

The McCabe Educational Trust

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We are grateful to all of our supporters who contributed the magnificent sum of £143,800 in support of our featured projects during 2007.

Your donations are making a real difference to so many children.
With your help, we will continue helping those in need we encounter on our travels.

Thank- you!

Amongst those we helped:

[Al Shurooq Blind School](#) in Bethlehem is home to 25 blind or partially sighted children. We have helped by sending grants in excess of £20,000. The current priority is to help furnish the dormitories in their new building due for completion in August. Read more in www.nsfvh.org

[Jeel Al Amal School & Boys Home](#) in Bethany educates 600 local children through primary school and accommodates 80 boys in residential accommodation. Last year, we were able to send gifts in excess of £25,000 and we are building up a fund which this year will pay for urgently needed repairs. This summer, in co-operation with Unipal, the Trust is planning a summer school in Bethany.

[Lazarus Home for Girls](#) also in Bethany is home to 25 girls. Last year our assistance totalled more than £25,000. Our priority in 2008 will be to help with the completion and furnishing of their new building.

[The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation](#) in Bethlehem is one of the main social work institutions helping young and old alike. Your generosity enabled us to send gifts in excess of £25,000 to enable their highly skilled staff to continue a wonderful work amidst great need.

[Anand Niwas Boys Home in India](#) is a new project recently adopted and the Trust has made a commitment to look after 50 boys. With your help, it is our ambition to increase this number to 100.

Each month we will feature one of our partners. Overleaf, read about the Jeel al Amal boys home in Bethany. This school and home are entirely dependent on voluntary donations.



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Jeel al-Amal

Jeel al-Amal (Generation of Hope) School and Boys Home was founded in 1972 by two Christian Palestinians, Alice and her husband Basil Sahhar in the village of Bethany to the east of Jerusalem. The home is still managed by Alice. (Her daughter, Samar, looks after the Lazarus Home for Girls, next door) There are more than 600 children in the primary school and 80 boys living in the Boys Home.

Many of the boys are orphans or have endured terrible domestic problems but under the loving care of Alice and her staff the transformations are often remarkable. The boys come from Jerusalem and from towns and villages in the West Bank.



Life is difficult and trying in Bethany with many restrictions on what we would consider a 'normal' way of living. Once a short hop from the Old City, Bethany is now a lengthy detour around the new Israeli security wall. The staff are concerned that when the wall is finished they may no longer have access to Jerusalem. [Will pilgrims still be able to visit them?](#) Already it is a longer journey and we are grateful to all those groups from McCabes who continue to make the trip.

While there is little material wealth, the love and devotion of the staff are reflected in the perfect manners and sunny dispositions of the children.

Some older boys go on to further education at secondary schools and get jobs which would have been impossible without the help of Jeel. Many have gone on to help their families financially. This can be vital set against the dire economic situation that prevails in the West Bank and Gaza today.

Jeel al Amal changes lives and many are the pilgrims who over the years have been moved and amazed by its work. MET now supports the running costs of Jeel with a monthly remittance and, with your help, we will be able to fund some of the much needed improvements.

JEEL AL AMAL relies almost totally on voluntary donations. Please remember Jeel in your thoughts and prayers. Your contributions to this wonderful place ARE appreciated and are enormously beneficial.

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