



*No one person, no one people has a unique claim on God's covenants.*

**Mission:** Abraham's Children is an advocate for those marginalized in the Holy Land – namely Christians (rapidly declining in numbers and influence), as well as those of other faiths. We, as members of Abraham's Children, have worked for over 20 years to change the rancor, the hate, the sadness caused by jealousy and greed.

**Here are some of our critical initiatives:**

**Medical Mobile Clinic**

**Humanitarian Aid West Bank/Area C**



**First Pres sponsored  
Educational Forums**



**Nazareth Hospital  
Presbyterian Founded – 1861  
Nursing Students**

**Donated Medical Equipment;  
Sourced Through Hospital Sisters  
Mission Outreach**



**Mar Eiias Schools (in the Galilee)  
Archbishop (Emeritus). Elias Chacour**

# Abraham's Children Fact Sheet: 1995-2019

see [abrahams-children.org](http://abrahams-children.org) for more information

**Mission:** Supporting Christians (and other Holy Land indigenous cultures and faiths) in the words of Archbishop Emeritus Elias Chacour "Ashri" *Get up and Do!*

## BY THE NUMBERS: Twenty-Four years and counting.

Since 1995, Abraham's Children has been responsible for, or involved in:

- 7**—Pilgrimages to the Holy Land
- 1**—School room funded at Mar Elias Schools
- 1**—Mission trip to paint entire school building
- 1,000**—Books donated to school library
- 12**—Olive Trees planted at Mar Elias Schools (with benefits from the fruits of our labor)
- 2**—Biblical Feasts, (cuisine of the Bible with stories relating to each course)
- 18**—Educational presentations with average audience of more than 200-- reaching over 6,000 listeners at the sponsor church and multiple others (Renowned speakers from Israel and the USA, including 2 Nobel Peace Prize Nominees)
- 5**—Religious furnishings contributed to the First Christian Church built in the Holy Land in over 75 years. (communion table, church pews, bishop's chairs, stained glass windows, processional cross, and stairs with beatitudes in 3 languages)
- 450**—school desks dedicated for elementary school students in the Holy Land
- 10**—Communications equipment for student Communications and Media laboratory- Nazareth Academic Institute/College (NAI)
- 10**—Computers for students studying Computer Science (NAI)
- 15**—Chemistry equipment for chemistry laboratory (NAI)
- 251**—College Degrees conferred at first ever Christian-run, multi-faith college in Israel (NAI)
- 60**—Student transfers to other higher education institutions in the Israeli College System
- 5**—Student Nursing scholarships awarded- Nazareth Hospital School of Nursing.
- 3**—Amputee prosthesis for wounded victims in the West Bank from Israeli land mines/unexploded munitions
- 7**—40' rail cars of used refurbished medical equipment to Christian hospitals and an elderly home (serving all), in Nazareth and East Jerusalem plus medical mobile care unit to Area C/ West Bank

## Partners:

- First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton <http://www.firstpreswheaton.org/>
- Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach/Sisters of St. Francis – sources surplus medical equipment and supplies for use as needed around the world. <http://www.mission-outreach.org/s/>
- Diocese of Joliet/Office of Human Dignity <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/humandignity/>

**V How might YOU Help?..... See Below V**

## WE WELCOME YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN



Abraham's Children, a mission of First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton IL, has been leading efforts to improve life in the land of Jesus and the Prophets for almost 25 years. (see other side for some of our many accomplishments).

### **We focus our activities and fundraising in 5 areas:**

1. Educating ourselves and the rest of America on peace and justice issues relating to our indigenous brothers and sisters.
2. Supporting the Mar Elias Schools K—12 in Galilee, founded by a priest, Archbishop (Emeritus). Elias Chacour..... and open to all.
3. Supplying medical necessities to Christian Hospitals and other like institutions; since 2012 we have partnered with Hospital Sisters

Mission Outreach (<http://www.mission-outreach.org/>) who supply this donated surplus equipment.

4. Supporting medical relief efforts in Area C/West Bank, where services are few and people are forgotten and desperate for help.

5. Providing financial assistance to deserving students at the Nazareth Hospital Nursing School, a nationally-ranked institution.

Everyone is welcome to join Abraham's Children, in fact 25% of our leadership team comes from outside the First Pres Wheaton congregation.

### **Dues are \$25.00 per year and support the educational forums, events and mailing costs**

(so that fundraising proceeds go directly to the missions described above)

***We welcome you to join Abraham's Children, be a part of a strong and active organization that strives to make a difference for peace and justice in this troubled land.***

#### Leadership Team

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### **Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church**

**(Memo line Abraham's Children—Membership)** And return in the enclosed envelope, along with this form. Thank you.

☐ Yes, I would like to become a new member, (Enclosed are my dues \$25.00)

☐ Yes, I am a member and will renew my membership, (Enclosed are my dues, \$25.00)

☐ I am unable to join now; please accept the enclosed donation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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