2016 Spring Appeal

“Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8-9

One of the aspects of living in poverty is having a sense of powerlessness because your voice is not heard.

Throughout the Bible there is a strong theme of God’s heart for people living in poverty, and the command for God’s people to speak up for those who have no voice.

The people of God in the Old Testament were commanded to be a voice for strangers and foreigners because they too had suffered the same fate, having been slaves in Egypt. They were people without a voice whom God rescued out of slavery.

This theme of being a voice for the voiceless continues throughout the Old Testament and into the New. Jesus deliberately associated with people living on the margins of society. He gave them a voice through helping them realise their God-given dignity.

The work of our partner, the Spafford Children’s Center, in East Jerusalem, also gives a voice to those who have none. Many children in East Jerusalem and the West Bank are profoundly traumatised by violence as a result of ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

Through the work of the Center, Palestinian therapists provide individualised programs using art, music, play and educational coaching for each child, to address speech delays, social and behavioural problems and learning delays. The children are literally being given a voice.

We would love you to join us in adding your voice to those who are working for the voiceless at the Spafford Children’s Center.

Find out how you can join us in being a voice for the voiceless: www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au

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You can make a donation and support the Spafford Children’s Center in being a voice for the voiceless by:

- Filling out the form below and returning it to: A Voice for the Voiceless: 2016 Spring Appeal, Anglican Overseas Aid, PO Box 389, Abbotsford, Vic, 3067.
- Donating securely online at: www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au
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