

Newsletter July - Exciting Developments Among Christian Palestinians!

Dear Mission Friend!

At FBS, we don't take breaks; we continue to run our courses, and I have just returned from training Palestinians in Amman, Jordan.

Amman, Jordan

After FBS participated in the ICCC international conference in Stockholm in 2022, we were contacted by a German businessman who wants to help Christians in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas. Christians in the Palestinian territories face significant challenges, including high unemployment, and many are leaving the Holy Land. In the 1950s, 86% of Bethlehem's population was Christian, but by 2016, that number had dropped to 11%, and it continues to decline. The situation is desperate for Christians, who are both discriminated against by Muslims and struggling with unemployment. Something must be done to prevent the birthplace of Jesus from becoming completely devoid of Christians.

Therefore, we are conducting training for Palestinian Christian entrepreneurs who will work with FBS courses. Others will follow by establishing business hubs, IT training, and funding for the businesses that are started, all aimed at uplifting the Christians in the area.

We collaborated with Bethlehem Bible College and their network. They have contacts not only in Bethlehem but also in Gaza, Ramallah, and many other locations. We spent three days together, and we will now continue via Zoom to go through all the lessons so that the courses can start in February 2025. The exciting part was that we had two of our teachers from Egypt who helped teach during the training. There are few things that make me as happy as seeing others take FBS forward! Please pray for this!





Pakistan

Our online course for Christians in Pakistan continues, and one of the pastors shared that he is now teaching his church the material while he is taking the course himself. He reports that several of his members have managed to get out of debt by applying what they've learned in FBS. We hope to soon conduct a larger teacher training in Pakistan.

India

Our translation into Hindi is now complete, and B-Å and Annika Svensson will travel to the Andaman Islands on July 5th to train about 30 people.

Prayer requests:

- Teacher training on the Andaman Islands, July 8-13
- Pray for the planning of FBS in Cambodia
- Pray for FBS to continue growing in South America
- That our teams will become stronger
- That we will have good finances to expand
- God's grace and guidance
- God's blessing!

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