



barnabasaid
bringing hope to suffering Christians

barnabas gifts
of hope and love
2023-2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for your faithful and prayerful support for the work of Barnabas Aid.

In the pages that follow, you can see some of the success stories of our ministry in recent times – shipping food and medical supplies, providing clean water, sending urgent practical assistance in the aftermath of disasters, giving help to the victims of anti-Christian violence.

Barnabas has funded the construction of church buildings and the distribution of Bibles, supports more than 140 Christian schools for Christian children, and provides training for hundreds of church leaders across the Global South.

These are just a few of the ways that Barnabas Aid – by the grace of God and the generosity of our supporters – is fulfilling its mission to serve the persecuted and suffering Church.

The work continues

Barnabas Aid has been carrying out this mission for more than 30 years. Yet the work never comes to an end – our Christian family around the world continues to endure persecution and to suffer in many different ways.

In this booklet you can find out how you can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters by giving a gift of love. You can provide food, water, education, job opportunities and spiritual strength for believers in lands of poverty and desperate need.

Many of us are also undergoing challenges and difficulties. Yet we must also remember that the Apostle Paul commended the church in Macedonia, recounting that they “urgently pleaded” to help their hungry brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, despite their own “extreme poverty” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4).

Even a small gift can make a huge difference to the life of a marginalised and persecuted Christian.

Thoughtful Christmas gift

These suggested gifts of love 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**.

Regular giving in particular allows us to plan strategically, respond quickly to urgent situations, and also helps to keep our administrative costs low. Our regular donations options can be found on pages **ii** and **iii**.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



IAN CLARKSON

Chairman of Barnabas Aid Australia

Saving lives and strengthening faith with Barnabas Aid

“Without this box we might have died from hunger.” These piercing words from an Egyptian Christian widow demonstrate the real life-saving difference made by Barnabas Aid. In total 4,557 Egyptian Christian families were helped with this grant for food relief.

Yet that is just one project. In the last 30 years Barnabas Aid has funded an estimated 5,000 projects in 109 countries. Only the Lord knows how many lives have been saved.

This work must continue. Our brothers and sisters still suffer poverty, hunger and many forms of persecution.

Some needs are urgent. On **p.8** you can read about our swift response to large-scale disasters such as the 2022 Pakistan floods, and on **p.11** our practical and emotional support for the victims of anti-Christian violence.

Other needs are long term, but no less severe. You can read on **pages 4-7** about our food, medical and water projects – including our food.gives project, which has now delivered 68 million servings of food to impoverished Christians in 23 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, South America and the Pacific in its first two years.

Some needs are more for spiritual growth and support – find out more about our funding for Bibles (**p.12**), church buildings (**p.9**) and training and personal support for church leaders (**p.20, 9**). But all of our projects fulfil a Biblical mandate to do good for especially “the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10), and each project nourishes the faith of our brothers and sisters.

“I almost lost all hope,” said a Christian survivor of the earthquake that overwhelmed parts of southern Turkey and northern Syria in early 2023. “But then came your help which reminded me that God does not forget.”

Please note: suggested giving amounts are correct as of the time of writing, but prices may change due to exchange rate fluctuations and variations in purchasing power in specific countries.



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Syrian Christian refugees in Jordan receive food boxes donated by Barnabas Aid supporters from Scotland



food.gives
Sending food to our
suffering global family

food.gives boxes being distributed
to Christians in Ukraine



68 million servings of food sent to hungry and needy Christians in 23 countries in 2 years

“Share your food with the hungry.” – Isaiah 58:7

“The Lord’s ravens have brought them food! To God be the glory!” exclaimed a faithful Namibian Christian couple when they received a box of food sent from Barnabas supporters in the UK.

Around 6,000 hungry and malnourished Christians in drought-prone Namibia, the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa, were overjoyed to receive 20 tonnes of aid as part of our food.gives project. Each box contained rice, chickpeas, lentils, salt and soap.

In the first two years after food.gives was launched in June 2021 we transported food and other practical aid from 10 sending countries to 23 receiving countries. In that time we delivered 68 million servings of food.*

We give thanks to our gracious heavenly Father who enabled us to send 114 forty-foot containers and 42 twenty-foot containers, making a total of 156 containers in our .gives projects during this time.

