

D'VORA BUCH

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D'vora Buch was born in Romania 59 years ago. Her father and her brother are Holocaust survivors. Her mother wore a yellow Star of David on her clothing. At the age of seven, D'vora's mother died. Her father remarried and D'vora was raised by her aunt. In 1964 they all made aliyah to Israel. In Israel D'vora married, but sadly the marriage did not last and they divorced about the time she gave birth to her eldest daughter.

Two years later D'vora met and fell in love with Karol. He was a hard working, diligent member of a kibbutz and a truck driver. They married and had two children. Both D'vora and Karol worked very hard. Karol drove a truck and D'vorah worked at an Israel State Lottery sales stand in Pardes-Hana. Together they built their own home...stone by stone, for 5 years.



In 1995 D'vorah's father became ill and all their savings went to his care until he passed away.



In 1997 D'vorah was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent a mastectomy, and was treated with both chemotherapy and radiation.

This was not the end of the many problems this family had to endure. In 1999 their home was burglarized. The thieves stole Karol's truck and the money D'vorah received from working for the Israel State Lottery. The payment from the truck insurance went directly to the bank that was financing the truck. Because D'vorah was still undergoing cancer treatment, she and Karol were forced to take out a loan, mortgaging their home.

The bank had promised to give them another loan for a new truck after they had finished paying off their debt. However, when the debt was paid in full, the bank manager refused to loan them the money for another truck. They were crushed.

D'vorah was not well enough to continue to work. Karol unsuccessfully tried to find someplace to lend him money to buy another truck. He also tried to do some other kind of work, anything...but nothing succeeded. They had to stop paying their mortgage so they could buy food. In the year 2000 they were forced to declare bankruptcy. The problems were insurmountable and on August 3, 2002, Karol, unable to endure anymore, committed suicide. Their son found him.

To this day, this brave woman is trying to survive. She struggles to find the money to pay the bank, her electricity and the municipal payments. She continues to work hard trying to find some kind of work. She walks through the town selling home-made sandwiches.

We are now working with both D'vorah and the bank to prevent her home from being repossessed. We are grateful to G-d for the people who have donated enough money to keep her in her home for at least the next three months, and we are trusting G-d to keep her there permanently.

D'vorah's home has fallen into much disrepair. These are photo's of what the home looked like before we were able to help her begin repairs on her home.



Below is a picture of one of our staff working to make D'vorah's home liveable again.



In spite of all her overwhelming troubles, D'vorah volunteers helping people who are mentally ill in the next small town of Binyamina and at another program for mentally ill people at Haifa University. Many, many people have been helped by D'vorah and she considers it her greatest joy to help them.



D'vorah's oldest daughter, her husband and their daughter live with D'vorah in her home. Her daughter has had many difficult challenges in her life, and is dependent on D'vorah's emotional strength. Her other children are financially struggling themselves, and do not have the means to help their mother.

D'vorah's granddaughter is a very gifted child. She has excelled in all the testing she has received. Unfortunately, the family has no funds to encourage or support her in gifted programs.

A few months ago D'vorah was informed that the cancer had returned in her liver. She is, thank G-d, responding to therapy, but has another battle on her hands.



She is in need of much prayer and much support. Thank you for your prayers and help. G-d bless you.