

## TIKKUN OLAM EOFY REPORT 2020 – 2021

Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) during a pandemic

Welcome to Tikkun Olam end of financial year 2020 – 2021 report.

It is clear that this period of crisis has been more than a dreadful hiccup. Something far deeper and more fundamental is happening. The tectonic plates of society are shifting in ways most of us could never have imagined. Tikkun Olam is going to need to respond to all these pressures and challenges. How we respond is not yet clear but what we do know for sure is that discovering and following the movement of the Spirit is the action that Tikkun Olam needs to take.

What the Lord has had us doing over this past year is continuing to reach out to our Jewish brothers and sisters through the distribution of food hampers to those who are financially disadvantaged and vulnerable in some way. The timing of the distribution of hampers are related to the Jewish holidays throughout the year and also, in Melbourne, we provide monthly hampers to those who are in greater need that we know of.

This vital and heart-felt ministry has provided a wonderful platform from which to share the love of Yeshua the Messiah to Jewish people who would not ordinarily have much to do with Christians and messianic Jewish believers in Messiah.

For this reason, we want to thank the many volunteers who have served in this ministry this past year, as well as the generous financial support of our partners. We have been so blessed and empowered to do this work and we are truly very grateful to the Lord and to you as well.

As you know, your donations to Tikkun are tax deductible and help provide for a generous food hamper to needy Jewish people. If you would like to arrange to make a regular monthly donation to Tikkun Olam, that would be much appreciated.

All donations can be made online through our website at <http://www.celebratemessiah.com.au/donate.html>. Please specify your donation towards Tikkun Olam 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 a “*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.

May God Bless and be with you.

**Barry Buirski and team**

## Total Number Hampers Distributed in 2020-2021 Financial Year

Victoria	250
News South Wales	80
Australian Capital Territory	20
Western Australia	275
Queensland	20
Basic Food Hampers Victoria	130

**TOTAL NUMBER OF FESTIVAL AND BASIC FOOD HAMPERS 775 = \$33,500.00**

**233 Volunteers** have partnered with us in 2020-2021 for card making, purchasing, packing, and delivering.

### **Bendigo and Ballarat Church of Christ Tikkun Olam Card Making Team Report: -**

**D**uring the 2020-2021 financial year the card making has continued, shared between the Ballarat and Bendigo card making teams. The Bendigo group continued to make cards for Victoria and Western Australia. Within the restrictions of the Covid 19 Pandemic we were able



to meet deadlines with a combination of whole group workshops

at Bendigo and individuals working from home. Jacqui and Robyn continued to share the cardmaking for ACT, Queensland, and New South Wales. We enjoy exploring new ideas to represent the various feast days. We welcome the arrival of the Annual Report, so that we can catch up on news of the hamper deliveries and the way God is working amongst the recipients to bring peace and understanding of His plans for His people. May God continue to work in and through the ministry of Tikkun Olam.

### **Ruth and team**

**T**hank you, Barry, for the blessing of being involved in Tikkun Olam. Jacqui and I have enjoyed the time together making the cards and praying for the people they will go to. May God continue to use this ministry to reach Jewish people for Jesus Christ. Shalom and God bless.



### **Robyn and Jacqui**

### **Brisbane Tikkun Olam Report: -**

**I**t is always an honour to serve the Messiah, and so by distributing items of foods provided by Tikkun Olam to Jewish folk in my corner of the vineyard is a privilege. Of course, the situation over these last 12 months has been a little more complicated due to the circumstances of the pandemic. However, there is always great appreciation shown by the recipients for the generosity of the goods. A big thank you to the ladies whose skills and efforts are expended in writing and sending the lovely greeting cards



It's a joy Barry and thank you for the opportunity. I realise that there are also generous supporters who make this facility viable. Please pass on my thanks and from those for whom this service is provided in Queensland. They are a blessing to those in need. Much appreciation to all involved.

**Fraser**

### **Canberra Tikkun Olam Report: -**

At present, we have five Jewish people/families in Canberra to whom we distribute the Tikkun Olam bags.

One elderly person is particularly grateful for the extra food at these festival times because they are on a pension and, of course, don't have a lot of money.

The others are not on such a low income, but it is an opportunity to help make regular contact with them.

One of the fathers of the people that we give the food hampers to is grateful for the food he receives, and it becomes an opportunity to sit and talk and listen to him.

So, with these opportunities, we keep on interceding that God opens doorways into their lives.

**Irwin and Jill**

### **Sydney Tikkun Olam Report: -**

**T**ikkun Olam hampers in this Covid era, we have lived through over the past year has both continued to open new doors and cement our older relationships. This ministry is a vital way to remind our Jewish friends that they are not forgotten, and that Christians love and care for them.

