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Shalom

I want to thank you with all of my heart for working so closely together with us in our God-given mission here at Christians Care International. As a family of "Doers," we are putting our faith into action to bless and save our suffering Jewish brothers and sisters in their greatest time of need.

When we look at what God asks of us, He never demands impossible feats or grand, overwhelming gestures. What He truly wants is our hearts—and a willingness to let His love flow through us in simple, everyday ways.

God equips and empowers us to be a light right where we are. He makes it so very simple to give, reminding us that even the smallest act of kindness can produce remarkable results. When we allow God to work through us, we realise that making a lasting difference isn't complicated at all; it just takes a willingness to step forward with a heart filled with love.

You may ask yourself, how do I do that, or where do I start? Personally, I started with the most basic everyday acts of kindness. I wanted to reprogram out of my usual busy brain, and began to live in the moment. Because when we live in the moment, we begin to feel and see what is going on around us. Not only that, but we create a stillness where we can hear and feel God.

So, what did I do? I started with holding the door open for people. Every day at the gym, I'd hold the door and let others pass through. Most people would smile and thank me, but some looked genuinely shocked or confused. It was those confused looks that hit me hardest—they made me realise we live in a time where so many people have simply forgotten what everyday kindness looks like.

Let me assure you, my acts of love are contagious! People at the gym started holding the door for me, they started talking to me, smiling, and even becoming friends.

In this update, you will read a great example of spreading love. Thirteen-year-old Marina has been in our schooling program since Kindergarten. Her family is living in immense poverty and she personally suffers from overwhelming anxiety and fear, requiring our regular therapeutic services and humanitarian care. This can be overwhelming for a young teenager.

So what does she do after leaving her therapy sessions? She puts the love she receives from us into action! Most thirteen-year-olds would shut down under that kind of stress... but not when they are armed with God's love. You will be so touched when you read about what she does.

Marina's story is a beautiful reminder that no one is ever too young, too weary, or too burdened to reflect the light and love of God. If a thirteen-year-old girl can take her own crippling pain and turn it into a blessing for others, imagine what we can accomplish as a family united in faith.

Your acts of love are the reason children like Marina find hope in the midst of despair. May God bless you abundantly for putting your faith into action.

Enjoy this issue!

Don Horwitz
CCI Executive Director

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My Family,

When I look into the eyes of a child who has faced unimaginable loss, I see a precious little one who deserves our healing hands after suffering such heartbreak.

Since 2014, our Children's Feeding Program in Ukraine has done so much more than provide life-saving daily meals to Jewish children in need. Together, we have surrounded them with a loving family who is always by their side.

Today, we are at a pivotal moment in our mission. Right now, families are losing their homes and their ability to feed and care for their children at rates we have never seen before. We must act quickly before hunger takes its devastating toll on their bodies and minds.

Through your sacred gifts of love, we can assure these children and their families that they will not have to worry about where their next meal will come from.

Let us unite to show the world just how powerful God's love can be.

Don Horwitz

BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE

The suffering is real and overwhelming—lonely seniors trapped in isolation, families struggling to put food on the table, and children carrying fears no child should ever have to face. But worse than the daily hardship is the crushing belief that no one cares and that the world has forgotten them entirely.

That is where you step in.

Through your prayers, your devotion, and your direct life-saving support, you bring real relief into these darkest moments. You make sure our brothers and sisters know they are never abandoned. Here are some of the faces of the lives you have directly changed—and the undeniable impact of **your faith and love in action.**

Together We Can Move Mountains.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

"I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you." JOHN 14:18

In the heart of Ukraine's shattered landscape sits our safe and loving Kalaniot Children's Home, which is saving the lives of Jewish children who have lost their homes, belongings and loved ones. Imagine how devastating it is for these little ones to be stripped of their safety, their laughter, and the simple gift of just being a child.

God calls on us to rush to the side of these precious children and bless them with the life-saving care and comfort that they so desperately need.

KALANIOT CHILDREN'S HOME UPDATE!

When traumatised childen enter our Kalaniot Home, we don't just provide them with safe shelter—we surround them with a family who will love and care for them. Our team of specially trained neuropsychologists and trauma experts works tirelessly around the clock, providing advanced therapeutic services that is critical to their healing. Meanwhile, our loving caretakers are there to hold them through their night terrors, comfort them while they shake, and assure them—as they cry uncontrollably—that they are safe and unconditionally loved.

Through this combination of specialised care and our unwavering compassion, we help these innocent young souls reclaim their childhood. Step by step, fear gives way to trust, and overwhelming grief is met with hope. With every peaceful night's sleep and restored smile, we begin to witness the incredible power of our love in action.