Thousands of Christian families in Jordan have been reached with food. For example, a 40-foot food.gives container, stocked with tomato paste, pasta and other food items, arrived in Jordan from the United States. The hungry Christians fed included refugees from Yemen, Syria and Iraq as well as Jordanian believers.

Two 40-foot containers were transported overland from Germany to Ukraine. In addition to dried food they contained hygiene items, clothing and sleeping bags. Dried soup mix from the US and a shipment of nine pallets of food.gives boxes from UK supporters have also been sent to Christians in Ukraine.

A 20-foot container was sent from the UK to South Sudan. The contents included food.gives boxes for Christian refugees fleeing the unrest over the border in Sudan.

A container of lentils has been sent from Australia to Zimbabwe. Barnabas also continues to supply ePap, the nutritious maize-based porridge, to hungry Christians in Zimbabwe.

* Figures correct as of August 2023

PROJECT REFERENCES – PRI555 food.gives | PRI556 food.gives food costs
PRI557 food.gives shipping and distribution costs | PRI622 food.gives dehydration

Do you have food to spare?

Can you add extra food for Christians in need into your weekly shop?

You share. We ship.



Head to **www.food.gives** to order a Starter Pack of boxes, fill them up and send them back to us for free.



You can also order pre-filled boxes at **www.food.gives/get-involved/virtual-shop**



Medical
needs

medical.gives and medical aid

Give impoverished
Christians the gift of health



Treatment and medicines are given free at Barnabas-funded health clinics for poor Christians in Pakistan

“I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,’ declares the LORD.” – Jeremiah 30:17

Two new Barnabas-funded health centres are due to open at the end of 2023 in Nigeria’s Kaduna State. God willing, more health centres will be funded in 2024. These centres will provide much-needed emergency treatment and general medical care for Christian communities numbering more than 34,000 people. “We see it as Divine providence for us to get this project,” declared a village head.

This is just one of the ways in which Barnabas is improving the lives of persecuted and marginalised Christians

around the world, many of whom struggle to access basic healthcare.

In Pakistan, we are funding four static clinics and two mobile clinics that give free treatment, medicines and advice to impoverished Christians, including many brick-kiln workers.

In India, we are addressing a nationwide shortage of allied health professionals, who provide crucial ancillary support to medics, by helping to fund a new training centre linked to a Christian hospital.

Launched in October 2022, our medical.gives project ships medical equipment donated by Christians around the world to their brothers and sisters in need.

Could you donate medical equipment – crutches, wheelchairs, reading glasses, blood pressure monitors, stethoscopes, etc – to impoverished Christian communities? Visit www.medical.gives for more information.



\$14

could provide a pair of long artery forceps for a health centre in Nigeria

\$38

could provide an intravenous drip stand for a clinic in Pakistan

\$162

could provide a steriliser drum for a Nigerian health centre

\$340

could fund the entire running costs of a mobile health clinic in Pakistan for one week

PROJECT REFERENCES

- PR1566 medical.gives
- 00-671 Medical fund
- PR1534 Health clinics in Pakistan
- PR1627 Health centres in Nigeria



Water

Christians given access to clean water and health

Safe water and sanitation can save lives

Barnabas provided clean water and toilet facilities at new homes we built for desperately poor Santal Christians driven from their homes in Bangladesh by anti-Christian violence

“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.” – Isaiah 44:3

Four hundred Cameroonian Christians – mostly women and children – who fled Islamist violence to a refugee camp in Chad fell ill with stomach upsets because its water supply was dirty. Barnabas funded the drilling of two boreholes on church land close to the camp that gave clean water, so the families no longer became ill. The Christians thanked God for “this testimony of love”.

Water is essential for life and health, yet many of our brothers and sisters have limited or no access to a supply

of clean water for drinking, cooking and washing. This can lead to dehydration and disease.

Women and girls often have to walk long distances to fetch supplies, making them vulnerable to harassment or attack. Natural disasters can also contaminate supplies. Christians are sometimes denied access to water because of their faith.

Barnabas provides clean water to Christian communities by funding hand pumps, wells and filters. We also send bottled water or water purifying tablets to believers in areas afflicted by natural disasters.

