

February 14, 2023

Dear Brothers and Partners in Missions,

The whole world has witnessed the devastating earthquake that recently hit Turkey and many parts of northeast Syria. The number of people killed has been reported at over 35,000 and the injured are numbering over 90,000 and growing. Due to 11 years of civil war the situation in Syria is dire and the country is suffering financially and politically. The earthquake made things much worse as over five million people are displaced.

Arabic Lutheran Ministries is partnering with several Christian organizations that work with refugees and the displaced in Syria and Lebanon. Teams are ready in Aleppo and other cities that were affected by the recent earthquake to take action. Arabic Lutheran Ministries is the only RSO in LCMS, and 501-c 3 that is undertaking this mission to help the Syrian families who were affected by the earthquake.

Despite the dangerous circumstances, we have been able to open a center for the displaced families through a church in Aleppo, where more than 300 families are staying. The immediate need for these families is food, clothing, and various personal supplies. We are sending more teams of volunteers to reach other devastated Syrian cities such as Latakia, Tartus and Jableh, to start centers to shelter families and help with their basic needs.

It is hard and expensive to send materials. We are sending money for our partners to purchase the needed materials from Lebanon, Syria and Turkey and distribute them to the families in our centers and the community.

Please consider donating financially to help the Syrian families. Our team is working to send us detailed reports of how many families are being helped through your generous support. We will provide you with the report as soon as we get it.

In His Love,

Executive Director,
Rev. Dr. Abjar Bahkou

Financial Donations may be sent to:

Arabic Lutheran Ministries
At: Syrian Earthquake
1565 Summer Chase Lane
Fenton, MO 63026



Arabic Lutheran Ministries Helping Build Shelters for Syrian Families Displaced by the February 2023 Earthquakes