

*Global* **REFUGEE  
CRISIS**



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**T**here are more than 65 million refugees worldwide – that’s more than any other time in history since World War II. And when you hear that number, it can sound overwhelming. **But when I hear it, I no longer see a string of zeros. I see faces marked by tragedy, and I remember their stories.**

Over the past several years, I’ve spent time in refugee camps around the world. I’ve sat shivering in a tent in Iraq, talking with refugees from Mosul. I’ve stood with children from South Sudan, listening to them explain how they were separated from their parents as they fled from battles taking place in their own front yards.

When you hear the word “refugee,” you probably think about the Middle East. But the truth is the global refugee crisis affects people around the world. And many of them are our brothers and sisters in Christ. The location of the camp may be different, but the incredible stories of loss are often similar.

I want to share some of those stories with you. In this e-book, you’ll find accounts of refugees from places such as Iraq, South Sudan, and Ukraine. Some of these stories are difficult to hear, but these people deserve to have their voices heard!

**I hope this book sheds light on this terrible crisis to help you see the people behind the numbers ... and learn how you can make a difference.**

Help for today ... Hope for tomorrow,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "B".

Vernon Brewer  
*Founder and President*



# Mosul:

## The fight is not over yet ... Horrors of war exposed

**N**ot long ago, I stood just miles outside of Mosul as the battle to retake the city was underway. Now, as I write to you, Iraqi forces are working to reclaim the last few blocks under ISIS control. The media reports, "Mosul has been liberated."

***But the fight isn't over ... not for us. Now is when we're needed most.***

**Refugees are in desperate need of lifesaving aid. And for just \$35, you can supply one refugee with emergency food, clean water, medicine, and more.**

As our partners on the ground rush to provide critical emergency relief to war-ravaged people, the needs and horrific stories they hear of ISIS' brutality are overwhelming.

**I'll warn you, the following young mother's story is gruesome.** I even considered not sharing this, but we can't turn away from the horrors of this unyielding evil. We must respond.

*After ISIS captured this young woman, they took her baby away from her and starved the young mother for three days. When they finally offered her a plate of food, she eagerly ate it, not knowing when her next*

*meal would arrive. It was only then that her cruel guards looked down at her and said, "We cooked your one-year-old son, and this is what you just ate."*

*She was horrified.*

Sadly, stories like this one are all too common inside Mosul. These people have endured more than we could ever imagine.

Please don't look away at this time. World Help supporters have brought relief to the frontlines since the very start ... **let's not give up now.**

The people inside the city need immediate food and medical care. They've been cut off from adequate food for months, and some parents have been forced to feed their children grass and even boiled cardboard boxes just to keep them alive. **Can you imagine?**

***We must do something.***

Even though they have been liberated, we cannot afford to forget about them. **Please give what you can to help a Mosul refugee today.**

**Just \$35 sends \$189** worth of lifesaving food, clean water, medicine, and more to a person in need.



# JORDAN/SYRIA:

## Healing bodies, healing souls

**T**oday, I met a Syrian refugee couple whose only source of income is rummaging through garbage for bread they can sell as livestock feed.

This couple – I'll call them Ashur and Sabeen to keep their identity safe – is considered one of the lucky ones. They escaped into Jordan and no longer have to sleep in tents. But the 12x12 room where they are living isn't exactly home ... and they almost died to get here.

***When violence broke out in the Middle East, countless families had to flee to refugee camps.***

Ashur and Sabeen knew they had to get their children to a camp as quickly as possible ... home simply wasn't safe anymore. Their daughter had nearly been raped, and their son was almost kidnapped.

Their journey wasn't easy. They were captured along the way and held prisoner in an al-Qaida camp with little food or water for 21 days. But finally, they arrived. After months of living in tents and sleeping on the ground, Ashur, Sabeen, and their two children finally had a real room ... even if it was tiny.

***Unfortunately, Sabeen was still missing the one thing she needed most: [medicine](#).***

But she learned of a free clinic staffed with compassionate Christian doctors. Sabeen went to the clinic and was so impressed by the love she saw demonstrated there that she decided to become a Christ-follower.

