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*Love for Israel's Representative at the UN on 10 Sept. 2014.*

## **2014 – A Historical Year for Us!**

*by R. David Weisskopf, chairman*

The Love for Israel Relief Fund has had an exciting year both domestically and internationally. At home in Israel, we forged new connections in the Knesset with pro-family leaders. Our lobbyist proposed legislation that would stop criminalizing poverty among divorced parents. Such an amendment will be a first step towards stabilizing families of at-risk children.

Internationally, the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations upgraded the Love for Israel Relief Fund's status to “special consultative status”. This is the highest possible status for a country-specific NGO at the United Nations. We are currently the only Israeli pro-family NGO with this status. Our upgraded status

empowers the Love for Israel Relief Fund to write annual reports, give oral presentations, host seminars, and participate regularly in conferences at the UN.

Our hands-on projects in 2014 targeted Ethiopian children for aid during holidays and subsidized legal aid to protect their rights. While free legal aid is available to most impoverished citizens, there are a few situations where the most vulnerable children can “fall through the cracks”.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund found some of those legal “cracks” during our projects among Ethiopian children. We were able to help intervene in situations where nobody else had access these kids. It

was a powerful reminder how important the food delivery projects are.

For example, welfare recipients receive no more than 1,200 shekels per child each month capped at 3,000 shekels total each month. This is approximately \$350 each month per child capped at approximately \$850 per month total. Salaries and other regular income may be deducted from these caps. That means the working poor may not receive any assistance from the government.

We came across widows in the Ethiopian community with 5 to 10 orphans to raise on minimum wages. Even with \$850 in governmental aid, such children do not have nearly enough for basic survival. It is during such projects that we find the extent of such children's needs.

The lease on our delivery vehicle ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. We ask you to consider donating towards the replacement vehicle. Not only does such a vehicle allow us to deliver over \$100,000 worth of aid per month, it enable us to see the children's needs up close. Large donors to this acquisition can have a memorial prominently displayed on the vehicle. Contact us for details. Donations designated "delivering hope" will be applied to acquiring the delivery vehicle.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being our partners in making 2014 a historical year. Your prayers and support continue to be a vital part of our important work through the end of 2014 and beyond.

**Our Holiest** work is advocating on behalf of at-risk Israeli children. This not only saves lives, it also saves over 90% on taxes and donations. A growing number of our national leaders from across the social and political spectrum are responding positively to our exhortations on behalf of these little treasures from Heaven. Your support empowers us to give a voice to children who cannot speak out for themselves.

**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.

**You can donate online at:**

<http://love4israel.org/donate.html>

**On behalf** of the Israelis you help - Todah Rabah!

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