

Life Goes on in the Jordan Valley

The Jordan Valley includes a wonderful and varied collection of communities spread out over the beautiful desert landscape. The local municipalities are constantly examining the needs and desires of their residents and finding ways to keep everyone happy, thriving, and safe. There are numerous episodes where local residents have been called upon to help in emergency incidents requiring skills they simply didn't have. As a result, the municipality decided to form a volunteer "Rapid Response Search and Rescue" team.



The rugged terrain of the Jordan Valley, with its many wadis and hills, is an attraction for those seeking challenging trails and hikes. Too often, though, hikers underestimate the territory and get lost or injured.

In 2007 an earthquake struck the Jordan Valley and experts predict a major earthquake is heading that way again. The people of the Jordan Valley want to be prepared for every problem that may occur in the region. For the past three months, thirty men and women volunteers have been undergoing weekly intensive training in firefighting, first aid, navigation and rappelling. As the course of study comes to an end, the rescuers need to be equipped with special, vital equipment.

A special stretcher needs to be purchased, for removals from pits and wadis, and as an aid in airborne rescues. Each of the five members of each rescue team needs a supply kit containing the following: a backpack, a helmet, dust goggles, a headlamp, a hip brace, rescue hooks and clips, maps and knives. An assortment of special, sturdy ropes of a variety of lengths, up to 500 meters, is crucial for certain rescues.

- The rugged terrain of the Jordan Valley is breathtakingly beautiful, yet holds potential danger and injury.
- Thirty selfless volunteers are prepared to volunteer for the “Rapid Response Search and Rescue” team. But they need equipment.



FOIC is being asked to provide the most critical equipment, including supply kits for at least one team. In small, isolated communities, keeping these rescue squads funded and equipped is crucial. You understand and support the reality of the lives of the people of the Jordan Valley. The volunteer “Rapid Response Search and Rescue” team can mean the difference between life and death.

Project Budget

Stretcher.....	\$4,165
5 Supply Kits @ 2,100.....	10,500
Ropes	2,000

TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....\$16,665

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