



END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REPORT 2018 – 2019

Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)

Welcome to Tikkun Olam end of financial year 2018 – 2019 report.

The day that commemorates Jesus' death by crucifixion is called Good Friday. His death was understood to procure forgiveness from sins, atonement and Tikkun Olam. The world begins to be repaired when we are repaired. In turn, we become the kind of people who can extend God's Tikkun Olam to the rest of the world. May Tikkun Olam, and the great shalom, overflow our hurting world and all those who will be inspired by our testimony.

Our team at Tikkun Olam in the financial year of 2018-2019 has been able to distribute in: -

Victoria	243
News South Wales	60
South Australia	12
Western Australia	275
Queensland	20
Basic Food Hampers Victoria	36

TOTAL NUMBER OF FESTIVAL AND BASIC FOOD HAMPERS 646 = value \$32,000.00

117 Volunteers have partnered with us in 2018-2019 for card making, purchasing, packing and delivering.

These accomplishments would not be possible without your support. You add strength to our numbers and volume to our voice in the Jewish community of Australia.

Our work is funded by the generous donations we receive from our supporters, which help to underwrite the cost of food distribution into needy Jewish homes across Australia. Presently we have significant gaps in our funding and would ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support the continuation of food hampers into the Jewish community. Following are testimonies from the recipients and volunteers of Tikkun Olam in Australia.

- Barry Buirski - manager, Tikkun Olam

Bendigo Church of Christ Tikkun Olam Card Making Team Report: - Ruth Sloan and team

The Tikkun Olam Team at Bendigo Church of Christ has grown to 15, and includes women and girls aged from



11 to 80. Some are committed card makers; others only make cards when we meet. Our diversity in age and card making experience is just one of the positive aspects of meeting together five times a year to support Tikkun Olam. We love the fellowship, morning tea, learning new paper crafting skills and gaining new understandings about Jewish culture and the Feasts of the Lord. What a privilege to join with all those involved in the Tikkun Olam ministry in service for our Lord.

I am sure that the beautiful words recorded many, many years ago in the Scriptures, ***"For such a time as this"*** will resound with wonderful praise and worship to the Lord God. And we can thank God that He has raised up Celebrate Messiah ***for such a time as this*** to serve God in the strength and wisdom He has blessed you with. Your special ministry of love and care through Tikkun Olam is very unique indeed and may you have cause to celebrate very often with rejoicing over the fruits of such loving service. I am so glad that Apostle Paul said, ***"By all means everywhere."*** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty be with you, protect you and sustain you. Margaret and Graham Beasy



Brisbane Tikkun Olam Report: - Fraser Harding and team



What a blessing to serve the Messiah by being a conduit in making the wonderful items of foods provided by Tikkun Olam to various Jewish folk in the Brisbane area at Feast times during the past year. They receive these joyfully and with much appreciation. Some of them, pensioners, do not have financial resources that sufficiently stretch to provide for those little extra items. At a personal level, now being 82 years, I find it both inspirational and enjoyable to be able to participate in this valuable ministry, and am truly thankful to the Lord God for His mercies every day.

So many thanks to His special servants who make all this a reality. With blessings in Messiah.

Adelaide Tikkun Olam Report: -

Sadly Leslie Schwimmer is not able to continue volunteering with us for Tikkun Olam in Adelaide. Thank you Leslie for your hard work and contribution to Tikkun Olam during the past nine years. We the Jewish Messianic community are eternally grateful for your service.

Sydney Tikkun Olam Report: - Harry Haman and team



This has been a particularly fruitful year for this ministry in the Sydney area. We are hoping to increase our delivery to about 20 hampers in the near future.

Testimonies from deliverers and recipients:

“Please can you pass on my thanks to Paul, Harry, and Zelda for the food hampers, which I have been enjoying all weekend. Last weekend my family visited me from NZ (who are all not quite saved but very close as me and my Mum continue to believe and pray), so I have been enjoying a double dosage of needed food hampers this season. God bless you all, Shalom Helen”

“We have distributed most of the food hampers to a Jewish Family in Baulkham Hills who then distribute to many families in the Jewish community. In fact, Harry came along with me to their place once to meet with them. I have a little opening with another family now and praying that God will bring us to a closer relationship so I can give a food hamper to this new Jewish family as well. Blessings Lalanthi.”