\$34

could fund four hours of drilling of a borehole in Chad

\$200

could pay for a hand pump in Pakistan

\$2,570

could provide a borehole for Cameroonian Christian refugees in Chad

PROJECT REFERENCES

- 00-635 Water projects fund



Disaster
relief

Life-saving aid in rapid response to disasters

Countless devastated
Christians given hope thanks
to Barnabas supporters

Christians in Chad were forced from their homes by devastating floods in July and August 2022

***“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth give way and the
mountains fall into the heart of
the sea.” – Psalm 46:1-2***

“I am thankful to the people of God who have been sharing the love of God,” says “Karam”.

His family lost their home in the devastating August 2022 Pakistan floods. Barnabas provided Christians with essential aid and financed the repair and building of homes, including one for Karam and his family.

Barnabas supporters have enabled us to respond rapidly to help our global Christian family when disaster strikes.

More than 7,000 believers affected by the 2023 Syria and Turkey earthquake received aid from Barnabas, including food and water, clothes and blankets, toiletries, temporary shelters, or wood-burning stoves. “The instant aid you sent us was a lifeline,” said a Syrian church leader.

In Chad and Cameroon we helped more than 6,000 Christian families after flooding in July and August 2022. Within days of Cyclone Freddy flooding southern Africa in February and March 2023 we delivered 15 tonnes (350,000 servings) of nourishing ePap to sustain believers.

As well as this, over 700 Ukrainian Christians affected by flooding caused by the collapse of the Kakhovka Dam in June 2023 received food, drinking water and other urgent necessities.

\$14
could provide 10kg
of maize flour for
Christians affected
by drought in
Northern Kenya

\$44
could provide
50kg of maize for
a Christian family
displaced by floods
in West Africa

\$600
could repair one
flood-damaged
house in Pakistan,
making it fit to live
in again

PROJECT REFERENCE
• 00-634 Disaster
relief fund



Full-time Christian workers and church buildings

Strengthening congregations under pressure

Resourcing local churches spiritually and practically

Believers in Uzbekistan worship in a church hall renovated with funding from Barnabas

“The worker deserves his wages.”
– 1 Timothy 5:18

Pastors in Algeria, church-planters in Indonesia, local missionaries amongst unreached people-groups in Kenya, evangelists in a North African country...

Barnabas Aid is thankful for the opportunity to help with the living costs of many brothers and sisters serving God full-time in their own countries. Whether their ministry is to build up believers in the faith or to extend the Kingdom by making new disciples, they minister faithfully in hard and hostile contexts. Your giving helps provide this spiritual support.

Local congregations also have practical needs. Discrimination, poverty and

persecution can prevent Christians from having a place to gather safely.

Worship places may be forcibly closed or destroyed, and landlords may refuse to rent properties for Christians to meet. In some countries it is illegal to gather for prayer in a private home.

Elsewhere Christians may be so poor that no one has a home large enough to be used. Even if there is a church building it may be in a terrible state of repair and the congregation unable to afford the necessary renovation.

That is why Barnabas helps to build, repair and equip church buildings for poor and persecuted believers around the world.

\$2.60

could buy ten bricks for a new church in Zambia

\$60

could help support a church-planter in Indonesia for a month

\$156

could buy a set of front gates to protect a church in Kyrgyzstan

\$500

could support a pastor in Algeria for a month

\$836

could buy a gas boiler for a rural church in Uzbekistan where winters are bitterly cold

PROJECT REFERENCES

- 00-477 Pastors support fund
- 00-478 Evangelists support fund
- 00-637 Church buildings fund



Converts

Sustaining Christian converts on their faith journey

Practical and spiritual support for new believers



Timely provision of food, coal and/or hay for Christian convert families in Kyrgyzstan who face discrimination, rising prices and the onset of winter

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”
– Isaiah 45:22

When those from other religions decide to follow Jesus Christ, persecution often comes to them. Typically, they are rejected by family and community and lose their job. Sometimes they face threats, violence, imprisonment, torture or even death. We can help these brave brothers and sisters – who may be homeless, without any income and in grave danger – to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and to persevere as they suffer for His Name.

