

Gaza News:

We want to be sure to keep you updated on our activities in Gaza following the ceasefire. Some of the people sheltering in the churches have gone back to their homes, but most of the resettlement is coming from people returning from the south of the enclave.

While we do rejoice at the long overdue ceasefire, the news is not all good. **About 600 Christians remained in the Strip** (from just under 1000 at the start of the war). Of these, they anticipate that another 300 will leave Gaza as soon as possible. Of those who plan to remain, approximately 100 are elderly. **Please pray with us for the Christian community there.** Next week we will sponsor a celebration feast for the two churches marking the end of the war.

Our programs have lasted throughout the hostilities and will continue in the future. **We hope to transition from Gaza Emergency Response to the Rebuilding of Gaza.** All aspects of our programs will continue as Phase 1 of this project begins in one week – medicines, the medical clinic, food parcel distribution – but will emphasize moving forward, rather than just maintaining during the onslaught. Relief supplies are making it into Gaza, even in the north, so the clinic can purchase what they need.

Thank God prices are going down. One of our major focuses is still the learning program. As schools reopen, we will continue to support teachers and our afternoon extracurricular recreational activities for the children.

Over the past 15 months, \$500,000 has been spent in Gaza to support local communities by providing food, medicine, clinics, non-curricular programs, tutoring, clothing, and more.