

ISIS Victims to Receive Airlift of Desperately Needed Relief Supplies

Monday in Charlotte: Samaritan's Purse Airlifts 90 Tons of Aid to Help Iraqi and Syrian Families Forced to Flee Homes

BOONE, N.C., Oct. 9, 2014 - In northern Iraq, thousands of Iraqi and Syrian families have fled for their lives from ISIS fighters who brutally attacked their towns and villages. Many showed up in the region with just the clothes on their backs. Now winter is coming to the area, making a difficult situation even worse for these families. To help them survive the freezing temperatures and harsh conditions, international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse is launching an airlift of relief supplies on Monday from Charlotte.

The airlift will bring critical supplies to the region, including winter coats for children, blankets, warm socks, sleeping bags and shelter materials.

WHAT:

Samaritan's Purse airlift of relief supplies for Iraqi and Syrian families who have escaped brutal ISIS attacks and now face harsh winter conditions in refugee camps

WHEN:

Monday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Charlotte-Douglas Int'l Airport (Gate 40, 4062 Yorkmont Road, Charlotte, NC)

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Interviews with Franklin Graham**, who will share his perspective on the violent ISIS attacks on innocent people and the impact on families in the region
 - **Interviews with Samaritan's Purse staff**, including a relief worker who just returned from the refugee camps in northern Iraq
 - **Photo and video opportunities** showing loading of supplies onto the 747 cargo jet
 - **Noon live shots from tarmac**
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Samaritan's Purse has been actively working in northern Iraq since 2007. Following Syria's civil conflict and now the attacks on civilians by ISIS, Samaritan's Purse has provided relief ranging from food and shelter to heaters, mattresses and shoes. The organization also distributed 65,000 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in January.

Based in Boone, Samaritan's Purse responds to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals in crisis situations—especially in locations where few others are working. Led by President and CEO Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine and persecution. For more information, visit samaritanspurse.org.

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