“The Purim and Passover food hampers were well received by the two orthodox ladies I give them to. When I delivered the Passover food hamper to the first lady, my friend and I were invited in for a cup of tea and had a very erudite discussion around the festival of unleavened bread and counting of the Omer in which we were able to share about Messiah Yeshua in the festival, although she still does not acknowledge the connection. Doors of appreciation are still open. The other lady was very appreciative as she had Passover and two Bat Mitzvahs with many visitors all happening. We regularly meet and I have opportunities to share my faith. Blessings Cathy.”

Perth Tikkun Olam Report: - Peter Boland and team



Peter's team of volunteers is made up of both Orthodox Jews and Messianic believers who serve the Jewish community in Perth through Tikkun Olam.

Peter was invited to have dinner with Phillip (both pictured) who is the CEO for The Menora Charity Fund Incorporated in Perth. He thanked Peter and Tikkun Olam for their tireless efforts towards struggling families within the Jewish community of Perth. Peter and Barry were blessed to build this bridge of trust between our Messianic community and the Jewish community.

Iris Bennett is a Social Worker for Jewish Care, WA. The following is a letter from her to Barry Buirski:

Dear Barry,

I write on behalf of my many clients who receive the Tikkun Olam food parcels, to thank all who contribute to them for the wonderful deeds they do and the joy which they bring to so many.

So many families are finding things very difficult these days when the cost of living far outstrips their income. From all ages, young and old, so many feel blessed to be thought of with such kindness. Peter and his team deliver most of the parcels, but I have some delivered to the office for me to pass them on, for example, people who live outside the delivery areas Peter and his team can manage. I have seen faces light up in delight when I pass on your parcels to them. I also get glowing testimonials from my clients who meet with Peter and his team when they drop the parcels off to the clients themselves. Fortunately, Peter has met some of the clients who pick up parcels from my office when their visits have coincided, when Peter and his team have been there and they have spoken of how the parcels have cheered their lives, often when they have felt alone and downhearted. Many have no relatives here, and many are isolated, and your parcels simply make their day. Also, mothers speak of the delight their children get "opening up" the parcels which brings treats they can't afford. They often ask me to pass on their gratitude to you and your group. For all your group does for those of us in the West, my heartfelt thanks, as always.



Peter with his team of volunteers

With kindest wishes

Iris I. Bennett, Social Worker **JewishCare** WA (Inc.)

And an email between Iris and a hamper recipient, Danielle:

"Hi Iris, my name is Danielle and I have been receiving the Tikkun Olam food hampers before every Jewish Chag [festival]. Firstly I'd like to thank you and your organisation for this wonderful service. It has allowed me to continue to celebrate and keep up with my Judaism. I have had to move house due to ongoing financial struggles and was hoping you could update my address so I can continue to receive these festive food hampers. Thanks again Danielle."

"Hi Danielle, many thanks for your kind thoughts. I'm so pleased the Tikkun Olam hampers have made a difference for you. I believe the hampers are due to be delivered today but I've left a message on Peter's phone (he organises the distribution) and will be seeing him later this morning so will give him a copy of your email, as he will be as delighted as I am about your kind words. Kindest regards Iris."

Melbourne Tikkun Olam Report: - Barry Buirski and team

This financial year has been challenging, yet with many unexpected blessings. We have changed the way that we buy and deliver the food to the team leaders in Sydney, Adelaide and Queensland. Previously all food was sourced from a kosher outlet here in Melbourne. However, since we have had to move out of our building in Caulfield South due to renovations, this process has no longer become viable. We now use a major supermarket chain, which delivers the kosher food directly to each team leader. This method is much more efficient and provides a cost saving.



During the past few years, we have consistently been witnessing the love and genuine concern of our

Messiah Yeshua to a very Orthodox Jewish family. In this past year, this family has needed to move their home. It so happened that they moved to a house directly next door to a church. At first, I was not aware of where they had moved to, until I was invited to speak at this church. On arrival at the church, I was told that their Jewish neighbours were the family we were ministering to through Tikkun Olam. Furthermore, a couple of years ago I met with another Jewish believer in Yeshua here in Melbourne. At that meeting, I learnt that he was a pastor and had temporarily stopped in his calling to help his wife with their art business. That same pastor had then been called to this same church where our Jewish family that we had been witnessing to had come to live next door to. When I learnt all of this, my heart rejoiced in thankfulness to Yeshua for His loving-kindness. I do believe there are no coincidences with God. only divine appointments. The church has begun to reach out to this Jewish family with God's love.



