

Dear Friends of Tikkun Olam,

TIKKUN OLAM REPORT 2014 – 2015

Tikkun Olam is about learning to give from beginning to end. As part of the Messianic Community I am reminded of God's covenant with the Jewish people.

Genesis 12: 1 – 3 *1. Now ADONAI said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you. 2. I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. 3. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

God's covenant with the Jewish people called us to impact the entire world. "Through you all the nations of the earth will be blessed." We are not supposed to be a ghetto people. To fulfill the covenant, we must exercise influence on humanity, including the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Tikkun Olam occurs not only at the beginning of Jewish history, but also at the consummation of human history. The scriptures tell us that this vision of the Messianic Era will also contain the Knowledge of God: "The earth will be filled with the Knowledge of God, as waters cover the sea." Yet what is this dream? It is the vision of the fully repaired world under the sovereignty of God.

We who await our Messiah's second coming have this hope.

Revelation 21: 2 – 4 *2. Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "See! God's Sh'khinah is with mankind, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, God-with-them, will be their God. 4. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away."*

In the financial year of 2014-2015 Tikkun Olam has been able to distribute in:

Victoria	243
News South Wales	50
South Australia	30
Western Australia	195
Queensland	30
Basic Food Hampers Victoria	23
TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD HAMPERS	571

62 Volunteers have partnered with us in 2014-2015 for purchasing, packing and delivering.

Following are testimonies from our recipients and volunteers.

When I gave the Hamper to the young guy in the Israeli beauty product shop, he kissed me on both cheeks and held both hands like I was his Mum. He beamed a huge smile and excitedly looked inside the bag.

Wait till I tell you the story about the new Jewish lady I met today whom I gave the Purim hamper to. It is an amazing story how I made contact with her today and I made a friend indeed. She invited me into her home and we talked for 45 minutes and she really wants to come visit our congregation and talk more. She is in the midst of recovering from a protracted illness, which should have killed her, but God spared her for a wonderful life testimony. This little skeleton figure lady is an overcomer. Let us pray that she will become an overcomer in Messiah Yeshua.

The phone woke Marian at 2am; it was a friend from New York asking if she could visit a 95-year-old man in Melbourne. D, a Holocaust survivor was now totally alone and had lost the desire to live. Marian kept her word. She visited D, but brought him food, ran errands and prayed with him. D received an amazing answer to prayer, which he knows was an absolute miracle from Yeshua. One morning Marian prayed asking the Lord to send along some additional people who could also minister to D. That very afternoon Marian happened to meet one of our workers who told her about our Tikkun Olam ministry. She was absolutely thrilled. Within a few days, D received a visit and a food parcel from Tikkun Olam. D (& his housekeeper who happened to be there at the time) was astounded at the love and kindness shown. Since then he has been visited several times and is now building some lasting friendships with our volunteers. We pray that D will come to personally know Yeshua, his Messiah.

I count it a privilege to be an ambassador for the distribution of food hampers to members of the Jewish Community on the Gold Coast provided by Tikkun Olam. My first opportunity to do so was at Sukkot in 2014. In the first instance, the food hampers were a complete surprise to the recipients, but now they look forward to my visits at Feast times. Indeed it is a valuable means of making a meaningful connection and an opportunity to be a beacon for the "Good News" - albeit low key.

Further testimonies can be viewed on our website at celebratemessiah.com.au/tikkun-olam

Making a donation to Tikkun Olam will provide a generous food hamper. This fund is tax deductible as the funds are used for benevolence. So please consider to make a donation towards helping in a practical and spiritual way those needy Jewish folks in our local community. An online donation can be made through our website celebratemessiah.com.au/donate. Please specify your donation towards Tikkun Olam in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

We as the Messianic community strive to see that Tikkun Olam creates not only blessing to the world, but also "**kedushah**", a life of sanctity, purpose, and meaning. Join with us as we learn to give to those in physical and spiritual need in the Jewish community throughout Australia.