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Dear Friends,

Summer is coming close, and before that we want to send you another update from our work. As you all know the meaning of our Hebrew name “Machaseh” is *shelter*. In Psalm 27:5 our relationship with God is described like this;

*For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.*

So many people suffer beyond imagination. “In the day of trouble” is really their entire life. It is our prayer that we can continue to bring God’s love to them, to bring them to the One who is their ultimate refuge, and to represent that for them when they need it the most. In this letter we want to share with you two different stories of people we are involved in helping, and who are in extremely vulnerable situations.

Unaccompanied Minor Refugees

Recently we have come in touch with a boardingschool for unaccompanied minor refugees. These young refugees have come to the border between Israel and Egypt by foot and through many extremely difficult experiences. Some of them are orphans, and some have family left behind in their homecountry. After some time in detention they were moved to the Nitzana centre for immigrants close to the border. This is a Community Educational Centre to help immigrants into their new life. After seeing the particular needs of the unaccompanied minor refugees, the boardingschool was established at the centre to take better care of them. It is now housing 57 boys under the age of 18. They are all from Eritrea, and come from Orthodox Christian background. At the centre they receive healthcare, education, counseling and help according to their needs. The future of these young boys is still uncertain. The Knesset will have to make a decision as to what will happen with them when they turn 18.

The last weekend in May marked the starting point of a joint project between King’s Kids and Machaseh; as youth and leaders from King’s Kids together with members of the Machaseh team, visited the school. King’s Kids performed with drama, music and dance, all played games with the youth, gave away instruments, and had dinner together. It was a day filled with joy and fellowship, that was blessed and fruitful in a very powerful way. We hope that it will be the start of a relationship that can last with the boardingschool, and that we can continue to be there for these boys who are all alone in the world and are carrying so much pain with them.





Please pray with us that God will meet all of the needs of the boardingschool, that He will comfort and encourage the young boys, and for His wisdom and guidance in our continuing relationship with them. Please pray for the possibility of families to become weekend homes for some of the boys.

Victim of Human Trafficking

A few months ago we came in touch with I. She is an Ukranian woman, married to an Israeli man. She has only been two years in the country, and through this time she has experienced extreme violence from her husband. When he continued to be violent after their baby was born three months ago, I. finally managed to escape from him. She now lives in a community shelter for battered women.

The violence and abuse I. has went through has caused her to be emotionally unstable and on the brink of becoming mentally sick. The husband has now taken their baby, and has gone to the court to announce I. mentally ill, in order to get full custody over the child, and then to send her out of the country. Since she has been in the country less than five years, she is completely dependent on him for her visa.

Machaseh is now helping I. We are giving her the psychological and spiritual help she needs. We are working with a lawyer who will litigate her case in court. Our aim is that I. will be protected from her husband, that she will regain her health and get the baby back, and that she will be able to stay in Israel. When she is ready for it, we will also rent an apartment for her.

We are fighting this fight for I. specifically, but also for many, many other women who are in a similar situation as hers. In this case we are cooperating with the Ukranian Embassy and with Human Rights Agencies. Please pray for protection for I. and her baby, and for the Lord's wisdom and guidance in our every step of the way.

We want to thank all of you who have supported us financially and enabled us to engage the lawyer for this case. We now have almost all finances needed for this. Please pray for the last part to fall into place.

Thank you all for your prayers!

We wish you a blessed and restful summer!