

they face very real medical needs and it is a blessing for World Renew to be able to respond to these needs in a very real and tangible way.”

In addition to this response, World Renew is continuing to partner with an Iraqi organization called Hope, Peace and Joy to provide food packages, psychosocial support, health care, and rental assistance to displaced families.

World Renew is also partnering with Insaf Safou to provide psycho-spiritual healing conferences for women affected by this conflict.

Please pray for World Renew’s ministry in Iraq, that we may effectively share Christ’s love with our brothers and sisters who have been traumatized and displaced.

Fast Facts

Between April 2012 and June 2015, World Renew provided the following in response to the crisis in Syria:

- Food assistance for 16,025 families (a total of 83,000 monthly food packages or vouchers)
- Rent and fuel subsidies for 575 families
- 6,450 blankets for 4,300 families
- Medical assistance to 133 people
- 4,884 hygiene kits to 3,314 families
- 2,000 kitchen kits
- 2,000 emergency heaters, plus fuel for heating and cooking

Between August 2014 and June 2015, World Renew provided the following in response to the crisis in Iraq:

- Food packages to 450 families
- Medical assistance to 2,100 families
- Blankets, furniture and other non-food items to 175 families
- Rent and fuel subsidies to 105 families
- Spiritual conferences and support to 500 women

From January 2014 to June 2015, World Renew has helped to sponsor 49 Iraqi refugees and 23 Syrian refugees as they began a new life in Canada.

You Can Help

The conflict in Syria, Iraq and the surrounding region shows no sign of ending. Your continued prayers and support are urgently needed. Please consider joining World Renew in one or more of the following ways:

Give — Continue to support World Renew and bolster the humanitarian efforts that are already taking place in this hurting region. Visit worldrenew.net to learn more or to donate.

Learn — Learn more about what it means to be a refugee. “Journey with Me” is a 90-minute workshop that shares refugee stories and describes the struggles they experience when they come to live in Canada. Visit crcna.org/JourneyWithMe for more information.

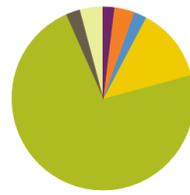
Advocate — Use your voice to speak up on behalf of refugees in our world. Visit crcna.org/RefugeeAlert for more information.

Sponsor a Refugee — Consider helping a refugee or refugee family begin a new life in Canada through World Renew’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees program. Visit worldrenew.net/refugeesponsorship for more information.



Financial Information

Revenue



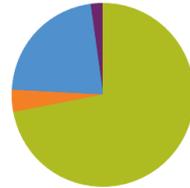
Syria Crisis Response Program

April 2012 to the end of June 2015

■ Private donors US	\$145,509.57
■ Private donors Canada	\$290,182.64
■ Organizational Donors in Canada	\$147,421.00
■ DFATD - IHA	\$1,000,000.00
■ CFGB	\$5,449,793.00
■ Organizational Donors in the USA	\$202,000.00
■ Organizational Donors in Europe and Other	\$293,791.46
Total	\$ 7,528,697.67

From April 2012 to June 2015, World Renew received \$7.5 million for its disaster response work in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, in response to the Syrian crisis. Of this amount \$5.4 was because of its partnership with the CFGB. For Iraq \$1,341,324 has been received. The Canadian government gave \$1,000,000 of this amount

Expenses



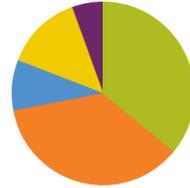
Syria Crisis Response Program

April 2012 to the end of June 2015

■ Food Assistance - CFGB	\$5,449,793.00
■ Other Food Assistance	\$294,235.67
■ Non Food Items	\$1,656,125.32
■ Overhead on Private donations	\$128,543.69
Total	\$7,528,697.67

From April 2012 to June 2015, World Renew had spent all of the funds it had received for the Syria Crisis response. This included \$5.7 million (76.2%) for food assistance, \$1.6 million (21.9%) for non-food items and \$128,000 (1.7%) on administration. World Renew has also spent \$437,000 in Iraq.

Expenses



Iraq Conflict Response

August 2014 to the end of June 2015

■ Food Assistance	\$158,669
■ Medical Assistance	\$155,513
■ Blankets, furniture, non-food items	\$ 40,000
■ Rent & fuel subsidies	\$ 60,000
■ Women’s project	\$ 23,265
Total	\$437,447

Special Thanks

World Renew’s response in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq has been made possible through the faithful support of many individuals, churches, and organizations. This includes:

- + cbm Canada (Christian Blind Mission)
- + Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)
- + Christian Missionary and Alliance Church
- + Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund (CRWRF)
- + Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD)
- + Food for the Hungry International (FH)
- + Tearfund UK
- + Tearfund Belgium
- + Tear Netherlands
- + World Concern USA
- + World Relief USA



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MIDDLE EAST CRISIS RESPONSE 3 YEAR UPDATE

SUMMER 2015



From Beirut to Mosul, from Amman to Aleppo, an entire geographic region has been torn apart by war. For more than four years, violent clashes, bombings, kidnappings, and human rights violations have been a part of everyday life and millions of innocent civilians are paying the price.

