

April 8, 2016

Dear Mission Outreach Committee,

Greetings of love and peace to all of you and to the congregation of St. Andrew Church.

Agape Children Society is a Christian NGO which was initially founded to work with the homeless elderly in Lebanon. Yet because of the huge influx of refugees from Syria to Lebanon (officially counted as 1.5 million but 2 million is the more accurate figure) who live in conditions that cannot be humanly expressed. Therefore we have branched out to work and help elevate their conditions. The needs are plenty and the resources are scarce. I'm sure you are following some of the news on American networks about their condition but no matter how graphic one describes these conditions in reality it is much worse.

Paul, I want to thank you and thank the MOS members for your generous and kind contribution which we received two days ago. The bank informs me that it is 1500 (minus the bank commission). This specific amount we will spend on securing some of the essential medicines especially to people with chronic diseases. It is so hard for us to decide who to give the medicines to for it seems unfair that some get help and others just sit and watch. There are hundreds of international NGOs working in Lebanon with the Syrians unfortunately corruption eats most of the money away from the mouths of the refugees.

God bless you and may the Lord Jesus have mercy on all of us.

P.S we are starting a new ministry of sharing food portions with about 250 families. A portion is a monthly supply of necessary food ingredients to a family of four to five children, the ages of which must be less than 10. A portion will cost about 75 \$ and it includes minimum food supplies. 80% of the food portions will go to Syrian refugees and 20% will go to very poor Lebanese families who were badly hurt by the Syrian influx. I know the needs around the world are manifold and I'm sure you are involved in helping all around the world and because I am a witness to the extreme poverty and degradation of these refugees I dare not ask you if you would like to be partners in this program. Please pray about it, it's a serious commitment.

Again I thank you so much for your love donation and I'm sure God would bless you tenfold, you, your families, your children, your missions and your church.

John Etre, Director, Agape Children Society