



barnabasaid
bringing hope to suffering Christians

barnabas gifts

of hope and love

2022-2023

Dear Friend,

As this catalogue goes to print, the world is facing an unprecedented global crisis. Economic recession and food shortages are resulting from the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, armed conflict in Ukraine, and international tensions elsewhere in the world.

While these issues face people of all religions and none, in many parts of the world Christians are among the most deprived and impoverished and the ones facing the most acute persecution. Our brothers and sisters are therefore among the first to suffer and the last to receive help.

This is why Barnabas Aid is committed to helping the brothers and sisters of Christ – those who are hungry and thirsty, without clothes, sick or imprisoned (Matthew 25:34-40), those who are hated because the world hates Him (John 15:18-19).

The global crisis

Economists and other international experts believe that dark and difficult days are coming even to the developed Western world, and that the impact of the disaster for the less developed Global South will be on a scale not yet imaginable.

As natural disasters, armed conflict and economic pressures persist, food scarcity will also become more acute. It is estimated that more than 2.3 billion people are short of food. According to the World Food Programme this includes 345 million in “acute food insecurity” – those facing malnutrition or even death.

These ill tidings, however, should serve as a call to action, not despair. In the pages that follow we set out the ways in which through our various .gives initiatives, and through the wider work of Barnabas Aid, you can help our brothers and sisters around the world.

Give a .gives gift of love

Barnabas Aid has always channelled financial aid to Christians in lands of persecution and suffering, and will continue to do so. Yet there are increasingly obstacles to sending money into some countries.

Therefore last year we launched food.gives – the first of our .gives ministries – which permitted us to ship dry food and other practical aid donated by Christians in the UK and other countries to needy Christians around the world. You can find out about all our .gives programmes on pages 4-6 and page 8 of this booklet.

As well as broadening the scope of our ministry to the suffering Church, this also broadens the ways in which you can help. We know that you too may be affected by the economic crisis. Perhaps here you can find a way to continue to give

practical support to your brothers and sisters, even in a time of lower incomes and rising prices.

Your gift of love, whether through one of our .gives projects or one of our many other vital projects, will make a real and practical difference to suffering Christians.

These suggested gifts could make a thoughtful alternative birthday or Christmas present. We can also supply an attractive gift card to send to the person on whose behalf you have made the donation. For details of the different gift cards available, see page iv in the centre of this booklet.

Regular giving allows us to plan strategically, respond quickly to urgent situations, and also helps to keep our administrative costs low. Our regular donations form can be found on page iii.

Growing your gift

If you are a UK taxpayer and you sign the GIFT AID declaration on page i we can claim an additional 25p from the government for every £1 you donate, so your support goes even further at no extra cost to you.*

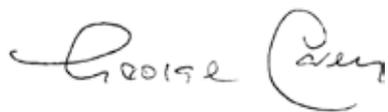
Change a little, love the brethren

A believer once said, "See everything, accept much, change a little, and love the brethren."

We cannot hide away from the dark and difficult days that are coming – we must see them and face them. There will be much that we have to accept. But there will also be something – a little – that we can change for the better.

In doing so we can demonstrate our love and practical care for all of our brethren in Christ.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



**THE RT REV. AND RT HON.
THE LORD CAREY OF CLIFTON**

Patron of Barnabas Aid



**THE MOST HON.
THE MARQUESS OF READING**

Barnabas Aid Chairman

* These figures correct at the time of writing



food.gives

Help feed suffering Christians around the world

Food and other practical aid donated by supporters in Canada, New Zealand, the United States and the UK was delivered to needy Ukrainian Christians

***“The poor will eat and be satisfied” –
Psalm 22:26***

Hunger is rife among Christian communities around the world. For this reason we have launched our food.gives programme as a way of channelling food to hungry believers in lands of scarcity.

You can order from us a free starter pack, including food.gives boxes and instructions. You then fill the box with dry foodstuff – rice, flour, dried lentils or beans, salt – and return it to our Swindon warehouse via a local collection hub or using a returns label that we will provide. We then ship it to those in need.

