

Dear Friends,

These past few years I've had the opportunity to visit Jordan and Lebanon on your behalf. While there, I met with Syrian Christian families who had lost their homes, schools, churches, and, sadly, members of their own families.

I particularly remember this family I met in Zahle, Lebanon that was forced to leave their Christian village when ISIS fighters approached.

The very survival of Christians is at risk. In 2011, more than two million Christians lived in Syria, but today, fewer than one million remain and more are

leaving as fighting continues. In the last 7 years, CNEWA's priorities have been focused on strengthening the remaining Christian presence in Syria and in helping families who are refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Thank you! Your generosity is transforming the lives of these families in need. You are helping to restore their lives and dignity.

Carl Hétu National Director

"I lost everything in Syria.

Now my only hope is to move to another country with my family. In the meantime, my kids need to eat and go to school. Without your support, that would not be possible.

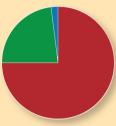
Thank you so much. It is motivating to know that people in Canada care about us."

- Syrian refugee family in Zahle, Lebanon





Where Your Help Went



■ Syria 75%
■ Lebanon 23%
■ Jordan 2%

How You Helped



Health care 42%
Education 25%
Basic need 19%

14%

Others

Your Support in 2017

CNEWA Canada spent the sum of **\$806,440** to help internally displaced people in Syria and Syrian refugees who fled to Lebanon and Jordan.

Below is a sample of the projects you supported in these three countries in 2017:

Glass of Milk Program:

Over **3,000** children aged 1 to 10 years old received one glass of milk a day and a meal at school or at their parish. Kids also received school kits and materials.

Amount used: \$200,290



This program supported over **7,100** children, women and men – and treated health issues such as poor nutrition, diabetes, asthma, dental care, vision care, pediatric care and therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Amount used: \$332,500

Support Basic Needs:

This program cared for over **500** families and provided essentials such as food, water, clothing, activities for children, and catechetical sessions.

Amount used: \$153,450







CNEWA's Partners

For decades, CNEWA has forged relationships with various local churches such as the Melkite Greek Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Maronite, Syriac Catholic and Syriac Orthodox — as well as religious congregations like the Sacred Heart Sisters, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Good Shepherd Sisters, Jesuit Fathers, Marist Brothers and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank You

God bless you for helping to make all this happen through Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Know that the people whose lives you have so generously touched remember you and your intentions in their prayers of gratitude — for the Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Our work continues in 2018 and beyond. We count on your ongoing support for Syrian Christians to ensure their continued presence in Syria.

