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# RCO Ministries

in the *Holy Land*

*Ministering to the People of the Holy Land since 1978*

### RAMALLAH LOCAL CHURCH

An Indigenous Church  
the Palestinian Territories



### RAMLA LOCAL CHURCH

An Indigenous Church  
In Israel



### HOME OF NEW LIFE

Providing for  
Needy Children

### NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CENTER

Offering Christ-Based  
Programs to the Community

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### PRAY

Prayers are essential for the growth and success of these ministries.

### VOLUNTEER

We have different areas where we can use your help as an individual or a church group.

### DONATE

You can make a tax deductible donation either by following the directions on our website or by sending your check payable to *RCO Ministries* to our U.S. Address as listed on the back page.

## RCO MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP



**DR. MUNIR KAKISH** (Founder) was born in Jordan but was raised in a children's home in Ramallah. Sharon was raised in the USA. After graduating from college, they returned to work in Ramallah. Dr. Kakish keeps busy in many ministry activities. Sharon is a teacher by training and has worked in several schools during the last 30 years. They continue serving in a variety of capacities in the Holy Land.

**MICHAEL KAKISH** was born in Jerusalem and is bilingual. His wife Jackie was born in Egypt but her family immigrated to the USA during her high school years. Michael finished masters programs at Trinity Seminary in Deerfield, Illinois. Jackie finished a masters in Music at Wayne State University. They returned with their daughters Lily and Carmen to minister in the Holy Land.





*Your giving impacts real lives!*



## RCO MINISTRIES IN THE HOLY LAND

Ramallah, one of the largest cities in the West Bank, has been our site of ministry since 1978. Current ministries include the Ramallah Local Church, Home of New Life, and the New Life Community Center. In addition, a satellite church has been started in Ramla, near Tel Aviv.

The city of Ramallah has a population of about 25,000. However, the population swells during the work day as workers from nearby villages swarm into the city. The Ramallah District includes 88 villages, giving the Ramallah area a population of around 220,000.

Ramallah is the de-facto capital of the West Bank, Palestine. Ramallah was founded in around 1500 A.D. and means "Hill of God". The area is closely related to some Bible history. Bethel, where Jacob dreamt of the ladder and wrestled with the angel is only 4 miles away. Also very close are the ruins of Ai, where the Israelites were defeated in battle following the sin of Achan. Adjacent to Ramallah is the town of Bireh, believed to be the spot where Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus was not with them after their visit to Jerusalem.

### RAMALLAH LOCAL CHURCH



Located in the heart of the "old city" Ramallah Local Church is an indigenous church with services in Arabic. The church offers weekly services for the adults as well as youth and Sunday School programs. Various meetings for the ladies, young adults as well as married couples are also held across the week. Over the years, the Lord has been raising generations of leaders from children who were once part of our programs. The Lord has also been raising young adults with a passionate heart for prayer. We are witnessing new blessings everyday.

### RAMLA LOCAL CHURCH



Ramla is the satellite church in a town not far from the Tel Aviv airport. The congregation is composed of Israeli-Arabs who speak both Hebrew and Arabic. The church has recently been witnessing a revival as a result of the prayers of the young adults and their passion to share the Good News with their close ones. Through their prayers, discipleship and outreach, the Lord is adding new souls to His kingdom.

### HOME OF NEW LIFE



Many families in the West Bank are suffering as a result of the high rate of unemployment. The Home of New Life offers two programs: a residential program for boys who come from dysfunctional or impoverished families, and a sponsorship program—a program for boys and girls who come from both Muslim and Christian homes that are more socially stable but that still suffer from the current economic situation. These children are helped with a subsidy for their educational expenses while living in their homes. Over the years, many children we have helped have come to know Christ and became leaders in their communities.

### NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CENTER



New Life Community Center is our vision to provide a variety of needed programs in the West Bank to reach the community. These include language and computer training and tutoring services. The Center also aims to offer the scarce opportunity to obtain a Biblical education in Ramallah and Ramla through its Biblical Studies Diploma program. The goal is to build relationships and relate Christ to the population.