You can also use the contact details below to enquire about volunteering at our Swindon warehouse, helping to pack food boxes, or setting up a food collection hub at your church.

Through our .gives initiatives Barnabas Aid has already sent more than 1,000 tonnes of food and practical aid around the world, reaching a million households. This includes food sent from the UK to Namibia and Pakistan, from the US to Jordan, and from Australia and New Zealand to Tonga – as well as our deliveries of ePap from South Africa to Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Mozambique and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) (see p.6).

Alongside food.gives we continue to operate our feeding programmes in several countries. Your financial donations allow our partners overseas to purchase food and other necessities for struggling and impoverished Christians.

Please visit www.food.gives or phone 01793 744557 to find out more about how you or your church can donate food and other practical aid to support poor and persecuted Christians around the world.

Even small gifts of food can make a huge difference in the lives of our suffering brothers and sisters.

You can also donate financially to help cover the costs of shipping:

£2.65

(\$3.20; €3.15)

could pay for a 20kg food.gives parcel to be shipped to a Christian family in Pakistan

£45

(\$60; €54)

could ship 100 monthly family food boxes from the UK to Namibia

REFERENCE NUMBERS

- PR1555 FOOD.GIVES
- PR1557 FOOD.GIVES SHIPPING AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS
- 00-636 FEEDING FUND

Turn to page 22 for details of how to make regular donations through our Living Streams sponsorship family feeding programme



ePap

Join the fight against malnutrition in southern Africa

A girl in Zimbabwe receives a nourishing bowl of ePap

“Jesus replied ... ‘You give them something to eat.’” – Matthew 14:16

ePap is a nutritious porridge made from maize and soya beans with added vitamins and minerals, designed to combat the symptoms of malnutrition. A daily portion for a child under seven costs just 6p; older children and adults need double this quantity.

Nearly 500 tonnes of ePap is being delivered from South Africa to desperately hungry Christians in Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Mozambique and Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). Nearly 150,000 people have been helped.

“ePap has really helped us as a family,” says Gogo, a Zimbabwean Christian caring for her three orphaned grandsons. “My grandsons used to fall sick often but now, after eating ePap, they are strong and they have energy to run around. I am so grateful.”

£1.25

(\$1.70; €1.40)

buys a 500g bag of ePap, which will provide 10 days of nourishment for children aged seven and over, or 20 days for younger children.

£17

(\$23; €20)

would provide enough ePap to nourish a family of five for a month

£1,200

(\$1,640; €1,420)

would cover the costs for one day of Barnabas Aid’s major ePap programme in Madagascar

REFERENCE NUMBER

• PR1543 EPAP FEEDING
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Water

You can provide water for the thirsty and needy

A Pakistani Christian drinks water purified by a Barnabas-funded Nadi filter, which uses layers of rocks, stones, gravel and sand to naturally purify drinking water

“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” – Matthew 10:42

Many Christians live in places where access to clean water for drinking, cooking and washing is severely limited. This situation can lead to dehydration and disease.

Christians are sometimes denied access to water as a form of discrimination. Their water source could be poisoned or access could be cut off. Women walking long distances to fetch water may also risk harassment or violence. Natural disasters can lead to water supplies being contaminated.

A supply of fresh, clean water can be life-changing and life-saving to our impoverished brothers and sisters. The head of Cana Girls' Rescue Home – a Christian refuge for girls in Kenya – was delighted at the installation of a new water supply, saying that it would result in improved hygiene, reduced costs and the elimination of water-borne diseases.

As our food.gives programme expands and develops, we plan to send water purifiers along with food aid, to allow recipients to safely rehydrate and enjoy dried food such as vegetable soup mix or dried potatoes.

£2.40

(\$2.90; €2.80)

could provide a five-gallon container of water as part of a package of aid to Christians affected by earthquakes or typhoons

£11.50

(\$13.90; €13.65)

could pay for a Nadi filter for a Christian family in Pakistan

£100

(\$120; €118)

could pay for a water pump in Pakistan

£249

(\$300; €294)

could provide a water purifier for a Christian community in an area affected by food shortages

REFERENCE NUMBERS

- 00-635 WATER FUND
- 00-634 DISASTER RELIEF FUND



medical.gives

Give our brothers and sisters the gift of health

Your generous donations have ensured that urgently needed PPE has reached an estimated million Christian healthcare workers in Africa

"The Lord sustains them on their sick-bed and restores them from their bed of illness." - Psalm 41:3

Impoverished Christians in many parts of the world struggle without the kind of healthcare provision that most in the developed world take for granted.