With the help of friendly and always ready to joke, Debbie in the packing and all the family and friends that helped and continued to help to distribute the food hampers – we can thank the Lord for a very successful year. Not to mention the beautifully made and presented cards from Robin, Jacqui, and friends.

Everything is really working well. The deliveries are timeous, and everything ordered is there and in the right quantity. The product quality has improved substantially.

The hampers continue to open new doors and are the direct result of the successful bi-weekly “tea” meetings of between 6-8 Jewish friends that meet with Zelda and Anne.

Dear Harry and the people connected with Tikkun Olam. I would like to thank you so much for the hand designed card of good wishes and the hamper of foods received to assist in the celebration of Pesach, brought to me by my good friend Cathy. Your kindness in thinking of others at the time Pesach is much appreciated. May the world continue to be a better place through the thoughts and acts of kindness of one to another. Kind regards Rachelle.



Dear Harry and Tikkun Olam, I would like to thank you for the awesome food hampers that I have received for Passover and for the other festivals. I enjoy packing all the hampers with you and celebrating the joy of the holy days. Keep up the great work! Regards Debbie.

**Harry and team**

### **Perth Tikkun Olam Report: -**

**D**ear friends, this a testimonial to the amazing donations that are being gifted. I am one of the families that receive the food hampers whenever it's possible which helps me put food on my table and spoil my kids a little with the sweet treats! It takes a lot to be opened to receiving when we are taught to give to charity not take it. But as life changed for me a few years ago I learnt to have an allowance of who I be and accept the ongoing support that I am able to receive. Your ongoing donations and support are beyond words – gratitude.



Dear friends, I am overjoyed each time Josh arrives with his big bag of surprises. From yummy food to sweet treats and special creams from time to time I feel like a new woman and my skin is glowing. It's like having our very own Abba Yomtov who arrives at special times. Thank you sooo much for such an amazing service. Lots of love and warm wishes 🙏

**Peter and team**

### **Melbourne Tikkun Olam Report: -**

A special thank you to all our Tikkun Olam leaders and volunteers across Australia. Without you we would not be able to keep going throughout the Covid pandemic. You have brought the fragrance of our Messiah Yeshua to a very troubled world. Every volunteer in Tikkun Olam is vital to bring about the Holy Spirit action that is needed in our Jewish communities across Australia.

### Tikkun Olam and Covid 19: -

Central Chinese Baptist Church, Eastern Chinese Baptist Church, CareWorks and individual donors continue to show their incredible support through volunteers, food, and financial support, and continue to let me know that if we need more food then I should let them know. I am humbled and grateful to work with such amazing Christians in the Body of our Messiah.



I spent a lovely hour with Rebekah Budilov when

I delivered her Shavuot parcel last week. As always, she very graciously accepted the parcel and said she would share it with members of her family. We spoke about her husband Isaac, who resides at Vasey Nursing Home, her son and 2 granddaughters and her health. Rebekah is also always interested in my family and my involvement with Beit Mashiach. This means I get to mention that we are a community of Jews and Gentiles who believe that



Yeshua is our Messiah. She accepts this and moves on. As I was leaving, she gave me a gift of a jigsaw puzzle of birds that she had completed during the lockdown last year. She thought I would not like it, but I said that it reminded me of God because God created the animals. She was really happy to hear that and gave it to me and even told me where to get it framed. I accepted her gift with a grateful heart and am very thankful for this beautiful friendship that has developed out of the Tikkun Olam ministry. God bless you, Barry and Shalom, Hedy.

The food hampers we receive from tikkun Olam are so helpful

for the kids and I. Tikkun Olam provides a huge amount of relief financially for our family and my weeks aren't so demanding and stressful, being a busy single mum of two and a part time student, knowing I have groceries at home. We are so grateful to the Tikkun Olam and everyone that is involved, Thank you Anna, Yaakov, and Isla.





A round wooden table is set with various items. On the table, there is a black coffee maker, a can of soup, a box of stock, a carton of milk, a bag of chips, a bag of snacks, a box of cereal, and a box of instant noodles. The background is a stone wall.

A row of white plastic bags, each tied with a blue string and featuring a purple circular label with the text "REMEMBER TO Reuse THIS BAG". The bags are lined up on a speckled floor.

Dear Friends, we seen your empty bags in the Ormond church pantry. We are a Jewish family of 6 based in Ormond Victoria. As a result of Covid19 me and my wife not working in financial hardship and doing it tough. Also, we have medical issues that we are dealing with. Will appreciate if you can assist us, please with a food hamper and toiletries. Toda Andres and Annette