



Awareness Foundation: building peace through education

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## Celebrating Christmas with Little Heroes

Lattakia, Syria, 24th December 2019



More than 225 Syrian children, who are taking part in our Little Heroes mentoring programme, came together on Christmas Eve\* to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We are delighted to say that this was the first year we celebrated Christmas with our Little Heroes. The church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Latin order, hosted the event.

Fr. Shadi Badir opened the event with prayer and warmly welcomed the children and Awareness Foundation to his church.

The celebration featured hymns and a play telling the children about the birth of Jesus and how we should live the Christmas in these difficult circumstances that each of us and our families are facing.







As part of the festivities, Father Christmas visited the children and gave every child a very useful present, an umbrella, from the Awareness Foundation; not every day in Syria is sunny, especially in winter! He also gave them some sweets.

We would like to thank our Ambassadors for Peace who took part in the party and helped us in the day to make this event such a success.

Our Middle East Coordinator Elza and her team worked hard to bring a smile to the faces of the children and some hope to their year ahead.



Christmas is sharing love & hope. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored those life changing activities for the children in Syria.





## The Little Heroes' first painting workshop

*Lattakia, Syria, 4th January 2020*

We organised our first painting workshop for our talented Little Heroes in Lattakia, Syria, led by Dr Nizar Sabour, one of the leading artists in Syria and the Near East.

The Revd Nadim Nassar said, "It was an amazing activity for a group of wonderful children.

The outcome of the workshop was great and each painting reflects a different story and a unique worldview.

We shall lead another workshop in Lebanon in 2020, and we shall take the results of both workshops to the UK and other countries for a series of exhibitions to raise awareness and encourage those talented children, who were thrilled to hear that their artworks will be seen around the world."



On behalf of the Awareness Family, which includes our staff, volunteers, friends and supporters around the world, we wish you all a blessed New Year filled with the Lord's peace, love and joy.

We would love to invite you to think ahead about how you can be instruments of peace that God can use to bring joy to other people.

# Why we need your support:



Please play your part in helping young people in Syria and Iraq to enable them to develop their own creative peace-building activities and initiatives so that they promote peace and reconciliation in their diverse and wounded communities.

You would also be supporting children in Syria to build their well-being, self-esteem, resilience, and emotional health because children are the first to suffer in any military conflict zone.

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