



Secrets exposed...

The last few weeks have seen leak after leak, and revelation after revelation, all courtesy of WikiLeaks, an international new media non-profit organisation that publishes submissions of otherwise unavailable documents, from anonymous news sources and leaks.

Private conversations and documents have been exposed and shared with the world, often to the embarrassment and humiliation of individuals involved, as well as to their governments. The revelations will no doubt continue to have repercussions, particularly political ones, as world leaders have had an insight into how other nations truly see them. It must make them question who they can really trust, and affect how open they will allow themselves to be in the future.

It is inevitable that some relationship damage has been caused by the publishing of these 'sensitive documents'. But, what if these leaks provide an opportunity for greater truthfulness, integrity and tolerance in how world leaders relate and interact with each other, and in turn how they work together for peace and the good of all?

Nowhere is truth, tolerance and integrity more needed than in the Middle East, especially the Holy Land, where previous negotiations have failed to find a solution for lasting peace.

BibleLands believes that transparency and integrity are essential for negotiations to lead to lasting peace. And the key to this lasting peace lies with the children of today; providing them with an education that is free from bias or hidden agendas – as all of our partners strive to do.

Education and training enables children to escape poverty, by providing a living when they're older, and can encourage them to think independently, making them less vulnerable to extremists. Our partners provide an education for the next generation within an atmosphere of peace and tolerance, where children can learn about conflict resolution and the importance of respect for others.

Our partners know the needs of the region and its people, and no matter how hopeless the political situation might seem they never give up hope. Day by day, they overcome the challenges of checkpoints, outbreaks of violence and limited resources because they are dedicated to improving children's lives, by giving them choices and options about their futures.

Education turns potential into reality, producing informed people who have options for their futures. This is why we believe that providing education for today's children in the Holy Land is crucial to achieving lasting peace in that region.

If you also think that education is essential to the future peace and stability of the Middle East, you can send a donation (either a one-off or regular gift) to our Education Programme. This Programme supports our partners' work in Israel and Palestine, and also in Egypt and Lebanon, helping to fund those who are providing an education and vocational training to children and young people today.

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