

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

This program was established in 2004 to provide suitable housing for needy Christian families in the Holy Land through the renovation of existing, but substandard homes. The program provides employment for hard pressed Christian craftsmen and laborers. Most of the homes HCEF upgrades have not received any type of repair in more than 30 years! To date, the program has renovated over **446 homes** and created jobs for over **802 people**.

Currently, HCEF is the leading NGO in construction, repair and renovations across the West Bank. Due to our reputation in the region many other Christian NGO's come to us for help instead of contracting construction work out to for profit corporations. This helps increase local Christian employment in the region.

Due to the growing demand and need for building rehabilitation, HCEF expanded the program in 2014 to include

- water cistern renovations,
- handicraft workshop renovations, and
- community building renovations.

Goals of the Program:

- Create jobs
- Provide job training
- Rehabilitate uninhabitable homes for those who cannot afford it
- Support small-scale workshops and suppliers to boost the economy

YOU can make a difference today!



WHO WE ARE

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation is a 501c3 not for profit, charitable, development organization committed to the continued presence, empowerment, and well-being of Arab Christians in the Holy Land and to developing the bonds of solidarity between them and Christians elsewhere. We have over 20 programs and events to help accomplish this mission; our Housing Rehabilitation Program – Water Cistern Renovation Project is just one of them. Check us out at www.hcef.org

"We seek to replace despair with hope, fear with security, and humiliation with human dignity."

HCEF has partnered with the Pontifical Mission of Palestine and the First Presbyterian Church of Boulder Colorado to bring the Water Cistern Renovation Project to more families who need it.

WATER CISTERN RENOVATION PROJECT

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WATER IS **LIFE**

WATER: FUNDAMENTAL TO LIFE

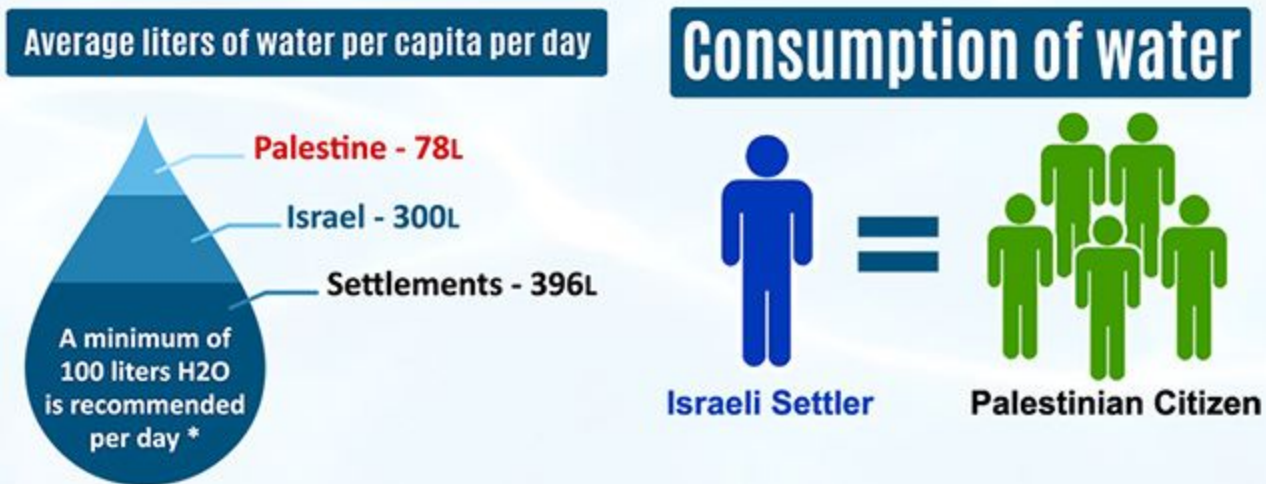
The problems that arise from restricted access to water are numerous and varied. Lack of potable drinking water can lead to dehydration and illness; a shortage of adequate bathing water can lead to improper hygiene and disease; and entire livelihoods could be lost without the ability to irrigate farmland.

Unfortunately, in Palestine lack of water is not due to scarcity, but to uneven water distribution. The reality of occupation restricts thousands of people from accessing water. Tied to the occupation the water crisis in Palestine persists year-round, no matter the season, leaving Palestinians powerless to provide water security for themselves or their families.



