

# Life for Relief and Development (LIFE) Gives Hope to Residents of Bethlehem this Easter Holiday

*Life for Relief and Development (LIFE) Gives Hope to Elderly Residents of Bethlehem this Easter Holiday by Providing Baskets of Staple Food Items*

SOUTHFIELD, OH, UNITED STATES, April 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- This Easter season, [Life for Relief and Development \(LIFE\)](#) brought hope and compassion to the residents of Beit Sahour, Bethlehem, through a vital emergency relief initiative aimed at supporting the community's most vulnerable members. As part of its ongoing humanitarian mission, LIFE distributed food baskets containing essential staples to elderly individuals and families, helping them celebrate the season with dignity, nourishment, and joy.



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The distribution took place in Beit Sahour, a town deeply affected by the ongoing economic hardship and disruption to tourism in the region. The food baskets—carefully prepared with rice, flour, sugar, oil, canned goods, and jam—provided immediate nutritional support while also uplifting spirits during a time traditionally centered on family, celebration, and community.

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“Receiving this box means more than just food; it’s a reminder that we are not alone, and there are people who

care,” shared William, a 68-year-old resident of Beit Sahour.

The initiative focused on elderly individuals and families that include elderly members in need of constant care—populations often overlooked in times of crisis. By prioritizing distribution based on vulnerability and need, LIFE ensured a fair, transparent process that built trust and strengthened social bonds.

“We haven’t had family visit in months. But with the food basket, my wife could bake and offer something to our relatives and neighbors who will stop by for Easter,” said Khader, 73, of Beit Sahour.

This humanitarian effort was made possible through the collaboration of local volunteers, community leaders, and partner organizations, and it fulfilled three primary goals:

- Alleviating basic needs by delivering essential food supplies to elderly and disabled individuals during an economically challenging time.
- Strengthening community connections by showing respect and care for the elderly, reinforcing their value in society.
- Enhancing local cooperation with institutions to enrich future aid efforts and community development initiatives.

A representative from the Bethlehem Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) stated: “For a year and a half, tourism in the governorate has ground to a halt, impacting the local economy and families who depend on it. The distribution of emergency food baskets, especially during the Eid al-Fitr and Easter seasons, has been a significant support for these families.”

LIFE also extended its support to Jemima Home, a residential care center for people with severe disabilities.



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“This contribution is helping us continue to serve children with complex needs during a time when our resources have been severely strained,” said Lana Zugbii, Director of Jemima Home.

“It’s heartwarming to see the support delivered to those who are struggling. These food boxes bring hope and joy during a challenging time,” expressed Reem, a local volunteer.

For LIFE, this initiative reflects the organization’s enduring commitment to humanitarian service—being present where it’s needed most, and reminding communities that they are not forgotten.

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