FROM DEATH TO LIFE **AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU**



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And He showed me the River of Life flowing...

Dear Friends,

The building is progressing! Here's a photo of the latest building works, taken yesterday. You can see that the foundation is finished and the walls of the basement are progressing. They're now working on the structural walls inside the basement. I (Mark) took the following photo with my back to the camp so I'm looking into the prayer house away from Auschwitz-Birkenau.



You can see our house in the background. It's the white one with the black roof – that's where we live. The building opposite is the Fountain of Tears and the path in between is the road that the Nazis built to connect the Judenrampe (which was the first Selection Point) with the main gate of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The infamous railway line was later extended in 1944 to go right through the gates to the gas chambers. It has been estimated that maybe 700,000 Jews would have walked down this road into the camp.

It certainly is an amazing location!

Here's something interesting.. A few weeks ago when the we started digging our builder showed us a layer of stones in the ground about a meter down from the surface. "Look", he said, "There was a river that used to flow here". We could see from the layer of round stones that the river was flowing EAST. It came from the direction of Auschwitz-Birkenau, went through the "prayer room" and came out by the entrance of the Prayer House on the south side. We couldn't help thinking about Ezekiel 47.

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.

We then went on to build the foundations – about 230 tons of waterproof concrete and steel. It looked GREAT! And then it started to rain – and rain – and rain! It rained solidly for 2 weeks. The foundations were completely covered with water.



Eventually the sun came out and we pumped the water out, but the water table had risen from around 2.5 meters below ground level to around 1.1 meters. We then saw a trickle of water.. That underground river was flowing!!

From a building point of view this was NOT good news, because we don't want to have any water leaking into the basement after a heavy season of rain. So now the builder and the architect had to come up with new plans to securely waterproof the basement walls. What a blessing this happened now!

As we were thinking this over in our hearts we realised that God's ways are PERFECT. He KNOWS what He's doing and He DOESN'T make a mistake.

We remembered when He told us to buy this piece of land and what a mighty miracle it was when we bought it. We also remembered when He told us the Prayer House needed a basement and then a few days later Pastor Surprise from Mozambique came and "saw" the Prayer House (it was just grass then). He said, "I see the Prayer House and it has 3 levels..." (which meant it had to have a basement) "and I see the River of Life flowing..".

So although the basement walls are at risk and need further protection against water ingress, you can't help seeing the prophetic symbolism in all of this!

There's an underground river flowing EAST from Auschwitz-Birkenau "through" the Prayer Room of the Prayer House. So many people have seen the RIVER OF LIFE flowing out of the Prayer House, a flow of redemption coming out from the Place of His Presence that will wash the land bringing healing and LIFE.

To finish, here's another picture taken from the balcony of our house. You can see the gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau in the background. They will finish the internal concrete walls this week and then we wait a couple of weeks for the concrete to dry. The next step will be to build the roof of the basement, which will be the ground floor.



Finally, for those who would like to intercede financially for this project, please refer to the details below.

That's all for now – we'll hopefully post another update at the end of the month. Please feel free to write to us. It's always nice to hear from you!

Love and blessings!
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