

Week 2

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

HOPE FOR FAMILIES FORCED TO FLEE

In 2021, Afghanistan fell to the Taliban, leaving countless families devastated and forced to flee their homeland.

Among them was Jehan*, a brave mother of five.

Jehan explained, *“My children were attending a local school. My husband and I have always encouraged our children to gain education for a better future. But we did not imagine the chaos we were about to face.”*

Jehan realised that whether she was in her village or in Kabul, she and her children were no longer safe in Afghanistan. After her husband was killed, she made the courageous decision to flee on foot to Pakistan with little more than the clothes she and her children were wearing.

Act for Peace’s local partner, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), responded to the crisis immediately with lifesaving humanitarian aid.

While newspaper headlines have moved on, CWSA remains on the ground, providing ongoing support to Afghan refugees.

Act for Peace was able to quickly coordinate with CWSA, helping provide refugees like Jehan’s family with winterisation kits, healthcare support and cash payments for food.



Our partner CWSA supported families in an Afghan refugee camp in Peshawar following the takeover of the Taliban. They were able to provide cash assistance for immediate food security and other essentials.

*Name changed for safety reasons

As emergencies fade from the headlines, like the earthquakes we saw in Syria and Türkiye, or the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan, the long-term support of our local partners is vital.

Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl will help Act for Peace coordinate with local partners, like CWSA, so they can respond immediately to humanitarian emergencies, giving families like Jehan's immediate help and making sure they are not forgotten over the long-term