

## YOU HELPED EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS SURVIVE

Thank you for giving to help meet the most urgent needs of earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake rocked Turkey and Syria. In a matter of moments, whole city blocks collapsed, and thousands of people were killed. Those who survived lost everything – their possessions, homes, and even loved ones.

But because of your support, survivors of this historic quake received essentials like food, water, shelter, and experienced the love of Christ. Thank you for serving as the hands and feet of Jesus to these people in need.

Here is a brief report to give you a glimpse at the impact of your lifesaving gift:

### “WE ARE SERVING HOT DRINKS AND WARM FOOD”

In the aftermath of the earthquake, victims desperately needed food. Grocery stores and gas stations were robbed, and the unsanitary conditions in the city made what was left unsafe to eat.

**But thanks to your generous donation, our partners working in Turkey were able to set up a temporary bakery in one of the cities affected by the quake. There, they served bread to survivors on the streets.**

“[This was] the first hot bread served in this city in three weeks,” our partner said. “People were lining up outside.”



*You provided food and other lifesaving aid to earthquake victims who were left homeless in the middle of winter.*

You also helped provide hot meals to earthquake survivors at a vacant restaurant. It was a lifeline to people who had gone days without food! The need was astronomical – but you made an incredible impact by providing these meals.

“They come and ask for snacks, and we’re just trying to cover their needs – their hunger, their thirst,” they said. “We are serving hot drinks and warm food.”

Because of your gift, people in Turkey and Syria now have access to hot meals and other lifesaving supplies. **Your support gave them hope and determination to press on as they start to rebuild.**

## YOU OPENED THE DOOR FOR THE GOSPEL

Both Turkey and Syria are Muslim-majority nations ... but your incredible generosity opened the door for the Gospel to be shared with survivors.

Much of the aid you provided was distributed through local Christian churches. A team of Sunday school teachers who helped to pass out supplies to victims said that by doing so, they got the opportunity to show the love of God through their actions to children and families.

**“It’s really interesting how we can serve these people, and they have such open hearts,” the leader of the distribution team said.**

Another team in the Turkish province of Hatay said they also saw your generosity lead to many Gospel conversations. People who were curious about why strangers would be so kind to them asked questions about Jesus and Christianity. Our partners were able to share about Jesus with both these families and other relief workers serving in the area.

You gave earthquake survivors the immediate help they need to survive as well as eternal hope for the future.

**THANK YOU!**

