



***Christian Witness in the Middle East***

***St. Alban's Impact in Jordan & the  
Diocese of Jerusalem***

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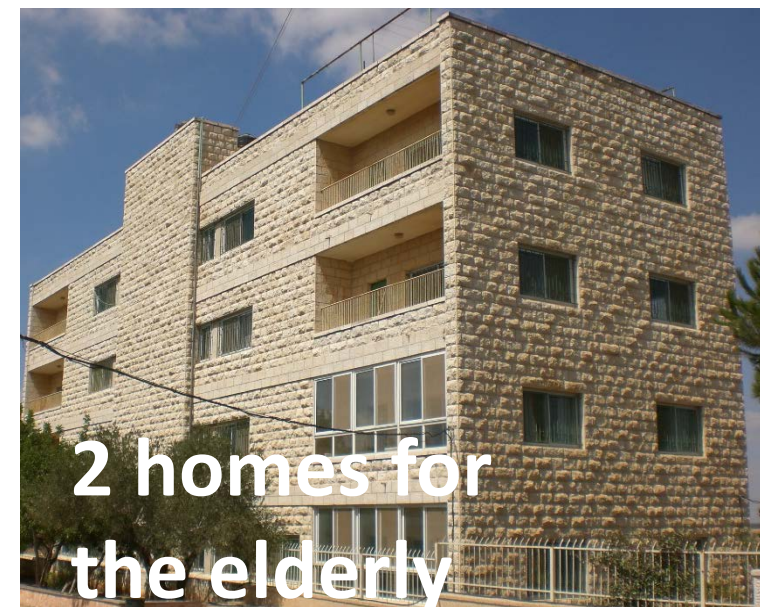


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# Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



# Diocese of Jerusalem Institutions





# Diocese of Jerusalem: Who we serve



**6,500 Students**

- 90% Muslim
- 10% Christian
- Pre K- 12



**25,000 Annual  
Outpatient Visits**

**10,000 Admissions**



**7,000 Parishioners**  
Worship services in Arabic

2 English-speaking  
congregations: Beirut &  
Jerusalem





***Key part of  
AFEDJ Mission***

**Helping to stabilize  
Christian communities  
in the Middle East**



# Christians in the Middle East – *Diocese of Jerusalem*

Country	1947	Today
Jordan	30% of total population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 250,000; 4%</li><li>▪ Recent growth from Christian refugees: Syria (100,000); Iraq (60,000)</li><li>▪ Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant</li></ul>
Palestine	12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 38,000</li><li>▪ West Bank &amp; East Jerusalem: 2%</li><li>▪ Gaza: &lt;1%</li><li>▪ Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Protestant, Catholic</li></ul>
Israel	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 160,000: 2%</li><li>▪ Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Maronite, Melkite, Protestant</li></ul>



# Christians in the Middle East – *Diocese of Jerusalem*

Country	Previous %	Today
Lebanon	1960: 60% of total population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1,400,000; 30%</li><li>▪ Christian retain significant political influence</li><li>▪ Maronite, Melkite, Armenian Orthodox, Protestant, Catholic</li></ul>
Syria	2006: 15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 800,000; 5%</li><li>▪ Since 2011, 600,000 Christians have fled violence from extremist groups</li><li>▪ Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant</li></ul>

**Why Should We Care About Stabilizing  
the Christian Presence?**



# Their ancestors were at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pentecost!





# Zarqa, Jordan







## **Zarqa Refugee Camp**

- **1 of 10 Palestinian camps in Jordan**
- **Established 1949**
- **20,000 registered Palestinian refugees**
- **.2 square kilometers**



Saviour's School







# Duaa Bisharat, Director Saviour's School























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# Scholarships for Blind and Low-Vision Students





# Upper School Technology Lab







**Playground Renovation**



# Playground Equipment







**Teacher Professional Development**



A close-up portrait of a young Syrian refugee girl. She has light blue eyes and is wearing a red headscarf. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text "Scholarships for Syrian Refugee Children" is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

# **Scholarships for Syrian Refugee Children**



**After School Program for Syrian Refugee Children**



# Braille Machines





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