In countries like Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan it is hard for converts to survive the long cold winters, as their non-Christian families will not help them. Barnabas steps in with food parcels, coal and even fodder for their livestock.

Where possible we help converts to become self-sufficient economically by providing vocational skills training or the necessary items to start their own small businesses

We also fund projects that disciple new converts, helping them learn to live as Christians – so radically different from the religions they have left.

\$38

could pay for a food parcel for a Christian convert family for a month in Uzbekistan

\$84

could cover the costs of hay for the animals of five convert families in Kyrgyzstan for three winter months

\$158

could cover the cost of transport for local missionaries in Tajikistan to visit six remote groups of converts to teach, disciple and encourage them

\$3,800

could purchase a soap-making machine to provide training/employment for 10 converts from Islam in Uganda

PROJECT REFERENCE
• 00-113 Convert fund



Victims of
violence

Life-changing aid for believers suffering violence and injustice

Relief for Christians at the mercy
of hostility and persecution

Nigerian victims of anti-Christian
violence give thanks to the Lord for
Barnabas-funded emergency aid

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.” – Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)

“There are no words to express our gratitude to those who donated us this food,” said a young Christian woman in Burkina Faso. Barnabas-funded food aid given to 3,290 Burkinabé Christians was a vital lifeline to victims of Islamist violence.

Violent anti-Christian persecution is on the rise, most notably in sub-Saharan Africa. Barnabas is responding by reaching displaced believers and providing them with much-needed aid.

Tens of thousands of African Christians have been helped. In

Nigeria, Barnabas has funded food aid and building materials for displaced Christians whose homes were destroyed. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) we have provided trauma counselling for those who have experienced horrific violent attacks.

Myanmar is another country where believers suffer extreme, targeted violence and Barnabas provides food and other necessities. We have also sent aid to Armenian Christians enduring the blockade of their Nagorno-Karabakh homeland by Azerbaijan.

Can you help us to continue supporting the victims of anti-Christian violence?

\$7
could provide 10kg
of sorghum grain to
help feed displaced
Christians in
Burkina Faso

\$16
could provide a
mosquito net for a
Christian family in
Myanmar displaced
by violence

\$156
could provide a
sack of beans
for persecuted
Christians in Nigeria

\$318
could buy enough zinc
roofing sheets to roof
a 3-room house for a
family in Nigeria

PROJECT REFERENCE
• 00-345 Victims
of violence fund



Bibles and
Scriptures

Spreading the living and enduring Word of God

Helping suffering believers
to grow in their faith

"Meng" walked 97 miles to receive his first Bible as the rainy season made all routes out of his village impassable

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures for ever."

– Isaiah 40:8

"After 68 years of praying, God has answered my prayers today. I received a free Bible. This is the happiest and most joyous day in my life," said 83-year-old Myanmar Christian "Meng", who walked 97 miles to receive a Bible funded by Barnabas Aid.

Barnabas funds the transport and distribution of Bibles in local languages to Christians in Myanmar, often

to inaccessible areas threatened constantly by the Myanmar military.

God's Word is being translated into an indigenous West African language, with Barnabas support. Among the more than 500,000 speakers of the language are a minority of Christian converts from Islam. They were overjoyed when our partners published the New Testament in their language. With further Barnabas support they are now translating the Old Testament.

These are just two of many projects providing the Scriptures to suffering Christians.

\$10

could pay the transport costs for 20 Bibles in Myanmar

\$12.30

could pay for the purchase and transportation of a Kiswahili Bible for a church in Tanzania

\$18

could pay for a Bible for a Middle Eastern Christian refugee in Germany

\$120

could pay for a West African translator to work on translating the Old Testament for a month

PROJECT REFERENCE

- 00-362 Bibles and Scriptures 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 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.

Title	Full Name
Address	
	Post Code
Phone	
Email	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please add me to your email news service (We will not give your details to anyone else)	

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)

Receipt: No receipt needed Please send receipt (Note: To save costs, receipts will be sent by email wherever possible)



Please return this form to Barnabas Aid Australia, GPO BOX 612, Adelaide SA 5001

Telephone (08) 8117 8079 or 1300 365 799 **Email** bfaustralia@barnabasaid.org

*If the project is sufficiently funded, we reserve the right to use designated gifts either for another project of a similar type or for another project in the same country.

