



The House Of Light / Social Aid  
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# Happy 2006!

## House of Light Christmas 2005 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Yet another blessed year has come to an end. We are so thankful for all the amazing things the Lord has done. **“To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we could ever ask, think, or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory, forever and ever, amen,”** Ephesians 3:20-21.

Thank you so much for your support and your partnership in our ministry.

### Youth Ministry

We are very excited about what God is doing in the youth ministry. We really have on our hearts to invest in the next generation and teach them how to live in the fullness of life that Christ made through His sacrifice. Once a month we host a special program called B1, which is a night when the youth can bring their friends for a night of fun, fellowship, and to hear about Jesus. Our last B1 meeting was a lot of fun. We hosted a ping pong tournament, played games, set up a coffee house, and opened the internet café. It was a special time for fellowship and building relationships with the youngsters. We sang a few



worship songs, Sara shared her testimony, and Na'eem shared a message of salvation.

Sara and Remi are a new young couple volunteering with us who have been hosting some of these new youth programs, making our vision come true. They organize movie nights, worship nights, bible studies, and the B1 meetings for the youth. In the next year, they will also disciple them one-on-one and make home visits.



We noticed that some of the youth that were previously taking music lessons at the House of Light were really talented, so we changed this program a bit. We thought that they would have more opportunities in music if they took lessons at the local music conservatory, so this year we sponsor the music lessons there.

### King's Kids



Our youngest daughter, Rajaa' Grimberg, is in the position of primary responsibility for the King's Kids. We have weekly meetings (split between the younger and older age groups), and have intermittent performances throughout the year. In October, we performed at the annual meeting of "One Flock" in Lubieh (Lavi) Forest. We had also several performances in the month of December for Christmas. The King's Kids program this year has been abundantly blessed.

In August, rather than the usual camp, the King's Kids went to Finland for a Summer Outreach project. What a blessed trip it was, and busy, with the 35 performances all over Finland- and in just 21 days! There were 27 of us, youth and leaders: 11 Israeli Arabs, 1 Palestinian Christian, and 15 from Messianic Jewish Congregations (both from Jewish and foreign

backgrounds). We performed on the streets of many towns, in Christian schools, Public schools, Churches, parks, prisons, orphanages, and even the airport! We were even part of a King's Kids outreach (with 5 Finnish teams) to those who were attending the World Championship of Light Athletics in Helsinki. One of the highlights of the trip for the youth was ministering one on one to children in an orphanage that we visited.



The Lord really blessed this trip, and we have many stories, here is just one: We felt led to perform in the Budapest Airport after we noticed all of the Egyptians, Iraqis, Syrians, Jewish Israelis both secular and extremely religious gathered at the gate. We performed Arabic, Hebrew, and English dances. Some stayed all the time, and some left when they heard the words “Jesus” and “cross” in the music. But the Lord opened doors for the youth to share about Jesus. It was touching and powerful! They all saw the beautiful picture of reconciliation as the youth from many backgrounds danced in harmony together! Praise the Lord!

### **Family Ministry**

We had two exciting things happen this year for our family ministry. The first was the Family Conference held in Tabgah July 28-31<sup>st</sup>. It was a special time for all of us to be together in worship, bible study, and fellowship. The theme of the conference was from Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” We held workshops and the attendees built boats and sailed them first with a string attached and then without, to demonstrate that those who are led by the Spirit are going in the right way. There was a spirit of service among us, and even the youth served by caring for the small children. We really felt the presence of the Lord!

The second blessing of the year in the area of Family Ministry was the visit of a couple from Germany who taught a seminar on Biblical Parenting. The over 40 participants learned basic biblical principles in the subjects of discipline, unconditional love, and support of their children. The seminar was modeled after God's Father Heart and how He treats us, His dearly beloved children. We pray that God will continue to produce fruit from the labors of this German couple.

### **Christian Education**

Besides the individual prayer sessions that Nawal has with women and girls from the community, we are blessed to have the services of a Christian psychiatric nurse, 2 days a week. Also many women come and benefit from the group sessions on various life subjects that she teaches. We are blessed to have her as a part of House of Light together with a professional psychologist and social worker.

### **Prison Ministries**

For those of you who get our newsletter only at Christmastime, we would love to give you the good news about our Christmas Project last year. We are happy to report that it was a fruitful and blessed time, visiting almost 1000 prisoners with singing and preaching the message of salvation in nine languages. More recently, we were a bit discouraged when we watched some of the prisoners fall back in their relationship with the Lord. But the Lord comforted us when we had three prisoners give their lives to Jesus. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness. “I was in prison and you came to visit me...” (Matthew 25:36) We have many prisoners that we visit, and we pray that we can continue to reach even more with the gospel. We visit many of the prisoners' families, and continue to minister to them as often as possible. Recently a man was released from prison after 1½ years for tax evasion. While in prison,



when he was visiting with Anis, he gave his life to the Lord. He is now successful in his business and growing in his relationship with the Lord. He attends regular congregation meetings in another town.

