Advent greetings from Eli in Bethlehem who says "Thank you, Shukran"



The star marks the spot where Jesus was born

Thank you for your kindness in helping CNT to support children in the Holy Land, giving them HOPE, the greatest of gifts. Without you, our benefactors, this would not be possible.

#### **Dear Benefactors**

Online Teacher Training courses are a lifeline, offering insight and experience in the introduction and use of new methodologies, creating learning communities and improving digital literacy. All can participate as travel restrictions, roadblocks and geographical borders no longer present dangers and problems. Teachers from Gaza post their excellent contributions. Post Covid and at a time of economic disruption, CNT cannot send specialist tutors to lead onsite training courses. Online training maintains momentum and necessary curriculum development with videos, Padlet and Zoom. *"It gets everybody together to share ideas and interesting activities"*.

The LPJ Education Departments value these popular and oversubscribed courses. Supervisors Diana and Shireen were trained through **The English Project** and visit schools to observe how their colleagues are using this training. They make qualitative evaluations. Improvements in both teaching and pupil engagement are noted and praised. Having monitored these courses from my home, I compliment these enthusiastic and enterprising teachers who are so committed to their pupils.

Preparing the young for the ever-challenging world of work as confident fluent English speakers who are adept in the soft skills of working collaboratively makes them invaluable assets in lands where unemployment is high and jobs are scarce.

CNT's tight focus on online training is a most effective and costeffective way of using your kind donations.

Wishing you all the blessings of Advent

Margaret Waddingham

#### You can help by

- remembering these beleaguered communities in your prayers
- praying for the success of our mission
- donating online or by cheque to Cambridge Nazareth Trust (for gift aid see below)
- making a standing order (see bank details below)
- organising fundraising in your parish or school.

Please send cheques and gift aid declarations to our Treasurer, Phil Parker, 10 West End, Wilburton, Ely, CB6 3RE.

Gifts aid declarations are available on our website or from Phil (address above) or Margaret (e-mail address below)

Bank Account: Cambridge Nazareth Trust, Santander Bank, sort code 09-01-52, account number 82994505

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#### CNT will never give your personal details to any other organisation

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# Cambridge Nazareth Trust Advent 2022

# CNT helps with the education of the young in the Holy Land





## Success! CNT Online Teacher Training has continued throughout 2022

118 teachers in Jordan and Palestine successfully completed Lewis and Amideast courses

15 Palestinian teachers on a 4-week course Student Centred Teaching

79 Teachers from Jordan and Palestine attend 2-week Communicative Teaching and Activities

24 Palestinian Early Years teachers in Ramallah English Phonics Course provided by Amideast

CNT is full of admiration for the teachers' great achievements in very difficult circumstances

Abby and Tom, specialist tutors from Lewis School of English (www.lewis-school.co.uk), provided the inspirational training. Abby said of the teachers that *"It was an absolute pleasure to work with them; their kindness, enthusiasm and commitment never fail to amaze me".* 

Helping young people of the Holy Land to have a bright future www.cambridgenazarethtrust.co.uk





## **Communicative Teaching and Activities**

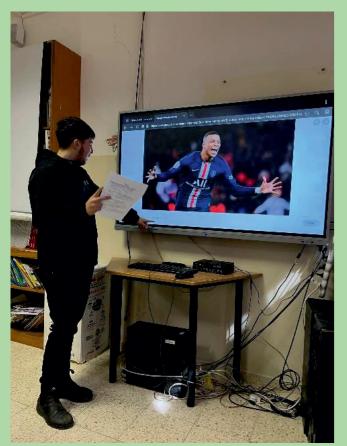
### Celebrating creativity, collaboration, confidence.

"This week we did a project with Grade 10 to create their own teen court. They created a scene. They wrote the script and gave everyone roles. They produced the language. All are involved". Shireen in Jordan





#### Using resources and activities which interest students



Excited to use English **Enjoyment in using English Engagement in conversation** Extending understanding Exchanging ideas **Encouraging creativity** 



The 25 LPJ schools in Jordan and the 13 in Palestine receive no state aid whilst the 5 in Israel receive some. In LPJ schools, Christian and Muslim students learn together in peace and girls are treated as equals. LPJ schools are wholly dependent on charity from KHS and CNT. Access to quality training is severely limited by local circumstances, even if schools could afford it themselves. Since 2011, the highly successful innovative teacher training provided by The English Project has given opportunities that were otherwise unavailable. It has motivated and helped to provide momentum for the transformation of the LPJ educational system with its enterprising schools which are at the heart of their communities.



## **Fluency and Phonics**

Fluency in English is a priority in Palestinian schools because it opens a world of opportunity to their pupils. The LPJ requested a pioneering course in English phonics. They were keenly aware of the importance for Arabic speakers of early grounding in English phonics to master the intricacies and irregularities of the English language. After much searching for appropriate courses, the LPJ asked Amideast to provide specialised training in Ramallah for 24 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers.

CNT funded this high-quality training, applying the generous donation from Canon John Harvey KHS and his parish of St Edmund of Canterbury and St Thomas More in Loughton





Studying during the summer holidays, Diana and Shireen (shown in the third photograph with Mrs Abeer) obtained their PCELT. Mrs Abeer is the LPJ Director of Education for Palestine and she is very proud of their achievements. Diana is the newly-appointed LPJ Education Co-ordinator for Palestine.

CNT believes that skilled teachers have the greatest impact on improving pupil outcomes. Education gives hope for the survival of vibrant Christian communities, enabling them to play a part in the development of their lands. Investing in teachers is reaping dividends.

CNT trusts that, as you view Diana's photographs taken during her classroom observations, you will agree that we have used your generous donations wisely.

Presentations Challenging

