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David Weisskopf and Elhanan Glazer visit lone soldiers in Galilee (2 Dec. 2010)

2010 Goes Out with a Blaze

by R. David Weisskopf, chairman

December opened with Chanukah and a delegation of loyal supporters who visited us from the USA. These friends of Israel came for a humanitarian mission during one of our worst droughts on record. As former Knesset Member Elhanan Glazer and I went to meet them in the Galilee on December 2nd; they were standing on Mt. Carmel and witnessed the worst fire in Israel's history ignite a barrier between them and us.

Since their bus was already equipped for humanitarian aid, they were able to help

countless families who had to flee for their lives on their side of the fire while we attended to lone soldiers on our side of the fire. The fire did not extinguish their resolve to come up to Jerusalem and join our Chanukah celebrations for needy kids from Jerusalem and S'derot. Such people are true heroes who stand with the most vulnerable Israelis across the country.

As 2010 closes the Love for Israel Relief Fund continues advocating for at-risk kids in Israel. This morning I met with senior management from the Ministry of Labor &

Social Affairs about challenges we face serving children in divorce; which make up approximately 71% of at-risk kids in Israel. The most effective solutions are surprisingly straightforward and inexpensive. Some other challenges and solutions will surface as we strive to fill in the gaps of Israel's child welfare continuum. I am optimistic that, as we continue open dialogues, we can work together to create the most natural and least restrictive environments for at-risk kids.

On 21 December 2010 I will speak at a conference defending family values called "Who Will Rescue the Family" with Knesset Member Yulia Shamalov-Berkovich as the guest speaker. My focus will be on the added complexities which immigrant families face in the child welfare system. I will give a follow-up report next month.

In 2011 we plan to continue dedicating community-based centers around the country which can provide education and support groups for families in divorce. Launching the nationwide project will cost \$5,000 and dedicating each center will cost \$3,000. Depending upon location; monthly expenses range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per center. Larger donations would allow us to add professional counseling services. We can name centers in honor

of loved ones for large donations. It would only cost \$25 per month to sponsor each child, which maximizes the effectiveness of any size donation.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2011. As you consider your year-end giving; please prayerfully consider a gift to Israel's at-risk kids. On behalf of Israel's needy children, thank you for your love for Israel.

Every \$100 we receive can sponsor a young soldier with no family in Israel during our upcoming Chanukah projects. Donations of any size always make a big difference.

Special events, like weddings and bar mitzvahs, happen year round for hundreds of at-risk kids and needy young adults in Israel. Donations designated "special events" will be set aside for such use.

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