Through our medical.gives programme and thanks to your generous donations, we have been able to ship personal protective equipment (PPE) donated by the Irish government and worth £25 million to Christian hospitals in five countries in eastern and southern Africa. Barnabas Aid has also received a substantial donation of medical equipment from another Western government, which is being transported to Ukraine.

Perhaps you have items in your home that you no longer require that could make a dramatic difference to a struggling Christian. Can you add your donations of medical supplies and equipment?

Could you donate any of the following? *

- Crutches or a walking frame
- A wheelchair
- Reading glasses
- A blood pressure machine (sphygmomanometer)
- Test strips or glucose monitors for those with diabetes
- Mosquito nets
- A stethoscope

Call 01793 744557 or email info@barnabasaid.org for information about how to make your donation.

*** Please ensure when making your donation that the item does not belong to the NHS, Red Cross or a medical company**

You can also donate financially to support the medical.gives shipping costs.

REFERENCE NUMBER
• PR1566 MEDICAL.GIVES



Community healthcare

Treatment is administered at a Barnabas-funded health clinic in Pakistan

Caring for the sick and the needy

Christians are often among those who struggle to access medical treatment. Our impoverished brothers and sisters may not be able to get something as straightforward as a check-up or examination. Medicines and other treatments may be either unavailable or unaffordable.

For this reason Barnabas Aid is funding health clinics that make a dramatic difference to the lives of needy Christians.

For example, in Hyderabad, Pakistan, your donations enable a clinic to purchase medicines – antibiotics, anti-malarial, anti-tuberculosis drugs, diabetic medication, painkillers and others – as well as new equipment – including beds, stethoscopes, blood pressure machines, drip stands, a sterilising machine, an oxygen cylinder, and generator to provide an uninterrupted power supply.

Barnabas is also funding a mobile health clinic that serves impoverished Christian families who work in the brick kilns of Punjab, Pakistan. This provides free medical treatment and healthcare advice, a vital service for those who might struggle to travel long distances to government hospitals or be unable to pay for medicines.

£7

(\$8.30; €8.20)

could purchase 100 paracetamol/ibuprofen tablets for a Christian clinic in Kenya

£10

(\$13; €11)

could purchase one stethoscope for a Christian doctor in Pakistan

£97

(\$117; €115)

could pay a Christian nurse's salary in Pakistan for one month

REFERENCE NUMBER

• 00-671 MEDICAL FUND



Victims of
violence

Aid after anti-Christian violence and injustice

Nigerian Christian leaders pray over the aid received from Barnabas after attacks by Islamist militants

“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” – Psalm 32:7

“I thought these people must be angels to know what we need and to bring assistance at our most dire moments,” said a Nigerian village leader after receiving food, blankets, sleeping mats, roofing sheets and school materials following an attack by Islamist militants. “Thank you so much Barnabas Aid. ... You have wiped the tears from our eyes during this painful period.”

Vulnerable Christian minorities face the constant threat and reality of violence in many countries. Barnabas is responding by reaching Christians displaced by violence and providing much-needed aid.

In northern Nigeria, repeated Islamist attacks on Christian villages have killed and injured many believers, destroyed their houses and churches, and forced the survivors to flee. Similar attacks afflict Christians in other countries of West Africa.

In Cameroon’s far north, Barnabas funded the digging of five wells and drilling of four bore-wells to provide water for hundreds of Christians displaced by Boko Haram violence, including many who have been forced to flee into neighbouring Chad. Fifty sewing machines have also been purchased to enable young women among those uprooted to generate an income.

Several Christians have been beheaded and many others displaced by Islamist militants in northern Mozambique. Barnabas has delivered tonnes of nutritious ePap porridge for Christians driven from their homes in the region.

