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At risk boys  
find a chance  
Schneller School  
in Marka, Jordan

#### Greetings!

As the Israeli/Palestine peace talks grind on, we cling to a shred of hope that this time it'll be different. Pray for peace every day, and encourage others to do the same. And please read *Episcopal Life's* opinion piece, *Why Does Humanitarian Aid in the Middle East Matter?* [Click here](#) to read the entire article, share it with others and let us know if you'd like reprints.

I make the case that basic education and healthcare contribute to a stable society which is the basis for any lasting peace. This is AFEDJ's mission and our shared responsibility.

Suheil Dawani, Episcopal Bishop in Jerusalem, has said that you can't make peace with hungry people. Help us feed them so we may each do our part to bring sustainable peace to the Holy Land.

Anne Lynn, Executive Director

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Schneller School offers skills, options



The UN built the Marka Refugee Camp outside Amman in 1967 to shelter 15,000 after the Arab/Israeli War. Today over 60,000 people are still there. Immediately next door is the Schneller School, an orphanage, a vocational school, a summer camp and a way up and out for neglected and at risk boys. Since 1966, this boarding and day school on 165 acres has prepared boys for responsible lives, providing skills to support themselves and their families. And this month, they welcome their first class of girls!

Ghazi Musharbash is a former Board member at Schneller and a local businessman and councilman. He became Director of Schneller last year as a third career. He's eager to optimize the campus to provide a chance for more children and young adults. The campus includes classrooms for 160 students in grades K-10, dorms for boarding students, woodworking, metalworking and auto repair shops to train those finishing 10<sup>th</sup> grade, plus an orchard, a ropes course and a guesthouse for outside meetings and visitors. In addition, the boys have playing fields, gardens to grow their food and a beautiful chapel. Tolerance, respect for differences and Christian values are an integral part of the curriculum.

The woodworking shop builds furniture for many Diocesan needs including the Arab Evangelical School in Irbid, Jordan and the refurbished Diocesan satellite office in Amman. The level of craftsmanship is extremely high.

But overall, conditions are rudimentary at best. Classroom desks have jagged edges from 60 years of wear; doors are literally falling off their hinges. Computers are scarce, and there's no art or music. There's dust everywhere from the sun-baked naked dirt. In the 110 degree heat, there are no fans.

Yet boys play soccer in summer camp with a joy and abandon you rarely see in the US. Big kids showed little kids how it was done as a supplement to the coaching they received from the staff. With the Director's vision, and the hard work of many, we have confidence that these boys will become hard-working, responsible and productive citizens.

Watch the YouTube video of Schneller by [clicking here](#). It's in Arabic, but you'll see and feel the need. Schneller's wish list includes classroom renovations at \$3000 each, scholarship aid of any amount and a classroom computer for \$1000. Your generous gift will make a great difference to these boys (and now girls). Please be there for them.



## Ideas and Events



**October 14-23**, Sabeel Fall Witness trip to Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth. Information at [www.fosna.org/contents/sabeel-2010-fall-witness-visit-oct-14-23](http://www.fosna.org/contents/sabeel-2010-fall-witness-visit-oct-14-23).

**October 29-30**, Sabeel "Time for Reconciliation" Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. Speakers include Naim Ateek, Mark Braverman, a Jewish-American psychologist and Don Wagner. Information at [www.fosna.org/contents/st-paul-mn-conference-oct29-30](http://www.fosna.org/contents/st-paul-mn-conference-oct29-30).

**November 6-7**, conference "New Generation of Peacemakers," part of the Tree of Life series of events taking place at First Congregational Church, Old Lyme CT, and in Cape Cod, Hartford, New York and Philadelphia. Activities include concerts, panel discussions and more. Information at [www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org).

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Palestine of Jesus, St. George's College's most popular course, is offered in both October and November. This course includes both travel and class time, in the land of Jesus. See the entire course list and register online at [www.sgcjerusalem.org](http://www.sgcjerusalem.org). Fall is a beautiful time in the Holy Land.



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