

Community of the Month

Throughout June...

CFOIC is taking a look at Itamar Boy's Intervention Center...

Dear Friend of CFOIC Heartland,

In June we are bringing a unique opportunity to your attention. The Boy's Intervention Center in Itamar is working hard to bring troubled teen boys back from the brink of self-destructive behavior by providing them with counseling and healthy outlets. As they learn godly principles from teachers who genuinely care for them, they are able to change bad activities into good behavior.

The Intervention Center wants to expand the work they are doing and give these boys vocational training in auto mechanics, enabling them to acquire lifelong skills.

Your gift today to the Itamar Boy's Intervention Center will show the boys that you care about their future. Your investment in these young lives will reap a harvest for many years to come. Thank you in advance for blessing the Children of Israel.

Shalom,

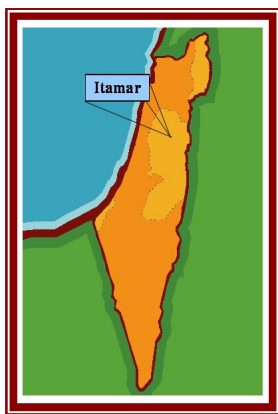
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Where is Itamar?



Founded on Israel's Independence Day in 1984, Itamar has taken the lead in settling the barren hills and valleys of eastern Samaria.

Itamar was founded by 15 dedicated students from the Meir Institute of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem. Eager to put their Zionist ideals to the test, they settled a hilltop just east of Shechem and continued their studies in nearby Elon Moreh.

They lived in temporary quarters, gradually marrying and bringing their young wives to join them. As the years passed, the families grew. Today there are nearly 80 families in Itamar or a total of some 500 people.

What Does Itamar Boy's Intervention Center Need?



The Intervention Center provides basic schooling, all within a supportive religious atmosphere, and many of the boys complete full matriculation requirements. These boys are at a hard age, at various stages of rebellion. In addition to their regular

subjects, religious and Bible study is presented in a new and inviting way – as rabbis and mentors provide them with the spiritual tools they need to grow, inspiring them rather than fighting them.

The Center has decided to initiate an vocational training program for its boys. There is an excellent technical school in Nehalim, a religious kibbutz about 70 kilometers from Itamar, which is able to offer the boys an auto mechanics course. The course meets once a week and 26 boys would be bussed to Nehalim each week. Upon finishing the course, they will receive a proper certificate that will enable them to get a job. But even more importantly, completing a vocational course will improve their self-esteem, giving them a skill that is marketable and useful, enabling them to feel valuable to society.

So often, an at-risk child is on the receiving end of help and care. In Itamar, these children will learn to become service providers. They will learn rules, how to work with a team, how to develop concentration and curiosity and how to focus on getting a job done.

CFOIC is being asked to help cover the costs of this program, both the transportation to Nehalim each week and the cost of the course itself. Help these young people pull themselves up; help the pride of our future grow into competent, contributing members of the State of Israel.

Total Funds Required: \$63,000

How Can I Help Itamar Boy's Intervention Center?

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Your donation will help cover the cost of the vocational training program at the Boy's Intervention Center. You may donate by calling 1-800-647-3344, emailing info@cfoic.com, donating online at www.cfoic.com, or mailing a check made payable to CFOIC (with Itamar in the memo) to:

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