£18

(\$22; €21)

could provide rice, pasta, cooking oil and salt for a month to feed a family in Burkina Faso displaced by Islamist militants

£27

(\$34; €32)

could rent a room for a month for a Christian family in South-East Asia chased out of their village because of their decision to follow Christ

£149

(\$180; €177)

could purchase a sewing machine for a young Christian woman displaced by Boko Haram violence in northern Cameroon

£1,304

(\$1,546; €1,544)

could cover the costs for drilling a borewell in a village in Chad for displaced Cameroonian Christians

REFERENCE NUMBER

- 00-345 VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE FUND



Convert
care

Help support Christian converts suffering for the Lord

Persecuted Christian convert women in Uganda are taught hair braiding skills at Barnabas-funded vocational training classes

"... if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

Converts to Christianity from Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and other religions are often rejected by their family and community. They risk hostility, violence and even death for their faith.

"Anna" is from a Muslim family in Uganda, and as a teenager was given in marriage by her father to an imam. Later she became a Christian, a decision that brought her heart "plentiful happiness", but Anna's family renounced her. Her husband threatened her and then abandoned her and their six children, calling them "a curse".

Anna and her children were helped by a Ugandan Christian refuge that provides shelter, discipleship and vocational skills for Christian converts. It is one of many projects for suffering Muslim background believers supported by Barnabas.

In Afghanistan, a strongly Islamic country, Christian converts and their children face almost certain death at the hands of the Taliban. We are flying Afghan Christian families to safe countries which have agreed to accept them, for example Brazil, where they can re-settle permanently.

£17.50

(\$21; €20.60)

could provide vocational training for one Ugandan convert

£20

(\$27; €24)

could provide poor and persecuted Christian converts in Central Asia with a winter food parcel for one month

£48

(\$58; €57)

could provide Portuguese classes for an Afghan Christian family for one month

REFERENCE NUMBER

• 00-113 CONVERT FUND



Church
Buildings

Strengthening congregations across continents

Barnabas helped to fund the provision of rented accommodation for a growing church of converts from Islam in Kazakhstan

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'." – Psalm 122:1

"We thank God we celebrated Christmas 2021 already in the new building ... we can gather for communal worship," announced a church leader in Muslim-majority Uzbekistan. The project was completed through Barnabas supporters' generous donations.

A place in which believers can gather safely to worship the Lord is something taken for granted in some parts of the world. But Christians in many countries may be prevented from buying, building, repairing or extending their buildings. Those they have may be closed or destroyed, and they may be forbidden by law from meeting elsewhere. In some places, landlords will not rent properties for Christian worship. This is a serious issue in places where it is illegal to gather for worship in a building which is not registered for the purpose, so that even two or three gathering in His Name in a private home could be arrested.

Barnabas helps to repair, renovate, extend or equip many church buildings in Central Asia. After anti-Christian attacks on a church in a strongly Islamic part of Kyrgyzstan Barnabas paid for the installation of metal fencing and CCTV cameras.

Another need is church buildings for Christian communities displaced long-term by anti-Christian violence, or church buildings damaged by natural disasters where congregations are too poor to repair them.

£22

(\$26; €26)

could purchase a 30m length of roof beam to repair a church building in Uzbekistan used by three convert congregations

£29

(\$35; €34)

could purchase a row of seating as part of rebuilding a church destroyed by a cyclone in Madagascar

£80

(\$97; €94)

could enable a church in Uzbekistan to install a radiator as part of repairs required for registration

£280

(\$341; €331)

could provide for the plastering of walls of a recently registered church of converts from Islam in Kyrgyzstan

REFERENCE NUMBER

• 00-637 CHURCH
BUILDINGS FUND

Yes, I would like to give a gift of love and hope to persecuted Christians

You can either set up a regular donation, or make a single donation. You can give to the General Fund or to one or more of the projects whose reference numbers are listed throughout the booklet.

Simply fill out your **contact details** below and then fill out the section for either **single donations** (page ii) or **regular donations** (page iii). If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the **Gift Aid Declaration** below to enable us to reclaim tax on all your donations at no extra cost to you.

