



September 5, 2023

Dear Brothers and Partners in Mission,

In February of this year hundreds of thousands of people in Turkey and Syria awoke to their worst nightmare. Their cities were buried under rubble and their loved ones, homes, and livelihoods were lost to a deadly earthquake. In the wake of this devastating tragedy, I want to ask for your prayers as we minister the hope of Christ to countless people in this region.

Each day, our on-the-ground Field Teams witness incredible hunger and thirst for God's Word as they respond to the spiritual and physical needs of the people we minister to. Our Biblically trained men and women scattered across the country are uniquely equipped to disciple those who come to faith through in-person meetings; encourage and equip new believers to reach their own communities for Christ and help believers find local churches.

## Our immediate need is Back to School Supplies and Medicines

School will start at the end of September in Syria; thousands of families will not have the financial means to purchase basic back to school supplies for their children. *Arabic Lutheran Ministries* is sponsoring back to school supplies for 600 children in the cities that were devastated by the earthquake in Syria. Each box costs \$20.00. We have made a commitment to supply basic medicine for 100 families each month for the next year. The cost is \$1000 a month. **The total cost for this initiative is \$24000.** We are asking for your help.

Through your continued support, we will press on to see this spiritually dry region overflowing with the Word of God, believers equipped with the Truth they need to stand for Christ in the midst of opposition, and the peace of Jesus transforming this volatile region.



Our Team in Syria Distributing School Supplies and Ministering to Children



*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.

Financial Donations may be sent to:

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In His Love,

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