

SYLVIA L.**Victim Story – April 2015****ADDRESS: SDEROT**

Sylvia L. was born on December 5th 1958. She is 47 years old. She is married, but she currently lives alone with her two sons. Her older son, Osher is 23 and Idan the younger son is only 8 years old.

Sylvia is 100 % disabled due to kidney failure. She has a long history of kidney problems for which she has been having medical treatment since 1996. Her condition tragically worsened after ten years of treatment and she had no other choice but to start dialysis in Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon in 2006. Sylvia is a candidate for kidney transplant and she needs to travel to Ashkelon for dialysis 3 times a week. Having been 9 long years on dialysis Sylvia is in urgent need of a new kidney, due to the average life expectancy on dialysis being a painfully short 5-10 years.

Sylvia is a stay at home mother, unable to work because of her condition. Despite being married, she is sadly raising her younger son alone without any help. Sylvia's husband had been arrested due to violence and drug offences and he is now serving a prison sentence.

Sylvia and her 8 year old son live on a very small income. Every month they receive National Insurance payments of 3800 NIS (approximately 980 USD) from the Israeli Government. Due to her meagre income and the high cost of apartment rental, Sylvia and her son are in a difficult financial situation. Sylvia has a lot of debts due to many outstanding bills for medical treatment, utilities and food. She has been unable to pay the electricity bill since October 2014 and the family is in danger of being disconnected from the grid.

In addition to the uncertainties and stress due to Sylvia's fragile health and the family's financial situation, the L. family has also been deeply traumatized by the relentless rocket attacks from the neighboring Gaza Strip. In a recent incident, a deadly Kassam rocket fell near the L. family's home and hit the window of one of their rooms. Thanks to G-D's mercy and protection, no one was hurt and the window was fixed by the property management company.

Sylvia and her sons need financial help and emotional support due to the uncertainty and stress created by the family's financial situation and Sylvia's fragile health as she continues to wait for an urgently needed kidney transplant.

If you and/or your congregation would like to help this dear family find The L-RD's help through this difficult time, check out our website for the 'Adoption-Sponsorship Program' and contact us for details.

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