If you would like us to send you a **gift card(s)** following your donation, please also complete the section on page iv with details of the wording required.

Please use my gift for: (Mark your preference)*

- Wherever the need is the greatest (General Fund)
- Other

(give reference number of project to be supported)

- I do not require an acknowledgement of this gift

Title	Full Name		
Address			
			Postcode
Phone		Email	



Please return this form to Barnabas Aid at your national office or to the UK office. Addresses are on the back cover. Barnabas Aid will not give your address, telephone number or email to anyone else.

Please remember to complete the Gift Aid form below if applicable

giftaid it **Gift Aid Declaration** (Applicable to UK taxpayers only)

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

- **Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer; please fill this in below if different from the details above.**
- **In order to Gift Aid your donation you must mark the box below:**

- I want to Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to: Barnabas Aid. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title	Full Name		
Full Home Address			
			Postcode

Please notify Barnabas Aid if your circumstances change.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Single donation

Here is my single gift of: £25 £50 £100 £

Please debit my Visa Mastercard American Express

CAF card /other charity card Other    **CAF**

Card Number

Expiry date / Signature

I enclose a cheque/
voucher payable to
"Barnabas Aid"

I have made an internet transfer/bank deposit

to the Barnabas Aid bank account on: / / (date)

(Sort Code: 20-26-53, Account Number: 50133299).

Your bank reference: Please quote your Barnabas Aid reference number or your postcode and house number. If you prefer not to receive an acknowledgement please add letters **DNA** to the reference.



Text Donations

For a quick donation of £5.00 by SMS text **AID** to **70660** (Please note: This facility is presently only available to UK supporters). Texts cost £5.00 plus network charge. Please obtain bill payer's permission. Customer care **01793 744557**. For full terms and conditions please visit www.barnabasaid.org/terms-and-conditions

You can also make a donation by Direct Debit, credit or debit card by phoning **0800 587 4006** (+44 1793 744557 from outside UK), by visiting our website at www.barnabasaid.org/donate or by scanning this code with your device.



Alternative gift cards

If you choose to support a Barnabas Aid project as an alternative gift for a friend or relative, we can supply you with an attractive gift card, which you can send to the person on whose behalf you have made the donation.

Please fill in the details to the right and please complete your name and address on page i.

Please write clearly.

“Dear

A gift of £

has been received on your behalf from

This gift will assist Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

With many thanks on behalf of the persecuted Church”

Please state your preferred card choice (see right):

A B C

Tick here if you **do** want the amount to be stated on the card

Tick here if you **do** wish details about the project to be included on the card



If you would like more cards, please photocopy this page or attach a separate piece of paper with the details for the extra cards and send it with your donation. You can also call your nearest Barnabas Aid office with the details and pay by credit card over the phone.

If you would like to have the card sent directly to the recipient, or if you would prefer to receive blank cards and fill them out yourself, please contact your national office (address details on back cover).

Legacy donation

For information about how to leave a gift to Barnabas Aid through your will or for free advice from Barnabas Legal team

Please send me copies of the free booklet
A Christian guide to making and changing your will

Yes, I am interested in the free will-writing service from **Barnabas Legal**.
Please send me the Will Questionnaire

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Blessed to be a blessing to others

Bringing hope and a future to this and the next generation of believers

Blessed to be a blessing to our Christian family all over the world

God blessed Abraham so that he could in turn be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:2-3) – not just members of his own family, tribe, city or nation, but all the peoples of the earth. After you have taken care of your loved ones in your will, please consider widening your care to those who belong to your extended family – that is, your Christian brothers and sisters worldwide.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ” – Galatians 6:2

What kind of blessing can you pass on to others?

A legacy gift (that is, a gift included in your will) can:

- feed Christians facing hunger and deprivation, disadvantaged for belonging to the family of God;
- help believers who have suffered violence for their faith;
- give shelter to displaced Christian families fleeing persecution in their homeland;
- support an evangelist or pastor facing daily danger in their ministry in regions where Christians are a persecuted minority;
- strengthen Christian brothers and sisters with Bibles in their own language;
- train young children up in their faith through Christian schooling.



