

Moving Stories

Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

Medical Trauma in Gaza

Quarantine affects us all, but the movement of people and goods into Gaza have been severely restricted for over a decade.

Three-year old Jana from Jabalia has cancer. Due to the size of her tumour, Jana needs radiotherapy treatment that isn't available in Gaza. Doctors lack the medication and necessary equipment to treat the children of Gaza. Every single case of cancer children or adults requires the referral outside the Gaza Strip.

Obtaining travel permits for medical therapy in Jerusalem is a bureaucratic ordeal. The situation is further complicated when the patient is a child in need for parental physical emotional support as parents are often denied permission to travel.

In solidarity with Christian Aid partner The Lutheran World Federation, we call on Israel, as the occupying power and duty bearer under International Law, to

- respect the rights of the child and their right to health
- ensure that all children diagnosed with cancer from the Gaza Strip should immediately be treated without delay
- once diagnosed with cancer the child must be given a permit for an initial period of one year for active treatment and appropriate follow up without the child having to go through the same permit process every time, and risk

missing appointments in hospitals

- allow children referred for medical treatment outside Gaza should be accompanied by at least one parent.

We ask all *Commitment for Life* supporters to pray for these concerns, particularly on the 24th of each month. Further information on these prayers can be found here: <http://actpalestineforum.org>

Prayer

Loving God, though we may be separated in body, we are one in spirit; set apart, but drawn together to magnify your name.

Thank you for your grace in Jesus, helping us to live in the fullness of life that you desire for all.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven, helping us to turn from fear; forgive all debt, and set the prisoner free.

In the light of Christ's name, we pray. *AMEN*

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