My family, for eleven years we have been answering God's call to rescue, bless, and save the lost children of Israel. Today, our God-given mission is more urgent than ever. Let's join hands to ensure that our Kalaniot Children's Home continues to operate and grow.

LENA'S HEALING JOURNEY

Last year, we introduced you to sweet little Lena, who came to Kalaniot after being abandoned. We wrapped our loving arms around this fragile four-year-old, and became her family when she had no one.

As Lena has grown over the last year, the deeper trauma of her past has begun to surface. Recent medical evaluations revealed that her struggles started before she was even born. Due to prenatal

alcohol exposure, she is not only battling Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, learning disorders, and Attention Deficit Disorder, but she was just recently diagnosed with epilepsy.

These neurological struggles mean Lena lives in a world of constant confusion. She suffers from memory lapses and struggles deeply to regulate her emotions. All this sweet child wants is to fit in, to play, and to be just like the other children.

My family, Lena needs a tremendous amount of specialised care, patience, and therapeutic services to quiet her fears and help her learn. Thank God, she is living in our Kalaniot Home, where we believe in a God who restores.

With your continued support, we can provide Lena with the daily therapy and medical care she needs right now. Let's prove to this precious child that she is safe, deeply wanted, and loved.

THE SOUND **OF HOPE**

BY JENNIFER WADDLE - MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Have you ever heard a sound that instantly took you back to a familiar time or place? Perhaps it was a distant train whistle, a cherished melody, or the comforting voice of someone you love. Certain sounds have a way of stirring our hearts, reminding us of moments that have shaped who we are.

As fall ushers in a new season of sights and sounds, Jewish communities around the world are preparing to observe Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It marks the beginning of the High Holy Days, a sacred season devoted to prayer, reflection, and remembering God's faithfulness.

One of the most meaningful traditions of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar, a trumpet made from a ram's horn. Throughout Scripture, the shofar gathered God's people, announcing significant events. Its unmistakable sound invites worshipers to pause, reflect, and remember that God is near. It also signals the approach of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

Rooted in Leviticus 16, Yom Kippur reminds God's people of both the seriousness of sin and His abundant mercy. For Jewish families, these solemn hours are

spent examining the heart, confessing shortcomings, and seeking to walk more faithfully with the Lord. As Christians who love the Jewish people, we are reminded ourselves of the importance of humility, repentance, and drawing near to God.

Yom Kippur is not only a time for self-reflection; it's a time of thanksgiving for God's grace and forgiveness. He delights when we seek Him with humble and sincere hearts, and He rejoices when we enter His gates with thanksgiving.

How does this encourage you today, my friend? Are you called to reflect on the mercies of God? Perhaps the Jewish New Year is a good time to step away from life's distractions and meet with the Lord in a quiet place. Jesus modeled this beautifully for us in Mark 1:35, which says, "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." (NKJV)

In our quiet moments with the Lord, let's lift up our Jewish brothers and sisters who are observing the High Holy Days, asking God to surround them with His peace, comfort, and grace. And may we continue to listen for the sound of hope, the voice of the One who lovingly speaks to us through every season.

ALIYAH UPDATE

A FATHER'S LOVE

BY DON HORWITZ

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land." Ezekiel 36:24

For 60 years, it was always the three of them. After losing his wife, Vasili took on the role of both mother and father, working gruelling hours just to give his girls, Nastya and Sofiya, a good life. They didn't just grow up together; they remained a close family who stood by each other through every challenge they faced.

After the conflict erupted in Ukraine, Vasili and his daughters planned their move to The Holy Land. But just weeks later, Nastya was tragically diagnosed with a terminal illness, freezing their dreams. With danger escalating around them, Vasili and Nastya begged Sofiya to flee to safety in Israel. Sofiya tearfully agreed, leaving Vasili to care for his eldest daughter until she sadly passed away in late 2025.

Devastated from the loss, Vasili knew he had one final duty to fulfil: Nastya's wish for the family to be reunited in Israel. After saying his final goodbye to his beloved daughter, Vasili visited our Aliyah office and met with our team. Upon hearing his heartbreaking story, we moved into action and got Vasili's Aliyah approved.

When Vasili stepped off the plane in Tel Aviv, he looked around through a blur of tears. And there, waiting for him, was Sofiya. They held onto each other like they'd never let go. Their Nastya wasn't there, but her memory was with them in that hug.

Vasili had survived the worst life could throw at him, driven purely by a father's love—and now with your help, he is finally home.

