



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

HOW YOUR LOVE
CHANGES LIVES

3 WAYS YOU CHANGE LIVES

Through Lutheran World Relief, you are the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world. You go where no one else goes, and you stay as long as needed to minister to neighbors affected by poverty, hunger, sickness, violence and more. See how...



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To see the Halals in their new home, visit lwr.org/neighbors



IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Floods, earthquakes, war and other emergencies affect everyone, but it's the world's poorest who suffer most. That's why Lutheran World Relief is there to offer help and hope, wherever and whenever disaster strikes. **Clean water. Nourishing food. Safe shelter. Emergency supplies.**

Time and again, you act quickly to **rush aid where it's needed most.**

This incredible outpouring of support for neighbors in crisis began in 1945 and has continued with each new generation of Lutherans.



ABOVE: Following World War II, Lutheran World Relief distributed hot meals to refugee children.

📍 HOW YOUR COMPASSION HELPS:

When war broke out in **UKRAINE**, you acted immediately to launch our largest humanitarian response in Lutheran World Relief history. Among other help, your generosity deployed a mobile medical clinic to serve hard-hit areas near the Russian border. Iryna Martynenko, who has an autoimmune condition, was deeply relieved to see a doctor after two years without care. “I just don't know how to thank you,” she said.

In **TÜRKIYE**, you provided earthquake survivors with food and clean water, hygiene supplies and other urgently needed items. You also went above and beyond to provide fully furnished container homes to house families like Erkan and Seyda Halal (left) and their children as they rebuild their lives.

When a massive earthquake rocked **HAITI**, half the country's health facilities were damaged, creating overwhelming need. Your quick response enabled the repair of four health centers, provided critical health supplies and trained 50,000 people in techniques to control infections such as cholera.



FOR THE LONG TERM

Emergency relief is essential in a crisis, but you don't stop there. Together, our end goal is to end poverty.

The world's poorest families need more than relief. They need longer-term support to overcome the challenges that trap them in poverty. You make this possible by teaching farmers new ways to increase their harvests. You open opportunities for youth to learn valuable job skills. You tackle large-scale challenges, such as a lack of health care or limited education.

Sustainable development takes time, but love is patient. And although this work rarely makes the news, your impact truly transforms lives for generations.

HOW YOUR COMPASSION HELPS:

In **MALI**, extreme weather — such as prolonged droughts followed by flooding — and other factors have created a vicious cycle of hunger and poverty for our most vulnerable neighbors. Fertilizer kits and other support allow farmers like Deba Souko (front cover) to yield better harvests to feed their families and generate income.



In **PERU**, hunger was a savage reality in the hard-to-reach mountain regions. When we met Deysi Milagros Canales Machuca (left) more than 10 years ago, her family was surviving on little more than potatoes. But your love reaches where no one else goes. You brought nutrition education, farming tools, seeds, livestock and agricultural training. Today, Deysi's village is thriving. No longer malnourished, Deysi (right) is studying to be a nurse.

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To meet Deba and Deysi's families, visit lwr.org/neighbors







QUILTS & KITS

The Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Ministry dates back to 1945, and your dedication keeps it going strong.

When you make quilts and kits, God's love for our neighbors is revealed through you. Stitch by stitch, bundle by bundle, you create tangible gifts of love. **In times of greatest need, you wrap that love around your neighbors' shoulders** and provide comfort, dignity and hope for a future without suffering.

HOW YOUR COMPASSION HELPS:

Since 1945, Lutherans like you have donated nearly 28 million quilts. In 2023 alone, LWR distributed 551,700 quilts and kits worth over \$18 million to 14 countries.

In **UKRAINE**, a missile destroyed the roof of Natalia Cherneka's (back cover) house. When she received her quilt and Personal Care Kit, she said, "This quilt is very important to us, because the bedding that didn't catch fire is all ruined. At least we can cover ourselves, thank God."

In **TANZANIA**, students at Isede Primary School (left) are reaping the benefits of School Kits. Teacher Maria Tinda says teachers used to dread telling children to ask their parents to buy them supplies. In turn, students were often absent when they had nothing to bring. But since the kindness of your kits arrived, attendance has greatly improved. "It also blesses us [teachers] and helps us do our job well," she reflects. "I am grateful."

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To meet neighbors who received quilts and kits, [visit **lwr.org/neighbors**](https://lwr.org/neighbors)



YOU ARE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Earthquakes and flooding. Conflict and violence. Hunger and extreme poverty.
Where there is suffering, your love is there.

Lutheran World Relief was born in 1945 out of a call for Lutherans — both individuals and congregations — to love their neighbors in Europe recovering from World War II. With each generation, this ministry has grown, reaching farther and staying longer to end poverty, injustice and human suffering wherever it resides.

THANK YOU for being the hands and feet of Christ in the world!

Who will your love reach next?



Give online at lwr.org/yourlove.



Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief,
PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.



Make quilts and kits. Visit lwr.org/quilt or
lwr.org/kit for instructions and tips.

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**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**

