



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

LESS THAN 4 WEEKS TO ADVENT AND 7 WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS AN APPEAL FOR YOUR HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD

As Advent and Christmas approach, the Update this month focuses on an Appeal for Funds to help our Christian brothers and sisters at this special time of the year.

Peter Rand, FHL Vice Chairman, writes.

I am hoping to visit Gaza in a few weeks time and hand over to Fr. Jorge, the parish priest at the Holy Family Parish the initial funds we have received towards the Emergency Family Support Appeal. Please help me to maximise that donation in the next 3 weeks and through the Christmas season.

- Attached is a **poster** for display on your church notice board. Printed copies are available from the FHL office.
- Please suggest to your PP a paragraph in your weekly **parish newsletter**, such as:
Friends of the Holy Land are asking for our support as Christmas approaches. This is for their Emergency Family Support Appeal to help individual named families both in the Bethlehem District and in the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Every penny donated will be sent to the families. See poster at the back of church for more information or visit their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk
- What better recipients for the donations to your **crib box in front of the nativity scene** at church than the poorest families living in and around Bethlehem and those suffering in Gaza.
- If your parish is already committed to a beneficiary of the crib box collection, perhaps a **retiring collection** one weekend in Advent might be possible?

Some examples of how your donations will be spent.

- £3 per day for each of the 50 poorest families, who are visited and reviewed regularly.
- Repairing damage to homes of Christian families in Gaza, costing from £400 upwards
- Funding the specialist programme in the Gaza Parish School to address the impact of war
- £20 per month will fund 50% of school fees for one child.

Please consider a standing order or one off donation and gift aid if you can. Form attached
If you prefer, donate via the FHL website

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN

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