

Restore

Responding to disasters and conflict

This cause is about helping those affected by natural disasters and conflicts and helping to build peace where there is conflict.

At the end of 2018 we ran a campaign for our partners in Lebanon who are supporting the refugees from Syria, this was called “Room at the Inn”. It drew parallels between Jesus the refugee—being taken to Egypt by Joseph and Mary to escape persecution—and the plight of millions of Syrians who have been displaced from their homes as a result of the conflict in Syria.

New Zealanders across the country have been enormously generous, providing much-needed funding which will be used to assist vulnerable and displaced Syrians through the northern hemisphere winter. In January 2019, fierce winter storms brought heavy snowfall, strong winds, and frequent downpours of rain to Lebanon, exacerbating the situation for highly vulnerable refugees. Wonderfully, because of the support we have received through donations to the “Room at the Inn” campaign, Tearfund has been able to send financial support to our church partners in Lebanon without delay. These funds will help purchase blankets, fuel for heating, food, and other urgently needed winter materials.

Please pray for:

- People in Lebanon and Syria who are cold, hungry, or anxious because of the harsh winter conditions.
- The people of Indonesia. In the past seven months, Indonesia has experienced three significant natural disasters: the Lombok earthquake; the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami; and the Sunda Strait tsunami. Thousands of people remain displaced and in need of assistance. Many more are fearful, as Indonesia continues to experience aftershocks and people are anxious about further natural disasters.
- The people of Yemen. Already one of the poorest nations in the Middle East, the people of Yemen have been enduring a brutal civil war for the past three years. An estimated 22 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, such as food, safe drinking water, healthcare, or shelter but aid agencies have limited access to the country, and cannot reach those in need. Please pray for peace in Yemen, and that those in need can receive the support they desperately need.

Give thanks for:

- The fact that the people of Syria aren’t forgotten! That churches and Christians around the world continue to pray for, and financially support, Syrians in need.
- God’s incredible people in Lebanon and Syria, who, after nearly eight years of conflict, continue to love and care for as many refugees as they can.
- The bravery and resilience demonstrated by countless refugees—Syrian, Rohingya, South Sudanese – who, against all odds, are not giving up despite their hardships, and are supporting and encouraging other refugees.

Thank you for your prayers.