



Barnabas Gifts

2023-2024

of Hope and Love

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 marginalized and persecuted Christian.

Gift Card

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**.

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 in Christ,



JOHN MARSH

Barnabas Aid USA Chairman

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 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**). 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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Christian victims of the 2023 earthquake in Syria receive food boxes donated by Barnabas Aid supporters.



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 United Kingdom.

Around 6,000 hungry and malnourished Christians in drought-prone Namibia, the driest country in sub-Saharan Africa, were overjoyed to receive 20 tons 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.

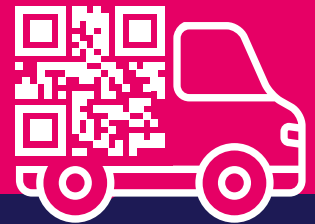
* Figures correct as of August 2023

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

Can you help to fund more food shipments desperately needed around the world?

You share . We ship .

Scan here to learn more!





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 centers are due to open at the end of 2023 in Nigeria’s Kaduna State. God willing, more health centers will be funded in 2024. These centers 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 marginalized 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 center 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.



\$9

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

\$22

could provide an intravenous drip stand for a clinic in Pakistan

\$97

could provide a sterilizer drum for a Nigerian health center

\$205

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.

\$20

could fund four hours of drilling of a borehole in Chad

\$120

could pay for a hand pump in Pakistan

\$1,518

could provide a borehole for Cameroonian Christian refugees in Chad

PROJECT REFERENCE

- 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 tons (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.

\$9
could provide 22 lbs
of maize flour for
Christians affected
by drought in
Northern Kenya

\$26
could provide
110 lbs of maize for
a Christian family
displaced by floods
in West Africa

\$360
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 property owners 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.

\$1.60

could buy ten bricks for a new church in Zambia

\$36

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

\$94

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

\$300

could support a pastor in Algeria for a month

\$502

could buy a gas water heater 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.

\$24

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

\$53

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

\$95

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

\$2,280

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 counseling 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?

\$4
could provide 20 lbs of sorghum grain to help feed displaced Christians in Burkina Faso

\$10
could provide a mosquito net for a Christian family in Myanmar displaced by violence

\$94
could provide a sack of beans for persecuted Christians in Nigeria

\$190
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.

\$6

could pay the transport costs for 20 Bibles in Myanmar

\$7.40

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

\$11

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

\$72

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 recurring donation, or make a single donation. You can give to the General Fund, to be used where it is most needed, or to one or more of the projects whose reference numbers are listed throughout the booklet.

Simply fill out your **contact details** below and complete the section for **single donations** or **recurring donations** (page ii).

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

Title

Full Name

Street Address

City, State

Zip

Telephone

Email

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)



Please return this form to Barnabas Aid , 80 Abbeyville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603, USA

*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

Here is my single gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 or \$

I enclose a check payable to "Barnabas Aid"

OR

Please debit my Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Card Number

CV Number (last 3-4 numbers on back of card)

Expiration date / Signature

I do not require an acknowledgment of this gift.

Regular donation

Here is my recurring gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$

For U.S. supporters who would like to give regularly:

Starting on Date:

and then every month quarter year until further notice.

Please debit my Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Card Number

CV Number (last 3-4 numbers on back of card)

Expiration date / Signature

This recurring gift is a new one in addition to another recurring gift
 a replacement for an earlier recurring gift toward Barnabas Aid.

Alternatively to make a debit/credit card donation, call **703-288-1681** or toll free **866-936-2525**,
 or visit **www.barnabasaid.org**.

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. Please fill in the details as you would like them to appear on the card.

“Dear

A gift of \$ has been received on your behalf
from

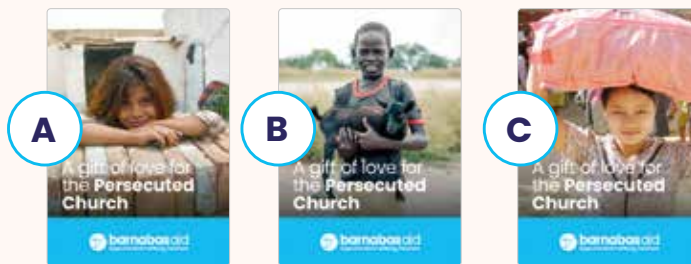
This gift will assist Christians who are persecuted for their faith. With many thanks on behalf of the persecuted church.”

Check here if you do not want the amount to be stated on the card

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

Please state your preferred card choice (see right): 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 the U.S. 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 the Barnabas Aid office with the details and donate by credit/debit card over the phone.



Legacy Gift

If you would like more information about how to leave a gift to Barnabas Aid through your will, please contact:

Barnabas Aid

80 Abbeyville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone 703-288-1681

or toll-free 866-936-2525

Email usa@barnabasaid.org



Mission Statement

The mission of Barnabas Aid is to support Christians where they are in a minority and suffer discrimination, oppression, and persecution as a consequence of their faith. Our goal is to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders.

We do this by making their needs known to Christians around the world, and encouraging prayer, advocacy and financial giving in support of these brothers and sisters in Christ, working with existing local Christian organizations.

Barnabas Aid channels this flow from donors to the needy recipients with minimum overheads. All gifts are monitored to ensure they are used in line with the stated need.

In accordance with Biblical teaching, we believe that Christians should treat all people of all faiths with love and compassion, even those who persecute them.

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Enhancing Trust

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.



