



Hope for Christians in the Holy Land

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Responding to the Call **By Marc Cavaliere**

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For decades, the story of the Christians in the Holy Land has been one of resilience—of "Living Stones" holding firm to the ground where our faith began. Yet, as we look at the landscape today, we must be honest: the challenges have intensified. The confluence of geopolitical conflict and the temporary evaporation of the pilgrimage travel that sustains so many families has created a level of need we have not seen in our lifetime. Today, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land represent less than 2% of the population.

However, where the need has grown, so too has the response. I am humbled to share that as the struggle has increased, we have been blessed by an equally magnificent growth in the number of donors and the magnitude of the gifts reaching us. It is a profound reminder of God's providence; even in the most difficult hours, He provides the means to help through your prayers and your radical generosity.

To meet this moment, the **Select to Give Foundation** is also evolving. We are transitioning from a traditional charitable model to a more structured, program-driven foundation. This evolution is designed for maximum effectiveness—ensuring that every dollar is directed toward a specific, high-impact objective. We remain a 100% volunteer-staffed organization with 100% of every donated dollar going directly to those in need. And by working in closer coordination with the **Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem**, we are ensuring that your contributions generate the greatest possible benefit directly for those who are most disenfranchised.

Our new roadmap is built upon five strategic programs: **Select to Educate, Select to Care, Select to Connect, Select to Heal, and Select to Respond**. Each quarter, we will use this newsletter to provide a transparent, detailed report

on one of these programs, showing you exactly how your support is changing lives.

It is only fitting that we launch this inaugural edition by focusing on **Select to Respond**. This program is the embodiment of our commitment to be "first on the scene" when crisis strikes, whether through immediate humanitarian relief or longer-term reconstruction and rebuilding, for example, aiding the Christian communities in Gaza and southern Lebanon.

To our donors and our pilgrims: our gratitude is immeasurable. My years spent in global travel and logistics have taught me that while systems are important, it is the people behind them that make the difference. Because of you, we are now able to expand our mission and **respond** to the call to do even more.

While we pray for the day—hopefully very soon—that our pilgrimages resume and we can once again walk those sacred paths together, our mission does not pause. Until then, we continue to "Respond." Thank you for standing with us, for your continued contributions, and for keeping the Christian families of the Holy Land in your daily prayers.

Renewing Hope together.

Featured Program

Select to Respond

From \$50

In 2025, Select to Give began working with the Latin Patriarchate to support displaced Christians in the region and donated \$80,000. So far, in 2026, Select to Give has sent over \$50,000 in humanitarian aid. Select to Give continues to provide financial assistance to Christian families who rely on tourism to feed and care for their families.

Select to Respond!



Help Sustain a Christian Presence

Select to Give Foundation has been doing good work since 2016. This year, humanitarian needs are greater than ever. Many Christians in the region rely on tourism for work, including jobs in the service industry, running shops, or making souvenirs for pilgrims. The two-year shutdown due to the pandemic left them in a precarious financial position, but just after reopening, they were hit by back-to-back military conflicts that shut the area down again.

In addition to those who lost work, many Christians lost far more, including homes, schools, and churches during the military actions. As you can see below, through your generous gifts and the support of the Latin Patriarchate, Select to Give has sent much-needed funding to support reconstruction and aid these displaced Christians.



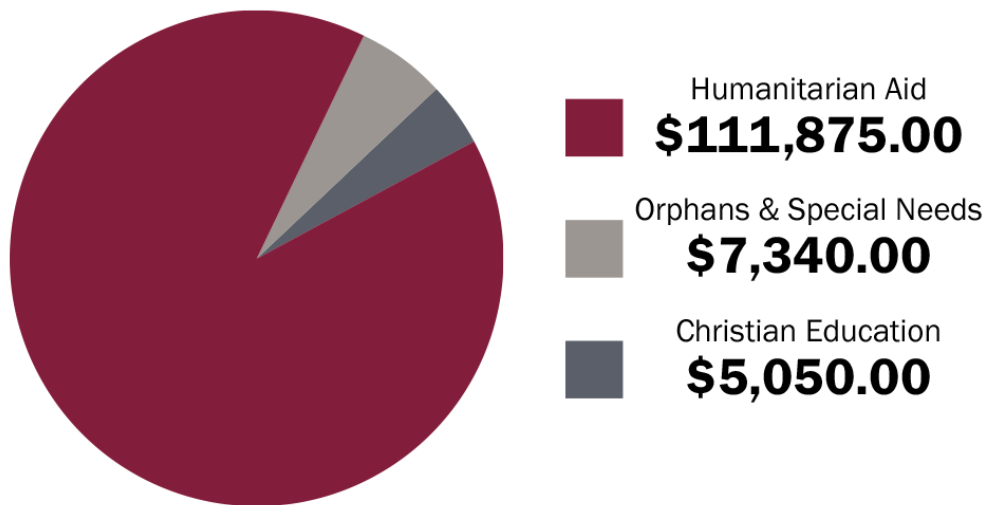
SELECT TO GIVE FOUNDATION

2026 Fund Distribution

Year-to-date giving January - June 2026

TOTAL DISBURSED IN 2026

\$124,265.00



We would like to thank the Latin Patriarchate for recognizing our dedication and for honoring our founder, Edita Kronic, with the Medal of the Holy Sepulchre, for Select to Give's work for Christians in the Holy Land.

"Receiving this recognition for the work Select to Give has accomplished for the Christian community in the Holy Land means a great deal to me personally, as this is our mission at Select International Tours. More importantly, I hope this award inspires others to dedicate their time and treasure to help keep Christians present in the Holy Land. This ongoing presence is essential so that all followers of Jesus can continue to visit and venerate the sacred sites of His birth, ministry, teaching, trial, crucifixion, and, most importantly, His resurrection. We will continue to donate financial assistance to the Christians in Gaza as well as help the Christians of Bethlehem." Said Edita.

Help Us Sustain a Presence!

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