, bless and bring His lost children home.

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