

# Naaran

## GROWING IN SAFETY

Kibbutz Naaran was first established in 1977, but the barren, isolated conditions proved too challenging for the original founders. In the early 1990s, most of them left the kibbutz. But, just a few years later, in 1999, ten single young adults returned to the land, committed to breathing new life into it. These idealistic, Zionist pioneers were not satisfied with merely working the land and enjoying the fruits of their labor. Rather, they wanted to ensure Jewish continuity in their Ancestral Land and took steps to make that a reality.

In twenty-two years, Naaran has indeed come a long way! The few founders, who arrived to re-establish the kibbutz as single men and women, are now married with children of their own, and the community continues to grow steadily. The people of Naaran grow incredibly delicious Medjool dates, as well as potted flowers but they are also raising up the next generation of Zionist farmers. Teenagers and young adults from all over Israel visit Naaran and participate in educational and fun retreats on Zionism, leadership, and farming. Inspired by these workshops, young city-raised adults return to the Jordan Valley, but this time as farmers dedicated to putting down deep roots and settling the sparsely inhabited land.

While the people of Naaran live in relative peace with their Arab neighbors, this relationship is tenuous and easily strained. During times of security crisis, anywhere in Israel, the pastoral atmosphere of this farming community abruptly becomes scary, as deep-seated hostility rears its ugly head. At times like these, local Arabs will throw rocks at passing cars just outside the tranquil kibbutz, and there is a constant concern that the situation will escalate.

One late night, during a tense period, hostile Arabs infiltrated Naaran. They cut a hole in the old security fence, walked into the center of the kibbutz, completely undetected, and stole a tractor. By the time the antiquated sensors alerted the security guard, who was out patrolling another area, it was too late! The Arabs and the tractor were long gone. What begins as robbery can easily escalate into a full-blown terrorist attack. Naaran's outdated equipment has already failed them once. They cannot leave matters to chance. Lives are on the line. Naaran desperately needs to purchase a thermal drone, to enable them to monitor their surroundings day and night. They also need an emergency center where the security team can gather to map out, monitor, and manage security and emergency events.

**Naaran urgently needs your help to purchase a drone, establish an emergency center, and purchase emergency equipment. Your donation will ensure that these dedicated pioneers can defend their families from the threats of terror attacks and hostile infiltrations and continue settling Biblical Israel. Your gift will save lives!**

# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ✧ **Established:** Established in 1977.  
Reestablished in 1999
- ✧ **Name Origin:** Named after the Biblical city of Naaran (1 Chronicles 7:28) as a town in the eastern part of Ephraim
- ✧ **Location:** Jordan Valley, 10 km north of Jericho.
- ✧ **Strategic Significance:** The Jordan Valley is the only security border in the east. Control of the few crossings from this area to the west can prevent an invasion of Israel.
- ✧ **Population:** 80 adults & 60 children



*The people of Naaran are not only raising top-grade dates— they are raising the next generation of pioneers*



*You can help keep Kibbutz Naaran safe so that camaraderie and friendship can flourish in the heart of Biblical Israel*

## NAARAN SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

### PROJECT BUDGET

Emergency Headquarters Renovation & Equipment .....	\$9,810
Emergency Management Software .....	5,900
Thermal Drone .....	7,850
<b>TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED .....</b>	<b>\$23,560</b>

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