



The General Secretariat of Christian Youth in Palestine

الأمانة العامة للشبيبة المسيحية
في فلسطين

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and he brought them out of their distress."**

(Psalm 107: 28)

The Reality in Gaza: A Test of Faith and Resilience

The ongoing war in Gaza has inflicted profound hardships on the Palestinian people, with youth especially affected, including the resilient young Christians who form the heart of our churches there. Living in Gaza means growing up in an environment marked by repeated trauma, economic instability, and constant uncertainty. From a young age, they witness the struggles of survival amidst war and the destruction of their surroundings, leading to significant impacts on their health, future opportunities, and outlook on life.

In this challenging environment, our young Christians demonstrate remarkable resilience, especially those committed to their faith and their communities through their involvement in our churches. These young people hold firm to their faith. This resistance is not a call to arms but rather a commitment to peace, perseverance, and solidarity. They remain engaged in their parish and attending Mass, representing a profound dedication to maintaining their spiritual lives as a source of strength and unity, despite the world around them seeming chaotic and unforgiving.

Despite all the challenges and the brutality of the war, the youth in Gaza—particularly those connected to our churches—continue to hold onto hope. They embody a living faith, showing that even in the darkest times, the light of Christ remains with them. They inspire us with their courage, their faith, and their commitment to remain in the land of their ancestors. Through their small acts of faith, community, and solidarity, they resist the despair that the conflict tries to impose. These young people remind us of Jesus' words: "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Our mission is to support our youth everywhere in every way possible—through prayer, by providing resources for education and by advocating for peace on their behalf. Their resilience is a testament to the strength of faith, and their unwavering commitment to their churches in Gaza is a beacon of hope for all of us. Let us continue to stand with them, uplift them, and ensure that their voices are heard in the global Church, so that one day, they may know a life of peace and opportunity.

An Invitation to the American Church

To achieve this vision, we need the support of our global Christian family. We invite the American Church to stand in solidarity with us, to advocate for the teachings of Christ on love, peace and reconciliation, and to demand that these young people receive basic human rights and opportunities. We aim to build bridges with the American Church, and we hope that one day, we might initiate a collaborative program to exchange visits. We would be





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honored to host youth from the United States here in the Jesus' homeland, sharing our heritage and faith in person.

Your contributions—whether through prayer, stand in solidarity, visits, volunteer programs, or financial support—will directly impact these young lives, helping them to stand firm in their faith and serve as pillars in their communities.

Together, let us build a bridge of faith and fellowship from Palestine to America, strengthening the bond that unites us as one body in Christ. We look forward to your support and the blessings that this partnership will bring to us all.

Yours in Christ,
The General Secretariat of the Christian Youth in Palestine
"Youth of Jesus Homeland"

