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Providing God's Word for the most receptive and least reached in the world!



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250,000 Syrian Refugees Receive Story of Jesus!

Hundreds of thousands of children and adults are reading the Story of Jesus and hearing the message of the Gospel for the very first time.

Last October Bibles-4-Children was challenged with a matching gift proposal to provide 250,000 *Story of Jesus* books to Syrian children and Syrian refugees. This 24-page, full-color book, is produced by Cook Publications and illustrates the life of Jesus — from his birth, miracles, message of salvation, death, burial and resurrection, to his ascension. The book has become a magnet of interest for children and adults alike!

Through the efforts of our partners and many friends, Bibles-4-Children was able to meet the \$17,500 challenge and provide the \$35,000 needed to produce and distribute the 250,000 books. At present, the distribution is nearly

complete and early reports are encouraging.

The following are a few of the comments received:

Many of the *Story of Jesus* books are



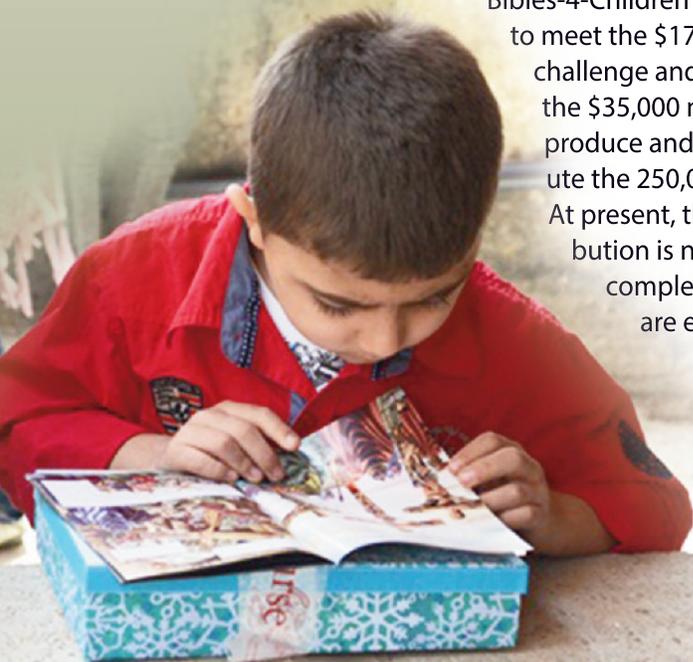
distributed with shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child. Photos show Syrian refugee boys (in a Lebanese

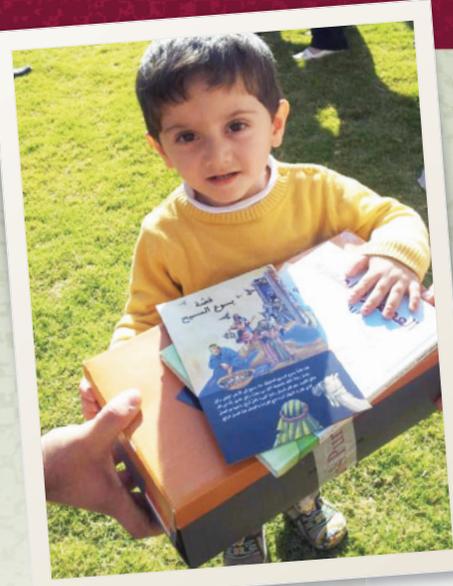


camp) who received both shoeboxes and *Story of Jesus* books. The boys went right for the book and avoided opening the shoebox full of gifts until after they read the book. A Lebanese relief worker commented by saying, "Syrian refugee children opened their booklets, started reading them and didn't pay attention to the gift boxes given to them at the same time. Wow!"

~Operation Christmas Child — Lebanon

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"When I showed up with the *Story of Jesus* books I didn't even need to show it to our children. They saw it and took them out of my hands and, without saying anything, they sat down and started reading. They were so excited about it and the next day I found out that it had also been given to one of their friends, and this went on and on. Now I've realized that I've got something new that speaks to people. Yes, it's true! I've never ever had something

this interesting to give to people. I keep on asking for more and more! I'm so excited!"

~*Pastor* — Iraq

"Two thousand *Story of Jesus* books have been distributed to Syrian children of Islamic background. This booklet presents a clear message of Christ's redemptive work. It is also accepted by people of Islamic background. All people like it and read it. It is worth mentioning that we meet with 5,000 Syrian refugees every month in over ten meetings. Muslims attend our church meetings on a regular basis. Accordingly, we consider that through this booklet 900 families have received the Gospel so far."

~*Brother Richard* — Lebanon (Zahle area)

"One thousand booklets were distributed in the area of Bourj Hammoud and Nabaa. Distribution included persons who came to the Center, who chiefly are Syrians and Kurds from Islamic backgrounds. Distribution included also some Iraqis coming from Islamic countries, and who were of different ages (children, youth and adolescents). The result was much encouraging and pleasing."

~ *The Center of Hope of Nations* — Lebanon (Nabaa area)

Extreme Circumstances Bring Hope to Thousands

Syrian forces have caused millions to flee their homes and country to neighboring Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey. As families try to escape the violence, parents and adults are often killed, leaving the children to fend for themselves. Many of these children die from exposure or starvation. However, thousands have managed to survive. Of the 2.5 million refugees, over 1.5 million are under the age of 15 — 300,000 under age 5. Over 150,000 people have been killed in the violence with more than 300,000 left injured.



Bibles-4-Children's founding Board member, Roscoe Brewer, often said, "*Man's extremities are often God's opportunities.*" In other words, when humans are pushed to their limits by violence, upheaval, war, death of family and friends, and other extreme conditions, an environment is created in which they are more sensitive and open to the Gospel.

The bright side of these tragic events is the fact that the Syrian people, especially the children, are receiving the Gospel in unprecedented numbers. God is raising up a body of children believers in Jesus Christ who can potentially change the face of the Syrian nation.

The Syrian people continue to experience extreme conditions. Please pray for them and pray for our efforts as we share the love of Jesus with them.

For information on how your church or organization can participate in a Bibles-4-Children project please call **866-807-7676** or visit our website at www.bibles4children.com.



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