



SYRIA:

SAVING CHILDREN FROM MALNUTRITION

Syria: ACN's 'A Drop of Milk' initiative helps children from birth to age ten

A little boy receiving his pack of milk from ACN

"The explosion of poverty is now worse than in the time of war. People are surviving on one meal a day or even less". These words from Sister Annie Demerjian, ACN project partner in Syria, reveal the sad reality of many families in Syria today. Many find themselves in a state of despair as they struggle to provide nourishment for their children.

Although rarely covered by the news media, the situation is dire in Syria, especially for children. The basic human right to food has been taken away, leaving

the youngest part of the population hungry and undernourished.

The United Nations reports that more than half a million Syrian children under five are suffering from stunting as well as chronic malnutrition.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has been dedicated to helping the Syrian faithful, especially its children, for decades. ACN's 'Drop of Milk' project in Aleppo distributes powdered milk to more than 3,000 children from Christian families who are in need or have been displaced by war. This initiative helps children from birth to age ten.

With your kind donation, ACN can continue to provide milk every month to help save the Christian children of Aleppo from malnutrition.

Children are the future. They need all care and nourishment so that they can grow up healthy, even if they have experienced war. **The current situation for these children is life threatening and we need your help. Can we count on you to make a donation that may save the life of a child? God bless you for whatever you can offer. In the name of Syria's Christian children: we thank you.** ✝

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NIGERIA: **YOUR SUPPORT CAN BRING A RAY OF HOPE**

School children of Salama IDP Camp in Yola diocese, North East Nigeria

Extreme violence, terror attacks, kidnapping of school children and mass displacement of millions of Christian families has sadly become the order of the day in Nigeria. Recent news reports from that African country speak of a desperate and worsening situation with increased abductions of school children by terrorist groups. This has led to the closure of schools in affected areas.

At the receiving end of this madness are innocent children - displaced, orphaned, malnourished, and without access to education - a situation of untold suffering and hopelessness.

The Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri in northeastern Nigeria, is the country's largest diocese and has been the most affected by the terror attacks of the Islamist group Boko Haram. More than 2 million people have been displaced in the area and over 200 churches, schools, hospitals, shops, and private homes destroyed.

Currently, 90% of displaced people reside in four camps located near the town of Pulka, where security and protection are provided by the Nigerian army.

Fr. Christopher, who serves as the parish



Nigeria: Children displaced by Boko Haram, living in an IDP camp in Dalmari, Adamawa Staten

priest of Pulka, told ACN that around 14,000 Catholics, including 9,000 children, live in the basic tents of these camp areas.

ACN is currently supporting a project to help the diocese to pay school fees for 700 internally displaced children.

With your kind support, Fr. Christopher and his diocesan team will be empowered to provide education to children who are living in the challenging conditions of a

displaced persons camp. Your support can bring a ray of hope and a brighter future to these young souls.

Your generosity has great power to change their lives. By donating to this cause, you will be making a real difference in the lives of these children in need. Your support will afford them a dignified life and the hope of a brighter future. ✝




GLOBAL:

OFFERING HOPE AND FAITH TO CHILDREN AND TEENS

Syria: Youth summer camp in the Maronite Archdiocese of Aleppo

For the past two years, the children and young people of Ukraine have been living with constant tension and fear. Many of them have fled with their mothers to neighbouring countries, or moved westward in Ukraine to distance themselves as much as they can from the focus of the Russian attacks. They are leaving behind all that was familiar and dear to them.

Most of the fathers are fighting on the frontlines, and a number of them have already been killed. The mothers are under immense emotional stress. That's why the Catholic Church is responding with "Holidays with God," so that children can forget the horrors of war for a few days and experience some moments of joy and fellowship, while finding spiritual strength through prayer and retreat exercises.

Since the beginning of the war, ACN has helped over 3,000 children and teenagers take part in these activities. They need your help again this year.

Your kind donation can transform the lives of these youngsters, allowing them to create positive memories, experience the love of Christ, develop their Faith,



A summer camps for Ukrainian children

and find hope in the midst of adversity. Together, we can make a positive impact on the future of these young Christians.

ACN-supported courses and camps have also been organised in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Lithuania, Armenia and also Cuba. You can already contribute to the

well-being of young Catholic persons, as many camps are being planned for this summer.

Your contribution will give them the gift of an unforgettable summer and provide joy, hope, and Faith to those who need it the most. ✚





GLOBAL: A LASTING GIFT ON WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Ukraine: Pauline and Bogdan, each 2 years old, are members of a Roma community of over 300 people surviving the Ukrainian war and the harsh winter in plastic tents outside Lviv

Most people have lifelong memories of their first child's Bible - Adam and Eve in Paradise, Noah's Ark, the birth of Jesus in the stable, the wedding feast in Cana, the miraculous multiplication of loaves - all these stories and images become imprinted on our hearts.

In order that as many children as possible throughout the world can also enjoy reading these stories, for the past 44 years, we have been publishing our ACN Child's Bible "God speaks to His Children". To date it has been published in no fewer than 191 different languages and ACN has printed 51 million copies. The goal is that children should be able to read the Word of God in the language in which they naturally pray and talk with their parents, brothers, sisters, and friends.

All over the world, children admire this colourfully illustrated "treasure" – in the Amazon rainforest and in the African savannah, in the city slums, in the camps for displaced persons and even in places where war is raging all around them. Year after year the little Bible books are passed from hand to hand, read over and over, and even pressed to their hearts. For these children, they are the proof that God loves them. And that He speaks to them in their own language.

On the first ever Catholic World Children's Day announced by Pope Francis to be marked on 25th and 26th May, we invite you to kindly consider donating one Child's Bible to enable us to send three more Child's Bibles to needy children around the world. You will be helping to pass on the Faith to future generations in these countries. 🇪🇺



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