

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



This is Paulus from Bangladesh and he wants to tell you something. "In my village we had no school. My family never thought that I can have education. But thank God the church opened a new school in my village." Barnabas Fund helped establish this school and now supports it. "I become very happy," says Paulus

**I**magine being bullied all the time because you love Jesus. People shouting nasty things at you or even attacking you. Even trying to kill you. Perhaps it's best not to imagine it, because it is a horrible thing to even imagine.

But many, many children and young people all around the world, people just like you, have to suffer like this. Some are hungry and thirsty and sick because they are persecuted, just because they are Christians. Some don't have money to buy clothes because their Christian parents are denied work. Many are in such danger that they have to run away to other countries where they are strangers. And some Christians are even thrown in prison just because they love Jesus.

Your life might be different from theirs, but we are all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, no matter where we are.

### Why not sponsor a Christian schoolchild?

Christian children are often bullied in schools in countries where Christians are in the minority. Classmates bully them. Even teachers bully them. Teachers mark them down in tests or fail them in exams, or make them sweep the floor while the other children are playing. They can even be pressured to reject Jesus and follow a different religion. And some Christian children and young people are from families so poor they cannot go to school at all.

### You yourself, or with a friend, or the church youth group, can sponsor a Christian schoolchild by joining Living Streams.

Sponsoring a schoolchild will enable them to escape this kind of persecution and instead go to a safe Christian school where they can grow in their faith.

On average it costs just £18 per month for a Christian child to go to a Christian school. But you do not have to give as much as £18 a month to be a sponsor with our Living Streams programme. A regular donation of ANY amount will be fine.

### If you sponsor a child, we will send you a prayer card with a photograph and details of the person you are helping.

Please note that we usually cannot arrange for an exchange of letters between a sponsor and the schoolchild. (This is to keep down administration costs, and in some places also because of security issues.) But we will send you a newsletter about twice a year, with updates on some of the sponsored children – perhaps including the one you are sponsoring.

### Raise awareness through social media

It is easy to help suffering Christians by just sharing our Facebook page with your family and friends on social media. And ask them to do the same. **Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/BarnabasFund](http://www.facebook.com/BarnabasFund)**

### Don't forget to pray

For a prayer guide, please check out the *Barnabas Prayer* booklet enclosed in this magazine or look online at: **[www.barnabasfund.org/prayer-diary](http://www.barnabasfund.org/prayer-diary)**. There are prayers about persecuted Christian children and young people on 21, 25, 26 and 29 October.

Also, why not try out the special **Barnabas prayer** on page 23?

**Find the six basic needs and the six actions that help mentioned in Matthew 25:37-39 (NIV) (for the action to the fifth basic need please turn back to v.36).**

A	E	F	H	H	U	N	G	R	Y	C	V
J	O	I	R	S	W	A	Y	U	Q	I	L
T	C	V	I	N	V	I	T	E	S	G	S
H	G	E	G	K	O	S	Q	I	M	O	I
I	W	T	H	Y	A	G	T	E	C	O	C
R	K	H	T	T	U	K	N	I	R	D	K
S	O	O	E	A	O	W	Y	S	Q	S	M
T	C	U	O	G	K	L	M	I	E	A	R
Y	O	S	U	Q	S	C	C	R	P	M	E
J	R	A	S	L	N	L	H	P	B	A	G
D	E	N	N	F	M	O	S	E	S	R	N
V	T	D	E	T	Z	T	X	T	N	I	A
H	F	N	S	P	R	H	L	E	A	T	R
D	A	F	S	F	E	E	D	R	M	A	T
V	K	X	J	I	B	S	Z	T	A	N	S
D	O	J	N	R	C	W	V	P	A	L	F
R	O	V	Z	H	U	K	B	X	N	P	M
D	L	I	K	G	B	P	R	I	S	O	N

**There are a number of examples in the Bible of the Lord meeting the basic needs of His children. Do you know them? Look for them in the puzzle above.**

1. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fish?
2. Who struck a rock and water came from it?
3. What term is used to describe the person who helped a stranger on the road to Jericho?
4. What kind of robe are believers clothed with?
5. A young servant girl helps her master to receive healing of leprosy. What was the name of her master?
6. Which disciple was rescued from prison by an angel?