Entire cities have been razed by bombs, millions have been displaced from their homes, and refugees fleeing violence have placed huge burdens on neighboring communities. Basic necessities such as food and medical care are scarce. This situation has caused the greatest humanitarian disaster of our time.

You are responding.

Because of you, World Renew has been able to bear witness to the love of Christ in the midst of this crisis. For the past three years, World Renew has been providing food, blankets, shelter and other essential assistance to vulnerable families:

- **Within Syria**, World Renew is working with the *Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development* (LSESD) and the *Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches* (FMEEC), to provide monthly food assistance, rental assistance, heaters, emergency supplies, bedding,

cooking tools, and heating fuel to 2,000 displaced families in four cities. The non-food part of the program was implemented in the fall and winter of 2013-2014 and the food component will continue until September 2015.

- **In Jordan**, World Renew provided food assistance to 1,000 families from 2013-2014 through its alliance with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and together with its local partner *Arab Woman Today / Arab Centre for Consulting and Training Services* (AWT/ACCTS). Since January 2015, World Renew is assisting 500 families with food per month. This will continue until October 2015.

- **In Lebanon**, World Renew worked closely with its local partner the *Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development* (LSESD) to provide food vouchers to 1,825 Syrian families since July 2013. Due to insufficient funding, they have had to reduce this to 1,225 families per month and will complete this program in October 2015.

- **In Iraq**, World Renew worked with local partner Hope, Peace and Joy (HPJ) to provide rental assistance, food packages and primary health care services to 300 displaced families. World Renew is also supporting Insaf Safou, an Iraqi-Canadian woman, as she provides spiritual confer-

ences and other support to displaced women. And in April 2015, World Renew began a CDN \$1 million, Canadian-government-funded program with Medair to provide health care services to 24,000 people in the Sharya refugee camp just outside of Dohuk, in northern Iraq.

Helping Parents Cope in Lebanon

By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg, with reporting from Heather McGuffin (LSESD)

Fatema and her husband Farid first came to Lebanon four years ago after fleeing horrific violence in their hometown in Syria. When they were still in Syria, their life was a lot like yours. Farid worked as a shoemaker and made a steady living. While they were not wealthy, they were comfortably middle class and had dreams of starting a family and building a future together.

When the war started, their lives were changed forever.

“I witnessed things in Syria that still disturb me greatly,” Fatema recalls with a sad look on her face. In addition to seeing horrors on the streets around them, the young couple’s own home was broken into by militants and completely looted. They were left with nothing.

Worried that the militants might come back and kill them, the young couple decided to flee to Lebanon where Farid’s brother was living. At first, they stayed with this brother in Beirut but eventually they found their own two-room apartment. Farid was also lucky. Unlike most Syrian refugees in Lebanon, he was able to find some part-time work. Unfortunately, his position was tenuous and paid him very little. They could barely afford to pay their rent, let alone put food on the table.

They also faced hostility from those around them. With millions of Syrian refugees now living in Lebanon competing for scarce jobs, apartments, food, and other resources, the local Lebanese population is frustrated. They frequently treat the refugees poorly.

“We were humiliated in Syria when the war started, and now we are humiliated in Lebanon,” Farid explains.

As the war in Syria continued, Farid and Fatema stayed in Lebanon and had a son. He is now 11 months old, and has lived his whole life as a refugee. Despite the fact that the young family only has a small apartment, they have opened the doors to other relatives who have arrived from Syria.

Thank you for your generosity. In the midst of this destruction and darkness, you have enabled us to reach out and shine Christ’s light to people who have endured many unthinkable trials.



For the past nine months, for example, they have shared their two rooms with Fatema’s sister, brother-in-law, and three children. It is crowded. At night they lay foam mats on the floor and take up the entire floor space to sleep.

Fatema’s sister says her three young children are confused because they have been displaced six times by the war – four times in Syria and twice in Lebanon. “They are losing their sense of home,” she said with a mother’s heartfelt concern. In addition, the families are struggling to provide for even the most basic needs of their children.

That’s why they are so grateful to World Renew and the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD). Each month, World Renew and LSESD provide emergency supplies to refugee families at local churches. Through these distributions, 140 families receive milk, diapers and other essential items.

