



# Israel/Gaza War

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The ACCMBC has decided to partner with Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) to help with aid needed in the devastating war with Israel and Gaza. Information from CAM below.

Residents of Israel were stunned on Saturday morning, October 7, when Hamas militants breached the border fence around Gaza and crossed into southern Israel under cover of heavy rocket fire. As Hamas operatives rampaged through the area, over 1,400 Israelis were killed and more than 3,000 injured. Entire communities were destroyed, and as many as 200 people were taken to Gaza as hostages.

Israel has declared a complete siege of Gaza, meaning no electricity, food, or fuel can enter Gaza from Israel. Israel says it is completing preparations to "strike Gaza from air, sea, and land" to topple Hamas, which has controlled the territory since 2007 and is labeled as a terrorist organization by the United States.

Gaza's 2.3 million residents, half of which are children, are squeezed into a 140 square mile area, making it one of the most densely populated places on earth.

As usual, innocent civilians on both sides are suffering. We anticipate that the needs will be many. CAM staff remain in Israel to monitor the situation and help where possible. Please join us in earnest prayer for all involved, that . . . The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29:11

The ACCMBC is making this humanitarian crisis as a Focus of the Month but will continue to collect donations for the foreseeable future since we anticipate this to be a long duration of needs.

**\*\*Pictures and info from CAM Website\*\***

