

Thank you for helping Europe's poorest people

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The Republic of Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe that became independent when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Its people are now the poorest in Europe, scarred from decades of war and hardship.

Winter temperatures can plummet below minus 20 and people get sick or even die from cold, malnutrition and contaminated water. Healthcare in rural areas is almost nonexistent due to high costs and limited availability; many villages do not have doctors or even pharmacies.

Seeing the great need in rural Moldova, where nearly 50% of people live in poverty, Dr Nicolai Caraman decided to help 15 years ago. He left his private practice to start a mobile medical clinic in partnership with The Salvation Army – and people like you.

Hard but rewarding

The clinic now travels from village to village, helping people who would otherwise not get treatment. There is a gynaecologist, cardiologist, general practitioner, an ear, nose and throat specialist, a paediatrician, dentist and pharmacy staff.

"Today we have set up in a school ... a world away from modern Europe," says Dr Caraman. "Hundreds of people have come to us for help, some having walked miles through the snow. They are sick and desperate."

"Our work is hard but it's rewarding. This man came into the clinic deaf and



YOUR KINDNESS IS GIVING LIFE-CHANGING HEALTHCARE TO MOLDOVA'S MOST VULNERABLE – MANY ARE CHILDREN LIKE THIS ONE, OR THE ELDERLY – PROVIDED BY A PASSIONATE TEAM INCLUDING THE SALVATION ARMY'S DR NICOLAI CARAMAN (RIGHT).



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"This woman came in with her child who is unwell. She told us she was not able to breastfeed due to malnutrition and has been feeding her baby cow's milk. Sadly this child is now brain damaged and will suffer permanent disabilities."

"There are many children like this baby who are suffering from preventable illnesses. So we also offer education programs about sanitation, nutrition and

basic healthcare to improve and extend the lives of the next generation."

Your continued help will enable us to transform more lives.

The Salvation Army mobile clinic in Moldova sees 9,000 people each year free of charge, thanks to supporters like you.

NEPAL



ONCE HEARTBROKEN BY THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS VILLAGE, DINESH (BELOW) NOW GLADLY PLAYS A PART IN PLANS FOR ITS RESTORATION. THE LIVES OF THE VILLAGE CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY IMPROVED SO MUCH.



You helped villagers rebuild after the earthquake

Your gifts have seen temporary shelters, safe water and grants for permanent homes given to 55 families who lost nearly everything in 2015.

The villages of rural Nepal to the west of Kathmandu are made up of little groups of households. The terrain is often too steep for roads. Instead many are linked by footpaths, some flanked by eye-wateringly sheer drops. So as you can imagine, the April 2015 earthquake cut off a lot of these communities from the outside world.

In the weeks that followed the earthquake, The Salvation Army Emergency Services team met a young man named Dinesh. Nearly all the houses and crops where he lived had been destroyed. Some villagers were killed. Subsequent flooding had left them with few options for where to rebuild.

New homes

The decision was made with the community elders to relocate their entire village to a plot of land near another larger village. The walk there took three days – another hurdle in a difficult journey to recovery.

But with your help, The Salvation Army has been able to assist Dinesh and

his community to start rebuilding their lives. Fifty-five families have received guidance and materials for creating temporary shelters to keep out the bitter weather.

They have also been provided with grants for permanent housing using materials and designs more likely to withstand future quakes. A safe water supply was secured. This is helping the villagers start to cultivate their own crops and look for work – essential to them becoming self-sustaining.

Growth and hope

“I visited in the months that followed the disaster,” says Benjamin Gilbert, The Salvation Army’s Community Development Coordinator (South East Asia and SPEA Zones).

“Coffee and tomatoes were already being sown. One entrepreneur has started selling noodles to other communities in the area. Dinesh proudly told me of their plans to start a bee-keeping venture, sell traditional crafts and diversify their crops.”

“It was inspiring to see how one community were looking ahead with such hope after their lives were so torn apart.”

Your ongoing generosity will help us support Dinesh’s village to continue rebuilding and becoming sustainable.



This is wonderful for all the villagers. But it is most important for the children, whose entire future relies on the livelihoods of their family and their community.



