

# PROVIDING HELP FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES IN IRAQ & SYRIA

**T**hrough a recent partnership with a new non-profit agency, Operation Compassion is able to ship product into Iraq, more specifically, into the city of Erbil. Erbil is located about 55 miles east of Mosul and has a permanent population of about 1.5 million. Erbil is also the largest and the capital city of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Erbil, as a city, dates back to 6000 BC.

Our new partner has been working with displaced Christian refugees for centuries and is the oldest continuing Christian community which can trace its beginnings to St. Thomas, one of the 12 Disciples. More recently, they have been assisting the Christians that have fled from Mosul and other towns because of the brutality of Isis. In fact, Erbil itself was attacked as recently as the second week of February.

Operation Compassion has partnered with this agency for two basic reasons: first, they are helping Christians survive and escape from an enemy that indiscriminately kills; secondly, they have an impeccable history of survival and success in the face of dire enemies from the Neo-Sumerian ruler of Ur, Amar-Sin in 1975 BC to Isis in 2015 AD.

Recently, inventories were hand selected for maximum impact for the survivors that have become refugees. Clothing, shoes, health products, hygiene products, OTC medications, blankets, sleeping bags, diapers and other vital supplies are in process for shipping.

In addition to our new partnership in Iraq, Operation Compassion is also sending 27,000 pairs of shoes to Syria to help the people fleeing the civil unrest that has been going on for some time.

**Operation Compassion is reaching the world. Will you join us? With your help, there is no limit to the assistance that Operation Compassion can offer!**



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# PROVIDING MEDICAL AID TO WEST AFRICA

Operation Compassion has been working on inventories for the last several weeks in preparation of sending health and medical supplies to the country of Ivory Coast in West Africa. Prior to their recent civil war, Ivory Coast had one of the best medical/health plans for their citizens. Their infrastructure was able to handle most any illness or surgical needs at no cost to its populace. However, that has all changed.

Because of the destructive nature of civil war and unrest, the medical/health system began to crumble leaving its citizens to find medical relief anywhere or way they could. Non-profits started reaching out to help alleviate some of the suffering.

Recently, Operation Compassion has joined a partnership that will be able to secure delivery of medical equipment, supplies and health products. In all, Operation Compassion has 10 overseas shipping containers at the ready. The medical equipment and supplies include examination tables, syringes, medical carts with medical supplies, gloves, isolation gowns, biohazard sharps containers, destainer, sanitizer, x-ray readers, surgical packs and many products.

Operation Compassion made a commitment 15 years ago to help people in need around the world. That commitment is continuing to be fulfilled but with your support we can do more.

## WILL YOU HELP US IN PROVIDING A FUTURE FOR

# ONE MILLION CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AMERICA & MEXICO

Operation Compassion has launched our One Million Children Initiative. It's no secret that many at risk and underserved children throughout Mexico and Central America struggle to survive. These children, in many instances, have no one to help. No matter how hard any one charity or individual tries, there is no way to reach these children in mass. However, with government and church leaders, non-profits and local churches working together, these children can be helped and given a new lease on life.

As part of the network, feeding centers, medical clinics and homes will be built to better serve these children. Operation Compassion will participate in the network by providing

food, clothes, shoes, building materials, textbooks, medical supplies and equipment. Because of the diversity of organizations involved in this network, including more than 7,000 churches, there is a greater opportunity to serve children in hundreds of locations instead of one or two. In addition to launching this Initiative, Operation Compassion will continue its strong work with the poor in the United States as well.

## WILL YOU JOIN US IN HELPING THESE CHILDREN?



# WE ARE THERE THROUGH EVERY STORM...

Operation Compassion has a worldwide scope of ministry and assistance to the underserved and non-served populations. While we are proud of our accomplishments outside the United States, Operation Compassion fills a vital role assisting those same populations inside the United States. To this end, Operation Compassion sent more than 235 semi-trucks to rural and urban America.

Through Operation Compassion's network of partners, products and supplies sent varied from food to building supplies to everything in-between. From the southernmost Native American Reservations to the largest urban areas, Operation Compassion was there helping, assisting and aiding single-parent families, children and senior adults.

## Appalachia

Appalachia is a region of our country that suffers great need. Many people think of Appalachia as being in the south. However, most of Appalachia is in the snow belt going through Maine. This year seemed to be particularly rough for weather.

Because of the harshness of the region and our long term commitment, Operation Compassion sent more than 130 semi-truck loads into various areas of the region. Clothing, shoes, blankets, reading glasses, adult diapers, car seats, food, bedding, baby food and other life-sustaining products and supplies were delivered.

## Native America

Native Americans have reservations scattered throughout the United States. Most reservations are depressed economically and are in need of assistance. Especially, when winter weather in the northern tier begins and the dry heat of the high desert scorches the earth in the summer.

In an ongoing effort to assist those in need, Operation Compassion sent multiple semi-truck loads of vital supplies and products. Blankets, water, food, building and plumbing supplies are just a few of the products delivered to various reservations.



## Disaster Relief

This past year, the worst disaster was the extreme cold and snow spread across a large portion of the United States. While most people have adequate shelter and heat, a large segment of the population is either underserved or non-served.

