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Annual review 2018

As so often is the case, there was mixed news from the Middle East in 2018. The Great March of Return in Gaza ended with thousands of Palestinian victims of Israeli gunfire and served to inflame tensions. The wounds of the Syrian conflict will not be healed for many years and Syrians both within and outside the borders of the country continue to suffer. While in Egypt terrorist attacks on churches showed the vulnerability of the Christian community and served to highlight their tremendous faith in adversity.

And yet, in spite of this, Embrace partners have achieved even more. They have helped more people in Gaza with essential healthcare and job training. They have worked tirelessly to care for refugees, helping them not merely to survive but to rebuild their lives.

Through their commitment, and your support, thousands of lives have been changed. The flame of hope continues to burn bright.

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Healthcare was a priority across the region, including new mental health and well-being services in Lebanon where poor local communities and refugees face unemployment and spiralling debt. In Gaza our partners treated infants and children with malnutrition and anaemia and gave mums-to-be nutritious food and pre- and post-natal advice. In Israel, they helped those addicted to drugs access rehabilitation programmes. Our partners provided humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees in Lebanon including blankets, fuel and food. They renovated and rebuilt the homes of Palestinian refugees who were living in unhealthy and dangerous conditions.

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