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The Timely Email

AS TOLD BY HATOMIM MENACHEM WOLF (KHERSON, UKRAINE)

In the summer of 5777, three of my friends and I, fellow shlichim in Ukraine, wished to create a unique Merkos Shlichus opportunity: A mitzvah tank to visit over 20 Ukrainian towns and villages that do not currently have a full-time shliach, in the span of three weeks.

The projected costs of the project were quite large, especially for young *bochurim* as us, with no fundraising experience. We had no idea where the money would come from but we were certain that the mitzvah tank would become a reality, since this was surely something that would cause *nachas ruach* to the Rebbe.

Together with my friend Mendy Gottlieb we started to contact individuals we knew in the New York area to offer them the opportunity to partner in this special endeavor. On a Thursday morning in Sivan, we went to the Ohel to request a *brocha* to succeed in raising the necessary funds.

In my note I described all the details of the project. The exact itinerary of the trip, the supplies we would take along, and the *peulos* we envisioned to do in each place. I included the projected budget and the people we planned to solicit for financial support.

The Rebbe explained on several occasions that sometimes the *brocha* needed is ready for you, however, it



has not yet materialized since you did not request a *brocha* on behalf of another. כל המבקש על חבירו הוא נענה תחילה.

My brother Aryeh Leib was in the midst of working on publishing a Russian-language Tanya with explanations and needed a lot of money to bring the project across the finish line. In my note I requested a *braocha* for the success of my brother's project as well.

I was in the Ohel for approximately 20 minutes.

After washing my hands in the tent near the Ohel, I turned on my phone and an email from a certain Yid caught my eye. We had contacted him several days earlier, asking him to contribute to the project. In his response, which arrived while I was in the Ohel, he notified me that he would be honored to participate by donating five times the amount we had expected!

I turned to Mendy and simply said, "We have the Rebbe's *brocha* for the mitzvah tank!"

Although this generous donation did not cover the entire budget, it was a major push and gave us the needed momentum to fundraise the rest of the money.

After Tisha B'Av, the four of us set out on our journey in our "synagogue on wheels" and experienced unbelievable

success. In addition to distributing numerous care packages, teaching *shiurei Torah*, mounting over 100 *mezuzos*, and all the other *mitvzoim* we did, two boys we met merited to have a *bris* and one of them currently learns in a Lubavitcher *mossad* in Eretz Yisroel!

We also influenced a young Jewish man to marry Jewish and connected him with one of the shlichim in the area. Within the year, he married a Jewish woman with a proper Jewish wedding and they now live in the Jewish community of Zaporozhye.

We felt that the Rebbe was with us the entire time.

The unprecedented success we experienced proved to us how essential this project is and we decided to arrange three mitzvah tanks for the summer of 5778, to reach many more towns and villages. We are certain that all of our successes are due to the Rebbe's *brachos*. **1**

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