



# Telem

## READY TO DEFEND

The story of Telem is one of resilience and dedication. Telem is a small and relatively isolated community located west of Hebron, just off a main artery that crosses Judea. Other than being across the road from neighboring Adorah, they are all alone. Surrounded by rolling hills and sweeping pasture lands, Telem has tons of potential and space as far as the eye can see to develop affordable housing and build a large thriving community in Biblical Israel. So why hasn't it grown?

Founded by secular pioneers in 1983, Telem hoped opening industrial and agricultural businesses would attract new families. But after two decades, only minimal infrastructure had been developed, and many of the families left. Then, in 2002, a major tragedy dealt the struggling community a terrible blow. Vile terrorists attacked neighboring Adorah; they invaded family homes and shot at residents, injuring many and brutally murdering four residents, including a 5-year-old girl still in her bed. Although the attack did not occur in Telem, many Telem residents, frightened for their lives, left, and only a few families remained behind, feeling more isolated than ever before. It was a difficult time.

Teetering on total abandonment, Telem miraculously revived when, a few years later, a large group of religious Jews moved there to invigorate and encourage the community. They started a Bible school, brought the synagogue to life, and infused the community with joy and faith. Instead of sweeping the few remaining secular families aside, the new majority created a warm environment, accepting all the colorful tiles that make up the Jewish people. Today secular, traditional, and religious Jews live side by side, positively working together to impact the growing community and hope to attract new families.

Unfortunately, Telem remains under constant threat from hostile Arab neighbors. Round-the-clock vigilance is vital to protecting the men, women, and children of Telem from frequent arson and terrorist attacks. Thankfully, with help from CFOIC Heartland's generous donors, Telem recently ordered a surveillance system to help them monitor their surroundings and defend against threats. Once the system is installed, it will alert Telem's security team, enabling them to respond before threats escalate into full-fledged attacks. To utilize this critical resource with maximum effectiveness, Telem must build a central security room. This Emergency Headquarters will store the surveillance equipment, house security personnel as they monitor live feeds, and give them a location to assemble First Responders. To truly save lives, Telem desperately needs your help to construct and equip this emergency headquarters.

**Telem is vital to Biblical Israel, but it is vulnerable, being located so near Hebron. An Emergency Headquarters where security personnel can monitor live surveillance feed and assemble Rapid Responders during hostile attacks is critical to the community's security. You can provide vital support to the people of Telem and safeguard their families from harm. Your donation will save lives!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ Founded: 1983
- ✧ Location: Southern Judean Hills, west of Hebron
- ✧ Origin of Name: In Hebrew, Telem is a groove plowed into the ground for sowing. The name expresses a love for the Land of Israel and symbolizes fertility and growth
- ✧ Strategic Significance: Overlooks a major trans-Judean highway
- ✧ Population: 80 families



*Surrounded by hostile Arab towns, Telem needs your help to protect its vulnerable families from harm*



*Your support for the Emergency Headquarters will help Telem's security team respond to terrorist and arson attacks*

## TELEM EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS

### PROJECT BUDGET

Construction.....	\$10,300
Computers, printer & monitor.....	3,150
Office furnishings .....	920
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$14,370</b>

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