

Hope in Action

Could you help give Christian students a future?

Brendan Metcalfe, Executive Director of Friends of the Holy Land, has thanked supporters for their hard work and commitment to raising funds. He says:

You will read in our newsletter how some of you were most creative in your fundraising approach, where we have put your donations to work and some in depth stories of people who have benefitted from your generosity.

Sadly, the medical crisis in the area continues and so does its devastating impact on the economy. Tourism is effectively dead due to quarantine measures and so therefore there are no incomes for the vast majority in the areas around Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Ammam and no government support. There is great uncertainty as to when the quarantine measures will be removed and how long it will take the tourism/ pilgrimage sector to recover to anywhere near 2019 levels, most estimates are 1-2 years.

In this crisis we have a clear and urgent need to sustain the education of the students that we support through their schooling as schools are due to re-open at the end of August. A good schooling provides the next generation with not only the skills necessary for success in the labour market but also the grounding essential for teachers, doctors, nurses, civil servants, engineers, humanists, entrepreneurs, scientists, social scientists, and a myriad of other roles essential to sustain the successful future of the community beyond this crisis.

Furthermore, by supporting families in sending their children to a Christian school, we help those Christian schools retain the employment of teachers and staff at this difficult time.

Our goal is to continue to help over 200 students with the cost of their education in the year ahead; from primary through to university. As this can be seen as an ongoing cost throughout the school year I ask you to consider supporting one or more of these students through a regular gift by completing the form overleaf or perhaps you may consider a gift in your will for this work and so make a difference in the future prospects of these children.

Thank you.

Gain info and make donations [here](#).