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Big Plans for 2015

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This year starts off with early elections in Israel. Will Benjamin Netanyahu continue as prime minister? Or Isaac Herzog? Maybe somebody else? Ultimately the next government will need to reform Israel's child welfare system in order to avoid governmental collapse in the future.

When Herzog served as the Minister of Welfare – corruption, child abuse and child poverty hit an all-time high. Hopefully he has learned from this tragedy and will honestly reform the child welfare system if he is to become our next prime minister.

Netanyahu replaced Herzog with Moshe Kahlon and Meir Cohen as "status quo" welfare ministers. Such weakness proved to be a continuation of problems that plagued Herzog during his tenure as welfare minister. If Netanyahu continues as prime minister, hopefully he will appoint a welfare

minister who has experience and vision for reform.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund part in all this is to continue advocacy for at-risk Israeli children both domestically and internationally. At home in Israel, we will continue forging new connections in the upcoming Knesset with pro-family leaders. Our lobbyist will continue proposing legislation that would stabilize families of at-risk children rather that severing ties between children and parents.

Internationally, we will continue using our upgraded "special consultative status" to advocate for Israeli children at the United Nations. This upgraded status is the highest possible for a country-specific NGO at the United Nations. We are currently the only Israeli pro-family NGO with this status. The Love for Israel Relief Fund will continue to

write annual reports, give oral presentations, participate in seminars and conferences at the UN as the only pro-family voice for needy Israeli children.

Our deliveries of hope in 2015 will continue to help us identify at-risk populations that otherwise fall through the cracks. We will continue finding creative ways to help them solve problems in the most natural environments possible when nobody else is able to help.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund found some of these children in previous years through our unique projects. We were able to help intervene in situations where nobody else had access these kids. It was a powerful reminder how important our hands-on projects are.

Our ability to effectively advocate for Israeli children is possible thanks to your prayers and support. Please prayerfully consider continuing to support this holy work. Any amount that you can send regularly or one-time will lend a voice to these precious little ones. We appreciate your love for Israel!

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.

Send checks to:

Love for Israel Relief Fund 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Suite 190-610 Washington, DC 20004 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.

Delivering hope is an ongoing project that delivers aid to needy children in Israel. Expenses for the delivery vehicle are \$500 per month. This allows us to pick up and deliver up to \$100,000 in aid per delivery. You can also sponsor deliveries for one month or more with a sponsor sign on the delivery vehicle for deliveries during that month. Donations designated "delivering hope" will be applied to operational costs of the delivery vehicle.

You can donate online at: http://love4israel.org/donate.html

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