Single donation

Cheque/Money Order: Made payable to "Barnabas Fund Australia" \$

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard American Express   

Card Number

Expiry date / Signature

Name on card

Three digit verification number on the back of your credit card

This is a one off gift of \$

OR I authorise Barnabas Aid to deduct \$

each **month** **quarter** **half year** **year** from my credit card

Internet Banking

Deposit Reference:

When processing your donation please enter your Barnabas Reference number (please call the Australian office on 1300 365 799 if you do not know it) and your surname in the reference so we can identify your donation on our bank statement.

Barnabas Fund Bank Details

Account Name:	Barnabas Fund Australia
Bank:	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB:	063 252
Account Number:	0090 0025

***If the project is sufficiently funded, we reserve the right to use designated gifts either for another project of a similar type or for another project in the same country.**

Regular donation

Ezidebit

For Australian supporters who wish to give regularly through their bank account

Name of banking institution

BSB

Branch

Account Number

Account Name

Please donate through Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB: 063 252 Account #: 0090 0025 To: Barnabas Fund

\$ starting on Date: and then every:

month **quarter** **six months** **year** until further notice.

Signature

Date

These instructions are: **new** **in addition to** **replace earlier automatic payment instructions in favour of Barnabas Fund**

Legacy gift

If you would like more information about how to leave a gift to Barnabas Aid through your will, please contact our Australian office (details overleaf).

Paypal

a secure method of online payment



If you would like to donate online please go to www.barnabasfund.org/au/donate or scan the QR code to the right

Alternative gift card

If you would like to make a donation 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 for whom you have made the donation. Cards have a blank area where you can fill in with the details of the receiver.

"Dear

A gift of \$

has been received on your behalf from

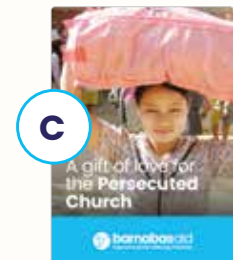
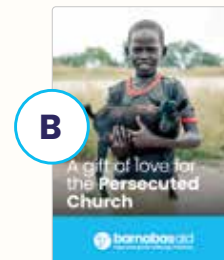
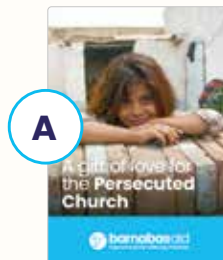
This gift will assist Christians who are persecuted for their faith. With many thanks on behalf of the persecuted Church"

- Tick here if you do not 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**

Please state your preferred card choice (see below): _____. 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.

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

If you have a special occasion coming up and would like to ask your friends and relatives to make a donation on your behalf instead of giving you a gift, you could pass on to them the details in this section



