

# At Christmas Time a return to the beginning.

**Your contribution can help the franciscan friars of the Holy Land to meet the needs of children, young families, the elderly. This Christmas please support their efforts to build peace in this land that is the crossroads of love for humanity.**

## Children and families of Bethlehem

Children, young people and families: these are the categories suffering the most from the difficult political and economic situation in which Bethlehem finds itself. The franciscan friars of the Custody of the Holy Land are working to aid the population, and seek to respond to the most immediate needs of the weakest elements, in particular those arising from the lack of public health care.

## Bethlehem is also for the elderly

At one time the elderly played a fundamental role in family and society, but in Bethlehem, too, culture and family traditions are changing rapidly. Abandoned by a State that is unable to care for them, they have become one of the weakest elements in society. The franciscan friars of the Custody of the Holy Land, together with the Antonian Charitable Society, are supporting the activities of the Gianelline Sisters and their efforts to assist the elderly in Bethlehem.

## WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION YOU CAN PROVIDE...

€	5.00	Meal for a resident in the Antonian Charitable Society rest home
€	10.00	Weekly school transport expenses for a child
€	30.00	Winter clothing for a child
€	50.00	Monthly milk requirements for a child
€	80.00	Monthly electrical and water expenses for a family
€	100.00	Monthly medical expense for the chronically ill
€	150.00	Monthly spending allowance for a family
€	250.00	Monthly housing rental for a family
€	300.00	(Average) hospitalization costs for a sick person
€	500.00	Annual academic costs (school fees and materials) for a child
€	600.00	Annual private medical insurance for a family
€	1,000.00	Eyeglasses and/or hearing aids for five children
€	4,000.00	Meals for three months for twenty poor elderly people
€	5,000.00	Annual home medical assistance for five families and needy elderly people
€	10,000.00	Completion of course of studies for ten young mothers
€	20,000.00	Annual fees for after-school activities for fifty children
€	50,000.00	Start-up of a day care center for the elderly in Bethlehem

## CHRISTMAS OBJECTIVE

**In 2012 the franciscan friars of the Custody of the Holy Land intend to provide 200.000 euros for Bethlehem. Your contribution will aid 300 Palestinian families – 150 children – 100 elderly.**

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