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Boys' Home contributes to peace and reconciliation



It's a sad fact that children around the world suffer the affects of broken homes, crime, addiction and poverty. Fortunate for a number of such Palestinian boys, the ELCJHL operates its Beit Jala Boys' Home. Boys who live at the home attend local schools, where they learn skills that will allow them to eventually take responsibility for themselves and find meaningful work. In addition to their

Boys' Home "family," the youngsters spend time with friends and families in the area. Staff members attempt to give the boys as normal a life as possible. They see the work as their contribution to peace and reconciliation in the region because, without the home, chances are good that many of these boys would end up on the streets and be easy prey for criminals and radical movements.

Both Muslim and Christian boys call the facility home. Although their families are asked to help pay for their stay, few are able to pay even a small amount. Jadallah Shihadeh, pastor of the local ELCJHL congregation, the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, serves as the home's director.

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Holy Trinity: Your very nature teaches us that we need one another. May those of us who have families love and cherish them. Teach us to be family to those who have none. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.