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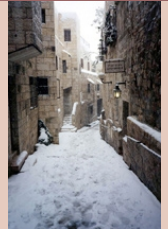
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accepts as pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows in their distress."

James 1:27

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Passover Appeal 2006



Some **1.58 million** Israelis live below the poverty line.

That's **half a million more**
than at the outbreak of the 2000 intifada -

- a quarter of the nation as a whole
and **one child in every three.**

**In 2006 it is more urgent than ever for Christians
to reach out to Israelis in need.**

**Help them celebrate their festival of freedom:
Support the ICEJ Passover Appeal.**

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SAP works to combat the harsh weather conditions by providing heaters, blankets, and extra clothing to the most at-risk population.

During this year's winter distributions, SAP assisted hundreds of people, among them large families crammed into small apartments with no heat and Jewish evacuees from the Gaza Strip, still struggling to find a permanent solution to their housing needs.



With blankets and vouchers for winter clothing, we were able to testify to the warmth and generosity of thousands of Christians around the world.

Project Focus



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But Abu Gosh is also famous for its legacy of fostering Arab-Jewish co-existence. Every year, at Passover a prominent community leader in the town symbolically buys all the yeast products owned by the State of Israel, allowing the government to fulfill the requirement to 'clean its house of leaven' according to ancient biblical law.

This fall, the elderly poor of Abu Gosh opened their doors to Christian Embassy staff. In partnership with local social workers, the ICEJ is working to help them come out from under the shadow of a modern life that has decimated their traditional ways and ensure they are not left isolated or alone.

At the heart of these efforts lies an elderly club that provides a community setting for meals, handcrafts, lectures, and medical advice. Regional authorities built a new community center to house the facility, but had no budget for the equipment needed to make it a success.

SAP stepped in by donating the much needed audio-visual and kitchen equipment: channeling the gifts of Christians round the world to help the full time workers fight the loneliness and depression that had haunted these precious people in the past.

Through your continued support of the ICEJ's Social Assistance Program we have been able to bring a fresh blessing to a very special ancient town; a place once home to the symbol of God's very presence on earth. Your generosity is appreciated.



*SAP fulfills its calling to comfort God's people according to Isaiah 40:1
by contributing to the needs of every sector of Israeli society in every part of the country on behalf of Christians worldwide.
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