

"A DAY IN OUR LIVES"

Yesterday was a normal day of ministry which lead us to visit the homes of some special high-need victim families...all who share the similar challenge of trying to rebuild their lives following the devastating effects of terror.

The David Shiloh Family:



David and Ariella Shiloh and family are pleasantly secular with "in your face Chuzpah", which often challenges us to stop what we are doing to find ways to help them solve the many crises of their family! They quickly let us know their problems, and humorously, our responsibility to find ways to help solve them! Yet due to the tragidy they suffered, we are honored to be there for them when they call!

David Shiloh was returning from work four years ago on his bicycle in a dangerous border community of Jerusalem called Pisgat-Zev, due to the meager income he was making from his job. He saw four young Arab men purposely moving to block the secluded narrow trail on which he was riding along the border. Forced to stop, two of the men began beating him with their fists, while the others stabbed him with knives and screwdrivers. Fearing discovery, they left him severely bleeding and for dead. Soon some cars with Palestinian passengers passed nearby, brandishing victory signs. After a great deal of time, another Arab stopped and called for an ambulance. Rushed to the hospital, David was treated for many stab wounds on his shoulders, back shoulders and in his stomach. A knife had to be removed by the doctors which penetrated into David's body. After weeks of healing painful healing, he was released and sent home for recovery.



David has since had much difficulty keeping a job due to his extensive wounds, scar tissue and poor mobility. Climbing stairs to their apartment even requires painful his effort. The government remains unwilling to award him appropriate compensation for his loss, making it impossible for David to help much to provide for his family. Regretfully times of deep depression result! His wife Ariella works cleaning offices, struggling at minimum wage to pay the rent and keep her family of six with food on the table.

In spite of their severe difficulties, David and Ariella maintain a sense of humor; loving to make people laugh. They struggle hard to live and overcome their great loss, expressing deep appreciation for all the help we



have been blessed to give! Please pray sincerely for this family - that G-D will help us place an effective industry project within their home –and faithful witness of His deep love and mercy to heal their damaged lives!

The Avi and Rosa Family:

The family of **Avi and Rosa** are quite the opposite, being deeply religious and noticeably reclusive following a tragic terrorist event he survived a few years ago while on Bus-425 in Jerusalem's suburb of French Hill. This day regretfully changed in their lives forever!

Following the attack, Avi remains a very broken man...depending on obvious strong strength, courage and faithfulness of his wife who humbly provides for him and their five sweet children. Due to the pain of their loss, they asked to remain unanimous.

Packed with commuters, the morning bus to Jerusalem provided an easy target for a terrorist! While momentarily pausing at a stop, an Arab gunman suddenly ran into the street from a nearby house with an M-16 automatic rifle and began shooting at the bus loaded with commuters. Obsessed to by death, the terrorist emptied four clips and hundreds of bullets into the bus of defenseless passengers before being finally killed by a soldier. When all was over, two people lay dead more than 50 injured for life, including Avi.

Those tragic seconds were like a bad dream to Avi and those trapped in the bus. Four bullets penetrated his legs and body, accompanied by many jagged pieces of shrapnel ripped from the sides of the bus. When the ambulance arrived, Avi was rushed to the hospital where he underwent hours of surgery to save his life. After a few critical weeks, Avi began 1 1/2 years of very painful physical and psychological recovery.

That tragic day, his wife Rosa was 4-months pregnant with their fifth child - suffering deep trauma upon hearing of the incident on the radio, and knowing her husband was on that bus. Admitted also to the hospital, she was told by the medical staff that the child she was carrying was no longer alive. Rosa was encouraged by them to abort the baby yet Rosa refused. Three days, no life was detected - but through G-D's mercy, the child's heartbeat was then miraculously heard. The baby is now a healthy 5 year old boy named Avi-Hi (My Father is /of Life).

Before the attack, Avi was able to provide well for his family, working at a fruit juice kiosk in Jerusalem. With limited mobility, he now lives with his pain and bouts of fear and severe depression. This makes it difficult for Avi to even leave his house! He receives a meager 800 shekels (\$200) a month from the government for his disability, which causes his wife to clean houses to pay the bills and put poorly feed the family. As a result of the pain they share, they and the children are very close and dedicated to the

family. Through quiet faith in G-D, they say, "Bless His Name" when asked how they are doing. Wishing to remain quietly private, we are seeking for ways to help them as much possible - yet would be honored for your prayers and assistance - should The L-RD place them upon your hearts. Then with His healing, they will desire to know those He has sent in answer to their prayers!

Thank you for your help!

Soldiers and victims come to us daily with enormous personal problems to solve...to find someone who cares, will listen, and share their pain... and hopefully find help to solve the looming crisis that appears will destroy their delicate lives. Some have huge financial needs; others come for encouragement; and others prayer...knowing that we are believers and often find G-D's love in answer to our prayers. So thank-you once again for sharing with us in this very sensitive ministry....as we continue to bring the light of His face to these precious victim-families of Israel!

Indebted for your help...

The 'Hands of Mercy' team