Barnabas Legal can help you write your will

Writing a will can be a daunting task that many people delay, sometimes until it's too late to choose who will benefit from their estate*. If you die without leaving a will (intestate), UK intestacy rules will apply and your estate will pass to defined close family members, or, if none are alive, to the government. If you want to choose who will benefit from your estate, Barnabas Legal will be happy to assist you with the drafting of your will.

To take advantage of this free service from our expert legal team, please complete the form in the centre of this booklet. Simply tick the box requesting information on Barnabas Legal and we will send you a Will Questionnaire to complete and return to us. Alternatively, you can download the Will Questionnaire from our website:

barnabasaid.org/barnabas-legal

Please do remember to help your Christian family when you come to plan for your future

If you would like more information about how to leave a gift to Barnabas Aid through your will, or get help with writing a will, you can also contact: finance@barnabasaid.org or phone **01793 744557** or fill in the form in the centre of this booklet and send it to: Barnabas Aid, Unit 23, Ash Industrial Estate, Kembrey Park, Swindon, SN2 8UN, UK.

* Estate – all the money and property that a person owns, especially everything that is left when they die.



Bibles and
Scripture

The precious gift of
God's Word can change
someone's future

Egyptian Christian children with their own hardback copy of the Bible, funded by Barnabas

“The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.” – Psalm 19:7

Christian minorities around the world are often desperately short of access to the Word of God in their own language – or any language.

Barnabas has funded the provision of personal Bibles to 4,791 schoolchildren in Egypt, where many Christians face hostility, especially in rural areas. As hardback books, the Bibles should last for years to come. Abanoub, now 19, recalls receiving his Bible seven years ago. “That was a very meaningful event,” he said. An app has also been developed to motivate the youngsters to use their Bibles, to check off the daily reading and answer questions on the passage.

In a mountainous region of a South-East Asian country Christians are persecuted both for following what is seen as a foreign “Western” religion and for belonging to a minority ethnic group. As well as providing rice to help them survive after the harvest failed, Barnabas supplied 60 Bibles in the local language. For many it was the first Bible they had ever owned.

In West Africa, Barnabas is funding the translation of the Bible into a language spoken by 500,000 people, most of whom are Muslims. The salaries of eight local workers are paid by Barnabas as they work through translation of the Old Testament, having completed the New Testament. Church leaders have received training and support to use the new translation and passages have been broadcast on the radio. One translator said, “I see that when we are faithful and patient, God will accomplish for us, in the right time, wonderful things.”

Barnabas is funding the printing of Bibles in the Afan Oromo language in Ethiopia. This venture will make the Scriptures available to the growing Oromo Church. For an estimated 25 million Oromo Christians only a million copies of the Afan Oromo Bible are in circulation.

£4.80

(\$5.80; €5.70)

could purchase a Bible in the Afan Oromo language for distribution in Ethiopia

£8.10

(\$9.60; €9.50)

could provide Arabic Bibles for three Egyptian Christian children

£358

(\$433; €423)

could pay one month’s salary for a translator working on the Old Testament in a West African language

REFERENCE NUMBER

• 00-362 BIBLES AND
SCRIPTURES FUND



Small
businesses

Help marginalised Christians to become self-supporting

Poor and vulnerable Christian women in south-east Asia have received training in sewing and been given a sewing machine by Barnabas Aid to enable them to start their own businesses in their rural communities

***“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
- Matthew 7:7***

Marginalised Christians often struggle to find employment. In some countries, any jobs they get are largely restricted to low income, low status tasks. Barnabas is investing in hope by funding start-up costs for a wide range of small income-generating projects to help strengthen Christian communities.

As part of this goal, we have enabled Armenian Christians, who suffered as a result of the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, to become self-sufficient through small farming ventures. Scores of families received beehives to enable them to produce honey to sell. Other families were given either pigs or sheep to start animal rearing enterprises.

“Without Barnabas, my children and I would live on the streets and starve,” said Mariétou, one of 12 Senegalese Christian widows, all converts from Islam, given help to set up in business. The women had no way of supporting their children when their husbands died, and were rejected by their wider families because of their faith. One started a food venture, another a poultry business, three opened market stalls, and seven – including Mariétou – used the gift of a sewing machine to earn a living making clothes.

