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## **A Precious Christian Minority in Gaza**

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As we write this letter the 3000 member Christian community along with the majority Muslim population of 1.5 million in the Gaza Strip are under air and ground attack by Israel defense forces. It is the goal of Israel to stop persistent rocket attacks on southern Israeli cities. There are already thousands of casualties and hundreds of deaths on the Arab side. On the phone today we spoke to Labib the Partnership Leader for the Israeli and Palestinian Bible Societies. Listed below are a number of stories he shared...

- Christian families have become divided with parents in the West Bank and the children being left in the Gaza Strip. The parents left the day before Christmas for a short 5 day visit with relatives and now are unable to return. They are terrified for their family members in Gaza which have no money and no protection in the battles that are now raging.
- The medical situation in the Shifa Hospital in Gaza is chaotic as doctors are working 24 hours a day but are still overwhelmed by the thousands of wounded with many more expected.
- The Palestinian Bible Society is working with limited resources to help any way they can to be a comfort to both Christian and Muslim communities.



### **Map of Israel, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip**

This map shows the location of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank both in brown. The parents of these Gazan children can not return until the fighting stops. Both the parents and the children need the assistance that the Palestinian Bible Society is seeking to give.

KingdomConnect is being asked to help raise prayer and financial support for a) the needs of the family members stuck in the West Bank 2) For the relief effort going on in Gaza with the children separated from their parents by the war 3) For the desire to give a gift for medical supplies in the name of Christ.

Please send your tax deductible gifts to the address at the top of this letter. They will be sent to Jerusalem for the Palestinian Bible Society's "Gaza Emergency Project".

One great book which tells the story of Palestinian Christians living and loving the people of this area is called [Light Force](#) by Brother Andrew (of God's Smuggler fame) available via [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for as low as \$.75 + 3.99 shipping.



[Light Force](#) is a story of modern day Arab Christian believers who have remained in the Holy Land in order to be a witness to Muslims, Jews and their fellow Arabs. A moving story of those who have chosen not to hate in a very difficult situation.

Labib shared today the following prayer requests:

- 1) For the minimum of bloodshed and a decent solution.
- 2) Establishing godliness in authority on both sides (Palestinians and Israeli)
- 3) For emotional healing for both the residents of Gaza and the Jewish



residents in southern Israel who fear the rockets on their settlements.

[Labib, Partnership Leader for Israeli and Palestinian Bible Societies, in Jerusalem, Israel desires to be an effective witness during this crisis.](#)

We would also like to ask you to please pray for Zinat the director of the Bridging the Gap school in Nazareth. Zinat's father is presently in the hospital.

Please remember to visit our website [www.kingdomconnect.info](http://www.kingdomconnect.info) to see a video "The Real Story" via the DVD icon "Understanding the Arab World" which helps us all understand their situation better.

Thank you for caring

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