

# TURNING TOYS INTO



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A senior fire officer shows a Hamas fire kite with incendiary device attached.

## THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN

*"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and neither shall they learn war anymore"* (Isa. 2:4). While we long for that day, the opposite is happening right now. Toys are being turned into terror weapons. Hamas, the terror organization ruling the Gaza Strip, has found a new way to terrorize Israel—flying kites with incendiary weapons attached into Israel. Today southern Israel is on fire. Countless fires have been set in this manner, terrorizing the communities in the south. An estimated 600 incendiary kites and balloons have been launched into southern Israel over the past two months, sparking blazes that have destroyed much of the wheat and fruit harvest, a beautiful nature reserve and large expanses of forestland. Firefighters and community volunteers are working around the clock to keep the fires from consuming Jewish communities.

Hamas's new terror tools are not simple, handmade devices. An Israeli government official told me that they are high-end, well-made kites, donated by a well-meaning nation to provide entertainment for the Palestinian children in Gaza. Yet, instead of bringing joy and delight, the radical Islamic Hamas terrorists have hijacked these toys and turned them into instruments to use in their destructive

purposes of annihilating Israel. As a result, Israeli children will never be able to innocently enjoy kites again. Instead, the image has become something that fills them with terror.

The situation in the south of Israel is dire indeed and shows no sign of letting up. Kite terrorism has burned up almost 2,500 acres (1,011 ha.) of agricultural lands and has caused Israel tens of millions of shekels in damage. Crops have been lost, irrigation systems have melted, wildlife has been killed, forests charred and children are crying with fear. The brave firemen are exhausted, and the kites of destruction keep coming.



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We watch the news reports with horror. We are calling out to God to guard over the people of Israel and save them from this new threat. We asked how we could help, and learned that the Eshkol region shares the largest strip of border with Gaza and is the hardest hit by this arson terrorism. We were told that they are in desperate need of lightweight firefighting trailers. These systems are manufactured in Israel and can quickly be delivered. We immediately wired the funds to purchase two. When the security chief of the Eshkol region heard the news, he literally cried. We couldn't wait to raise the funds, because the need is GREAT and the need is IMMEDIATE. Since we didn't have enough money in our Crisis Assistance Fund, we have temporarily borrowed the money from our operating funds.



An example of one of the lightweight firefighting trailers we purchased to help fight fires in southern Israel

The apostle James told us that “...faith without works is dead” (James 2:20). At Bridges for Peace we are people of great faith. As Jesus (Yeshua) taught us, we love God and we love our neighbors. Today our neighbors, the Jewish family of Jesus, are suffering. We have responded quickly in love, but the need is much greater than our current ability to respond. We need you, Christians who love Jesus and who want to show Christian love, to respond with generous gifts to help restore what has been destroyed. The first step is to put out the fires, but then it will be necessary to replace irrigation systems, and finally, to be part of restoring the land.

We pray that you will respond quickly with generous financial gifts to our Crisis Assistance Fund that will communicate your love and compassion for the people of Israel.

With hope and blessings from Israel,  
 Rebecca J. Brimmer  
 International President and CEO



Shmuel Bowman

## BRIDGES FOR PEACE Your Israel Connection...

### Crisis Assistance Fund

US \$50    US \$100    US \$200    US \$500    US \$1,000    US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other)

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- GREATEST ISRAELI NEED US \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- ADOPTION PROGRAM (one-year commitment)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ US \$65/month
- FEED A CHILD (one-year commitment)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ US \$65/month  
 US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One time gift
- ADOPT AN ISRAELI TOWN (one-year commitment)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum US \$150/month
- PROJECT RESCUE \_\_\_\_\_ US \$400 (or any size gift)
- PROJECT TIKVAH (HOPE) \_\_\_\_\_ US \$45 (or any size gift)
- SAVE AN ISRAELI LIFE \_\_\_\_\_ US \$25
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