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

Thanks to your wonderful, continuing and growing generosity, January was a banner month for your Fund during which we were able to distribute a near record \$12,861 to meet the emergency survival needs of 18 different urgent situations among our immigrant families widely scattered throughout the Land.

While it is already early March, let me explain that our Board now meets during the last week of each month. Our most recent meeting was February 26 during which we made the attached distributions for January. This late month meeting time works best for our cash flow and reporting requirements.

As you likely know, all of our Board members are volunteers who have spent much time and effort on behalf of the Fund since its inception more than ten years ago as a small, unofficial outreach then known as the Olim Fund of the Galilee. Thus, Donna and I thought that it was long overdue that we celebrate the Board's dedication and great accomplishments in a social setting which we did on the evening of February 22th with a lovely dinner and time of fellowship. During this time I was able to share some statistics with the Board that I would also like to share with all of you, since YOU are the ones who have made possible what has been accomplished. I am delighted to tell you that since our founding in 1995 we have been able to distribute more than \$800,000 to more than 1,300 urgent survival level situations. To my knowledge, no other outreach focused on the survival of our olim has come close to what YOU have accomplished. In short, I so very much wish that each one of you could have been able to join us in celebrating your loving outreach to so many here in the Land.

While you were not able to be with us in body, we know that you were with us in spirit and we can feel your presence and your love with us as we press forward in the expectation that your Fund will continue to be so greatly blessed.

Finally, we rejoice with you in the sure knowledge that God is true to His Word and that each one of you will be greatly blessed according to His promise that those who bless Israel will indeed be greatly blessed in return.

With deep appreciation on behalf of all of those who you have touched,

Bob Fischer

Olim Fund of the Land of Israel

Monthly distributions for January, 2007

Family Size	Location	Monthly Income	Overview of Situation Funded	Gift
2	Yavne'el	\$429	This unemployed couple's ancient washing machine became unrepairable. Additionally, the wife required emergency dental care to relieve pain. Both of these needs were covered by this gift.	\$714
7	Karmiel	\$845	The husband of this unemployed mother of five young children is in prison. The income she receives from the government is insufficient to meet her large family's basic needs and she has fallen behind in her rent and utility payments and is struggling to put food on the table. This gift is to furnish a bed for the children who are still sleeping on the floor and to buy some food.	\$595
5	Netanyah	\$1,757	The head of the family who works in home construction fell off a roof two years ago and seriously injured his back. He is now recovered and is back to work but they have incurred many unpaid expenses and long neglected basic family needs. This gift is to help them recover.	\$714
4	Kiryat Bialik	\$57	The head of this family lost his job several weeks ago and is desperately seeking new employment. For administrative reasons he is unable to receive unemployment payments and as a result they are unable to pay the rent and meet other basic survival level needs while he seeks a new job.	\$643
4	Haifa	\$748	This pensioner couple in their late 70's is supporting their invalid son and college student granddaughter out of their own meager pensions from the government. The head of the family recently suffered severe pain from long neglected dental problems. He was treated at our associated clinic.	\$714

7	Kiriat Bialik	\$1166	The head of the family's salary marginally meets their basic needs, and the mother must stay at home with their five very young children. They are required to pay three months rent up front or face eviction. This gift will get them back on their financial feet.	\$1,095
2	Kiriat Bialik	\$831	The head of the family was out of work due to illness for several weeks and is now unable to pay their current rent. They are struggling to recover from this situation. This gift will cover the rent due.	\$285
5	Jerusalem	\$1260	This 41 year old mother of six children is in the process of divorcing her husband who is in jail. Her entire support is now provided by her two oldest daughters who do not live at home. She has now fallen behind two months in rent and utility payments and is making a great effort to adjust to her new situation drastically lowered income. This gift will help her make the transition.	\$950
2	Ashkalon	\$879	This couple in their 40's is new immigrants from the Ukraine. His salary is barely sufficient to meet their day to day needs. His wife recently needed emergency dental care that consumed most of one month's family income. Thus, they are unable to pay their rent and are struggling to meet other basic needs in the short term.	\$831
1	Jerusalem	\$499	This 82 year old widow of a Holocaust survivor is greatly incapacitated and lives alone. Her son brings her soup twice each week and does her laundry. Since he controls her bank account he is unrestricted from taking all but about \$50 each month from her meager pension. Our representative reports that she is thus literally starving. This gift will be administered directly and unofficially by a government clerk who became aware of this situation and has taken this woman under her wing. It will be used for both food and medicine, some of which is not provided by the government.	\$594
1	Karmiel	\$475	This 23 year old woman is a new immigrant from Russia who is struggling to finish her college education. She works part time to survive and is receiving no support from any outside source, nor does she have any family members here in the Land. This gift is to help her buy food and pay for her current school expenses.	\$297

8	Katzrin	\$693	The head of the family's income is barely able to meet the basic survival needs of this large family with six very young children. The mother recently required emergency dental care to deal with a serious abscess situation that was deemed to be life threatening. They did not have the money to meet this expense and had nowhere else to turn for help.	\$665
2	Lod	\$549	Soon after this 49 year old divorced woman with an unemployed son bought an apartment, she fell seriously ill and required two major surgeries. While she continues to recover, she is unable to work and has consequently lost her job. This gift is to cover two overdue mortgage payments which will avoid impending foreclosure.	\$594
5	Afula	\$1056	This young couple has 4 year old twins, a two year old and are soon expecting another child. He just completed his college training but since all grants were cancelled at Technion University last year he had to meet all expenses himself. Accordingly, since he has fallen into great debt, they have been unable to pay their rent from his new job and their utilities are about to be disconnected. This gift is to help them keep their apartment and to put food on the table.	\$1188
1	Jerusalem	\$475	This wheelchair bound, 76 year old widow is isolated, living alone under very marginal circumstances. She greatly desires to have an electric wheelchair to enable her to see to her needs and to greatly improve the quality of her life. At a minimum, this wheelchair will cost \$3,600. Our Board has approved \$1200 of this which has been placed in escrow with the hope and expectation that other agencies and/or individuals may come forward to provide the remaining \$2,400 needed.	\$1,200
3	Katzrin	\$855	This 55 year old artist was in great pain and needed dental work which was beyond his means. Our associated clinic in Tiberias provided this care which included dentures.	\$356
1	Tiberias	\$450	This young single woman who works part time and lives alone required extensive dental care to relieve her considerable pain. This was provided by our associated Tiberias clinic.	\$713

1	Or Akiva	\$428	This 20 year old single woman is a full time student living alone. She works part time but her income was insufficient to cover extensive, urgently needed dental work. This care was provided by our associated clinic in Haifa. (Note: 3000 NIS/\$713 is the maximum the Fund will provide for dental care. Our clinics often provide gratis care beyond this level as was the case here and in the situation immediately above.)	\$713
			Total monthly distributions	\$12,861