

Operation: Refuge

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He who dwells in the shelter of the most high shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:1-2)

Israel now faces a war on four fronts: with Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Iranian-backed terrorist organizations in Syria and Yemen. Due to this war, over 500,000 Israelis have now been evacuated from their homes and are currently living in temporary shelters across the country. Especially those who live alongside the border communities next to Gaza and Lebanon.

Many of these displaced families are gripped with fear and uncertainty, not knowing if and when they can return home — and some of them have no homes to return to. Daystar, in partnership with FIRM, has launched Operation: Refuge and is actively helping to host over 1,000 of these displaced Israelis in hotels and communities across the country.

Operation: Refuge provides these displaced families with more than just their basic needs — food and shelter — but also creates a vibrant community with activities for children and adults alike to create some sense of normalcy in the midst of a frightening season.

From cooking and art classes, to game rooms and movie nights, to petting zoos and concerts — every day in one of these centers of refuge there are activities for the whole family. In addition, Operation: Refuge is partnering with the Ministry of Education to open kindergartens and school classrooms so that children can continue to learn, despite the war that is being waged only a few miles away.

Currently Daystar, through Operation: Refuge, is funding housing, food, and activities for over 1000 people including over 400 children in the following places:

- A kibbutz (village) on the Sea of Galilee: 300 people with 120 children
- A guest house north of Tel Aviv: 120 people with 40 children
- A hotel in the Jerusalem Hills: 180 people with 60 children
- A hotel in Eilat: 400 people with 180 children

Thanks to Daystar and Operation: Refuge, you are providing stability and comfort for these families whose lives have been turned upside down.

In each of these centers of refuge we are placing “Walls of Hope” with pictures, drawings, and notes of encouragement from kids around the world. This serves as a reminder that Christian friends around the world love them, are praying for them, and are giving financially to bless them in practical ways during this crisis.