ACCESS TO WATER: A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

The current quantity of water allocated to Palestinians does not take into consideration population growth nor the increasing demand for agricultural development. Faulty water systems make access to piped water unreliable, and in some cases, nonexistent. Political disagreements make it near impossible for the average Palestinian to obtain Israeli permits to legally install alternative water collection systems. For those who are able to install these systems, water can cost up to five times more than piped water.



In the Bethlehem area the problem is even more pronounced. Israeli settlers living in illegal colonies continue to overtake crucial water springs on land owned by Palestinian families. These factors pose a significant threat to Palestinians in Bethlehem. Because of its attachment to the unresolved political situation, the water issue in Palestine is one of the most difficult to resolve.

* According to the World Health Organization

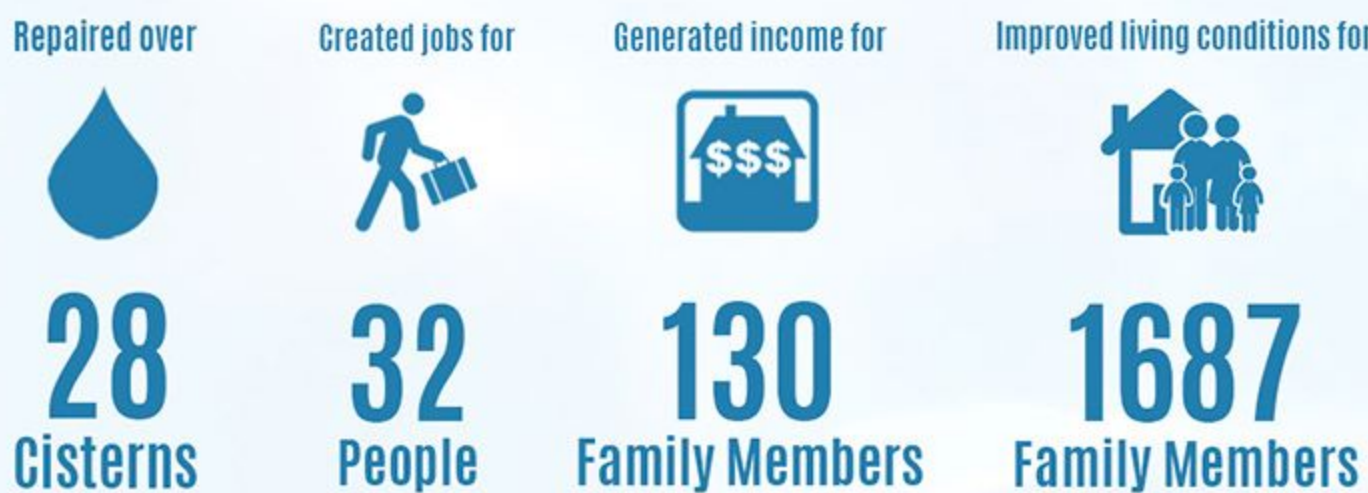
WATER CISTERN RENOVATION PROJECT

Understanding that water is the single most important resource on earth, HCEF has undertaken the mission of rehabilitating ancient water cisterns throughout the Bethlehem area. The aim of The Water Cistern Renovation Project is to provide the Christians of Bethlehem an alternative and consistently available source of water that saves them money and preserves their human dignity.

HCEF believes that cistern renovation is the most viable solution to the water crisis since it takes advantage of existing and available reservoirs to collect rainwater, a free and renewable source. HCEF fulfills the mission of the Water Cistern Renovation Project by:

- Maintaining and improving the structural integrity of cisterns.
- Providing maintenance to their water pump and pressure systems.
- And by rehabilitating the plumbing systems in corresponding homes.

This ensures a consistent supply of clean water for the people of Bethlehem despite resource restrictions imposed by occupation.



YES, I WILL SUPPORT THE PROJECT:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Name of Church or Organization: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

I would like to receive HCEF updates by e-mail:
☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but only WCRP updates ☐ No

Enclosed, is my donation of:
☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$1000
☐ \$2500 (The average cost of renovating one cistern)
☐ Other amount: _____

☐ Charge my card one time only.
☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

Name on the card: _____
Card Number: _____
CVV: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____
Signature: _____
Enclosed is my first contribution of \$_____
(Make checks payable to HCEF)