“The project has empowered me,” said Mariétou. “I feed my children and all my children are in school. I thank the Lord for this miracle.”

£4

(\$4.75; €4.70)

could transport two piglets to a Christian family in Nagorno-Karabakh

£23

(\$30; €27)

could provide a Sri Lankan Christian family with a self-sufficiency start-up pack consisting of chickens and seeds

£410

(\$499; €484)

could cover the start-up costs, including advice for the first year, to enable a Senegalese Christian widow to open and run a small business

REFERENCE NUMBER

• 00-356 SMALL BUSINESS
START-UP FUND



Education
and Schools

**Help provide Christian
children and young
people with a good
start in life**

Christian children at a Christian school supported by Barnabas in Pakistan

***“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”
- Proverbs 22:6***

Poor and persecuted Christians often can't afford to send their children to school and so the cycle of illiteracy and poverty continues for another generation. Providing Christian schools where Christian children can learn in a safe and secure environment is a priority of Barnabas. In one year we have helped more than 12,870 Christian children gain a quality Christian education in 137 schools in seven countries.*

“I am grateful for having a school where I can learn amazing things about this world and about my religion,” says six-year-old Shyna from Pakistan. “I hope when I grow up I can support my family financially with the knowledge I gain.”

Barnabas also funds apprenticeships and vocational training, higher education, as well as literacy and numeracy programmes for Christians in many different contexts of pressure and harassment.

Pakistani Christian Shahmaz prayed to God for help after he had to leave school to support his widowed mother and younger brother. “Without proper education and skill it was not easy to find a good job,” he says. Shahmaz joined a Barnabas-funded apprenticeship scheme, and trained to become a welder. He thanks God that now he can support his mother and brother from his earnings. “I have good hope to be a reason of pride and happiness for my family through my work,” he adds.

The prospects of many other low paid Christians are improved thanks to five adult literacy centres funded by Barnabas within Pakistan's brick-kiln communities. The centres employ Christian teachers and together train 150-200 students a year using teaching materials based on the Bible. The ability to read, write and count makes learners less vulnerable to exploitation, and enables them to read the Bible for themselves.

*From July 2021 to June 2022

£9

(\$12; €10)

could provide one month's stipend for an apprentice in Pakistan

£25

(\$31; €28)

could cover a typical teacher's monthly salary at a simple Christian school in one of Pakistan's brick-kiln communities

£780

(\$921; €920)

could provide funding for one adult literacy centre in Pakistan for one year

REFERENCE NUMBERS

- **00-794 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLING FOR CHRISTIAN CHILDREN.**

TURN TO PAGE 22 FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT SPONSORING A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-CHILD THROUGH REGULAR DONATIONS.

- **PR1531 APPRENTICESHIPS IN PAKISTAN**
- **41-1315 ADULT LITERACY CENTRES FOR BRICK KILN WORKERS**



The Shepherd's
Academy

Making training accessible for pastors across the Global South

TSA students meet for their weekly tutorial at the study centre in South Sudan

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding.” – Jeremiah 3:15

“The course is very relevant in my life. I am experiencing a transformation within me,” a student from South Sudan at Barnabas Aid’s The Shepherd’s Academy (TSA) says. “The course will go a long way helping me in ministry to dispense the word accurately with correct spiritual meaning that will edify the body of Christ.”

Some two million pastors and church ministers in the Global South have no formal theological training, it has been estimated. Barnabas has created TSA to provide practical and relevant training for faithful servants of the Lord like these.

TSA provides church leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to equip and empower them in their ministry. The training programme is accessible for those who cannot afford the fees for seminaries or theological colleges. Costs are kept low by a combination of online classes and face-to-face tutorials and many students receive scholarships with funds from Barnabas. Course materials are being translated into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Russian and Tamil.

An additional need is created when national governments require that church leaders have formal relevant qualifications in order to lawfully engage in ministry.

