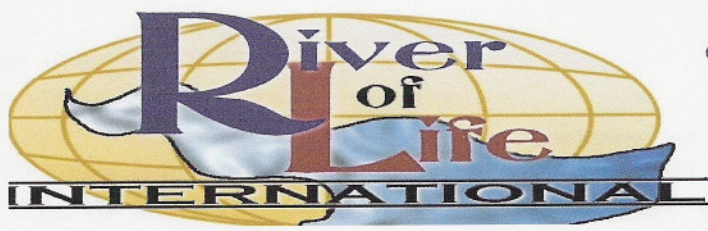
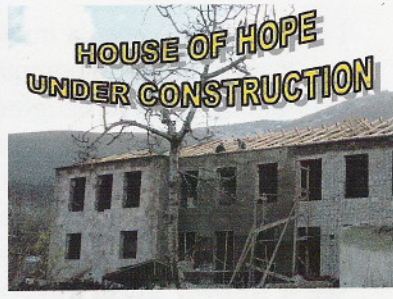


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GOSPEL OF CHRIST BRINGS HOPE TO ARMENIA

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THE OLD, THE SICK, THE BLIND AND FORSAKEN WERE GATHERED HERE TO HERE ME PREACH ON "HEAVEN" TEARS OF JOY WERE SHED BY THESE PRECIOUS PEOPLE



A KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN FLORIDA RAISED MONEY TO HAVE WINTER BOOTS MADE FOR THE ELDERLY POOR, THAT IS FED AT THE "BREAD HOUSE"



DOZENS OF PAIRS OF BOOTS WERE DISTRIBUTED OUT ALONG WITH BAGS OF PASTA



THIS POOR ARMENIAN MAN LOOKING AT HIS NEW BOOTS AND BAG OF PASTA, IT WAS LIKE CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER FOR THEM ALL



PASTOR TONY THOMPSON SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS. PASTOR THOMPSON WAS ALMOST OVERWHELMED BY THE POVERTY HE WITNESSED IN ARMENIA.



HERE I AM JOINED BY DR. ANDREW WEISENFELD AND DAUGHTER HAYLEY. WE ARE GIVING HUGS AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR FAMILY OF WIDOWS IN ARMENIA



THIS LADY IS TRYING TO CARE FOR HER FOUR DAUGHTERS WITH NO HUSBAND. AS YOU REMEMBER READING, SHE BREAST FED THE FIVE YEAR OLD BECAUSE SHE HAD NO FOOD. THEY LIVE IN UTTER POVERTY.



THE MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN LIVE IN THIS METAL STORAGE CONTAINER. NO WATER, NO BATHROOM, HOT IN THE SUMMER. THE CHILDREN ARE TRYING TO GO TO SCHOOL, BUT WITH FEW CLOTHES. NOT ENOUGH FOOD!



OUR GROUP TOOK THE MOTHER AND HER GIRLS AND BOUGHT THEM NEW WINTER COATS, BOOTS, GLOVES AND OTHER CLOTHES. THEY STILL NEED TOPS AND BOTTOMS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL

HOUSE OF HOPE

I returned to Armenia in November accompanied by Pastor Tony Thompson and Dr. Andrew Weisenfeld and his daughter Hayley. These folks visited the earthquake-devastated city of Gyumri the day after arriving and were shocked at what they witnessed. We have written about these things for the past year, but you would have to see it to truly grasp how bad the situation is. On Saturday we visited the construction site of the House of Hope and was encouraged by the work going on, yet a little overwhelmed as we saw how much work still had to be done. This is a massive undertaking and a true "work of faith".

On Saturday we had a special service with most of the elderly people that Veronica feeds at the Bread House. We had some singing and worship, and then I preached on "Heaven". You could see many of them weeping, as I shared how that here their lives have been ones of misery, disappointments and grief, but I assured them that one day these things will be no more. I shared that the House of Hope would be like heaven to some of them compared to where they are living now in squalor, but that one day the Holy City will be their eternal home, if they serve Christ and remain faithful. After the service we gave out new winter boots and bags of pasta, so they could have some food to eat.

The boots were provide by a group of Sunday School children in South Florida who wanted to help these precious old people. It was like Christmas in November. Thanks to all of you who made this trip possible and for your continued support of the House of Hope. Thanks to the Children who worked so hard to make the lives of God's special old people in Armenia, a little better. Keep Armenia in prayer!

Matthew 25:37 – 38 , "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? V. 40 – "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye shall do it unto me."