Vasili & Sofiya

My family, what a blessing it is that we were able to be there for Vasili and Sofiya, comforting and helping them in their time of great need. May God bless you abundantly for working together with us to bless and bring our Jewish brothers and sisters home to Israel.

A Promise Of Comfort & Compassion

BY DON HORWITZ

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.." Isaiah 46:4

There is nothing more beautiful than taking the hands of the elderly and showing them just how much God loves them. This is what our Senior Care Programs are all about: spreading God's love and light into the hearts and lives of our suffering, elderly Jewish brothers and sisters.

SENIOR IN-HOME SERVICES

Our Senior In-Home Services Program continues to bring vital care, connection, and compassion directly to the doorsteps of suffering elderly Jewish brothers and sisters. Day after day, our dedicated team members are delivering nutritious meals, completing essential health checks, ensuring vital medications are in hand, and providing the warm companionship that turns isolation into hope.

ANYA

Anya has been suffering from immense loneliness and hunger. She has been living all alone, with her food running out over the last month. Terrified that no one would find her, she began to lose all hope.

Trapped in the quiet of her apartment, she watched her remaining medications and supplies dwindle to almost nothing. In those dark hours, she prayed that someone, somewhere, would remember she was still there.

My family, it is often the simplest acts of our love that go on to save a life. The moment our Senior Care Team entered Anya's apartment, she realised that she was no longer forgotten. Seeing a smile replace her tears of pain and loneliness was the moment our team knew they had reached Anya in time.

SENIOR CENTRE

For so many of our lonely elderly brothers and sisters, our Senior Centre offers a loving community where they can gather, eat a meal, meet dear friends, and share moments of genuine joy. Here, surrounded by our warmth and care, they know that they are deeply loved—and never alone.

LEV

After months of skipping meals to afford his essential medications, Lev was physically and mentally exhausted. He felt completely overwhelmed by his daily battle just to stay alive.

When Lev started coming to our Senior Centre, he began to feel a sense of belonging that he thought he would never feel again. Sitting down to his daily hot meal alongside his new friends brought life back into his heart. Not only was his hope for the future restored, but his health also began to improve dramatically.

A final word of hope

My family, what our elderly brothers and sisters want more than anything is to feel loved and needed in their golden years of life. Together with your life-saving gifts of love, we can make that happen. May God bless you abundantly for rushing to their side in their greatest time of need.

Meet Our Heroes

Meet Svetlana!

Behind every life we save is the deep love and dedication of our extraordinary team. We see it in the caregivers who dedicate their nights to bring peace, the psychologists who gently heal hearts and minds, and the cooks who pour love into every meal they prepare. These beautiful souls breathe hope and renewal into those under our care, one selfless act at a time.

Two and a half years ago, Svetlana, a trained nurse, arrived through our refugee program. She had fled for her life with her two sons, losing everything she had including her husband. Yet, despite the immense trauma she carried, Svetlana never lost her deep calling to care for children.

Today, she is our school nurse, bringing a quiet, steady warmth to our Schooling Program. Whether she's bandaging a scraped knee or offering a comforting word to a worried student, Svetlana uses her own experiences to show our children the power of believing.

This wonderful woman is always there for our students, proving every day that hope and healing are always possible. What a true blessing it is to have her watching over our children's health.

Marina's Heart

BY DON HORWITZ

Thirteen-year-old Marina carries a heavy load on her young shoulders. An eighth grader in our Schooling Program, she is a quiet girl with a tender heart, despite how harsh her world can be.

Marina lives with her mother and ailing grandmother. Financial struggles leave their refrigerator empty far too often, while air-raid sirens and distant explosions send her into deep panic. Yet, as she works with our therapists to heal her anxiety, this precious girl refuses to let darkness win.

Two mornings a week, Marina gathers our kindergarteners to read to them, smiling as they swarm her with loving hugs. By afternoon, she brings that same warmth to our Kalaniot Children's Home, helping the younger children with their Hebrew lessons.

Though life has given Marina every reason to hide, she chooses to wrap everyone around her in the pure unconditional love that she receives from us.

My family, let's rush to the side of Marina and her family today. Your gift of love will provide nourishing meals, clothing, and the urgent medical care that her grandmother so desperately needs.

Summer Smiles

BY DON HORWITZ

It started with a simple phone call and a heart full of kindness: "I would like to give the children an ice cream party this summer".

Our answer was an immediate, overjoyed yes.

