



End of Financial Year Report 2022-2023

Tikkun Olam is about our call to partner with God in his redemptive purposes for mankind, to just show his love to His people through acts of kindness and benevolence. We distribute food hampers to Jewish people in need around Australia, and hold monthly luncheons for the community at our Caulfield Messianic Centre.



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Some of our wonderful Tikkun Olam volunteers in Melbourne

Welcome to the Tikkun Olam End of Financial Year 2022 – 2023 report.

Despite some fairly grim signs in the world today that the 21st Century does not appear to be heading in a positive direction, your ministry to the Jewish people has continued to help alleviate suffering and bring some much-needed joy into the lives of local Jewish people.

The Ukraine-Russia war, supply chain shortages, power price increases, inflation and mortgage rate hikes are some of the negative issues that are affecting everyday people.

Tikkun Olam has distributed hundreds of food hampers and vouchers over the past year to needy Jewish individuals and families around Australia. You will read in this report how your generosity has brought great blessings to those who need a hand-up and some joy in their lives.

During the year, we established a new arm of the ministry to host Tikkun Olam recipients for a monthly lunch at the Caulfield Messianic Centre. This has proved to be a wonderful time of deeper connections with people, including those we have been ministering to for years. It has given our volunteers the opportunity to forge closer relationships with those they've been visiting to drop off hampers.

Throughout the past year we have packed and delivered a total of 715 food hampers, provided 161 food vouchers and 4 monthly lunches. The total costs including all expenses was \$120,000.00 The table below breaks this down for each region in which we operate:

Victoria	287
News South Wales	100
Australian Capital Territory	38
Western Australia	270
Queensland	20
Food Vouchers (Perth and Victoria)	161
Melbourne Monthly Lunches	4
Festival Gift Hampers, Food Vouchers and Lunches	880

Our passionate and dedicated volunteers continue to be an integral part of Tikkun Olam, and aid our recipients through social, cultural, and spiritual giving.

344 Volunteers have partnered with us in 2022-2023 for card making, purchasing, packing, delivering and lunches.

Volunteering Makes A Huge Difference

Meet our volunteer, Hedy.

Why did you decide to become a volunteer at Tikkun Olam?

Initially, because it was properly supervised and I wanted to meet Jewish people under that guidance.

What do you enjoy most about being a volunteer at Tikkun Olam?

The simple act of giving without expecting anything in return.

How much of an impact do you feel your volunteering has had on others?

I would like to think that people would perpetuate acts of goodness and kindness to others when it is done to them on a regular basis.



Reports from the Field

Bendigo Team Report

The team at Bendigo would like to give thanks and praise to God our Father for the ministry of Tikkun Olam.

During 2022-2023 we have seen growth

in the number of cards required for both Perth and Melbourne. To provide for this growth in need

God has blessed us with an increase in numbers in our own team. We now have 22 card makers and writers on the team.

At each of our workshops we enjoy exploring the theme of each feast and finding more about Jewish customs and God's provision for His chosen people over time. We enjoy Hamantaschen at Purim, unleavened foods at Passover, cheesecake at Shavuot, Apple and honey cake at Rosh Hashanah and foods fried in oil at Hanukkah. The workshops are a great opportunity to minister to others and bring a group of ladies together in service to God.

We pray that God will continue to use all of us to further His kingdom in this ministry.

- Ruth

Adelaide Team Report

We have been in Adelaide just over a year now and have our own home now and feel well settled here. We're enjoying being close to our eldest daughter and her family, and being able to have regular time with them.

I am making the cards for Tikkun Olam myself and I enjoy the process. I tend to start planning early so that I'm not under pressure to finish and send in the mail. These are some of the cards from this last year, although I didn't take a photo of the latest cards sent for Shavuot.

I'm praying with anticipation for God's powerful work in the

lives of Jewish people as they receive the hampers through Tikkun Olam. May God bless each person involved in Tikkun Olam as you reach out to these dear people. To the glory of God.

