

The people of Bethlehem are asking for our help.

Towering walls and militarized fences now encircle Bethlehem, turning the 4,000-year-old city into a virtual prison for its Palestinian Christian and Muslim citizens. Bethlehem has three gates to the outside world, all tightly controlled by Israeli occupation forces.

Israel has confiscated almost all the agricultural land for illegal settlements, making it impossible for many Palestinian farmers to tend their land. Outside town, fields where shepherds once watched their flocks are being filled by Israeli-only housing blocs and roads, all barred to those shepherds' descendants.

"It is unconscionable that Bethlehem should be allowed to die slowly from strangulation," says South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Though most Americans don't know it, we are directly involved in Israel's stragulation of Bethlehem; Americans give Israel over \$10.7 million per day. In its over 70 years of existence, Israel has received more US tax money than any other nation.

In the spirit of peace on Earth and goodwill towards men, it is time to reconsider an expenditure that perpetuates injustice, violence, and conflict. ***Please help.***

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