

## A year of HOPE awaits. Join us today!

Dear <salutation>,

In 2020, we didn't think things could get worse for refugee families and children. Refugee families rode out the pandemic in isolation, and our partner schools connected with them through online classes and food basket deliveries.

In 2021, conditions continued to deteriorate in the communities we serve. Our Jordanian partner reports high unemployment and rising pessimism about the economy. Our partner in Lebanon reports punishing conditions. The tiny nation is host to 1.5 million refugees – yet the government can't even keep the electricity on. The government is out of money, the currency is worthless, and no international partners will help until Lebanon's leaders take serious steps to end corruption.

The need to get refugee children back in school has never been more relevant, urgent, or impactful. Please join us in providing hope. Come back to Tent Schools International as a donor.

The chance to get children into a loving school lifts entire families out of despair. This was the case for Sandy. His family moved three times to find a school for him. After being turned away from other schools, he was despondent about his future even though he was still a child. By the age of 10 he had missed three years of school. When his family found our partner, Sandy says he was overwhelmed by the love and support. He was thrilled that his younger brother could join him at the school this year. Sandy says the school is his second home, and he dreams about his future once again. Sandy has hope!

At Tent Schools International, we have exciting plans for 2022:

- **Our partner school in Amman, Jordan, continues to educate 110 children** of displaced minority Iraqi Christians who were pushed from their ancestral homes by ISIS seven years ago. They are raising their children with no certainty they will get to go home, and they have no clear path to a new homeland. The school for their children has been an enormous source of hope and support.
- **We are entering a new chapter in Lebanon** of delivering education to Syrian refugees on the back of a cargo truck. Last year, TSI supporters funded the truck. Moving forward, our partner needs resources to operate the mobile school amid devastating challenges in Lebanon. The multipurpose vehicle will serve Syrian refugees with educational opportunities and provide help as needed to the battered Lebanese people.
- In the United States, we will support **resettled Afghani families** with refurbished home computers and training. The devices will be granted to families with school-age children to help the

children do their school work at home and support the adults in the family in gaining language and job skills.

We must continue to extend the gentle touch of God's love to refugee children and families through access to school. Parents and students tell us that they have rarely experienced the pure kindness they find at our school.

***“They say no other group checked on them through the pandemic. No one else sat with them to hear their struggles,” the principal at our partner school in Jordan said.***

Let's face it. Amid overwhelming international crises, it is hard to know what to do. Many people don't do anything. They freeze and give up. We invite you to take a step of faith by supporting refugee children with the chance to go to school. Your faithfulness will leave a legacy of hope and peace.

Please join us with a gift in 2021!

In Christ,



Anne Hamming, Executive Director



Scott VanderKooy, President

P.S. Refugee communities see no end to their displacement, and their lives are very hard. The chance for their children to go to school plants hope in hurting hearts. **Extend God's love and hope with a gift today!**

TENT SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ for displaced children by making education accessible. We exchange chaos and loss for peace and opportunity.