

House Refurbishment - Anwar Jackaman



Before - one multi-functional room



New bathroom



More space for Anwar

The situation

Anwar's situation was made known to FHL in 2014 when, as a wheel chair user, he was confined to a single room. Diagnosed with infantile paralysis at 11 years old, and experiencing a number of falls in later life, Anwar had become reliant on a wheelchair for his mobility. Living in a traditional two-storey property in Bethlehem with steep stone stairs leading to the first floor meant the bathroom and bedroom were virtually inaccessible to him. Although Anwar made a modest income repairing electrical appliances, the costs associated with remodelling his home to meet his needs were way beyond his means.

How did FHL help?

A fully costed project proposal was verified by our Bethlehem based committee and a grant equating to £12,900 made available to completely refurbish Anwar's home. Engineers and contractors were sourced from the local Christian community, supporting FHL's mission to provide employment for Christians in the Holy Land and to help build resilient and sustainable Christian communities.

What impact did FHL make?

FHL oversaw the complete upgrade to Anwar's home, adapting it to meet his needs. A fully accessible shower room was installed and a bedroom created by dividing the living room, both on the ground floor. Improvements were made to the kitchen to suit a wheelchair user, a ramp was created to provide better access to the living room, the building was damp proofed and all the electrics were upgraded. The result is that Anwar can now live with dignity and independence, and his home suits both him and his daughters.

Could you support a project like this?

FHL exists to help and support the Christian population of the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, working to develop a resilient and enduring community there. The provision of adequate housing is essential to encourage a sustainable Christian presence in the Holy Land. Project work in housing is varied and includes house renovations to eradicate damp, the division of family homes into two units, refurbishments to suit mobility requirements and water supply projects.

Sponsor a refurbishment project. FHL have a number of refurbishment requests on their waiting list so opportunities exist for groups or individual to sponsor projects like this. Refurbishments can range in value from £3,000 upwards, and the family whose home is being worked on contribute what they can.

Financial donations can be made online by visiting www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and clicking on the DONATE NOW button. Alternatively, a cheque made payable to 'Friends of the Holy Land', can be sent to FHL at the address shown below. Standing order forms are available on our website under 'GET INVOLVED' tab on the 'Donate Money' page, or by contacting the office.

Volunteer with us: Volunteers are needed to help in our office in Kenilworth or to speak at events across the country, please let us know if you can help.

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FHL Patron visits FHL Project

The Archbishop of Canterbury, also an FHL patron, made time during a busy visit to the Holy Land last May to meet FHL beneficiary Anwar, and view his recently refurbished home.



"I am very pleased to be a patron to the Friends of the Holy Land. I support the essential work this charity is doing in the Holy Land, giving practical help and moral support to those in the greatest need."

The Most Reverend and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury