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NEWS FROM GREECE

GOD IN A
REFUGEE
CAMP

In April, EEM staff visited a refugee camp located on the island of Lesbos where EEM partner Hellenic Ministries is heavily involved. Thousands of Afghan, Syrian, Iranian and Iraqi asylum seekers live in Greece's Moria refugee camp. Life in the camp is a daily struggle against filth, overcrowding, and endless waiting. Currently, this camp is home to over 5,000 refugees, nearly twice as many people than the former military base was meant to house upon its 2015 opening. The effects of overcrowding are felt in every aspect of daily life in the camp. Housing is made up of metal containers, called ISObox Containers--a gray, metal box. Each container houses 12-15 people and this often forces different families to live in the same container. Due to the overflow of refugees, many live in tents in olive groves next to the campgrounds. These are the conditions that the refugees face while they wait for the hope of a life free from war and violence.

While on the island, our staff met with a chaplain who labors with ministries and refugees at and near the camp. He spoke of the miracles happening amid the horrible conditions the people are enduring. The chaplain looked at our team with tears in his eyes and said, "People are looking for you." When asked what he meant, he said, "I will never forget it. My first few weeks here, I was driving to the camp when I noticed two Iranian refugees walking away from the camp. I stopped to ask them if they needed anything, and they opened

their mouths to ask if I knew where the Scriptures were. My jaw dropped as they continued, 'We heard there were Bibles here in our language, and we had to get a copy.'" Again, the chaplain repeated, "These people are looking for you." The chaplain went on to say that he believes that they are watching the parable of the sower play out before their eyes at Camp Moria as they have the privilege to see and experience the growth from the planted Word of God and love of believers who are serving on the island.

After seeing the conditions in the camp and speaking with the chaplain, our team walked a short distance to a ministry center called Ephraim. This center currently uses EEM's Arabic and Farsi Bibles for Bible studies among groups of seekers and freely has them available on a table as you walk into the warehouse. Ephraim means, "You have made me fruitful in my suffering." What a hauntingly powerful name for a center that sits yards away from people who have experienced suffering we only experience in our nightmares. Along with Bible studies, the center offers tea and snacks and serves as an oasis away from the chaos and crowding of the camp. There, relationships are formed and lives are transformed as many come to seek the Lord. God continues to display his power in the darkest of situations. We thank our financial partners who make it possible to provide the Word of God in Lesbos. Join us in prayer for our partners and seekers on the island and in the refugee camps.

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September 5, 2019
7:30 PM CDT

NEWS FROM KAZAKHSTAN



Nadia
EEM Partner
in Kazakhstan

HOPE IN THE VILLAGE

For a few years, EEM has received individual requests for Bibles and Bible-based materials in Kazakhstan. The number of requests are growing exponentially. Last Fall, we were able to send our first large shipment as new partners were established in the city of Almaty – the largest city in Kazakhstan. For a time, it was unknown what distribution would look like in this new delivery location, but God has His hand on the entire process. Kazakhstan is made up of 63% Kazakhs and nearly 24% Russians. Muslims make up 70.2% of the population, and Christians make up 26.2% (mainly Russian Orthodox). The government is strict on church registration, and it is illegal to evangelize. Any religious books can only be distributed through registered places of worship and each book must go through a complex approval process.

By the grace of God, the government approved 13 of our books, and we have established an excellent new partnership with local believers and missionaries in the country. One of those new partners, Yuri, is the director of the Agape Centre where our books were sent and distributed through conferences

and seminars held for believers throughout the country. Yuri and another new EEM partner, Alexander, have been instrumental in getting the word out that churches and individuals can retrieve loads of materials for their ministries at the Agape Centre because it is a registered place of worship.

Recently our team was able to travel and meet with Alexander and learn more about his orphan care ministry. Alexander introduced us to a woman named Nadia, who has adopted 12 children and is currently fostering more. Nadia and her family live in a small village outside of Almaty. The story of how each child has ended up in her care will break your heart but also encourage you because of the hope and love she has brought to the village. Her faith in God and her heart for the homeless babies is changing the future for many orphans who lives seem hopeless. Every Sunday Alexander goes to Nadia's home to lead Bible studies with her for all of the children since now they have their first Bible and Bible-based coloring books for lessons. We praise God for this new opportunity to work in Kazakhstan, and we can't wait to watch our distribution partnership grow in this country.



100,000 CHILDREN'S BIBLES - DELIVERED

We are excited to share with you that 100,000 Children's Bibles have been delivered in Croatia. This project was done in partnership with Croatia for Christ and their president and our faithful distribution partner, Jura Lazar. Jura shares the news in his latest report, "After two successful Bible delivery projects in Varazdin in 2017 and Dubrovnik in 2018, 23,500 Children's Bibles were placed in public schools for children in 1st through 4th grade. In 2018, we continued to work throughout the year preparing a similar project. By the end of 2018, we received requests for 100,000 copies from five different sites in Croatia and one site from the neighboring country of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Our plan for 2019 was 40,000 copies, but God had a different plan. I would like to recognize the tremendous effort of EEM who made it possible to fulfill the requests for 100,000 copies of Children's Bibles. After only three months of preparations, the printing was completed on May 15th. All 100,000 copies have been delivered to six different sites. We anticipate the distribution into the hands of children. We believe that this successful project will open many new doors in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. We believe that the visibility of the organizations in these countries shine a light on the Lord's work. We pray more children will have the Word of God in their hands throughout public

schools. God has opened those doors, and we would like to give Him all the glory!"

We praise God for the hard work that Jura and his team completed to ensure this delivery. We thank you, our partners for providing the Word of God free of charge. In addition to this project, we also delivered 8,000 Croatian Teen Bibles to schools near Zagreb. This project was done in partnership with the Zagreb Bible Institute. Please pray for our partners and pray that this work will lead to placing Bibles in more public schools in Croatia.



Jura
EEM Partner
in Croatia

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM EUROPE

The cost of Estonian Bibles exceeds our ability to obtain them (25 EUR a copy). Pray for God to open door to an alternative translation that we could use in this language!

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Distribution to and through Hungarian public schools has begun. Please pray that all goes smoothly as this is the first time we'll be doing anything on such a major scale in this country.

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Please continue to pray for our distribution in Kazakhstan and the safety of our distribution partners there.

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Shipping Bibles to Moldova requires clearing them through customs, which is very difficult. Pray that God helps us find a way to do it more efficiently.

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NEWS FROM UKRAINE



CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SEMINARS

In October of 2018, EEM, together with professors Dr. Suze Gilbert and Dr. Bobbie Solley from the US, the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Kiev, hosted the first 3-day seminar titled Cornerstone for Character for educators in Kiev, Ukraine. The series of 3 seminars (3 days each) focuses on creating Christ-like character in the classroom. The goal of each seminar is to help teachers, school administrators, social workers, and school psychologists teach their students important character traits such as respect, honesty, responsibility, and perseverance. In March of 2019, Dr. Gilbert and Dr. Solley returned to complete the second level of the character seminars in Kiev and to conduct the first level seminar in Odessa.

EEM's Executive Assistant and Character Training Coordinator, Olga Kushnyerova, reported that the recent seminars have been a great success. Thirty-one people have received a certificate of program completion, 22 of them being school principals and school administrators alongside teachers. Olga writes, "Thanks to Bobbie, Suze and to EEM, we have gained a very good reputation in Odessa, a place known as an atheistic region. We hope that this cooperation with the Department of Education of Odessa City opens more doors for teaching Christian values in schools."

Dr. Gilbert's daughter, Anica Gilbert, was in attendance as an assistant during the March seminars and reported on the incredible things God is doing. Anica writes, "As I recalled the friendships and joy created I witnessed in Ukraine, I realized that teaching community and character in the classroom relates to Christ and EEM's mission because all that humans are searching for is a sense of belonging. When we teach community that is built on an honorable character, we cannot help but speak the words and demonstrate the love of Jesus who gave belonging to every person He met. As Jesus traveled from place to place preaching about the hope in Him, He was teaching regular people about honesty, care, responsibility, respect, courage, and perseverance. These are the same character traits presented in Cornerstone for Character. People followed Jesus because he created a place where people felt a part of something. They belonged. The teachers in Ukraine forged this same kind of community in three short days, and are now doing the same with the children in their classrooms. God was at work in Ukraine with the seminars, and His hand is on the work being done through EEM and through Cornerstone for Character."

A NEW DAY

A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful. Luke 1:78

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Leave a Legacy

The Hensley Legacy Society (HLS) was created as a tribute to the mission and vision of EEM co-founder Gwen Hensley.

HLS honors individuals who support EEM through one or more estate gift arrangements.

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Each member will be presented with a special-edition Hensley Legacy Society Bible. These treasured keepsakes are a representation of the original Bibles that were printed and smuggled behind the Iron Curtain.

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