

Shalom Dear Donors and Friends of the Olim Fund of the Land of Israel,

I certainly have had a lesson about pride during the past two months. I was genuinely puffed up by the great gift of \$3,000 from one of our most generous congregations during our recent visit to the States. Then, I was equally excited by two unusually large “love offerings” from other highly supportive congregations. Top this off with your more than usually generous “regular” donations and there I was, going into our recent Board meeting with more than \$11,000 available for distribution to our most hurting immigrants who were struggling to survive here in the Land of our inheritance, convinced that we would be able meet all requested needs and still have a carry over for next month.

Wow! What a lesson---I am still reeling from the 26 legitimate requests for assistance we reviewed and the fact we could only fund 19 of these, and at that could, in most cases only provide band-aide fixes; that is partial solutions. You will see this reflected in the attached report where our average gift was around 2,000 NIS (\$571) when, in most cases, 3,000-4,000 NIS was needed to completely resolve most of these often heart rending issues set before us.

I guess my point is, we all need to rejoice that through your even more than faithful giving and our team’s dedicated efforts, together we have, by the grace of God, managed to greatly touch the lives of literally dozens of hurting brothers and sisters represented in these 19 recipient families scattered from one end of the Land to the other.

Surely, this is a call to us all to be thankful, joyful and genuinely blessed that we have been called to this urgent outreach.

May the Lord God of Israel greatly bless each of you at this Holy season of great celebration.

In the love of Yeshua,

Bob Fischer

Olim Fund of the Land of Israel

Monthly distribution: October-November, 2010

Family Size	Location	Monthly Income	Overview of Situation Funded	Gift
3	Maalot	\$439	This divorced 50 year old mother of two young teenagers has undergone two surgeries on her kidneys and will soon have a third. She has been unable to work for several months and is living on a small grant from the government. This gift is for food and to pay a long overdue utility bill	\$334
4	Karmiel	\$1143	This young couple in their early 20's are about to have their second child. She is unable to work at this time and his salary is insufficient to meet even their most basic needs. This gift is for food and utility payments	\$411
1	Kiryat Shmona	\$671	This 54 year old permanently disabled man is unable to pay for the several expensive medications not provided by the government. This gift will help him with this problem in the short term	\$386
2	Ashdod	\$980	This divorced mother of a teenager lives on a small stipend from the government that was inadvertently reduced significantly for two months. This cause her to miss paying their rent for two months and they are now threatened with eviction. This gift will help alleviate the immediate crisis.	\$771
3	Holon	\$1149	This 34 year old single mother of two daughters, ages 14 and 1 is legally blind and 100% disabled. The father of the youngest is a drug addict who stole her family inheritance and fled the scene, leaving her two months behind in her rent and utilities and unable to pay for other basic living expenses from her government stipend. This gift will help her meet her most immediate needs and begin to return to financial stability.	\$1,093
1	Nazareth Illit	\$591	This 35 year old drug addict is in a recovery program that does not provide for his urgently needed dental problems that are keeping him in constant pain. This gift will provide treatment of his most urgent problems	\$486

2	Ilaniya	\$771	This 54 year old mother of a 25 year old daughter living at home is unemployed but will soon be returned to a new job. She needs long differed full mouth dentures and is unable to afford this urgently needed care. This gift will provide for about half of this need.	\$514
7	Zvulon	\$1,771	This couple in their early 30's have five young children and are barely surviving on his "worker" salary and their government child allowance. Their small refrigerator has become unrepairable and they urgently require a new one. This gift will provide for this need.	\$874
6	Haifa	\$900	The 45 year old head of this family with five children has been seriously ill and confined to bed at home for six months. He did not receive government assistance for two of these months and accordingly the family is in serious financial condition and struggling to survive. This gift will cover school expenses for the children and some food.	\$720
3	Kiriat Ata	\$971	This divorced 43 year old mother of two young teenagers is not able to afford treatment of her very serious dental problems. This gift will provide treatment of her most immediate serious needs.	\$514
2	Elat	\$941	This 58 year old couple is in a serious financial bind created by the "system." The husband just received a small disability pension while he recovers from a serious illness with the restriction that his wife can earn no more than 1000 NIS (\$286). Thus, between them they are unable to meet normal expenses and have fallen behind with their utility payments and cannot afford winter clothing. This gift will provide some short term relief as they continue to seek a better arrangement with the government.	\$540
2	Male Adumim	\$2000	This couple are high school teachers whose contracts are under review and may be terminated due to cost reductions. They are buying an older flat and have a high mortgage payment. Their toilet is leaking badly and is beyond repair and must be replaced before it causes extensive damage to the apartment beneath them. This gift will fund this need.	\$745

4	Kiriat Haim	\$1800	This young Ethiopian immigrant family with a 4 year old and a toddler has fallen behind two months in their mortgage payments and are threatened with foreclosure. The mother is looking for an affordable day care so she can seek work and the family is strapped trying to live on the father's salary. This gift will help to resolve what hopefully will be a short term problem.	\$514
1	Ashdod	\$657	This 62 year old divorced man is in constant pain from multiple dental problems. He is 100% disabled with coronary problems and is living alone after his only son recently committed suicide. This gift will provide for his most immediate dental needs.	\$514
2	Ashdod	\$1600	This husband of this 27 year old couple has Stage 4 Hodgkin's disease and is 100% disabled and being cared for by his wife at home. Even so, to help pay for medications not fully provided by the government and other related expenses she is seeking part time work to supplement their stipend. This gift will provide some short term relief.	\$514
2	Ashdod	\$1029	This 72 year old pensioner couple are living in a small apartment. The husband recently had major surgery to remove his cancerous bladder and is now 100% disabled. The associated expenses not covered by the government have left them strapped and barely able to survive. This gift is for food, some winter clothing and limited help with medications.	\$571
2	Ashdod	\$1429	This 61 year old couple are both 100% disabled and confined to electric wheelchairs. Neither can stand. He requires extensive dental treatment which will be provided for in part by this gift.	\$514
1	Haifa	\$1513	This 62 year old 100% disabled widow was recently hospitalized for a month. The associated expenses set her behind in paying her regular bills and she started bouncing checks, causing an even greater problem. This gift will help restore her to her "normal" barely surviving situation.	\$489

2	Tiberias	\$143	This couple in their early 30's survive by managing a local prayer house and look to "tips" from guests for their food and other expenses, not including rent which is provided in exchange for their services. Due to a major misunderstanding on their part, they were informed that they owed the government back payment for their health insurance. This gift will help them maintain this coverage as they negotiate with the government for some longer term solution.	\$429
			Total Distributions	\$10,933