While this might seem like an insignificant thing to provide to families who have experienced so much trauma and loss, it has freed Fatema, Farid and their extended family’s finances up so that they can pay their rent and buy additional food. They are extremely thankful for this assistance.

Food Vouchers Provide Food and Hope to Syrian Refugees

By Ken Little

Ahmad and his family live in a small apartment in the foothills surrounding Beirut, not far from the offices of LSESD. His apartment is on the top floor of an old building, with mold spotting the bare walls and a thin carpet covering the ancient tiled floor.

There is no furniture- just two thin, foam mattresses pushed up against two of the walls of the living area. Yet Ahmad and his family feel blessed because they have a full kitchen of old, used appliances gifted to them by neighbors and friends.

This beautiful Kurdish family are originally from Kobane, a region in northern Syria and the site of fierce clashes between ISIS and Kurdish militia. They were forced to flee their home when their town was first seized by ISIS in October 2014.

Ahmad told me that while many of his Arab neighbors remained, they were forced to flee for their lives because of their Kurdish origins. They went to Ar-Raqqah in the hopes of finding safety.

“We fled for our daughters,” Ahmad’s wife said mournfully.

Tragically, the advance of ISIS followed them to Ar-Raqqah, and that was when they decided to seek refuge across the border in Lebanon. They remember the date clearly- May 25, 2013. Two years later, they are still living as refugees in Lebanon. They recently heard that their family home in Syria has been occupied by ISIS and all their possessions have been burned. When it is safe to return to Syria, they will have nothing to return to.

Ahmad’s eldest daughter is 16 years-old. She was able to find a place in the Lebanese education system and is now specializing in Arabic Literature. Although she is thankful for the opportunity to continue her education (many her age have not been so lucky), she mourns the fact that she was unable to follow her first passion — to study science.

In Syria, most subjects are taught in Arabic, which Ahmad’s family speaks fluently. In Lebanon, subjects such as science are taught in English. Ahmad’s daughter has only a limited knowledge of English. Arabic literature was the only option open to her.

Ahmad’s three other daughters are even less fortunate. The elementary school system in Lebanon is over-crowded, and they were unable to find any schools that would

take them. They are receiving only non-formal education provided through a local orphanage.

As for Ahmad, he was able to find a job doing menial work at a restaurant in Beirut. His meager salary is not enough to cover the costs of his rent let alone pay for utilities, food, and additional expenses for his children.

The family is very grateful for the monthly food voucher received from World Renew via its partner LSESD. These vouchers make it possible for the family to shop at local stores and buy the food that they need.



Despite this assistance, the family is plunging further and further into debt. They have borrowed roughly \$5,000 per year from relatives and friends to help them get by. They have no idea how they will ever pay this back.

As we were leaving, Ahmad asked if there was any opportunity to resettle to Canada. They are already registered as refugees with the UNHCR. While Canada has pledged to bring 10,000 Syrians to Canada in the next few years through organizations like World Renew, we cannot pick which families will come.

My heart was very heavy as I left Ahmad. I wish we could provide more help. Please join me in praying that the war in Syria will come to an end so that families like Ahmad’s can begin to rebuild their lives.



World Renew Receives \$1 Million for Iraq

By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg

Since August 2014 ,World Renew has been working with local partners in Iraq to respond to the needs of hurting families who have fled horrific violence caused by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). In May 2015, this humanitarian outreach received an additional \$1 million in support thanks to a contribution from the Canadian Government’s International Humanitarian Assistance Directorate.

Through this support, World Renew is partnering with Medair to provide health care services to 24,000 people living in the Sharya refugee camp in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Sharya camp opened in November 2015 with a maximum capacity of hosting 24,000 people. It is already full, but meeting the needs of this growing population has been difficult.

For example, the town medical clinic extended its hours after the camp opened but is still unable to cover all of the urgently needed health services of people living in the camp.

The crowded conditions and poor water and sanitation facilities within the camp have also put people at high risk for disease outbreaks such as measles, polio, hepatitis and cholera. Because families are dependent on scarce rations, many children are at increased risk of malnutrition. People who came to the camp with chronic conditions are also experiencing an increase in complications since they are unable to access the health services and medications they need.

In response to these needs, World Renw and Medair have coordinated with the local government to provide

health care within the Sharya camp. Together, they hope to ensure the continuous and extended provision of primary health care services including emergency care, routine vaccinations and outpatient services. This will also include comprehensive care for women who have been subject to violence, as well as specific medical care and support for pregnant women and children.

“In many ways, Sharya is a classic refugee camp. There are rows and rows of tents with toilet and washing facilities at the ends of the rows,” said World Renew’s Senior Program Manager, Ken Little, who visited the camp in June. “It is home to thousands of families who have faced staggering aggression and violence. In this new camp,

