



Terra Santa School Bursaries **¡Help a student in the Holy Land!**

-A project of the Franciscans of the Tierra Santa (Holy Land)-

“He transformed himself into a child so that the world would become accessible to us. In this way God teaches us to love the smaller ones. In this way he teaches us to love the weaker ones. Through this he teaches us respect toward children. The child from Belén directs our gaze towards all the children who suffer abuses in the world, those born as well as those yet to be born. Benedict XVI

We collect donations in order to pass them on to the neediest families of the Holy Land (Tierra Santa) to cover the cost of schooling. The bursaries don't cover all the costs faced by the families, but form part of vital aid which permits the poorest and largest families to ensure tuition for their children. Teachers and social workers are involved in the aid process and this ensures that the child receives some financial assistance towards the cost of tuition, as well as adequate nutrition, necessary medical care and general aid towards schooling. In addition, the Tierra Santa Custodianship subsidizes monthly school tuition fees in Tierra Santa's own schools for families where bursaries and private donations do not suffice.



The schools of the Tierra Santa Custodianship, particularly in Palestine, were funded during 2009 by a project promoted by the AVSI and ATS Foundation and funded by the Italian Foreign Office's Cooperation for Development, in collaboration with the Italian Consulate in Jerusalem. The project was titled: Education and training in response to the critical plight of the people in the Holy Land.

The project has supported important socio-economical activities in the Custody's schools in Bethlehem, Jerico and in the Efeta Institute in Bethlehem, which takes in children with hearing disorders. In order to foster an environment of peace and brotherhood which is necessary to overcome the state of emergency, it is vital to uphold educational imperatives which place people at the heart of the educational process. This project has served to tackle the educational crisis in the Holy Land through a holistic approach toward the student, involving activities centered on improving the quality of scholastic education and which is also aimed at teachers; with psycho-social support directed at the children and their mothers, or at their teachers, as well as providing financial aid to families who find themselves in serious difficulties.

Specific objectives:

- An improvement in the quality of teaching through involvement in teacher training with respect to methodology employed with the children and, in particular, with disabled children.
- Implementation of didactical tools for children with hearing disorders through the use of specific equipment.
- An improvement in the quality of teaching offered to students through the development of teacher education in the historical-artistic field.
- An improvement in the quality of teaching for disabled children and children with learning difficulties and aid to their families through the training of social workers who work in direct contact with them.
- Providing aid for families in the Holy Land who have financial difficulties, through a partial funding of schooling for their children.

Support the Sacred Places and Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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The Tierra Santa Association, in its capacity as NGO of the Tierra Santa Custodianship, ensures the administrative coordination between donors and beneficiaries and they undertake the transparent application of funds collected.

The Franciscans remember in their prayers everyday those who in any way support the Tierra Santa.