She received the physical healing that she was looking for ... **but more importantly, she received spiritual healing that will last for eternity.**

Now that the harshest winter months have set in, more and more people will be coming to the clinic with colds, flu, and other cold-weather illnesses. That means more opportunities to share the love of Christ with people like Sabeen.

But it also means there will be an increasing need for critical medicine and supplies. And refugee families are going to need items including blankets, heaters, and nutritious food to help prevent further illness.

***That's where you come in.***

**For just \$35, you can send \$189 worth of lifesaving aid to a refugee in need. He or she will receive essentials like food and medicine, as well as a copy of God's Word.**

Many of these supplies are sitting in our warehouse right now – ready to help someone. But we need your support to send them to the men, women, and children in dire need.

**Your gift right now can send HELP to the Middle East for pennies on the dollar. And more importantly, it can send the HOPE of Jesus Christ.**

I'm determined to return home with a renewed urgency to pray for refugees like Sabeen and Ashur and to do what I can to help them survive.

***Will you join me?***



# Uganda:

## Inside a refugee camp

**T**his past week, I had the privilege to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to thousands of South Sudanese refugees in a camp in northern Uganda.

I knew going in that this trip would be different from my previous trips to refugee camps around the world. The South Sudan refugee crisis is unique because **more than 80 percent of those who have fled their homes are women and children**. Most of the men have been killed by tribal warfare.

Still, knowing this, I was shocked at the number of children living alone, taking on responsibilities that no child should have to bear.

Child-headed households are the norm rather than the exception.

I met many of these children as our team walked through the camps, but one brave little girl stood out in particular ... Sylvia.

*At just 12 years old, Sylvia is responsible for making sure her siblings have enough food and clean water each day.*

*She takes her job very seriously and does everything she can to keep her family together and safe in a camp filled with 42,000 refugees. Sylvia has experienced much trauma in her young life. Both her father and mother were victims of war and religious persecution ... losing one of her siblings would be simply devastating.*

But that's a very real threat that Sylvia faces every day.

***Supplies at the refugee camp are running dangerously low.***

Each month, Sylvia's family receives a ration of just seven pounds of flour – **not nearly enough food to live on.**

It's the same in refugee camps across northern Uganda. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have helped some of these refugees this past week. We were able to give Sylvia and her siblings bags of cornmeal and other essential supplies. But many more people are still waiting for a helping hand.

As Christians, we're called to spread the light of God's love in the darkest places on earth. And after seeing firsthand the situation in these refugee camps, I can confidently say **there are few places as dark as northern Uganda** – a place that is rarely in the news and is easily forgotten.

**Please don't forget these refugees. Please don't forget children like Sylvia.**

**All it takes is \$35** for you to provide one refugee with a month's supply of essentials such as healthy food, clean water, blankets, and hygiene items.

**Your gift will ship \$189** worth of emergency aid – that means your donation is multiplied five times!

Your gift represents more than just a meal for a hungry refugee; it's a demonstration of Christ's love. And because local pastors will distribute the aid you provide, you are opening doors for the Gospel to spread.

Jesus commanded us to help widows and orphans ... just like Sylvia. **Will you give what you can today? The lives of these vulnerable children are at stake.**



# Middle East

## The one thing refugees are begging for



**T**he moment I landed in the Middle East and stepped out of the airport, I was immediately grateful I packed my winter coat.

It was extremely cold outside, and the wind was biting.

But as I arrived in the refugee camps, I noticed many of the men, women, and children didn't have coats of their own. Families huddled together for warmth. Even in their tents, they had to bundle up as much as possible.

***As soon as the refugees saw us coming, they began begging for winter supplies to protect against the brutal temperatures.***

As I've walked through the camps this weekend, it's broken my heart to see children shivering with no protection. And to see their parents weep because they don't have the means to keep them warm during snow, sleet, and frigid temperatures.