- Robyn



Brisbane Team Report

Once again, I express personal appreciation for the opportunity to simply be a conduit between Tikkun Olam and a small group of Jewish people in Southeast Queensland. It is always a joy to deliver the gift hampers at Festival times. These friends are most appreciative for all the generous supporters who make all this possible.

Special thanks to Robyn who faithfully designs and produces such appropriate greeting cards relevant for each specific festival, and to Barry for his continued organisation and administration ensuring these provisions are always executed competently.

So to all those involved, including the various “behind the scenes workers” in this worthwhile project - many thanks on behalf of the recipients of these gift hampers of goodwill.



- Fraser

Canberra Team Report

Just to say that each of the people that receive their Tikkun Olam gift hampers at each feast time really look forward to receiving them, and are very grateful to do so. Thanks.

- Jill

Sydney Team Report

Testimonies from volunteers:

“I am writing to express a huge thank you for what a blessing these Tikkun Olam gift hampers have been. They demonstrate the great kindness and care from Tikkun Olam to our immediate Jewish Community and beyond. Not only have I benefited from these but have also enjoyed handing them to Jewish people in great need. U’brachot.”

- Oryit

“An Anglican minister was told about the ministry of Tikkun Olam, and since he had two neighbours who are Jewish, he decided to get two gift hampers to give to them for Passover. Through the interaction with one of his neighbours, they got to talk about Scripture and about the feasts, and the neighbour was very pleased to see the appreciation towards Jewish people by the Anglican minister. The other neighbour was so surprised and excited about the gift he received that he invited the minister and his family to a photo shoot, being a professional photographer, as a way of saying thanks. The Anglican minister also brought a gift hamper for Shavuot/Pentecost to his Jewish neighbours and has continued to grow in his relationship with them, something that might have never happened without this simple and loving ministry.”

- Daniel

“I really enjoy packing the gift hampers. We have a good chat and a laugh as we discuss and celebrate the different Jewish festivals. Keep up the good work.”

- Debbie

Testimonies from recipients:

“It was a wonderful surprise to receive a Jewish festival gift hamper. The products are well thought out and delicious. Thank you for including me.”

- Janis

“Thank you so much for all the wonderful gift hampers I receive for our Jewish festivals. They are very much appreciated.”

- Sandra

“Thank you so much for your surprise gift hamper, so kind of you. I was at a loss to know whether to keep it or whether sharing it would seem unappreciative.”

- Jane



- Harry, Daniel and
the Sydney team

Perth Team Report

Our team here in Perth meets on Tuesday before each feast to pack the gift hampers. We finish with dinner together. Our gracious Jewish hosts have opened their home to us for a number of years now and we are very blessed. They are our connection to the Jewish community.

Mithana faithfully purchased all the goods for the hampers and this is another blessing. Even though they don't agree with our belief they continue to love us and accept us as we do with them. We have some very stirring conversations at times, a lot of disagreements, but there's never any animosity. We have come to an agreement to "agree to disagree" and let our God do the work in revealing the truth to each other. We have now said goodbye to Peter and Leane as they move up north on a new adventure, and we look for every opportunity to invite them to any of our gatherings when they are down in Perth, the connection is still very strong, and Josh always loves having Peter around for the conversations. After delivering the gift hampers on Wednesday we all meet again for lunch at Falafel Omisi to debrief

and Josh loves to join us. I think as well as enjoying our company, he seems proud to have his Jewish friends in the community see us with him. I would also like to acknowledge the beautiful cards that we receive for each festival gift hampers; we often get lovely comments.

- Jenny

One regular couple we deliver to each time had their daughter visiting recently. She was warm and friendly and brought her baby to show us. She told us that her baby was born extremely early and was very tiny and struggled to live. We exclaimed that the baby was a miracle gift from God. The young Mum said with a big smile, "Yes, it was a miracle and thanks to HaShem."

Another young mum, who we met for the first time recently, told us her sad story of her violent broken marriage, and the problems she is still having from her ex-husband. The security people were there at the same time as us, fitting more cameras around the house. All three of her lovely children are seeing a psychiatrist because of the trauma from their father.

