

Shalom Dear Donors and Friends of the Olim Fund,

As anticipated, war related requests began to pour in this month, with five of the fifteen families you were so generously able to assist having suffered directly from our recent five week conflict with Hezbollah. You can be sure that this is only the tip of the iceberg, and we expect many more such requests in the coming months.

Typically, when the rockets started falling, many families simply dropped everything, including their jobs, and fled to the relative safety of the south where they remained for at least five weeks. Sadly, in most cases, when they returned home their jobs had vanished, but not their regular financial obligations for food, rent, utilities and all of the other basic survival needs. Complicating this situation is that many employers in the North were forced to shut down their already marginally profitable places of business thus negating many jobs in the process.

As you must know, most of the dear ones to whom your Fund reaches out are all already, at best, marginally surviving. Superimposing a six week or longer period of unemployment on top of this already marginal situation is more than a proverbial straw needed to break so many financial backs---it was more like a giant tree.

You may well wonder---so do we---where our government is in all of this. While they have been repeatedly promising to turn the North into a "paradise" many of our hurting olim families are already literally wondering where their next meals are going to come from, to say nothing of their rent, utilities, etc. etc.

All of this is my way, on behalf of all or our immigrant families in great need, of expressing their and our deep and abiding thanks for your response to these current and continuing humanitarian needs. You can't imagine how very much you are loved, appreciated and blessed for your generous outreach to our people who are standing firm here in this war torn, precious Land of their Inheritance.

Attached is the report of our most recent distributions.

With deep gratitude and many blessings,

Bob Fischer

Olim Fund of the Land of Israel

Monthly distributions for August, 2006

Family Size	Location	Monthly Income	Overview of Situation Funded	Gift
1	Haifa	\$326	This pensioner who lives alone became a citizen only five months ago. During the recent war he was nearly struck by a katusha rocket, was rendered unconscious by the blast and taken to the hospital by ambulance. Once there he was treated for shock and released. Since he was not admitted he must pay for the ambulance and visit personally. He also is in need of food and clothing.	\$233
2	Tiberias	\$672	Both members of this family of olim from India recently lost their jobs. Thus, they are in the process of moving to a less expensive apartment and need help in making this transition with both rent and moving expenses.	\$930
4	Nazareth Ilit	\$684	This divorced and unemployed mother of three young children is receiving no help from her former husband. She urgently need help to pay for school tuition and books and also to pay for food.	\$837
1	Haifa	\$326	This pensioner very recently became a widower and accordingly lost half of the couple's former government pension. Thus, he is unable to pay for the rent of now his alone small apartment and is struggling to find some solution. This gift will provide him some breathing space to help him make his sad transition.	\$698
4	Haifa	\$814	This now unemployed driver quit his job and is suing his former employer who has not paid his salary for three months. Now the war has made jobs hard to find and he is also desperately looking for new work. This gift is to help pay for school tuition and an overdue utility payment.	\$215

3	Haifa	\$628	This unemployed middle age man lives with his two unemployed adult sons. He recently divorced his wife and consequently lost half of the already marginal government assistance. He has already found some part time work as a driver and is looking urgently for more.	\$279
4	Haifa	\$1265	The head of the family remained in Haifa during the war, desperately looking for work while his part time employed wife and their two children fled to safety in the south. They now are faced with overdue school related expenses and unpaid utility bills.	\$403
6	Kiriat Atah	nil	This large family dropped everything, including two good jobs and fled to the south to escape the rockets falling in their city. When they returned, their former jobs were not available and they are both desperately looking for new employment. In the meantime, they are without any income and cannot meet even their most basic survival needs. This gift is for rent, food and overdue school related expenses.	\$791
2	Haifa	\$916	This part time employed divorced mother of a teenager fled to safety in the south during the war and returned to find herself again unemployed. While she struggles to find new work, she urgently needs help to pay for food, rent and utilities.	\$553
3	Beer Sheva	\$419	This part time employed security guard recently lost his job. It took him more than a month to find a full time job in a factory, but he will not receive his first salary check for another month. This gift is to help them meet their basic needs during this short period of unemployment.	\$465
2	Kiriat Yam	\$814	This 60 year old couple live on the income of the wife who works as a "care giver". Her husband while he was bedridden at home recovering from cancer surgery, suffered a serious stroke that further complicated his already grave situation. He is now again at home but confined to a small room without air conditioning. This gift is to provide him with a window unit.	\$581

2	Kiriat Haim	\$34	This young Ethiopian couple with a 2 year old child has been without work for several months until just recently the head of the family found a full time job. However, his first salary check will not be received for another month. Further, this family is no longer receiving government assistance. This gift will help them survive in the short term.	\$465
5	Kiriat Bialik	\$930	The head of this middle age family was hospitalized just before and during the early part of the recent war. As a result he lost his job and was unable to find another until very recently leaving them with three months of no income. They urgently need help to pay for back rent, food and utilities.	\$605
5	Kiriat Bialik	\$1000	The head of this family with three very young children works in a factory in Naharia. During the war, the factory almost completely shut down because of frequent rocket barrages. Thus, his salary during this five week period was almost nil. This gift is to help them recover from their pressing financial situation.	\$628
6	Tiberias	\$914	This large family survives on the wife's salary as a hospital cleaner while he urgently continues to look for work. They need help to pay for school related expenses, one month's rent and unpaid utilities.	\$353
3	Katzrin (Golan)	\$581	The wife/mother in this family had four back molars missing both top and bottom of her mouth and could only eat liquid food. This gift provided urgently needed dentures.	\$372
			Total monthly gifts	\$8,408