TSA provides online ministerial and theological training relevant to the particular needs of Christians in the Global South. Learning is conducted while students continue to serve their churches, providing maximum benefit to both Christian leaders and the Church as a whole.

At the time of writing,* TSA has around 200 students from seven different countries, each linked to one of five study centres in Cameroon, Nepal, Pakistan, South Sudan and Zambia. God willing, the number of students will rise to 500 in 2023, with expansion into Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Kenya.

* August 2022

£18

(\$25; €21)

could cover the study costs of a student for one month

£220

(\$300; €250)

could cover the study costs of a student for one year

£830

(\$1,004; €987)

could cover the cost of translating an entire ten-week course into another language

£3,600

(\$5,000; €4,225)

could provide the infrastructure for a local theological institution to equip itself with the hardware and software necessary for running The Shepherd’s Academy courses

REFERENCE NUMBER

• PR1499 THE SHEPHERD’S ACADEMY



Living Streams

Commit a monthly gift to sustain and strengthen persecuted Christians

Your regular monthly gift can provide education for a Christian child, food for a Christian family, support for a full-time Christian worker, or Bibles where they are most needed

Barnabas Aid invites you to pledge a monthly gift to become part of an essential, continuous life-flow to needy Christians living with pressure and persecution across the world. Through **Living Streams**, you can take action by committing on a regular basis to sustaining and strengthening persecuted Christians.

You can join **Living Streams** by giving any regular amount, large or small.

Barnabas will give twice-yearly news updates to all those who give regular support by joining **Living Streams**. If you choose to sponsor a child or sustain a family, we will send you a prayer card with a photograph and details of the persecuted believers you are helping.

Join **Living Streams** or find out more by visiting barnabasaid.org/get-involved/living-streams, or by contacting us on info@barnabasaid.org or **01793 744557**

Please note that we cannot normally arrange for the exchange of letters between a sponsor and those they are sponsoring. This is because of security issues in areas of persecution and to keep down administration costs, so that we can maximise the help given to needy Christians.

*Suggested amounts are based on typical costs. But you can join Living Streams by regular donations of any amount.

By joining Living Streams, you can:

£20

(\$30; €23) per month*
sustain a Christian family living in poverty with monthly food parcels

£30

(\$40; €35) per month*
support an evangelist or pastor in their ministry

£18

(\$25; €21) per month*
sponsor a Christian child throughout their school years and see them grow in the Lord

£5

(\$7; €5.80) per month*
strengthen suffering Christians through the grace of God's Word by investing in the gift of a Bible each month

REFERENCE NUMBERS

- 00-1500 FAMILY FEEDING SPONSORSHIP FUND
- 00-477 PASTOR SUPPORT FUND
- 00-478 EVANGELIST SUPPORT FUND
- 00-514 SCHOOL-PLACE SPONSORSHIP FUND
- 00-362 BIBLES AND SCRIPTURES FUND



About Barnabas

As part of the family of God, Barnabas Aid stands with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world, including the West, wherever they suffer discrimination, oppression or persecution as a result of their faith. In this way we witness to the love of Christ and build His Kingdom.



1. We channel money, dry foodstuffs, medical and practical aid **from** Christians **through** Christians **to** Christians. Donations from individuals and churches are forwarded to local ministries and Christian organisations in contexts of poverty, pressure and persecution to bring about practical and spiritual transformation in the lives of suffering believers.



2. We encourage prayer for the persecuted Church by providing comprehensive prayer materials. We believe in the power of prayer to change people's lives and circumstances, either through grace to endure or through deliverance from suffering.



3. We tell the untold story about the plight of persecuted Christians and speak out on their behalf, making their needs known to Christians around the world and to governments and international bodies.

We seek to tackle persecution at its root by making known the aspects of religious and secular ideologies that result in injustice and oppression of Christians and others. We also equip Christians in the West to meet the challenge that other religions pose to the Church, its mission and society.

We believe the clear Biblical teaching that Christians should treat all people of all religions and none with love and compassion, even those who seek to persecute them. We carry out our vision and purpose accordingly, but we will not compromise what we believe the Word of God teaches.

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."
Galatians 6:10, (NIV, emphasis added)

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