

Hidden by Heaven

by Dylan McWilliams



Our team stood on the edge of Egypt and Israel — a stretch of land bristling with security. The best navigators in the Israeli army were stationed in observation crews in this region. Their job was to watch the border closely, controlling the airspace with drones, thermal cameras, and giant surveillance towers that dotted the horizon. Nothing moved without them knowing.

Our mission? Bring electronic Bibles to soldiers. These were very small gifts, but we prayed earnestly that they would be seeds of hope for those stationed on the frontlines. We pulled up to the first checkpoint, and the soldiers waved us through without question.

We took our time driving south, stopping, backing up, and pulling forward again so our Israeli photographer could get shots of us for ministry purposes. He had been joining us every day and quietly watching as we prayed each morning, seeking God’s protection and guidance in our mission. As we drove, the road emptied until it felt like we were the only ones driving. “Where even are we?” someone asked.

Finally, we reached our destination. One of the high-ranking officers of the area met us and gaped in disbelief. “How did you get here? I’m not even allowed on that road. What? That’s impossible!”

We met the observation crew — men and women radioing in every movement: cars approaching, people crossing, Egyptians on the other side bending down to pick up sticks. Their giant cameras zoomed in on everything. Nothing escaped their watch.

They asked where we had come from. When I told them the road we’d driven, they looked at me like I had just told them the sun rose in the west. “No, you didn’t. We’ve been watching that road like a hawk. You couldn’t have driven there. We would have seen you.”

I knew they were right. The drone had been in the air the entire time. We hadn’t been trying to hide. There was no way we should have gone unnoticed. Yet somehow, we had.

One of the young female commanders shook her head in amazement. “We didn’t even see you. It’s impossible.”

Everyone had told us our mission to reach the Israeli army would be impossible. But there we were. Right in the middle of the most stringent security, sharing God’s Word with those who otherwise wouldn’t receive it. But they weren’t the only ones to see the miracle.

Later, another commander asked our driver how we'd made it through. Before I could answer, our local Israeli cameraman grinned, slapped me on the shoulder, and said, "They prayed about it this morning." He's starting to understand. He's got it.

Gideon Rescue Company is a Seventh-day Adventist nonprofit disaster and relief agency that works in disasters and conflict zones around the world spreading the love and life of Jesus. This story took place in December 2023.

World Church Prayer Requests

OCTOBER 31 — NOVEMBER 6, 2025

- **World Church:** Pray that God would prepare us as a people for what is about to come. Pray that we would be so immersed in His Word and caught up in time in His presence that all fears and anxieties would fade away, for in His presence is fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11.
- **Trinidad and Tobago:** Pray for the Quarry and Siparia SDA Churches as they work together in a joint evangelistic campaign beginning November 4. Pray that the Holy Spirit will go ahead of the invitations and move on the hearts of those ready for Him. Pray for the staff and speaker, that they will gain their courage and strength from Jesus and not be burned out by the event.
- **Australia:** Pray for the Melbourne-Ghana SDA group, a newly planted group eager to share the Gospel with its neighbors. Pray for the leadership and laity to continue showing total commitment in proclaiming the three angels' messages to their community.
- **Netherlands:** Pray for the leadership of the Netherlands Union in their ministry and service. Pray for the churches and members as they seek a fresh relationship with Jesus and growth in ministry. Pray for people of the country that they will see a fresh picture of Jesus and be susceptible to His love for them.
- **Ireland:** Pray for the Galway SDA Church as they plan and prepare for a night of prayer in November. Pray that this won't be just "another event" but a truly transforming encounter with Jesus. Pray for wisdom for the speakers and a true heart change for all involved.
- **Ghana:** Pray for the Saboba Central SDA Church as they seek to finish building their church, a project started twenty-five years ago. Pray that this will be a witness to the community and that the members will be touched with Jesus' Spirit to work boldly in their community.
- **Canada:** Pray for the Toronto Nigerian SDA Church as they pray to be a light in their community and that many will be drawn to God through their witness. Pray for the leadership and members to remain focused on Jesus and not surrender to discouragement. Pray that the outreach programs already happening will be a success and that the congregation will secure a permanent place of worship as they continue their ministry.