Within days, sweet treats were scattered across tables, while smiles filled our Kalaniot home. Looking at these photos from that afternoon, you can feel the joy. But if you look a little closer, you see something far more profound than just a summer treat.

You see a family in action.

For a child who has lost everything - a moment like this is so much more than a simple treat. It is proof that the world is still safe, that fun still exists, and that they have not been forgotten.

As cherished members of our loving ministry, you are never a distant bystander. You are the extended family who holds our children in your hearts. When you give, you are not only sending help to a program—you are becoming part of a child's life.

Simple acts of love remind all who are under our care, that they are seen and deeply loved.

My family, I want to thank you with all of my heart for your hands-on love. It doesn't just change a day in the lives of our brothers and sisters—it restores their faith in tomorrow. May God bless you abundantly.

Good News / **FEATURE**

VISIBLE **LOVE**

BY JENNIFER WADDLE - MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

God never meant for love to be invisible.

From the opening pages of Scripture, our magnificent Creator displays His love in ways that are both tangible and unmistakable. Brilliant sunsets coloring the evening sky, scattered stars shining across the heavens, majestic mountains dotted with evergreens. These are the fingerprints of a compassionate God who puts His love on continual display.

His greatest act of love, however, was revealed through the life of His Son. Jesus stepped into our broken world with the most visible love known to mankind. He welcomed little children, healed the sick, and comforted grieving hearts. Ultimately, He died on a wooden cross as a sacrifice of love for the salvation of the entire world.

So, why not pattern our lives after the greatest example ever known? Through intentional acts of kindness, in every-day ways, let's consider how to be like Jesus in a world that needs visible, tangible love.

When we align our daily lives with the example of Jesus, kindness stops being an abstract concept and becomes a lived reality. Let's make a deliberate choice every day to offer the kind of practical, visible love this world so deeply needs.

- **Writing a letter of encouragement to a grieving friend**
- **Providing a meal for a single mom**
- **Visiting the elderly in a nearby nursing home**
- **Volunteering at a children's hospital**
- **Pausing to greet someone on the street**

Perhaps you've experienced love like this. Someone who showed up at just the right time. Someone who put your needs above their own. Someone who genuinely cared enough to listen. Their kindness reflected the heart of Jesus and spoke louder than words ever could.

Visible love rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep. It serves without seeking recognition with a motive to give instead of receive. This is the heart of what we do for our Jewish brothers and sisters, and it's our continued mission to love openly as an example for the world to see.

In John 13:35, Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

So, take a moment to ask yourself: Can the people around me see God's love? Do I reflect the heart of Jesus in the way I smile, speak, serve, and live? As we pray for guidance on how to love well, may the Lord use us as reflections of His compassionate heart. And may those who encounter us see more than kindness; may they catch a glimpse of Jesus, the One whose perfect love is continually on display.

A Prayer for Peace:

Father, thank You for displaying Your love so clearly in this world. Help me reflect that same love in my words and actions. Give me the courage to love others as You have loved me. In Jesus' name, amen.

We Give Thanks to God For:

Allowing us to work as Your hands and feet to bless and save our Jewish brothers and sisters who are isolated and alone. We thank You not only for putting Your trust in us, but also for guiding us to the suffering in their greatest time of need.

Blessing us with Svetlana, our school nurse, who pours her heart into caring for and healing the amazing children in our Schooling Program. We also give thanks for the wonderful teachers, therapists, and staff who guide our children toward a bright and hopeful future.

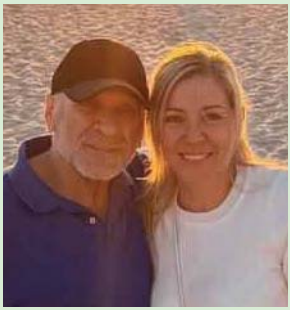
Bringing together our loving family, who are dedicated to answering Your call to bless and bring our suffering Jewish brothers and sisters home to Israel. We thank them for their unwavering support in helping us shine Your love and light into the world.

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:

Little Lena,

as she bravely works with our therapeutic teams to navigate the challenges of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Attention Deficit Disorder, and epilepsy. Please pray that this dear child continues to find comfort, strength, and stability in our loving care.



Vasili,

who is finally reunited with his beloved daughter as he adjusts to his new life in Israel. Let us pray that this father and daughter can begin their healing journey together in the land that God has promised to them.

Our brother Lev,

who is finally in our care after suffering from months of extreme loneliness, deprivation, and severe exhaustion. Let's pray together that he continues to feel a deep sense of belonging at our Senior Center, where he is now part of a family who loves and cares for him.

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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