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Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territory

Where is Palestine?

Christian Aid has published a new report titled 'Where is Palestine? A story of loss, inequality and failure' which provides a snapshot of the reality that many Palestinians face daily across the occupied Palestinian territory.

The report illustrates how occupation undermines economic development and dehumanises those under its control. It highlights the violence that has claimed so many lives. It paints a bleak picture of how one population suffers and the other thrives.

Throughout the report, which looks at many different aspects of the occupation and the reality of life for Palestinians, are small snapshots of real lives lived under occupation such as Sabrin Jamaa al-Najjar, the mother of Razan, a volunteer paramedic with our partner the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS). Razan was shot dead in Gaza at the age of 21 while on duty providing medical aid during the 2018 Great March of Return demonstrations.

Slipping between the past and present tense when talking about Razan, Sabrin, who has two other daughters and two sons, spoke movingly about Razan's life and death and about loss, forgiveness and how she is now following in her late daughter's footsteps and herself now volunteering for PMRS.

'I deal with all those injured like I am dealing with Razan. I am doing my best to save the lives of the



The cover of the 'Where is Palestine?' report. The cover photo is a section of the separation wall in Bethlehem reproducing a 'Visit Palestine'poster.

injured people - and when I am doing my job, my mission, I feel that I am saving the life of Razan.

'Even if I found the Israeli soldier, the one who killed my daughter, injured in front of my eyes, there

'I deal with all those injured like I am dealing with Razan.' would be no doubt that I would assist him as a first aider.'

Please do download and read the report for more information and further stories.

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life which is amplifying the voices of those living with injustice in IOPT.

Act now for climate justice

With only a short time until COP26 starts in Glasgow time is running out to speak up and demand action on the climate crisis.

Churches and civil society groups are coming together from across the world to demand that leaders make strong commitments to climate justice which will help the poorest communities to weather the storm.

Join with us in prayer and action this Autumn to add your voice.

You can download a prayer boat activity pack, MP briefings and resources from our website. Find out more about how your church can speak out for climate justice:

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