

ICIN, Iraqi Christians in Need, is a UK-registered charity no. 1119427 founded in 2007 for the benefit of Iraqi Christians displaced inside Iraq and the neighbouring countries. During the last 11 years, ICIN has raised over US\$2.6 million and provided aid & grants to 25 projects.

The liberation of Mosul and the Nineveh Plain in Summer 2017 saw many Christians of the Nineveh villages return to their homes. The level of devastation to these homes, schools and the infrastructure though is such that some \$250 million is required for reconstruction. While much work has already begun in rebuilding homes and churches in many of the villages, much is still needed to enable these Christians to rebuild not just their homes and their villages but their very lives. Can they set aside their fears and their hatred for what has been done to them and their loved ones? Please pray for them that they may be able to reconcile their differences with their neighbours.

BUT there is hope: imagine candle lights, fragrance of incense and sounds of bells brought back to life where the Holy Eucharist, the symbol of the New Testament for the salvation of mankind is back again on the altar on Sunday, 24 December 2017, the first Midnight Mass at the Chaldean Church of St Paul in Mosul after 3½ years of occupation and devastation by Daesh.

Much has already been done in repairing homes and churches in several villages and ICIN has committed almost \$140,000 for a Youth Social Centre in Teleskuf and has earmarked just over \$43,000 to the construction of a bookshop in Qaraqosh for the sale of Christian educational literature and prayer books to residents of Qaraqosh and neighbouring villages that would provide them with the opportunity to renew and re-affirm their faith sorely tested during these last few years. Qaraqosh was the largest Christian village in the Nineveh Plain before the Daesh incursion and we pray that its inhabitants will continue to return to it.

In support of its needs, ICIN during this financial year commencing 1st April 2017 has already received over £220,000 from its supporters, UK trusts and foundations and other churches but more is still needed to enable those Christians who made their journey back to remain there and to live with dignity and respect. For without them, Christianity would disappear within a few years and this in the lands of its birth.

PLEASE DONATE online at www.icin.org.uk/donate and tick the box "Nineveh Reconstruction Project – CJ18". Alternatively, donations may be made by bank transfer to ICIN account at HSBC, acct no. 31373927 and sort code 40-47-19 (International transfers: BIC: HBUKGB4164P and IBAN: GB57HBUK40471931373927) and again please reference your payment "Nineveh Reconstruction Project - CJ18".

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