



A new school year is starting in Israel. Just like everywhere, there are lots of things to buy: school clothes, a backpack, shoes, notebooks, pens—and in Israel, school books. In some schools, the children wear uniforms—another expense. The textbooks alone cost about US \$150 per child. For families in socioeconomic distress, these necessary expenses are sometimes impossible to afford. And in Israel, families typically have several children.

About 23% of the population in Israel (almost two million people) live under the poverty line—nearly 32% of Israeli children, according to a report published in January by National Insurance. These families have difficulty putting food on the table, meaning school expenses are not the priority. Tragically, without the proper tools, children struggle to succeed in school. Over the past year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic, children had to study virtually from home. Many of the children on the Feed a Child program fell even further behind when their families couldn't provide them with a computer.

During this stressful time, Bridges for Peace bought computers and tablets to help these families. Normally we provide a meal every day at school for the children on our program. During lockdowns and school closures, we gave food to the families of our Feed a Child program participants to help sustain them through the difficult time.

Recently the homes of two of the children caught fire, and their families lost everything. These families were already struggling, having lost their jobs during the pandemic. When we were told of their ordeal, our immediate response was to help. We gave them gift cards for local stores, blankets, kitchen items and a *Tanakh* (Old Testament), as well as other gifts. After the school

principal visited, she described their emotional response, especially when they received the *Tanakh*, as all their books had been burned. In her thank-you note, Principal Elinor Bitton-Kovacs told us, "In the name of the families and the school, I would like to thank you again, Bridges for Peace, for making a difference."

Right now, our team is working with school officials and social workers to identify the children and families who need the most help. It is heartbreaking to turn poverty-stricken families and their children down because we simply don't have enough sponsors. To support a child for an entire school year, we need two sponsors, each giving US \$65 a month. With these donations, we provide a meal every school day, a new backpack, all their school supplies (books, notebooks, workbooks, etc.), and we pay for them to go on school outings. In addition, we provide after-school enrichment courses as needed. One-time gifts help us provide much-needed equipment for the schools (computer labs, smart boards, digital projectors, playground equipment, etc.).

Feed a Child

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About Me
Name: [Redacted]
Birthday: January 22, 2008
Birth Country: Israel
Current City: Jerusalem, Israel

My Family:
- I live with my mother, two sisters and one brother.
- We speak Hebrew and Tigrinya at home.

My Studies:
- My favorite subject in school is English.
- The school subject I have difficulties in is math.
- What I like best about my teacher is that she is a very good teacher.

A Little About Me:
- My favorite color is blue.
- My favorite movie is from "Muana."
- My favorite food is spaghetti.
- My most favorite things to do are swimming and dancing.
- What I love the most is going to school.
- What makes me sad is when other children do not join in.
- My future dream is to be an astronaut or a famous ballerina.

Thank you for being my family!

Dalila lives in Jerusalem
Jerusalem is the city where Dalila lives. It is a very old city and has many beautiful places to visit. Dalila loves to go to the park and play with her friends. She also likes to go to the library and read books. She is a very happy and healthy girl.

Please pray for the Children of Israel

Profile of a Feed a Child student

Sponsors receive a profile and a picture so they can get to know the child they are sponsoring and his or her interests. Sometimes letters are exchanged. Some sponsors choose to give gifts on special occasions. After reading of Yosef's interest in soccer, his sponsors sent us money and asked us to buy him a special gift: a new soccer ball and shoes. This generosity

Yosef with his new soccer ball and shoes



Jenna Solomon/bridgesforpeace.com

Yosef received a picture of his sponsors from Australia



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impacted Yosef so much that he decided to use his new gifts to coach another child.

Worldwide Christian love and support affects more than just the children on the Feed a Child program; it also impacts the families, the school administrators and teachers, and the entire community.

Will you ask the Lord if He wants you to sponsor a child for this next school year? As the principal said, we are making a difference—one child, one family, one school and one community at a time.

The psalmist said *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD..."* (Ps. 127:3a).

Blessings from Israel,
Rebecca J. Brimmer
International President and CEO

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Feed a Child Program

☐ US \$65/month ☐ US \$130/month ☐ US \$195/month (one-year commitment)
One-time gift: ☐ US \$50 ☐ US \$100 ☐ US \$300 ☐ US \$600 ☐ US \$ _____ (Other)

- ☐ GREATEST MINISTRY NEED US \$ _____
- ☐ GREATEST ISRAEL NEED US \$ _____
- ☐ FOOD PROJECT US \$ _____
- ☐ ADOPTION PROGRAM (one-year commitment)
_____ US \$65/month
- ☐ FEED A CHILD (one-year commitment)
_____ US \$65/month
_____ US \$ one-time gift
- ☐ PROJECT RESCUE _____ US \$400 (or any size gift)
- ☐ EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY FUND
US \$ _____
- ☐ ADOPT AN ISRAELI TOWN (one-year commitment)
_____ Minimum US \$150/month
- ☐ KARMIEL CENTER US \$ _____
- ☐ PROJECT TIKVAH (HOPE) _____ US \$45 (or any size gift)
- ☐ WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND US \$ _____
- ☐ INTERNATIONAL HQ FUND US \$ _____
- ☐ HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS US \$ _____
- ☐ IMMIGRANT WELCOME GIFTS US \$ _____

- ☐ NEW IMMIGRANT FUND US \$ _____
- ☐ CHEER BASKET _____ US \$25/basket
- ☐ SCHOOL STARTER KIT _____ US \$7/kit
- ☐ HOME REPAIR US \$ _____
- ☐ VICTIMS OF TERROR US \$ _____
- ☐ DENTAL/MEDICAL AID US \$ _____
- ☐ CRISIS ASSISTANCE US \$ _____
- ☐ ARAB FAMILY ASSISTANCE US \$ _____
- ☐ ZEALOUS8:2 SCHOLARSHIP US \$ _____
- ☐ VOLUNTEER SUPPORT US \$ _____
- ☐ VEHICLE FUND US \$ _____
- ☐ SAVE AN ISRAELI LIFE US \$ _____

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MONTHLY COMMITMENT TO
_____ PROJECT
OF US \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Enclose amount in US dollars or your currency equivalent. Indicate your currency symbol.

Payment Options

☐ **Check:** Make checks payable to Bridges for Peace. US and Canadian gifts are tax-deductible.

☐ **PayPal:** Go to www.bridgesforpeace.com, and click on "Donate>Bless Israel."

☐ **VISA** ☐ **MasterCard** ☐ **Discover** ☐ **AMEX**

Name on card _____

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- ☐ I will pray for Israel and the Jewish people.
- ☐ I also need your prayers and have attached my prayer request.
- ☐ I have placed Bridges for Peace in my will to bless future generations.
- ☐ Please send me information on your Bridges for Peace travel programs.
- ☐ Please send your publications to my friend(s), whose name(s) and address(es) are attached.
- ☐ By filling in this contact form I give permission to receive communication from Bridges for Peace International and my national office.