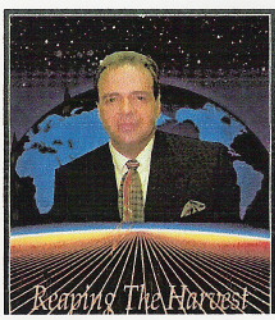
On the front page of this issue is a poor mother trying to raise four precious girls in a rural village in the mountains of Armenia. We have written about her before and have since tried to help with buying wood, and on this last trip, clothes, winter coats, boots and more. I found out that she has run up a debt at the village markets of over \$400.00 going back to two years, so she could have food for her children. She owes the electric company and for other needs. They live in a metal storage container, which is divided into three small rooms with the largest around 8' X 8'. They have no running water and no bathroom. She heats and cooks with wood that we provide for her. They need clothes, for school, and food. We want to arrange with a local store to allow her to purchase food and we will pay the bill monthly. We can also buy her a real house in the village with natural gas, and running water for around twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. When I saw all the children together this time, It just broke my heart, to see their sad faces. Their body size does not seem to match their ages, maybe a lack of proper food. I am asking in Christ's name that some church or individual take this to heart and help us to supply them food, electricity and gas when they get to move, and for a decent house, so they won't have to live like in squalor anymore. Will you be that righteous church or individual who will obey the Master and feed the hungry, and clothe the naked? God will reward those who will!

WOOD FOR THE POOR: Since the House of Hope will not be ready before Spring, we are needing to provide wood for these precious old people, many in their 80's who have no way to cook or stay warm without it. Many are no longer able to go out and gather sticks and paper to burn anymore. Just \$60.00 provides enough wood for the entire winter per house. God bless you for helping them!

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Testimonies From Armenian Widows

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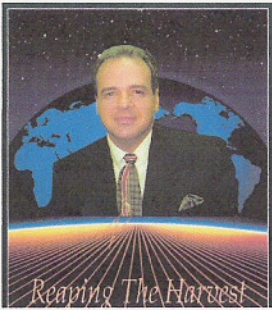
I am Peleshyan Ripsik. I am 74, and I grew up in orphanage house. When I was 17 I got married and my husband turned out to be a drunkard. We didn't have kids. Very soon my husband left me "for" another, so I had to work and earn for my living which was sufficient only for miserable conditions. Ultimately it pushed me to become a beggar. I was sitting on the corner of the street when ministers of "Bread of Life" came to me and offered a chance to receive bread three times a week. First I didn't believe, I thought it was some kind of

political party that promises many things until they use your voice and then forget you. But thanks to God I was mistaken. Its three years that I am in the list of people who receives not only bread but also pasta, wood, clothes, and the main thing is love and care from the Bread of Life. First I didn't realize what means the Bread of Life, but now I have the Bread of Life that is Jesus in my heart. I learned to pray. I pray for the daily bread and for the Lord to give me a chance to spend my last years of life in the "House of Hope" you are building. I know the people of God are building this House of Hope. Please when you finish building it don't forget taking me under your care. I am scared of loneliness. I don't want to die in miserv.



I am Vardanyan Astgik. I am 79 years old and I live in a container since 1988 (an earthquake destroyed thousands of home and took around 100,000.00 lives). The conditions are unbelievable, as I don't have running water or toilet. The word "shower" is very strange to me. I live like a leper. Nobody wants my company. I want to thank you for providing with bread, food, boots and wood. I have heard about building a home, everybody is talking about it in the city. I hope you will take me under your shelter and you will not refuse my company like others do. Now I am dreaming of having a nice and clean place to live, to be washed, to be fed. You know, we old are like kids, we have dreams as well. Please help our dreams to come true

These testimonies were translated and sent to us from two widows that are currently being ministered to by Bread of Life. The only bright spot in their miserable conditions are the food, clothes, wood for heat, and most of all Christ are made possible because you helped feed them and supported a minister who shared the gospel story with them and led them to Jesus. The House of Hope construction continues. Recently Sister Veronica called (which is rare for her to do) and said she had not been able to pay the workers for a while as contributions had slowed here around March and April. I sadly told her that I assume because it was tax time, many here were waiting to send their support for the House of Hope. I was so grieved to have to tell her this. I begin to pray more and we have been able to send enough to keep it going. It is a test of faith, but we intend to see it through, as God has His hand upon it, for He loves the poor and the widows. It will take yet around forty to fifty thousand to finish the inside and then we will have to furnish it with beds, equipment etc.. Your giving could not be directed anywhere any more needed or deserving than to build the "House of Hope" for these destitute widows. Please pray and let God lead you to help today.



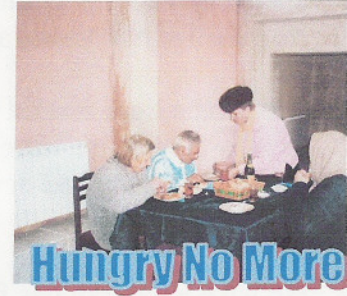
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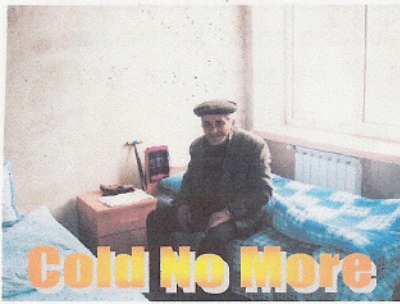
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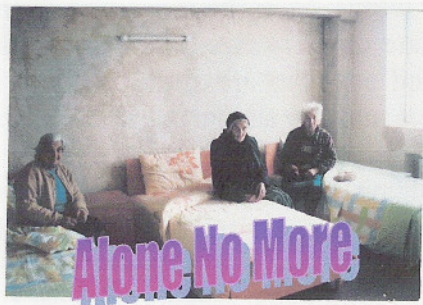
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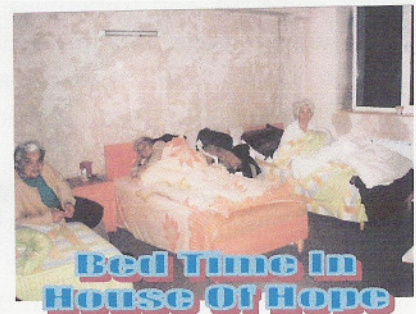
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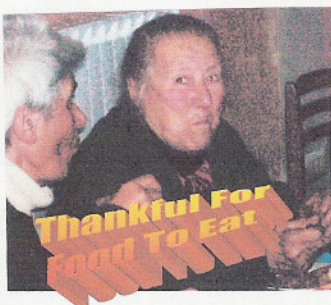
Alone No More



