

# GRATITUDE THAT BECOMES RESCUE



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**"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."**

— Psalm 107:1

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches across the United States, we pause to remember that gratitude is more than a feeling—it's a way of life that overflows into courageous love for our neighbors. In a world jolted by conflict and confusion, thankful hearts become faithful hands. We worship the Lord for His steadfast love, and then we step forward to reflect that love, especially toward the Jewish people who today often face hostility simply for being who they are—Jewish.

In recent seasons, headlines have told a sobering story: synagogues defaced with hateful symbols in Europe; Jewish students harassed on university campuses in the US; families intimidated on public transport for wearing a Kippah or Star of David; kosher shops vandalized; and online incitement spilling into threats and violence. These reports grieve us, not only because they target the Jewish community, but because they strike at the heart of human dignity. Antisemitism is an old hatred wearing new clothes, and it demands a clear, compassionate response from those who love truth.

How can we, as followers of Yeshua, push back against this darkness? We begin in prayer, standing on God's promises and interceding for protection, peace, and wisdom. We speak truth in love, gently but firmly correcting falsehoods when we hear them. We show up, checking in on Jewish friends and neighbors, ensuring they feel seen and safe. We advocate, asking leaders, schools, and local councils to protect vulnerable communities. We learn and teach, sharing Scripture and facts, helping others understand Israel's story and the Jewish people's ongoing resilience. And we give to works of compassion that turn love into tangible help.

One way your gratitude can become a life-saving action is through ambulances that serve communities across Israel. By God's grace, and because of friends like you, Vision for Israel has now donated 16 emergency vehicles to Magen David Adom. Most recently, we were honored to present a new, one-of-a-kind MICU (Mobile Intensive Care Unit) ambulance. This unique unit is built for mass-casualty response and can treat two people at the same time rather than one, doubling critical care when minutes mean everything.

These ambulances carry advanced medical technology and trained teams who bring calm into chaos—first on the scene after terror attacks, traffic collisions, or sudden medical crises. Sirens wail, doors open, and hope steps out. In those urgent moments, your generosity is present in every oxygen tank, monitor, stretcher, and expertly trained medic. You are there, in the neighborhood, at the roadside, beside the frightened mother, the wounded soldier, the elderly neighbor, whispering, "You're not alone."

**This Thanksgiving season, would you let gratitude move you again, from prayer to action? Your gift today equips first responders, strengthens communities, and stands against the spirit of antisemitism with visible compassion. Together,**



**we can keep these ambulances fueled, maintained, and ready to save lives, so that fear is met, again and again, by love on wheels. Please give now to Vision for Israel:**  
[www.visionforisrael.com/en/donate](http://www.visionforisrael.com/en/donate)

Todah rabah for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your sacrificial support. May your Thanksgiving table be filled with joy, and may the Lord multiply your kindness.

With deep gratitude,  
Barry & Batya Segal

**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY  
MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR  
FATHER IN HEAVEN." — MATTHEW 5:16**

# PROVISION, PROTECTION, AND PROMISE

## Q3 IMPACT REPORT – Q3 2025

Even in the most difficult times, God is at work in the Land of Israel and so are His people. This Impact Report is a glimpse into what faith in action looks like: ordinary lives transformed by extraordinary compassion. Through every challenge, your prayers and support have made a difference. As you read, we hope you're reminded that light still shines in the darkness, and that together, we are part of something eternal.

### HAPPY KIDS



This summer, Vision for Israel distributed about a 1,000 high-quality schoolbags to first graders across Israel through our Pack to School initiative. VFI reached families in need and ensured every child received a sturdy backpack with a back shield, pencil case, water bottle, and lunch box.



The colorful designs brought smiles and excitement for the new school year. Beyond school supplies, each gift reminded families that they are seen, supported, and valued. By equipping children with the tools they need, we're helping them start their educational journey with confidence and joy.

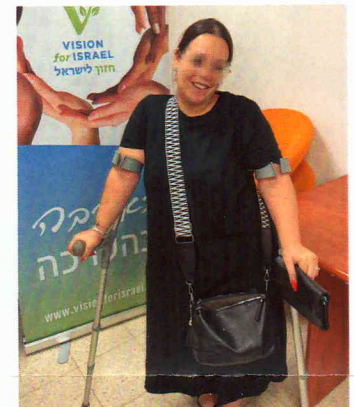


### ENCOURAGING RESERVE SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

In August, we hosted a special evening at the Millennium Center for reservists' families, including 80 first graders. Families enjoyed workshops, a comic circus show, and a joyful time together. Each child received a high quality schoolbag and kit to start the year prepared and proud. Beyond the fun, the event honored reservists' sacrifice and their children's resilience, bringing families hope and heartfelt gratitude.



### BLESSINGS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



As Israel prepared for Rosh Hashanah, a season of renewal and family gatherings, our team distributed hundreds of gift cards to households facing financial hardship. Holiday meals can be an overwhelming burden for single-parent families, people with physical or mental disabilities, the sick, elderly, and others in need, especially with school vacation expenses piling up. VFI was on a special mission to increase the assistance and be a blessing to more families. Help was given all around the country to ensure support reached the right families in time. The financial gift preserves dignity by allowing recipients to choose their own holiday essentials, so they can celebrate with joy. Many expressed heartfelt thanks for the personal care, saying the help arrived just when it was most needed. **Together, we turned worry into welcome, filling hearts and homes with hope.**

## 16TH AMBULANCE DONATION



Vision for Israel dedicated a new-generation Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) ambulance to Magen David Adom, specially equipped for multi-casualty events with two treatment beds. This marks VFI's 16th donated ambulance and the first for MDA in the new Jewish year; another milestone in 31 years of strengthening Israel's resilience. Barry and Batya reaffirmed VFI's steadfast commitment to saving lives and supporting Israel's emergency infrastructure. This advanced vehicle will enhance rapid response, coordinated care, and readiness when every second counts.



## HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



This year's annual scholarship ceremony carried special meaning, as about 80% of the recipients are survivors of the October 7, 2023, attacks. We met inspiring young men and women determined to pursue their studies despite immense emotional and financial hardship. The evening featured refreshments, warm fellowship, and a fascinating lecture on memory techniques.

**The highlight was hearing the recipients' moving stories of courage, resilience, and hope. These scholarships do more than fund education; they remind survivors that they are not alone. Vision for Israel stands beside them, helping rebuild lives with dignity and hope for a brighter future.**

## A HUGE THANK YOU!



On one of the most special days of his life, a groom, together with his friends, came to volunteer at VFI. What an incredible act of kindness and a true blessing to witness their joy and generosity!

## SUCCESS OF THE DILIGENT



Grateful to the amazing team behind the special event for the children of reserve soldiers, where we gifted them new schoolbags!

## VERY SPECIAL BLESSED DAY—CELEBRATING BATYA'S BIRTHDAY



**"When clouds of trouble fill the air,  
And our own stores seem thin and bare,  
The Lord reminds us, clear and true,  
To find the strength in giving, too.  
Your gifts, big or small, are not in vain,  
They echo Messiah's own loving reign."**

**"WHOEVER IS GENEROUS TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL REPAY HIM FOR HIS DEED."**

— Proverbs 19:17