Please pray for the fruits of our Christmas Project we held in 2005. We hope to tell you soon about what happened during that project as well.

### Reconciliation: One Body of Christ

This year we have been involved in many ministries in the area of reconciliation. Anis was chosen to be on the board of SAYF (Sitting at Yeshua's Feet). He is the only Arab minister in a group with 8 Messianic ministers. They have 2 conferences a year, one in the Galilee and one in the desert for Jewish Messianic and Arab leaders, to seek the Lord for the future steps for the Body of Christ in Israel.



Anis is also a part of Pastors' and ministers' meetings in the Galilee once every 3 months. We work towards reconciliation by holding prayer meetings for Arab and Messianic Jewish families together. This year, in the annual meeting in Lubieh (Lavi) forest, we felt even more unity than the year before. The meeting is for ALL the body of Christ in North Israel, especially from Jewish and Arab backgrounds. New friendships were born, and old were strengthened. Words cannot express our joy as we felt the Holy Spirit moving in a mighty way. Glory to the Lord!

Anis & Nawal participate in a small prayer meeting once a month together with Messianic Jewish families to pray for reconciliation in Israel.

### The Land

We are still praying for someone to work the land for us, a Christian farmer. The land is 5,760 square meters and needs full time attention. We have some olive trees that we planted some years ago and this year we had a nice olive harvest (one whole bowl!) Our vision is to use the land for the rehabilitated prisoners or drug addicts that they can have a place to put into practice the things that they learn in theory at the House of Light. We trust the Lord to show us how He would like to use the land and to guide each step that we take with respect to this land.



### Family News



We have had quite a busy year with additions to the family. In March, we welcomed little Sari, the second son of Naeem and Erini, to the family. And in June, we welcomed a new son-in-law, Alon, to the family with the wedding of our youngest daughter, Rajaa'. And, in early September, Zaher and our eldest daughter Ranaa' announced that they are expecting a baby, so we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild in the beginning of May 2006.

The wedding of Alon and Rajaa' Grimberg was something special. It was a multi-cultural wedding as Alon is from Germany and Rajaa' from Israel. There were many different cultures and religions present, but one thing is sure: God's presence was among us. The King's Kids performed with the bride and groom, and we hope that God revealed Himself to all who attended.



- We praise the Lord for His provision of a job to Erini as she is teaching in both Haifa and Nazareth.
- Naeem is still with the same company, and he is seeking the Lord for future direction.
- Little Anis is 3 ½ years old now, and growing more everyday!
- Zaher and Ranaa' have been spending more time in ministry this year, as he reduced his working hours as a Sports Teacher at school to a third. They work with FCSI, a student ministry, and are very busy following up with the believing students' meetings in the different universities and colleges.
- Nawal will travel to the U.S. in January to spend some time with family there.

## Volunteers

We feel very blessed to have Ies & Jeane, the Dutch volunteers, with us for their 5<sup>th</sup> year. They help in many practical ways that makes it easier for us to carry out our part of the ministry work. They bring a creative and artistic gift to us at the House of Light.

Our German volunteer Johannes returned home in June. He will finish his studies there. We will miss his "servant heart" and his joyful spirit.

Our Christian psychiatric nurse is continuing her ministry here. Please continue to pray that God will give her wisdom and understanding so that she can continue to help those in need through Jesus Christ.

From the House of Light Board, we are always happy to have our two professionals, Fareed, a trained psychologist and Pastor, and Elia, a social worker, who help us with their expertise when needed.

We are happy to have our new volunteers, a newlywed couple, Remi & Sara at the House of Light. They have a heart for the next generation, so we have been using them amongst the youth at House of Light. They organize many programs for the youth and we are excited about this next year.



## Prayer Requests

First of all, we would always like to begin with praising the Lord for the great and mighty things He has done in this past year, it is more than we could ever ask, think, or imagine. Please stand in prayer with us for the following things this year:

- Anis has some invitations to travel to various conferences and speaking engagements abroad. Please pray that God will grant him wisdom to choose to attend the ones that are in God's will.
- We ask God to raise up many workers to minister to those in prison in Israel. Because there are so many prisons to visit, there's too much time between the visits. With more workers, the prisoners can receive the ministry they need. Thanks to God, we already got permission for a Russian speaker to visit the prisons with Anis.
- We pray that God will provide training to some of our youth to be the leaders of tomorrow.
- We need a Christian farmer to care for the land.
- Power from above to hold the KK camp on the House of Light land in the summer of 2006.
- For wisdom in how to follow up with children of single parents.
- The sick and hurting here at the House of Light. Some members have been praying for years for their children to be clean from drugs.
- Growth and maturity amongst families.
- For our family as we move forward in each of the ministries in which we are involved.
- Pray for the protection of our current volunteers as they minister here with us.
- God to meet our financial needs in His timing which is perfect!

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**Wishing you a revelation  
Of the Father's abundant love,**

**Anis & Nawal Barhoum  
and the House of Light Family**