Become a Barnabas Aid Church Partner

- Please send me information on being a Barnabas Aid Church Partner

Leave a legacy to Barnabas Aid

Bring hope and a future to the next generations of believers

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

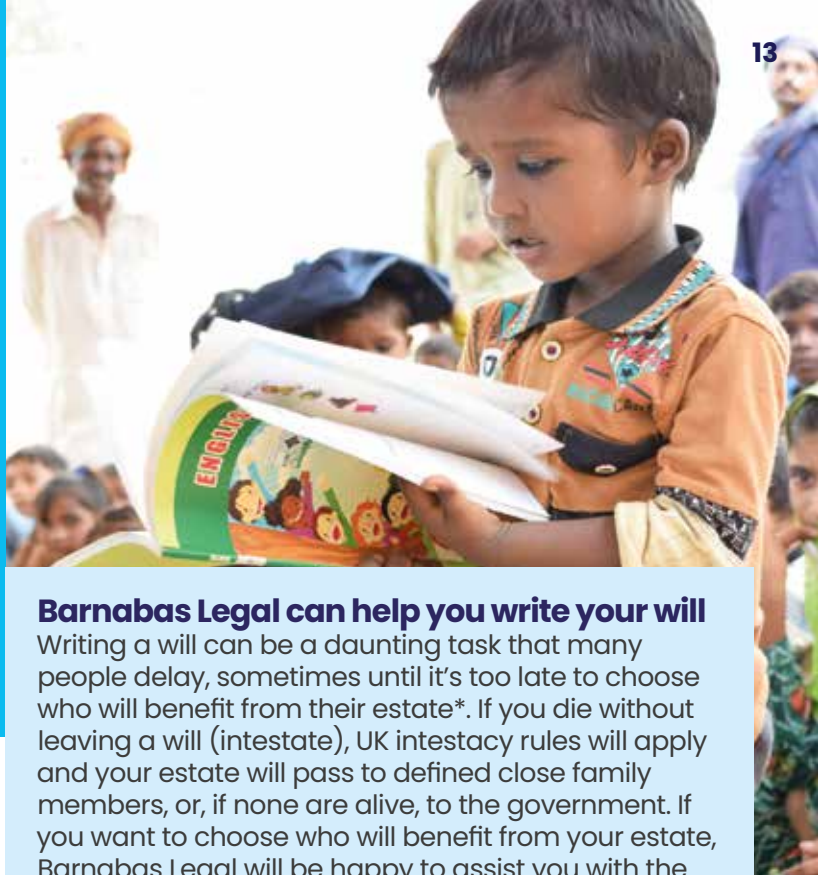
God blessed Abraham so that he could in turn be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:2-3) – not just members of his own family, tribe, city or nation, but all the peoples of the earth. After you have taken care of your loved ones in your will, please consider widening your care to those who belong to your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

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts” – Psalm 145:4

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 email finance@barnabasaid.org or phone **1300 365 799**. Alternatively, fill in the form opposite and send it to: **Barnabas Aid, GPO Box 612, Adelaide SA 5001**.

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

HE DIED
THAT
I MAY LIVE

Wholesome education in a loving Christian environment

Christian schoolchildren, marginalised and ill-treated in many of Pakistan's government schools, or unable to go to school at all, now have a brighter future through sponsored school places



Barnabas supports over 13,000 needy Christian children in 140 Christian schools in 9 countries

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

“I am thankful to the Lord that He listens to my prayers and grants me the opportunity to get a good education,” says Ushaw, one of more than 11,000 poor Pakistani Christian children receiving a schooling in a loving Christian environment, with the help of Barnabas Aid.

Many Christian children in Pakistan cannot attend school, often because their parents cannot afford to send them. Generations of Christians remain trapped in illiteracy and poverty. Barnabas supports 121 Christian schools in Pakistan, attended by the poorest Christian children.

Christian children in non-Christian contexts may also endure persecution and discrimination from classmates or even teachers. In some cases they are pressured to convert to the majority religion.

Barnabas contributes to the running costs of 140 Christian schools that offer a

strong, Bible-based education to children from the neediest and most vulnerable Christian families. Young believers are strengthened in their faith and empowered to escape poverty and destitution. In the future their children will also benefit as the positive impact of Barnabas-funded schools is felt down the generations. The Christian community as a whole is strengthened.

Providing such an education for poor Christian children is also the priority for St Aphrem’s School, Bethlehem, a city where believers are a despised minority.

The school has 650 pupils, aged from 3 to 18. Generous Barnabas supporters’ donations, enabling the poorest Christian children to attend, are “the main reason for our existence, persistence and steadfastness” over 20 years, explains the school director.

Barnabas also supports Divya Shanthi Christian school in Bengaluru (Bangalore), India, attended by 450 pupils.

\$18

is a typical* cost to support a Pakistani Christian child like Ushaw in school for a month (*cost varies with type of school, age of children and other factors)

\$24

could pay for one month’s schooling for one child at Divya Shanthi, India

\$50

could cover a typical teacher’s monthly salary in a simple Christian school in Pakistan



Apprenticeships give hope to Pakistani Christians

Waqar thanks God for his
Barnabas-funded apprenticeship



Barnabas-funded apprenticeships are giving hope to young Christians across Pakistan and enabling them to escape poverty

“You will eat the fruit of your labour; blessings and prosperity will be yours.” – Psalm 128:2

Waqar and his brothers had to drop out of school when their father died because their mother could no longer afford to send them to class, despite taking on a number of cleaning jobs.