I was so grateful to have the opportunity to provide lifesaving aid such as blankets, coats, heaters, diapers, and more to these people in desperate need.

I could see the look of relief in the eyes of mothers and fathers as I placed these items in their hands. They were so thankful. And as I provided this aid, I was invited into their tents ... I had the opportunity to tell these same

families about the love of Jesus. **That's what HELP and HOPE is all about.**

*As I listened to many refugees tell their stories, I couldn't help thinking, "They've suffered so much ... and now the harsh winter brings another potentially fatal blow."*

Pneumonia and other cold-weather illnesses are rampant in the camps, and there are not nearly enough medical supplies for all the people who are sick. Food is running out. People are dying from starvation and exposure.

***But you can help.***

**For just \$35**, you can save the life of a refugee fighting to survive the harsh Middle Eastern winter. **Your gift will ship \$189** worth of critical supplies — that means your donation is multiplied five times!

You've probably heard many discussions about refugees on the news lately. But I hope that above all of the political chatter, you won't miss the bigger, more important picture: these men, women, and children need our help right now ... right where they are.

**We can't let them suffer alone. Will you give what you can to keep a refugee warm this winter?**

# Ukraine:

## You can save the life of a Ukrainian Refugee



*"I live with my mom and younger sister near the front lines. Just today, my mom and I were wondering how we would survive as we had almost run out of food."*

*- Artyom, a young girl from Ukraine*

**R**efugees in Ukraine, like Artyom, are trapped. She has no way out and does not have enough food to survive. Her situation is almost hopeless. Despair is setting in.

**But you can be the difference between life and death for a refugee in Ukraine!**

**Prices of staple food items and basic supplies have increased drastically since the start of the crisis, and transit into the area is very costly, but for only \$35 you can provide emergency relief to a refugee, like Artyom, who has lost everything and has nothing left.**

You'll provide emergency food to a person who is in desperation . . . a person simply trying to survive.

**Emergency food items provided include:**

- **Buckwheat, flour, yeast, and oat groats**
- **Dried peas, tomato sauce, and cookies**
- **Pasta and tea**
- **Salt, sugar, and sunflower oil**

By providing emergency food staples, you are giving someone in need a chance to survive. You are also sending a Bible and sharing a message of love and

eternal hope. You and Jesus will meet Artyom in her deepest despair, reminding her she is loved and never forgotten.

**You can be the answer of hope she's been waiting for.**

Without enough food, Artyom and her family struggle every single day. Many nights, the entire family goes to bed hungry. And small injuries and sicknesses can become death sentences without enough nutrition for the body to heal. Daily life is a constant struggle for Artyom who is forced to live moment-to-moment without food.

I cannot imagine the despair of knowing I did not have enough food to feed my own children. It must be such an agonizing pain for Artyom's mother to see her children in dire need but not have the means to provide for them. They live in a truly tragic and hopeless situation.

**Your gift will ensure Artyom and her family receive emergency food and a copy of God's Word.** You will meet this family's most pressing physical needs while also sharing eternal hope through Jesus Christ. By providing an critical supplies, you can be the answer between life and death for a refugee in Ukraine.

Will you choose to save a life of a refugee and provide critical aid and Bible today? **For only \$35**, you can give urgently needed food to a struggling refugee. **You can help restore hope in a desperate situation.**

The ongoing terror this region has known is truly heartbreaking. Even the ceasefire declared between Russia and Ukraine more than a year ago has not

prevented further violence from separatists. Ukraine is the underdog in this war. Her people continue to experience brutality, rape, torture, terror . . . and even death. Left without their most basic essentials—food—thousands more people in Ukraine are at risk and don't have what they need to survive this war.

With no end to the conflict in sight, Ukraine is all too familiar with shelling and gunfire. More than **2 million people** have been forced to flee their homes and hundreds of thousands more are left stranded in the frontlines of war . . . individuals just like Artyom. And the violence still continues.

