

# IOCC Report 2018

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) provide life-changing help for people all around the world who are in need because of war, natural disasters, and poverty.

## ***Satisfying Hunger:***

IOCC provides nourishing hot meals for families in the Middle East; provides schoolchildren in Lebanon with milk, apples, and peanut snack; provides families in Greece with prepaid grocery cards.

## ***Maintaining Good Health:***

IOCC covers the cost for children immunization in Lebanon; helps families facing disaster in the Middle East stay clean and healthy with items like soap and toothbrushes; provides people living with podo (foot disease caused by long exposure of bare feet to certain soils) in Ethiopia with shoes specially designed to protect their swollen feet; buys customized wheelchair for people with disabilities in Ethiopia.

## ***Responding to Emergencies and Disasters:***

An experienced emergency-response organization, IOCC provides crucial help to get disaster survivors on their feet. Responses are tailored to each situation, giving immediate relieve as well as long-term aid, and IOCC partners with Orthodox Church networks for long-term success. IOCC provides clean-up supplies for use after a flood or other disaster damages US homes; provides Syrian families with storage tanks to keep water clean and easy accessible; provides a course of specialized training for IOCC Frontliners in offering emotional and spiritual care to disaster survivors in the US. The information about taking the course or joining the Frontliner Team could be found on IOCC web site.

## ***Providing Basic Needs:***

Many families and individuals worldwide live without basic necessities. IOCC provides glasses to enhance the quality of sight for visually impaired Syrian refugees and Jordanian children; covers the cost of rent for some Syrian families, so they can save their money for other necessities, like food and medicine.

St. Vladimir parish participated in IOCC works by making and shipping 53 Hygiene kits, 60 School kits, collecting 47lb of food and \$116 for IOCC Soupier Sunday for Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor. We received a Thank you letter for our donation of the kits, which were distributed in Greece, Serbia, Georgia, Armenia, and the US.