

Work Shared is Work Halved

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success-Henry Ford



On the 23rd of July 2014 Caritas Jerusalem in partnership with Diakonia was able to feed 330 families with hot meals, provide milk and diapers for children and fuel for two schools in Gaza.



Hot meals, powder milk & diapers

Due to the escalation of violence in Gaza, many families have evacuated their homes and are currently living in UNRWA schools or in other neighbourhoods- with extended family neighbours or friends. *(the number of displaced people range from 200,000-240,000)*

330 of these displaced families have sought refuge in the Holy Family Catholic School and The Greek Orthodox Church and School in Gaza. The schools became their new homes and the classrooms their bedrooms.

Through this immediate intervention, we could also provide 100 food parcels to the local parish priest Fr. Jorge Hernandez so that he would have something to give to people that knock on the Church's door, especially that he is also hosting three sisters of Mother Teresa who take care of 28 handicapped people and nine senior citizens.

This project was implemented by Caritas Jerusalem and funded by Diakonia. Caritas Jerusalem provided the personnel, the logistics and contributed a small part from the budget.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Diakonia for their partnership with Caritas Jerusalem and their deep concern and interest in helping the needy people of Gaza.

We know that the needs in Gaza are huge and the work is immense, but we think that joining efforts and working together will make a difference, even if this work is only a drop in the ocean of the needs of Gaza but it is a drop of HOPE.

