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*Richard Weisskopf (left) and Elhanan Glazer (right) at a humanitarian project.*

## **Our New Voice in the Knesset**

*by Elhanan Glazer, Knesset Liaison*

It is with great enthusiasm that I serve as the Love for Israel Relief Fund's Knesset liaison. We have been in cooperation with each other for over two years. Now is the best time to formalize our relationship.

Ever since I was elected into the Knesset, I have always had a vision to advocate for needy Israelis. I started by lobbying for needy Holocaust survivors who were not receiving all the benefits they needed. Through a lot of hard work we made good progress on their behalf.

Within my first year as a Knesset Member I saw how single mothers and at-risk children also needed caring leaders to advocate for them. I came across the Love for Israel Relief Fund in 2007 as we were developing projects to help severely

handicapped children. Since then we have cooperated on a few projects that helped orphans, handicapped children, hospitalized children and lone soldiers.

Behind the scenes we shared research information concerning problems at-risk children face all over the country. Our offices gathered information on community resources available to these children and what more could be done to help.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund hosted me in the United States where I had the privilege of meeting many kind international donors who truly love Israel. It has been very inspirational to see how committed you are. I have also seen how the Love for Israel Relief Fund has been using your resources here in Israel.

Inside the Knesset, I have sat on several committees, including the Finance Committee, where we always had to make tough decisions how to fund deserving projects with limited tax revenue. The Finance Committee faces even tougher decisions today. However, I firmly believe that needy Israeli children need all the help they can get.

For this reason, I am happy to serve as the Love for Israel Relief Fund's Knesset liaison. During difficult economic times, caring people like you and I need to continue reminding legislators how to help the neediest of our children. As each of us fulfills our responsibilities, we can have a big impact on the next generation.

To our international supporters, we really appreciate your prayers and financial support. These are the backbone resources for everything we do. In the midst of global hard times, those who bless Israel continue to be blessed no matter who they are or where they come from.

To our Israeli partners, I am regularly in the Knesset. The Love for Israel Relief Fund and I would love to meet with you in Jerusalem. Please contact Richard Weisskopf at (052) 230-4756 to set up a meeting. We want to build a network for at-risk kids while sharing thoughts and strategies with each other. As we cooperate we can get legislators to make

the needs of at-risk children a top priority.

Thanks to everyone for empowering us to advocate for the neediest Israeli children. Together we will build hope for tomorrow's leaders.

**Elhanan Glazer** was a member of the Israeli Knesset until 2009. He served as a member of the Knesset Christians Allies Caucus, Knesset Finance Committee and several other committees and lobbies to advocate for Israel's poor and needy citizens. Now he serves as Knesset Liaison for selected organizations, including the Love for Israel Relief Fund, that advocate on behalf of needy Israelis. Check out his profile at the Knesset's official web site:

[http://www.knesset.gov.il/mk/eng/mk\\_eng.asp?mk\\_individual\\_id\\_t=798](http://www.knesset.gov.il/mk/eng/mk_eng.asp?mk_individual_id_t=798)

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

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