Wording of a Legacy in Your Will

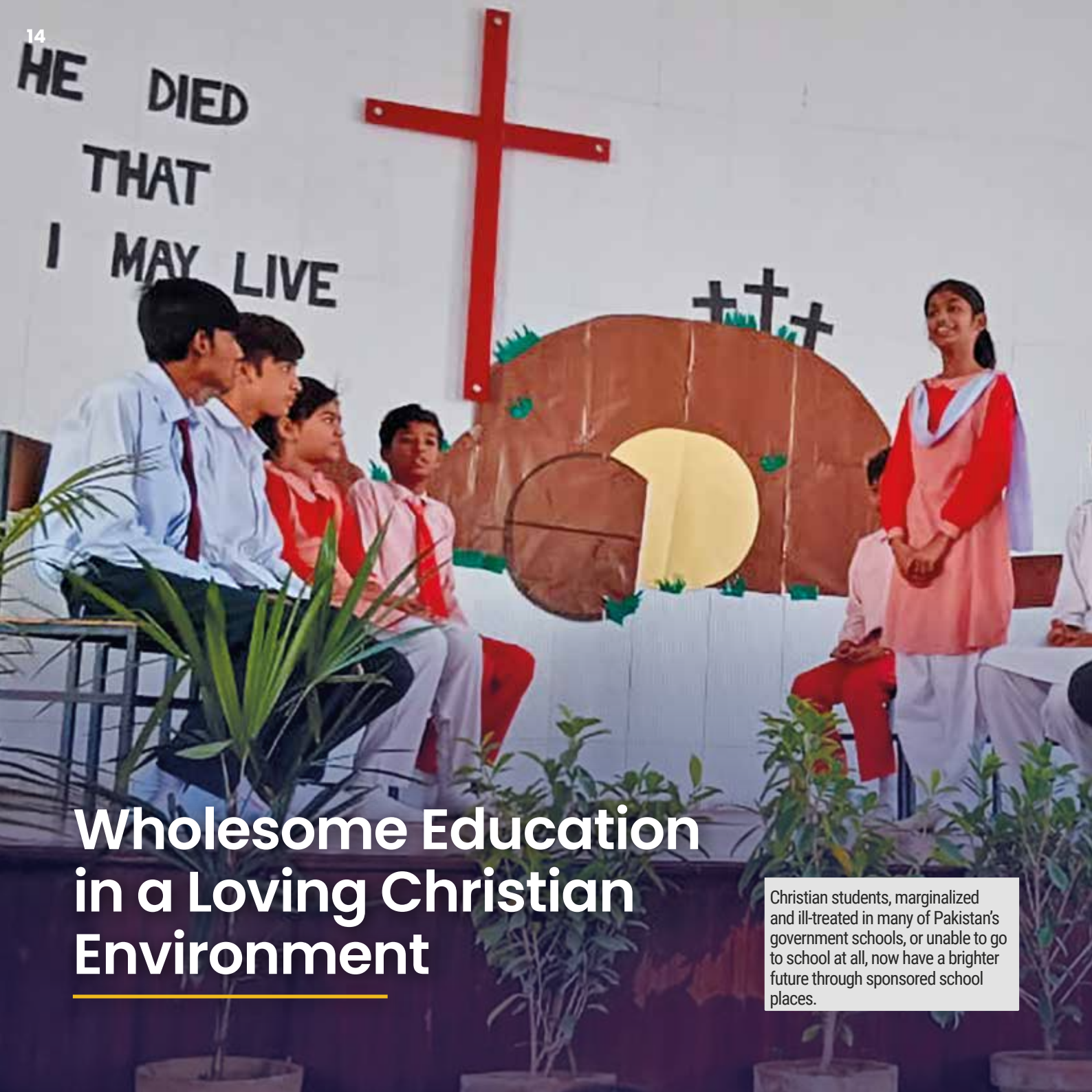
If you would like to remember Barnabas Aid in your will, you can make a bequest specifying the share of your assets, or the absolute value you would like to pass on to Barnabas Aid. You can give a specific amount, leave a percentage of your estate*, or donate the residue of your assets once other distributions have been made. Please be sure to include the name and address or Barnabas Aid (see below) in your will, and also our FEIN tax number: 16-1711227, and any preference regarding how the donated amount is to be used.

If your estate is complicated, or if you are unsure how to word your will, it may be worth taking professional advice and utilizing the services of a specialized legal or financial advisor.

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: usa@barnabasaid.org or phone 703-288-1681 or complete the form in the center of this booklet and send it to: **Barnabas Aid, 80 Abbeyville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603, USA.**

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



Wholesome Education in a Loving Christian Environment

Christian students, marginalized 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 students, 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.

\$11

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

\$14

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

\$30

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 labor; 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 program 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 counseling.

\$11

could provide a monthly stipend for an apprentice in Pakistan

\$17

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

\$130

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 marginalized 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.

\$6

could transport three sheep to a family in Nagorno-Karabakh

\$26

could provide a saw for a carpenter in Egypt

\$60

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

\$120

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

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 honors 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 marginalization simply because of their love of Christ.

“Halia” now receives rice every month to sustain her. She earns only 90 cents a week through the baskets she makes.

In Albania, 30 children from impoverished and marginalized 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 contributions have cleared their debts and given them hope for the future.

\$11

could buy 44 lbs of unmilled rice from Christian farmers in SE Asia to mill and give to needy Christians

\$35

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

\$522

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 center 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 programs as well as short courses. These programs 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 centers in 12 different countries.

TSA is part of Barnabas Aid’s Oxford Center 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.

\$22

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

\$264

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

\$996

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

\$4,320

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 maximize 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 from your bank account 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:

\$6 per month* could provide a Bible to encourage and strengthen the faith of a Christian living under pressure and persecution

\$22 per month* could sponsor a child living in poverty so that they could attend a Christian School and grow in body, mind and spirit

\$24 per month* could provide a food parcel to help sustain a hungry Christian family

\$36 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 organizations 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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