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*David Weisskopf visits an emergency shelter for children.*

## **Rescuing the Israeli family.**

*by R. David Weisskopf, chairman*

I have been living in Jerusalem for 6 years. Words cannot describe the feeling of awe and excitement to live here in Jerusalem, the Holy City for Christians and Jews. The ancient stones of the city walls come alive when you touch them with your fingers.

There is another side of Israel as well - poverty. What is especially painful for me to witness is poverty among children. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development's 2011 report, Israel and Mexico have the worst poverty rate among children out of the 35 participating countries. I see the #1 reason for this poverty every day. The sanctity of the Israeli family is under attack. Families divorce, fathers get driven from their homes to live on the streets;

divorced mothers sink into financial and emotional depression - and our children get hit the hardest.

Today, Israel's youth crisis is 20 times worse than anything that has ever hit the United States. I have never been a man who sits idly when there is such a tragedy. That is why I founded the Love for Israel Relief Fund in 2006. Since then we have connected Israel's top leaders with people like you as partners in our war on child poverty here in Israel. You can check out our monthly updates at [updates.love4israel.org](http://updates.love4israel.org) to see the projects we have accomplished in the last 5 years.

This summer we have started offering a solution that can reduce child poverty by over 70% on a fraction of the current budget. By simply outsourcing family

treatment and support to community-based centers, we can help families in volatile divorce situations far better than inefficient state-run institutions. A more detailed proposal is available for download at: <http://www.love4israel.org/admin/pdf/Proposal.pdf>. We started with the first family treatment center in Jerusalem last month. With your prayers and financial partnership, our goal is to win this war on child poverty in Israel one family at a time.

The next time you are in Israel, enjoy your tour of all the amazing holy sites with their rich history going back to the beginning of time. I welcome you also to

tour our side of Israel where impoverished children radiate their love and acceptance. For today please feel free to check out our web site and stay in touch by e-mail, telephone and postal mail. Next year in Jerusalem - I hope we will meet each other face-to-face.

**The proposal** is available online at: <http://love4israel.org/admin/pdf/Proposal.pdf>

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