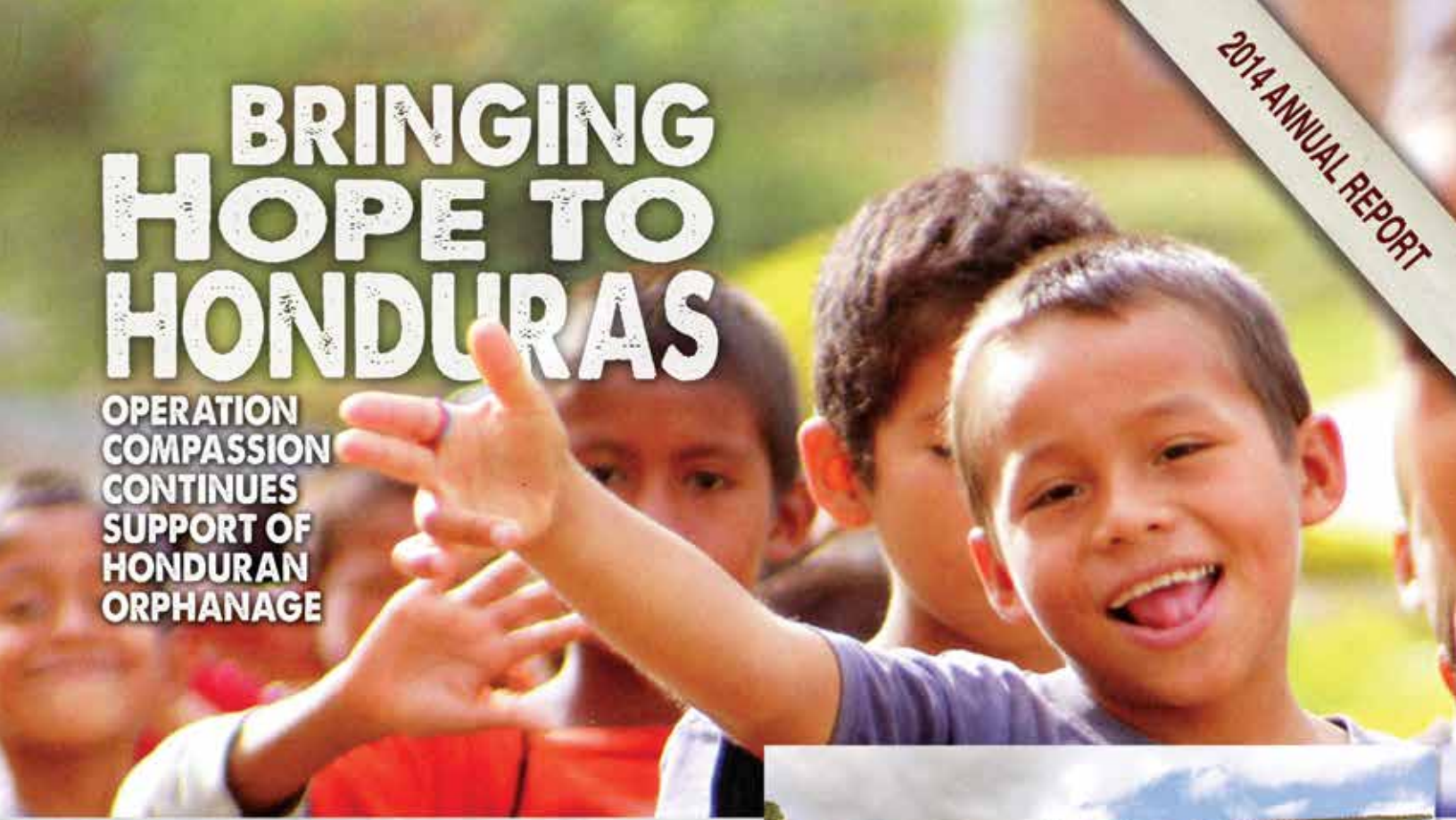
In an effort to help these individuals and families cope with these extreme weather conditions, Operation Compassion delivered more than 220,000 blankets. These blankets are specially designed to keep one's body heat from escaping. Operation Compassion had the blankets pre-staged from Florida to New York and Virginia to New Mexico for easier and timelier distribution.



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# BRINGING HOPE TO HONDURAS

**OPERATION COMPASSION CONTINUES SUPPORT OF HONDURAN ORPHANAGE**



Approximately 10 years ago, a Chattanooga dentist approached Operation Compassion with an idea to help Orphanage Emmanuel in Comayagua, Honduras. The vision was to send raw wheat to the orphanage, teach them to mill it and use the flour to bake goods in support of the more than 600 children housed there. A partnership was born and Dr. Don Reynolds and Operation Compassion have been sending wheat ever since.

During the early stages of this partnership the wheat was shipped and a miller was on site ready to teach the milling process for turning wheat into flour. A baker was brought in and taught them how to bake bread and other products that would help feed and supplement the children's diet. Teaching the locals the milling and baking skills insured the orphanage could help sustain itself.



The wheat, flour and bread have been a source of food as well as an economic aid to the orphanage. Operation Compassion, Dr. Reynolds and David and Lydia Martinez, directors of the Orphanage Emmanuel, have shared and worked this vision as an example of what can be done to help feed, house and educate children living in extreme poverty without any resources. Partner with Operation Compassion! Together we can make an impact.

**By giving, you will help in the distribution of needed food and supplies around the world. There are three ways to give:**

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- 2** Donations by Mail: You may send a check or money order by mail to:  
**Operation Compassion**  
 114 Stuart Road NE • Suite 370  
 Cleveland, TN 37312  
 Phone: (423) 728-3932
- 3** Perhaps you know someone in a manufacturing plant, in corporate America or in retail stores that would be willing to donate products to Operation Compassion. Please contact us by phone, e-mail or mail.  
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