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For a happier tomorrow

Children in Haiti have the hope of a better future, through your kind support for their education.

Haiti was once known as the 'Pearl of the Antilles'. But by 2010, people there were struggling with poverty and lack of basic necessities. Then their lives were shattered by a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake.

Along with taking over 230,000 lives, the disaster left an estimated US\$7.8 billion in damage in its wake.

An education emergency

A critical ongoing need today in Haiti is making sure children receive an

education so they have the opportunity to lift the country's prosperity in future. Your support for The Salvation Army Safe and Sound program has funded the rebuilding of school buildings, and provided teaching resources and equipment like chalkboards and desks.

The Salvation Army now operates 48 schools attended by nearly 12,000 students.

Children are able to go to school in safe buildings. Meanwhile properly flushing toilets are protecting their health from outbreaks of disease.

This is creating a learning environment where teachers have more of a chance to give their students the best education they can.

Thank you for being part of this program through your generous donations, and helping children whose prospects would be much bleaker without this vital support.

The earthquake in Haiti orphaned 400,000 children who need your help

After the quake only 20% of children eligible for school were enrolled.

HAITI



CHILDREN LIKE THESE AT SCHOOLS IN HAITI ASSISTED BY THE SALVATION ARMY NOW HAVE A FUTURE TO LOOK FORWARD TO, THANKS TO HELP FROM FANTASTIC AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS SUCH AS YOU.

Giving refugees comfort and care

GERMANY/NORWAY



WITH THEIR PARENTS RECEIVING CARING ASSISTANCE, REFUGEE CHILDREN ARE GETTING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SETTLE INTO A STABLE NEW LIFE.

From a hot drink and a place to sleep to language lessons, people from the world's most troubled places are finding comfort.

The recent mass exodus of more than a million Middle Eastern refugees and migrants fleeing their war-torn countries has led to special needs in European countries like Germany and Norway. Already with sad stories to tell, these people – from Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan – now face more hardship as they seek to resettle.

Thanks to our supporters around the world, The Salvation Army has been able to respond to many of Europe's desperate newcomers with open arms – through local staff and volunteers on the ground offering practical help, compassion and acceptance.

Hot cuppas ... and love

In Berlin, The Salvation Army runs a mobile canteen in the centre of the city, where hundreds of refugees wait outside for hours each day to get their applications for refugee status processed. As the mercury hovers around -11°C, smiling volunteers put hot cups of coffee, tea and chai into numb hands, warming cold bodies and spirits.

A few hours south of the German capital, a new Salvation Army facility in Leipzig includes a thrift shop offering low-cost goods to refugees slowly finding their feet. Help is made more meaningful by a community spirit between Army staff, volunteers and refugees, fostered by



Over a million refugees and migrants have flooded into Europe since 2015 – and many are being helped by The Salvation Army.

shared times like a group meal together, prepared by the Syrian men.

In Oslo, Norway, an accommodation centre offers not only safe beds but assistance to stave off boredom for people stuck in limbo until their papers are processed. Language classes, recreation, educational events, shopping and cooking lessons are a great benefit.

Lives turned around

North of Oslo in a small country town, the family support service is coordinated by a couple who a few years ago were refugees from Afghanistan. Sara and Sam Roen joined The Salvation Army and became volunteers out of thankfulness for the loving support they received.

Thank you for helping us to keep being there with support for desperate people whose urgent needs are so many and varied.

IN BRIEF

Supporter Survey

If you responded to our recent survey, thank you so much. Your feedback is truly valuable to us and will help us improve the quality of our partnership with you in our international work.

Chick Effect hatches

Thank you to all who generously supported the Chick Effect campaign by buying a chicken or a goat, to help the world's poorest families establish an income and see their children – particularly girls – break free from poverty. With your amazing help \$19,859 was raised!

What's coming up?

Here are some dates for your calendar:

11 October – International Day of the Girl Child

17 October – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

20 October – Universal Children's Day

The best gifts!

For the ultimate feel-good gift, watch out for our new Salvos Gifts catalogue in October at salvosgifts.org.au Shop here, to give joy to your loved ones and help to people in developing countries.

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