Thanks to Barnabas, Waqar has done an apprenticeship learning motorcycle mechanics, and now supports his mother and brothers from his earnings. He is teaching one of his brothers to repair bikes as well and together they hope to open their own business.

“I am thankful to God for this opportunity,” says Waqar. “It has enabled me to serve my widowed mother and my young siblings.”

“A better future”

“The apprenticeship programme is opening doors to a better future for our

Christian apprentices,” said one of our Pakistani project partners.

Phase 3 began in September 2023 with over 1,000 new apprentices added to the project, learning a variety of trades and professions.

Christians are a small and despised minority in Pakistan, which makes it difficult for young believers to find work. Many do not receive an education because their parents cannot afford to send them to school. Others have to give up school early and take unskilled, poorly paid jobs to help support the family.

Barnabas provides apprentices with a small monthly stipend to cover daily transport to their workplace and basic needs. All apprentices receive regular mentoring visits from a Christian supervisor. They also benefit from monthly fellowship meetings with other apprentices that include Bible study, prayer and counselling.

\$18

could provide a monthly stipend for an apprentice in Pakistan

\$28

could provide one month’s petrol for a supervisor to visit the apprentices by motorcycle

\$216

could provide the monthly stipend for an apprentice in Pakistan for a whole year



Small
businesses

Empowering Christians through small businesses

**Training, start-ups and resources
for Christian livelihoods**

Impoverished Christian women in South-East Asia have been given training in sewing and their own sewing machines by Barnabas to enable them to earn a living in their rural communities

***“Do you see someone skilled
in their work? They
will serve before kings”***

– Proverbs 22:29

“I bless God for this, I am the most blessed of the girls of my generation,” said a Cameroonian Christian woman. She was among 100 Christian women given 50 Barnabas-funded sewing machines to start businesses in pairs after they fled attacks by Boko Haram Islamists.

Sewing machines provided by Barnabas are changing the lives of marginalised Christian women across the world. Many struggle to find employment because of their faith and gender. A sewing machine enables women to make a living from tailoring to support themselves and their families.

This is just one of the ways in which Barnabas is enabling believers to set up small income-generating enterprises, which in turn helps to strengthen the prosperity of their Christian communities.

In Egypt we are helping widows and young people struggling to find employment to start small shops, goat rearing ventures, carpentry workshops, car wash businesses and many more.

In Nagorno-Karabakh, we are supporting beleaguered Armenian Christians by providing them with sheep so that they can make an income. At the time of writing, the Christian enclave is cut off from Armenia because of a months-long blockade of the Lachin Corridor by Azerbaijan.

\$10

could transport three sheep to a family in Nagorno-Karabakh

\$44

could provide a saw for a carpenter in Egypt

\$100

could provide a goat for a Christian widow or young adult in Egypt

\$200

could provide a sewing machine for a Christian victim of violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

PROJECT REFERENCE

- 00-356 Small business start-up fund



Poverty
relief

Food and practical aid for impoverished Christians

Lifting Christians out of poverty and hunger for good

“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honours God.”

– Proverbs 14:31

“Halia” in South-East Asia – described by our project partners as “one of the poorest believers we have ever seen” – cannot earn enough even to buy sufficient food for herself. Now she receives a regular supply of free rice from a Barnabas-funded rice milling machine, along with thousands of other impoverished Christians. “Thank God for this rice every month to help me live,” she said.

Many Christians around the world suffer desperate poverty, often as a result of discrimination and marginalisation simply because of their love of Christ.

“Halia” now receives rice every month to sustain her. She earns only 75p (\$.90 €0.80) a week through the baskets she makes

In Albania, 30 children from impoverished and marginalised Christian families were given clothes and shoes by Barnabas to enable them to go to school. “This project was proof that God hears our prayers,” said a pastor, adding that it encouraged believers “because they saw God’s care and love for people in need”.

In Lebanon we have provided food and hygiene supplies, as well as medicines and funding towards essential bills for vulnerable Christian families struggling because of the country’s dire economic crisis.

1,575 Christian brick-kiln families in Pakistan have been freed from bonded slavery thanks to your support. During crises, these underpaid workers were forced to borrow from their employers, trapping them at survival level. Your contribution has cleared their debts and given them hope for the future.

