



LIGHT AND MERCY

To Our Dear Friends,

In the Biblical account of the last year of the wanderings of the Jewish people through the desert, the text reads in [Numbers 20:4](#) And why have ye brought the assembly of the L-RD into this wilderness, to die there, we and our cattle? [5](#) And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.'



My dear friends, *Light and Mercy* is in a dry and desperate place at this time, bringing this text again and again to my mind. Figuratively, we are in the wilderness...we have used our resources and finances to help those we could during the Passover holiday, our lease expires this week on the office we are renting, we have no money to rent another office, neither do we have a home from which to work. However I don't believe HaShem has brought us into this wilderness to die. We have tried wherever possible to bring "water to the thirsty in this Land." We are speaking, even crying out to our "Rock" to provide the miracle we need to continue on with this work...believing that Light and Mercy has been His work from the beginning.

I, like so many in Israel at this time, feel strongly that help from organizations like *Light and Mercy* will be needed more than ever in the near future. There is a real and uneasy sense here that the hatred of our enemies in Gaza, in Judea and Samaria, in the North, as well as Iran and many other Arab nations will once again manifest in murder and war.



Again, today, Hamas launched a barrage of Kassam rockets at S'derot, Ashkelon, and other communities in the Negev. One of the rockets that slammed into a residential neighborhood exploded very near a school. Another Kassam exploded in a home. Many people were severely traumatized and treated for shock. It is G-d's grace alone that spares so many of the lives of His children. All this occurs while our leaders pretend that there is a chance for a real cease-fire. There has never been a cease-fire. There were only short-lived lulls in launching of missiles to allow Hamas time to re-stockpile their weapons.

The attacks on motorists in Judea and Samaria are increasing in frequency and intensity. There are rocks and Molotov cocktails thrown at cars daily, and yesterday there were shots fired into a public bus.

On Friday morning a Palestinian gunman killed two Israeli security guards, Shimon Mizrahi, 53, and Eli Wasserman, 51, in an attack at an industrial zone near Nitzanei Oz in the Sharon region. We all mourn the loss of two more Israeli victims.



Recently we've heard that, in preparation for war against Israel, Hizbullah is sending thousands of young men to Lebanon, Syria and Iran for military training. The situation to our North is ominously threatening.

There is so much to be done...helping the victims of Kassam missile attacks, bringing food to the poor, comforting those who mourn...and now we feel an urgency to stockpile necessities to help Northern communities be able to subsist if, G-d forbid, war should once again emanate from Lebanon. We are determined to trust in G-d, to stand firm and increase our faith. Please help us continue in what we believe with all our heart, is holy work.

Shalom, my friends, and G-d bless you,

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