

Dear Rockpointe Church,

The people of Iraq are weary. For more than 10 years their nation has been at war, either with other nations or with rebels within their own country.

The fighting means many people no longer have a permanent home, and they must instead live in refugee camps. These camps often lack basic resources such as nutritious food. The little food available quickly runs out because the camps are so overcrowded.

Your donations provided three containers of food to families in Iraq, bringing 691,200 meals and impacting an estimated 11,500 lives. This food was distributed in refugee camps and villages, providing hope for people who had lost everything. 500 boxes of food were recently distributed to refugees affected by the recent Iraqi earthquake.

One man, whom we'll call Hakan, is the father of four children. When the earthquake hit, his wife and sons were inside their newly constructed home. "I was in front of my house when it happened," Hakan said. "It was a scary feeling. I felt like the mountains next to us would fall over."

Hakan's wife and sons were safe, but their home was destroyed and resources were scarce. Their village is so remote that the villagers began to lose hope of receiving aid. When the boxes of food you sent began to arrive, Hakan told our partner, "You're the first person who came to help us." Your giving has made an incredible difference in the lives of the people in Iraq. The food you provided is bringing new hope to those who have suffered tragedy after tragedy for years.

Thank you for helping refugees like Hakan. Your decision to act is keeping families healthy and strong ... and literally saving lives!

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