\$18

could buy 20kg of unmilled rice from Christian farmers in SE Asia to mill and give to needy Christians

\$59

could provide a poor Christian family in Lebanon with food and hygiene supplies for two months

\$870

could pay in full a typical debt binding a Pakistani Christian family to a brick kiln

PROJECT REFERENCES

- PR1555 food.gives
- PR1533 Needy Christians in Lebanon
- 41-1356 Freeing Pakistani brick kiln workers



The Shepherd's Academy

Developing Christ-like leaders of the suffering Church

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



“This has helped me in my ministry in a tremendous way. [...] I am able to teach and guide people in the church more effectively than before.”

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”
– Ephesians 4:11–12

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This was the testimony of Pastor Oliver Chaplain, a minister in South Sudan, after completing a course of training through Barnabas Aid’s The Shepherd’s Academy (TSA).

TSA exists to equip the under-shepherds of the Lord’s flock in their God-given calling. To achieve this, TSA runs undergraduate degree programmes as well as short courses. These programmes are now accredited and designed in a way making it accessible and affordable for those who are already involved.

Recent statistics indicate that there are more than five million church planters and pastors across the Global South, and that more than 95% of them have not had the opportunity for formal theological training. This can limit the effectiveness of even the most faithful church leader.

TSA courses are being made available in English, Chinese, Russian, Tamil and Arabic, with, God willing, Hindi to follow.

As of August 2023 there were more than 600 grassroots church leaders studying with TSA. These students are from over 30 countries, and each student is linked to one of the 20 TSA study centres in 12 different countries.

TSA is part of Barnabas Aid’s Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (OCRPL), which provides opportunities for church leaders from the emerging churches in the Global South to undertake Ph.D. or master’s-level theological research. This serves to strengthen many churches in places of poverty and persecution.

\$36

could cover the study costs of a TSA student for one month

\$440

could cover the study costs of a TSA student for one year

\$1660

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

\$7,200

could provide the infrastructure for a local theological institution to equip itself with the hardware and software necessary for running TSA courses

Give regularly. Give hope.

Commit to a monthly gift to sustain and strengthen suffering 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

We invite you to prayerfully consider if you can give a regular gift in order to help provide strength and hope for Christians amidst their trials. Whether you choose to give to a specific need, a particular country, our essential General Fund or to one of our Living Streams sponsorship projects, the impact of regular giving cannot be overstated.

Giving any regular amount, large or small, provides practical help and encouragement to the Christians you're sending aid to.

If you choose to sustain a family or sponsor a child through Living Streams, we'll send you a prayer card with a photograph and details of the believers you're helping.

Please note that we cannot normally arrange for the exchange of letters between a donor and those they are sponsoring. This is because of security issues in areas of persecution and to keep our administration costs down

so we can maximise the help given to needy Christians.

All four Living Streams provide a twice-yearly newsletter for regular donors.

So can you become a regular hope-giver? We invite you to join our mission of providing hope and aid to suffering Christians. Your pledge will help sustain, support and strengthen needy Christians living under pressure and persecution.

Did you know?

If you give monthly, you'll help us plan ahead, commit to projects and respond faster to emergencies or disasters affecting Christians.

Giving regularly with a standing order or direct debit also reduces our overheads.

*Suggested amounts are based on typical costs. But you will receive twice-yearly newsletters if you can give any amount regularly to these needs.

Here are some ways you can help:

\$10 per month* could provide a Bible to encourage and strengthen the faith of a Christian living under pressure and persecution

\$36 per month* could sponsor a child living in poverty so that they could attend a Christian School and grow in body, mind and spirit

\$40 per month* could provide a food parcel to help sustain a hungry Christian family

\$60 per month* could support an evangelist or pastor sharing the Gospel with those who need it

PROJECT REFERENCES

- 00-362 Bibles and scriptures fund
- 00-514 School-place sponsorship fund
- PRI500 Family feeding sponsorship fund
- 00-477 Pastor support fund
- 00-478 Evangelist support fund

About Barnabas Aid

Barnabas Aid is an international aid agency that aims to support Christian communities, churches and individuals around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith.



1. We channel money, dry foodstuffs, medical and other 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 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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