Syria

In chaos, a moment of peace...
In conflict, a moment of refuge...
In distress, a moment of relief...

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Peace, refuge, and relief are the in-between moments of hope that the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and partners are bringing to distressed populations in Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon through much-needed relief supplies.

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Since March 2011, the Syrian conflict has claimed over 70,000 lives and displaced 4.25 million people internally, including more than 1.6 million Syrians who are being hosted in foreign countries. This event is placing an unprecedented strain on communities, infrastructure, and services. Humanitarian agencies are hard at work to provide people in Syria the protection and assistance needed to survive this volatile environment each day. Emergency supplies and material support such as UMCOR relief kits bring peace of mind to conflict-affected families who have lost their jobs and are unable to provide for their children due to the Syrian crisis.

In Syria, UMCOR support through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), and its implementing partner Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch (GOPA), is providing hygiene kits and school kits to Iraqi refugees and vulnerable Syrian school-aged children through November 2013.

According to the UN Refugee Agency, around 500,000 people have fled from the Syrian Arab Republic to the neighboring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and Iraq to find refuge. Jordan is also hosting thousands of Iraqis fleeing the ongoing violence and insecurity in Iraq.
Jordan
UMCOR support provides refuge to asylum seekers and refugees residing in Jordan. Through partner International Relief and Development (IRD), UMCOR is providing basic health and hygiene items to approximately 10,000 Iraqi and Syrian refugees who are residing in camps or urban areas to improve their current health conditions. Layettes and birthing kits serve a critical need to meet the growing number of newborns within the refugee community. In addition, school kits will go to students in remote villages, who lack access to basic school supplies. In total, 21,980 relief kits (birthing, health, layette, and school kits) will be distributed to the most vulnerable populations in Jordan through the end of this year.

Lebanon
In Lebanon, UMCOR support through American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) supplies basic materials for refugees from Syria living in Lebanon. The distribution of health, school, and layette kits for pregnant or new mothers will bring temporary relief for families who don’t have the means to support their children or newborns. School kits will go to children starting school, giving them the tools they need to succeed. For younger children, items such as crayons and paper will facilitate playtime to help them cope and recover from traumatic and stressful experiences.
You can help bring moments of peace, refuge, relief, and hope to those affected by conflict or war with your gifts to International Disaster Response, Advance #982450.

Giving to this advance provides necessary emergency supplies to those affected by disaster, whether natural or human-made, to ease human suffering.