### ***This is the forgotten crisis.***

But you can be the one to send help . . . you can bring life instead of death to a refugee by providing emergency supplies like food, clean water, and medicine. The conflict rages on, and the need remains critical. There is no hope in sight unless you choose to intervene.

Refugees and their families are trapped in a war zone with no other options as aid organizations no longer remain behind to help. It's up to you and me to answer this immediate, critical need. This is our opportunity to help Ukrainian refugees like Artyom.

***You can be the answer to prayer today with only \$35. You can provide lifesaving aid along with providing spiritual hope by giving them a copy of God's Word.***

Will you stand with me and help our brother and sisters trapped by war in their own villages? **We have**



### **the opportunity to provide help and hope in this desperate time . . . but we must choose to act now!**

To show you how important this is, here's a quote from another refugee, a grandmother named Ekaterina:

*I live with my grandson in our village, near the front lines in eastern Ukraine. We have a big family—three children, four grandchildren, and elderly relatives that we all care for. With so many of us living together, we have nowhere to go . . . nowhere safe. Every day we hear shooting, people die, and we are surrounded by an atmosphere of fear and hopelessness.*

*The children are frightened by loud noises, we have little food, and we haven't been receiving salaries since the beginning of the war. We're caught in a trap—we can't stay, but we have nowhere to go. We don't even have anyone to talk to about our problems, because everyone around us is in the same situation. Only God can help us.*

What Ekaterina doesn't know is that help is on the way. She and her family have little food and no money. She's left hopeless, and the children remain in a constant state of fear. Can you imagine living a life continually filled with violence, starvation, and possible death?

### **But you can help her!**

Imagine Ekaterina's joy at being handed a box full of emergency supplies and the good news of Jesus Christ.



You can do that! The emergency supplies you will provide are the answer to Ekaterina's prayers. You will bring life to her family . . . she will finally have food for her children and grandchildren. One day at a time, this lifesaving aid will make all the difference and it will all be because of you.

You can provide incredible practical help and restore hope to her desperate situation by supporting refugee relief today. The Bible you provide will remind Ekaterina of God's love and His transformative power even during times of desperation.

One of our experts on the ground put it this way . . .

*Humanitarian aid is greatly needed, but if it is not coupled with the Good News, then its impact is only temporary. Aid transforms the body, but God uses His Word to transform the heart and soul, which allows suffering people in*

*Ukraine to find hope and peace, even in the midst of turmoil.*

Too many organizations have abandoned their aid relief efforts in Ukraine, leaving families like Ekaterina's and Artyom's with no food. But the need remains desperate. You and I are both committed to providing help and hope to the people with most urgent needs around the world.

**For a gift of \$35, the lifesaving aid you provide will supply emergency food to meet the immediate needs of a refugee like Artyom or Ekaterina. Your gift will also include a Bible that will remind them of an everlasting peace through Christ that surpasses all understanding.**

***Will you choose to act today and be the answer between life and death for one refugee?***

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. — Matthew 25:35, ESV*

When you hear the word "neighbor," you probably imagine the person who lives next door. But the neighbor that Jesus talks about in Luke 10 can also be living in a camp in Uganda or running for his life in Iraq.

The living conditions in refugee camps are bleak. While refugees may have escaped a violent conflict, they now live at risk of hunger, exposure to extreme heat or cold, and constant sickness. Women and children are particularly vulnerable. **But you can make a difference for a refugee in need right now.**

**All it takes is \$35 to provide a refugee with lifesaving supplies such as food, clean water, medicine, and more.**

***And thanks to government grants and goods donated by our corporate partners, your gift MULTIPLIES – turning your \$35 into \$189 worth of aid!***

Your gift today will change a life and remind a refugee that he is not forgotten or alone.

### ***Ways to give***

- Online: Giving online is easy and hassle-free. Get started at **worldhelp.net/refugee**.
- Phone: A member of our team will be happy to assist you. Call toll free, **800-541-6691**.
- Mail: Send your check or money order to **World Help, P.O. Box 501, Forest, VA 24551**.