



Mera Moiseyevna -UKRAINE

Mera Moiseyevna was born in 1933 in a Jewish colony in Rosdansky district. She was only a small child when the Holocaust began. She and her mother and younger sister ran from the killing squads, ending up first in Saratov region for two years and then near Stalingrad during the siege. Mera told us, "In our village, 540 people were killed...there were pits

where sand was taken for construction and they took the Jews there and murdered them."

Mera's father died right after the war ended leaving her 36-year-old mother to fend for the family. Life has been unbearably hard for Mera, a constant struggle. Although her formal education was interrupted during the War and she can neither read nor write, she remembers all the Jewish traditions and prayers her mother taught her. Currently she lives with her younger sister, Beba, who although also extremely ill and frail, manages to write to us for both of them. They live in a run-down hut with cracks in the walls large enough to allow the snow and rain in, which has taken its toll on their health. Every day is a struggle for these two elderly sisters who are in urgent need of help.

We visited them in 2010 and brought them financial aid and friendship. We continue to support them through your donations. Once they were isolated and forgotten and had almost given up hope, but because of you, their lives have changed for the better. During SMP's 2010 Emergency Aid Expedition and visit, Mera said, "Pass our love to all the Americans and everyone who helps us. We love them all and we hug them all." And Beba, kissed my hand and said, "That such people as you came into our life, now I know there is a G-d."

Thank you for your kindness and compassion toward elderly Holocaust survivors in need.

– Zane Buzby

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