Most interestingly our car battery wouldn't start when we delivered the ham-

per, so as we waiting for the mechanic, this dear lady invited us to come and sit with her and then she told us her story. What a God moment that was!

- Noel & Ros

Melbourne Team Report

A special thank you to all our Tikkun Olam leaders and volunteers across Australia. Without you we would not have been 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.

- Barry Buirski



Our Melbourne volunteers packing hampers

A New Initiative for Tikkun Olam

Beginning in March 2023, we have expanded Tikkun Olam's activities with monthly luncheons at our Caulfield Messianic Centre in Melbourne. Invitations are sent to members of the community that we know are in need. At the luncheon, the recipients enjoy a catered lunch alongside our staff members and volunteers. Our attendees greatly appreciate the communal atmosphere, warm conversation and special food.



The group includes single mothers, single fathers, the elderly, and young families, all in need in some way. Each has stories to tell of the challenges life has thrown at them. We have had approximately 20 to 30 people each month.

We have found these luncheons to be an open door to share the gospel. Our April luncheon was only a week after Passover, and the attendees were interested in how we celebrate Passover as Messianic believers. As a result, we had the opportunity to share the Messianic significance of Yeshua in the Passover. Additionally, attendees are able to view the sanctuary,





the Torah in the ark, and the replica Western Wall in the dining area of the Messianic Centre. Thus, even our building has been a testament to our belief in Yeshua as the promised Messiah while still celebrating our Jewish heritage.

We strive for excellence because nothing less will do as we work to be the hands and feet of our Messiah Yeshua on this earth. This has enabled us to get to know and understand those in our community and their specific needs.

“Everyone at Tikkun Olam, I wanted to thank you and let you know how much the gift hampers cheer up everyone in the family. The lunches are so special to catch up amongst friends, from the beautiful decorations Louise does, the yummy catered food to the most wonderful space that was created for all your members. I love the Chagall prints and the Western wall replica the most. So tasteful and inviting.

Wishing you all a Chag Shavout Sameach and safe travels to our beloved Israel, Thank you and Shabbat Shalom.”

- Sarah and family

Hearing from Volunteers and Recipients

“Thanks for your very generous and well selected items. Special thanks to Sandra of Bendigo for the gorgeous greeting card.”

- Rona

“Dearest Tikkun Olam members, I would like to thank you for your constant, thoughtful, and strong support. For many years now I have been the recipient of your many wonderful heavy gift hampers, full of appropriate and Kosher goodies, for each of our Yom Tov’s and Festivals.

I can’t describe the look of anticipation on all our faces as we unpacked, always together, these family Yom Tov treats, and indeed necessities. Then you to each of you, for thinking of us and making us feel special. For me, as a single mum of four, I thank you with tears in my eyes for helping us through, with Joy and Love, and Peace.

I will take these many years of support and care packages from Tikkun Olam with me in my heart and soul, and hope to Tikkun Olam in Israel, as much as I do here.

With love, thank you to each of you, for your beautiful, hand-crafted cards filled with love and

good wishes.”

- Henya

“What a blessing it was to be involved with Tikkun Olam last Thursday! We loved it! The very precious elderly couple we had time with continue to be in our heart praying. They made us so welcome.”

- Wendy and John

“It has been a pleasure being able to help pack and distribute the hampers over the last 10 years or so. I will always have a heart for the Jews and Israel, starting when I was a boy living in South Caulfield.”

- Stuart

“Thank you for the gift voucher and lovely gift hampers. Shalom.”

- Irina

“I would like to thank you sincerely for the lovely gift food hamper I received from you for Shavuot.”

- Verena

Thank You For Your Generous Support

Donating to Tikkun Olam provides a generous food hamper or food voucher. This fund is tax deductible as the funds are used for benevolence. If you would like to make regular monthly support, we can arrange to set this up with your bank. So please consider donating 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 at:
celebratemessiah.com.au/donate

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 “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.

God bless you all, and thank-you for your prayers and support for what the Lord is doing here among and through us,



Barry Buirski

Manager of Tikkun Olam