



LIGHT & MERCY

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Today we mourn. Twenty-year-old Carlos Andres Muscara Chavez was murdered by a Hamas terrorist this morning. This brave and honorable young man from Quito, Ecuador was a volunteer on Kibbutz Ein HaShlosa, a kibbutz founded by Jewish immigrants from South America. It is located near the Gaza perimeter fence in the western Negev. Chavez was working in the fields of the kibbutz, about 100 meters from the perimeter fence, when a terrorist on the other side of the fence took aim and fired a single bullet into his back. Chavez was rushed to the kibbutz infirmary, but sadly died of his wounds. Hamas's military wing has claimed responsibility for this cowardly murder.



Also today, our sworn enemies in Gaza, Hamas terrorists, bombarded the Israeli city of S'derot and other Jewish towns in the western Negev, with a barrage of 25 Kassam rockets and 25 rounds of mortar. Besides the Israeli's who are suffering from shock, there are four wounded. Two of the wounded were sent to a nearby hospital when their homes, in the same S'derot neighborhood, took direct hits from the incoming missiles. One of the wounded was a woman hit by flying shrapnel; the other, also wounded by shrapnel, was an innocent 7-year-old girl. It is only through the unending mercy of G-d, that no one was killed by these attacks today.



Life in S'derot has become a nightmare, and the people there need our help. *Light and Mercy* has been doing what we can to bring relief and hope to those struggling to survive in this city under constant siege. Along with other charity organizations, we bring food and necessities to the families who remain in S'derot...those who cannot afford to move away and those who refuse to be driven away. By distributing food baskets to these families in such critical need, we are able to determine if there are also other ways we can provide assistance to them.



Our prayer is to be able to increase our help to all those who suffer in Israel. *Light and Mercy* has been honored with distributing food to families; repairing homes of destitute people; providing housing for those living on the streets; giving hope and help to wounded soldiers, victims of terror, and their families; and doing whatever our hands find to do. We believe in our hearts that this is G-d's work, being fulfilled by people who are financially and physically able to be a part of it. Thank you for your kind support of this work.

Shalom and G-d bless you,

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