We have had on occasion a Jewish man come to help us with the packing and delivering of Tikkun Olam hampers. This is how it came about through his wife's email to me. "Good morning Barry, Thank you for this email. I apologise for my late response. Do you still need a helping hand in packing and delivering? I'm working that day, but my husband has some time that day and is able to assist. His name is AR, he's from Israel (Not a believer yet), but thinks helping the Holocaust survivors is an important thing. Please let me know if it's okay. Thank you D." On AR's arrival to help the team of Tikkun Olam volunteers, the team truly shone with God's love and testimony and right there before AR even had a chance to help, he heard of

Yeshua's great love for him through our volunteer's testimonies. It was a wonderful God-given moment. Later that day, I met with AR and asked him if he would come to help us again, and he said yes.

A hamper recipient writes:

"Dear Barry and all the wonderful volunteers and staff at Tikkun Olam, we really appreciate the very useful and thoughtful hampers you bring to us with blessings from your volunteers. It's so lovely to meet such wonderful and compassionate people who make me feel much calmer knowing that amongst the shameful growing tide of anti-Semitism, there are those kind persons who love and support us. Recently my synagogue held a gathering for "Nations Bless Israel". Unfortunately I could not attend as I had just had surgery, but I heard wonderful reports and I hope this becomes more commonplace. The knowledge that you support us and love Israel is a comfort beyond words or measure. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and practical assistance with the hampers, which my children also enjoy, and meeting the volunteers too, My blessings for your continued strength and our joint efforts in keeping our beautiful Israel a shining beacon of democracy amongst the wolves. Blessings, Sarah, children and family."

A MIRACULOUS TESTIMONY

A few months ago I received a phone call from Shoshana. She had received my phone number from someone she had met in the supermarket. She said that she had heard that we help those in the Jewish community with food hampers and would she qualify. I took down her details and then met with her. Shoshana is an Israeli woman who came to live in Australia with her son through marriage.

As she told us her story, it became clear that she was struggling and had some major setbacks in her life. Her husband had passed away and she was dealing with much grief. A few weeks back, Shoshana needed to go into hospital because she desperately needed a hip replacement. During this time of immense discomfort and pain, I visited her in hospital with a Hebrew speaking colleague as interpreter. I decided to give her the book Isaiah 53 Explained. We met with her again when she came out of hospital and was well enough to be home. We asked her opinion on the Isaiah 53 book we had given her. She had read some of it but still needed to finish it. I asked her what she thought about the portion she did read. Her reply was that earlier her son had given her a copy of the Jesus Movie to watch, and when she viewed it, it all became clear to her what had happened for us, the Jewish nation, so long ago. She now believed that Yeshua had taken upon Himself her sins at the cross, and he bled and died for the salvation of the nation of Israel. Because He did this, she believed that He was her saviour, and for all Israel. Our conversation was a mix of Hebrew and English and when she declared her faith in Yeshua my colleague almost fell off her chair. I knew Shoshana had come to a genuine faith in Yeshua as her Messiah through the Jesus Movie. She explained to us that it was a struggle for her to understand this through reading a book. However, when she watched the movie it became clear. I rejoice in the fact that God did this for Shoshana. I am still curious about Shoshana's son and look forward to the time when we will sit down to discuss this matter.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Making a donation to Tikkun Olam will provide a generous food hamper. This fund is tax deductible, as the funds are used for benevolence. If you would like to make regular monthly support, we can arrange it with your bank. So please consider making 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 [**www.celebratemessiah.com.au/donate**](http://www.celebratemessiah.com.au/donate). Please specify that your donation is 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.

For more information about Tikkun Olam visit our website at [**www.celebratemessiah.com.au**](http://www.celebratemessiah.com.au) under the Get Involved menu >>volunteer>> Tikkun Olam link.

May God bless and be with you.

Barry Buirski