Bed Time In
House Of Hope



Cooking For Widows
& Poor Elderly



Thankful For
Food To Eat



Church Service
For House Of Hope

The first 30 poor elderly Armenians have moved into the House of Hope in November. We are expecting to bring in 50 more as funds for the beds, furniture, etc. comes in. Some of these are blind, others are stroke victims, and need special care. We want to have a full time nurse with them, but all depends on funds. I believe God gave me direction on how to secure support for these precious people, so that we can feed, house, clothe, and minister to them until their death. We are asking God's people who have the true love of God, to "adopt" one of these precious people. It will cost around \$100.00 per month per person, to take care of them. It could be more, but we are trying to cut cost and do everything possible to keep the budget down. We also realize that Jesus said "if you do it unto the least of these my brethren, you do it as unto me." So while we want to be good stewards and cut cost, we also want them to be cared for and be comfortable, as if we were doing it unto Christ. If you as an individual, Sunday School class, Church or other group would like to sponsor one of these precious old people, then send your support monthly to River of Life International, with House of Hope support on the memo. We will then send you a certificate with a picture of the person you support, their testimony, and birthday. We hope that their supporters will remember their birthdays, with a card, and small offering for a gift, as well as for Christmas. If you want more information, please call, write, or email our office.
Brother Turner

Armenia And The House of Hope

I visited Armenia in November and was very impressed with the fine work sister Veronica has done on the building of the House of Hope. The first floor was finished and much work done on the other floors. We had to remove the original third floor, and put on a new roof, but there was so much space between the two floors, another floor was added which will allow us to have a chapel for services. A local church that helps in this ministry will come and provide, music, preaching and ministry right in the building. Since I left, 30 precious old people have been moved in. I ask the blind couple Abu and Navarre what they thought about finally getting to move in. Navarre replied, "I won't ever have to go to bed hungry anymore," and I replied, nor cold either. The things we take for granted in America, these precious people think of as survival. One old widow said, "even if we only live two years, and get to live in the House of Hope, it will be worth it."

The rooms have several beds in each, and carpet on the floor. Each has its own bathroom, which is tiled and then there are separate large tiled rooms with showers for the men and ladies. They were given a shower before moving in (some had never had a shower in their lives). Many had no running water, in their homes and some no toilets!

We have a modern gas furnace system to keep them warm and a large dining area so they can eat together. They are fed three meals each day which most have never experienced, as their diet was bread (furnished by the bread house ministry), and sometimes plants or weeds, from the mountains, if they could get there to gather them. We have two full time watchmen who alternate every twelve hours, and a staff that includes a cook, helper, and a cleaning lady. A full time nurse is needed as some are stroke victims, and almost all are sickly, but we are watching the budget, until we have full time monthly support to take care of this need.

Government officials have visited the building and are overwhelmed at the miracle, which has taken place here. The House of Hope is not only the talk of the city of Vandazor, but also the talk of the nation! What a testimony for Christ, that Americans, care enough about poor Armenia widows and elderly people to send so much money to provide a place to get them out of their pitiful living conditions. That Christians and Churches here, love them enough to minister the gospel as well as physical needs to poor, dirty, sickly, old people they have never seen before! Glory to God! The love of God is real!

Please pray about supporting one or more of these precious souls, on a monthly basis. It will take at least \$100.00 per person per month. If you cannot support one fully, then whatever you can do will make a difference.

RETURNING TO ARMENIA

I plant to return in February to Armenia and again around May to help with the dedication of the building. Pray that God will supply the funds for our airfare, as the cost of travel has increased greatly.

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The Fire On The Mountain Camp Meeting is scheduled for October 9 - 11 2007. Put in for your vacation and make plans now to attend! This past October was one of the greatest moves of God experienced in decades according to the testimonies of those who attended. Miracles took place that encouraged the faith of all. The services begin on Tuesday morning and close Thursday night. I will be joined by Pastor Kenny Morris, and Evangelist Greg Atkins. It will be held at the Smoky Mnts. Ramada Inn Conference Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Call (931) 779-5215 for more information

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