

NETIVAH בְּנֵי־יְהוָה update



"For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."

2 Cor. 4: 5-10 (NASB)

Dear Friends,

Just a short update on what has been going on in the last months at Netivah during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a team we have been challenged to rethink our course of action, and forms of communication. Our vision as an organization is to reach out to the Youth, Soldiers and Youth leaders, to strengthen and support especially during times of crisis, even if it means that we will need to work harder and be creative.

So, on the first week of the Corona we gathered the Netivah team and prayerfully set out a plan for the upcoming months, and committed to keep pushing on with whatever means we have, while keeping the social distancing and quarantine limitations. We focused our work more in areas that needed less or limited personal contact such as:

Media - we produced three YouTube shows / Bible study a week for the youth and one teaching for soldiers.

Personal Distribution - We printed 600 T-Shirts that we distributed to the youth workers to personally deliver to their youth, giving an opportunity for communication.

We also created care packages for each soldier that we delivered to the congregations to be given to the soldiers

Working with limited numbers - during this time we have been challenged to creatively divide the groups to smaller gatherings, even at the cost of working harder and longer and at times.

One of the guiding principles for us at Netivah has been that "The Corona will not stop us!" and when all this will be over, we will not be picking up the pieces, but rather that we have learned to utilize our resources and time.

We have made every effort to forward and progress the ministry and at the end of all this we will be ahead and even more ready to move forward.

➔ What happened lately? -----

- **Netzor – "To Guard" – July 21–26, 27-31** - pre-military discipleship program for high school graduates who will be drafted into the IDF in the next few months. Because of the COVID-19 limitations this year we needed to divide the ten-day program and split it to two streams of five.



The program with 50 participants took place in the Golan Heights overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

- **"Arrows" ("Chetzim") – August 11 – October 15** - this is our 5th year running the "Arrows" program. We currently have 19 high school graduates who are participating in a 11-week program studying Theology, Apologetics, History and Geography together with hiking, volunteering, and serving in the community in order to strengthen their Faith and Identity preparing them for their military service. Lord willing their graduation ceremony will be on October 15th in Yad Hashmona.



➔ What's next? -----

We need to be creative when we are planning all our activities in order to reach the youth and soldiers as plans are lucrative and are subject to change any moment... **For instance**, past week we needed to cancel our soldiers conference.

- **Soldiers** – This school year we are planning to have four soldiers' conferences. The first conference was to be on **September 25-26** and called **"Oasis"**. During the conference we planned to talk about the struggles and difficulties, the loneliness, isolation, discouragement and spiritual dehydration. But due to the increase of the COVID- 19 cases we are going into a three-week lockdown, disabling social gatherings and any public activities. So, because we canceled this conference, we decided to make a live stream of the Worship Evening for Soldiers which included a powerful and encouraging short message. The Live Stream took place on September 26th and about 60 participants have attended online.
- **Youth Conferences** – This school year we are planning five national youth conferences. Lord willing and if the COVID is under control, the first Conference will be on November 6-7. Usually we expect around 300-350 teens from all over the country to attend.
- **Junior High** – This coming year we will be continuing to organize conferences for the Junior High teens. The first conference will take place on **December 4-5**. We are anticipating that many new Youth will be participating for the first time at a Netivah activity. As part of the staff preparation for the Junior High conference we are planning a training weekend with a youth leadership team made up of 11th and 12th graders. We believe this is a great opportunity to mentor the younger teens as well as training and encouraging the older teens to serve.

➔ Prayer and Praise Requests: -----

- **In light of the Coronavirus**, please pray for the young people in Israel that are isolated and restricted that they may find hope and comfort in Yeshua during this time.
 - Pray for the believing soldiers as some of them will be in closure for the next four weeks and do not know when they will be allowed to leave.
 - Please, pray for us at Netivah to be wise and creative as we seek to be relevant and effective in reaching out to the youth and soldiers during this time, as well as being a support for them and the youth leaders during the Corona time and after.
- **Unity of Netivah Team** – That we might work united in love and purpose to glorify our Lord during this busy season.
- **Staff transitions**
 - This week Randy Sigulim is returning to work at Netivah after two years in the USA, and will be joining the senior staff .
 - Please pray for Rose and the Baby that's expected in November and for the rest of the team as she soon heads out for maternity leave.
- **Niveen** – Please pray for Ibrahim's wife Niveen. She needs to go through extensive rehabilitation. Pray for Ibrahim and the family to be strong once again as they go through this time.
- **"Arrows"** – please continue to pray for the participants and the staff, as we have less than a month left until the graduation.
- **Larger Facility** – we continue to have a need for a larger facility to house our youth. Please pray with us for a solution in the near future.
- **4 x 4 Vehicle** – We continue to have a need for a 4x4 vehicle. We are 70% there, thanks to all that have contributed. If you have an interest in investing in this Vehicle Project please be in touch with us directly.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work here. In spite of the difficult time in Israel and in the world, we know that God is building His Church and strengthening our faith, through trust. We are inspired to reach out to one another and support the body of Yeshua.

For His Glory!

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