

NETIVAH ביתנו update



"O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is Your
name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your
splendor above the
heavens!
From the mouth of
infants and nursing babes
You have established
strength
Because of Your
adversaries, To make
the enemy and the
revengeful cease"

Psalms 8: 1-2



Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of the holidays...
Hanukkah Christmas, New Year and praying for the rains this winter
to be plentiful.

Since this summer we have had a busy three months full of activities for
youth, soldiers and youth leaders. We are so thankful to see the work of
God in the lives of many who are being challenged to grow and mature in
our Lord Yeshua and bearing good fruit.

➔ What happened lately?

- **Soldiers' Conference – September 27-28** – our first soldiers conference this year was called "Touch the Wall" which means in military slang - "made it to half way". We talked about the difficulties of the day to day routine with the grind and stress the soldiers are facing each day. We shared teaching and insights on the importance of staying spiritually healthy and connected to Christ and the Body during this challenging time. The responses of the soldiers were encouraging as the topic was important and relevant for them.

- **Youth Leaders Seminar – October 11** – our first session with the youth leaders was about time management. We had a guest speaker share about the importance of managing our time correctly both personally and in the ministry.

- **"Arrows" Graduation – October 17** – we celebrated the graduation of the 11 week program for 17 participants at Yad Hashmona. Many Parents, Pastors, Youth leaders and friends attended. The graduates had an opportunity share their testimonies with the guests and to present their personal identity projects and apologetics research.

- **Youth Conferences – November 8-9** – our first national youth conference this school year. There were around 360 teens from all over the country, and together with youth leaders, volunteers and staff close to 400 people. Our topic was "Shalem" ("Whole").

It was such a blessing for us to see so many youth coming to study the word, spend time in community and fellowship, and have fun together. We were very thankful to God for the good weather so that we could have the conference outdoors, considering that we would not be able to fit so many people inside.

- **Junior Leadership Training – November 15-16 and December 20-21** – we had a group of youth recommended by their local congregations take part in a Junior Leadership Program that will train 11th and 12th grade youth to be active servants and helpers in their congregations and to be a part of the Netivah Junior High Team.

- **Junior High – November 29-30** – last month we had conference for the Junior High teens (13-14 years old). The conference was called "Hineni" (here am I). We spoke about God's calling for our lives and our response to say "here I am, ready and willing to be used". As part of the staff preparation for the Junior High conference we had the Junior Leadership Team on staff with us.

- **Soldiers' Conference "SOLO" – December 13-14** – at the conference we talked about the struggle of loneliness during our military service, the natural need to belong, keeping pure and the danger in relationship between guys and girls.



→ What's next?

We are looking forward to this coming New Year 2020 and already have it planned out. Here are some of the upcoming events, please pray with us as we move into this New Year.

- **January 10 - 11** – Girls conference - once a year we plan a conference only for Girls at the BV
- **January 24 - 25** – Boys conference - once a year we plan a conference only for Boys at the BV
- **February 1** – Worship evening for the soldiers at the BV
- **February 7 - 8** – Two-day conference for youth leaders at the BV
- **February 28 - 29** – National youth conference at the BV
- **March 13-14** – Junior high conference at the BV
- **March 27-28** – Special conference for young men and women from the Israeli Ethiopian community of Believers.



→ Prayer and Praise Requests:

- **Unity of Netivah Team** – That we might work united in love and purpose to glorify our Lord this coming year. We had a wonderful opportunity this month to take one day to get away from the office and spend time together in prayer, fellowship and sharing with each other our plans and vision for the work we are doing at Netivah.
- We are thankful to Have **Ilana** join our team working together with **Hadar** in the Soldiers' Department.
- **Niveen** – Please continue to pray for Ibrahim's wife Niveen. She has recently had a setback in her medical condition and needs to go through extensive rehabilitation. Pray for Ibrahim and the family to be strong once again as they go through this time.
- **"Arrows"** – We are already looking for next year's staff for the "Arrows" program. Please pray with us that the right people will be available and willing to be part of the team for next summer. This is a big and important commitment.
- **Larger Facility** – Praise God for the past few years the number of participants has been growing beyond our maximum capacity in our current facility. We have become creative often holding the meeting outside if the weather permits or placing chairs outside by the main door if it is too hot or raining. The team at the Baptist Village has been amazing and very gracious with us providing extra mattresses, tables and chairs. However, we are in need for a larger facility to house our youth. Please pray with us for a solution in the near future. One of the options that we are praying about is to build a "Tent City" on the land that is currently being farmed near our office at the Baptist Village. If you are interested in hearing more about this project please be in contact with us directly.
- **4 x 4 Vehicle** – We continue to have a need for a 4x4 vehicle. This summer we rented a 4x4 pickup truck in order get to hard to access places during the Sea to Sea hike and "Chetzim" ("Arrows") pre-military discipleship programs. If you have an interest in investing in this Vehicle Project please be in touch with us directly.

Thank you for standing and praying with us and for us, and for the young teens and soldiers in the land. We know that we could not do all this without your prayers and support as we invest together into the lives and future of this upcoming generation.

For His Glory!

Joel Goldberg and the Netivah Team



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