



תיקון עולם



WHAT IS TIKKUN OLAM ?

Tikkun Olam really is a ministry of service to our Jewish brethren in Australia. Since we began this benevolent ministry beginning of 2011 the Lord has blessed us with 259 volunteers who have given out 1015 food hampers into the Jewish

community in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Sydney. It serves those in the Jewish community who are both physically and spiritually poor. We see more and more that both the giver and the receiver of our food hampers are thoroughly blessed. In this

newsletter I give special thanks to our volunteers who serve faithfully with their time, money or energy to those in crisis.



Statistics for the year 2012~2013:

Number of Food Hampers (VIC)	300
Number of Food Hampers (NSW)	34
Number of Food Hampers (SA)	31
Number of Food Hampers (WA)	109
TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD HAMPERS	476

Up to date, more than 259 Volunteers involved in Purchasing, Packing and Delivering

REPORTS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES:

In the latest Tikkun Olam delivery, we gave out 3 Pesach hampers to 3 people who were very blessed:

1) A Russian Jewish man named F who lives in Waterloo on his own. He was very moved by the gift. He came to Pesach and has been a few times to other outreaches. He has been a widower for about 15 years and is very lonely. He says he does not believe in God. We gave him some literature and a Russian Bible, which he said he would read.

2) We gave another to a woman S who has been acquainted with the ministry for many years, especially when her mother was alive, and Natasha is close to. S is 75 and very ill with arthritis, kidney malfunction and other problems. She is a very giving and generous person who does not like to receive. She rang the day after receiving it and told Natasha that she cried for half a day because she never received anything like this before. She also came to Pesach.

3) We gave the 3rd hamper to a 93-year-old Russian Jewish man, Y and his wife N. He has been coming for many years, could not overcome his communist atheism, but has now begun to believe. His daughter became a believer a few years ago, and the son-in-law is coming around. He was thrilled to receive it and would have come for Pesach but his grandson was arriving from Belarus that day.

*** Light Humor during Pesach 2013:**
Our Jewish volunteer went to his local supermarket in Perth to purchase some of the items needed for our hampers. Since the volume was so big it nearly made the kosher stock run out. Some Jewish folk chased him through the supermarket and took his purchases from trolley, being concerned that they were not going to have any to purchase. They couldn't imagine who would need that much!



~ VICTORIA REPORTS ~

Over the past few months a young lady in our community has become a volunteer in the Jewish community here in Melbourne. During one of our food hamper deliveries to a Holocaust survivor couple this young volunteer accompanied me to deliver the food. During our visit we learnt of the severe heartache this couple were presently experiencing in their family life. The young volunteer was so moved by the Holocaust Survivor couple's plight that she asked if she could pray for them. They agreed and the prayer was prayed in the Name of Jesus. I looked at our Holocaust survivor friends to see if this was ok with them and to my surprise she was extremely grateful for this beautiful prayer. Indeed we can see how God goes before us to prepare the hearts and minds of those who receive these gracious food hampers.

Volunteer reports: - Later, I delivered a parcel to "Smiley". He was with his brother in the front yard. His brother introduced himself as Reuben and I said, "that's the name of Yaakov's 1st son!" Then Smiley said, my name is actually Ephraim and he's also a son of Jacob. I paused and said, "He's the son of Josef!" Smiley said "No, Jacob!" I said, "Josef had two sons in Egypt - Manasseh and Ephraim". Then the two men looked at one another in shock and said, "You're right! You know more than us!" Smiley thumped me on my arm, and then kissed me on my cheek. It was very funny. Both these brothers had long beards and were wearing their yarmulkes and their mouths were a big 'O' when they realized their mistake.

Another volunteer reports: - One lady who is the mother of a messianic believer received a parcel for Purim when she attended Beit HaMashiach for the first time. This is what she wrote: "I want to thank you for your warm welcome of me to the Temple. I also want to thank you for the "mishloach manot"

[Purim parcel] that you gave me for Purim. In all my years of involvement with various Jewish congregations, I have never seen such a rich mishloach manot." She then actually sent in a donation of \$100 to the Tikkun Olam Fund.



REPORTS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Our volunteers have been able to meet and visit with new Jewish people and families in their area. Our volunteers have been delighted very blessed by this and look forward to meeting with Jewish folk in Adelaide through the giving of the food hampers. One of the recipients of our Pesach hamper specifically asked for some Kedem food products. Afterwards we found out that his name was Kedem, he was delighted to receive the Kedem gefilte fish!

REPORTS FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Tikkun Olam food parcels were joyfully received. Many wonderful words were received from the recipients of the Jewish community who were blessed with the hampers.

A very special thanks to A & L. A has worked tirelessly pricing and purchasing the food items and then delivering them to my home. I would also like to give special thanks to my wife Leanne, my son Isaac and Rosie, a lady from our church, who helped pack the hampers. Aaron and Denise also deserve thanks for their efforts in preparing and delivering the hampers.

A new recipient of the Tikkun Olam food hamper was 102 years of age, a holocaust survivor and was overwhelmed with the hamper.

The bridge building between Aaron, Denise and myself with the leaders in the Jewish Community involved in helping the less fortunate, is becoming very strong. We are certainly gaining their favour.

Overall, the favour of the Lord is on Tikkun Olam and this is evident in the way we are being received by all involved.



CARE HAMPERS

We have recently added care hampers to our Tikkun Olam food hampers. These care hampers are designed specifically for Jewish men, woman and children who are in hospital or going through difficulties with their health. We have given out a number of these care parcels and they have been graciously received.

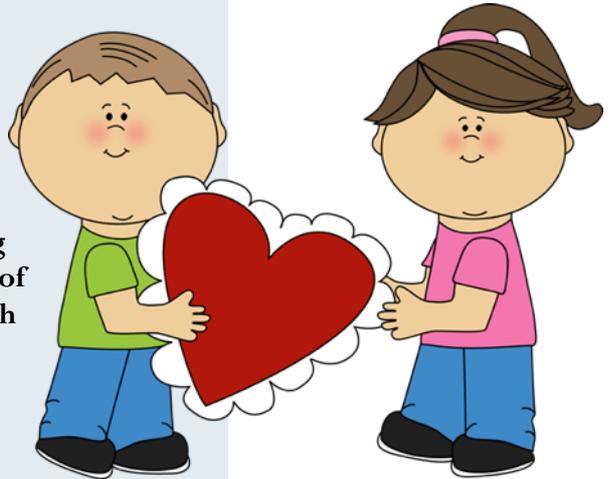
AUSTRALIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The following article, which was written recently from jwire, again reminds us why we serve our Jewish brethren here in Australia.

A study of poverty and emergency assistance in the Jewish community has been prepared for the Jewish Population Study, undertaken by researchers within the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC), Monash University, in partnership with Jewish Care Victoria. A copy of the report may be downloaded from the Internet sites of ACJC and Jewish Care. The report finds substantial inequality and poverty within the Jewish community, with several indicators pointing to a level of poverty and near poverty, which is likely to be above 20 per cent of the Jewish population, higher in Victoria than in New South Wales.

Analysis of census data also indicated that more than 2,250 Jewish persons in Victoria and more than 1,300 in New South Wales lived in families where the income is below the poverty line established by the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

In conclusion this is not only a reminder of the startling extremes being faced by so many but also of the power of the individual to make a difference. Our volunteers with Tikkun Olam prove that people are willing and able to step up to the plate and give their time, money or energy to those in crisis.



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I would like to help in packing and delivering food hampers.

I would like to support Tikkun Olam with a donation of: \$ _____
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