

Maloy Ministry Moments

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For Abdullah*, life has always been marked by uncertainty and hard work. Long before conflict engulfed Syria, his family survived as farmers and livestock traders, living a simple life with limited opportunities. Education was never part of that reality. Like many Syrian families, every member of the household was expected to contribute to earning a living, often from a very young age.

Years ago, Abdullah and his father traveled to another ME country to sell livestock. While they were there, war broke out in Syria. What was meant to be a temporary trip became a permanent displacement. Today, Abdullah, his wife Yara*, and their children live in a refugee camp, where they continue to struggle to make ends meet.

Work is seasonal and unpredictable. During livestock season, which lasts only about twenty days each year, Abdullah works tirelessly to earn as much income as possible. At other times, he harvests crops and performs whatever farm labor he can find. Many days, however, there is simply no work available. The family survives with very little, relying on basic shelter made from tarps and the limited support available to refugees living outside the larger UN camps.



Though peace has returned to parts of Syria, returning home is not simple. Abdullah dreams of going back one day, but the house he left behind is gone, his farmland is surrounded by deadly land mines, and rebuilding would require resources he does not have. If he returns, he will have to start from nothing.

In the midst of these challenges, Unto has become an important source of hope for Abdullah's family and many others in the refugee community. Through the ministry's support, families receive practical aid such as clothing, shoes, food, water filters, school supplies, and tarps that help protect them from the harsh desert environment. The shirts sent through Unto have even become school uniforms for refugee children.

Perhaps the greatest impact has come through the refugee school supported by Unto. There, children receive academic instruction, learn practical skills, study English through Christian praise songs, and hear lessons

from the Bible. For many students, it is their first opportunity to receive a formal education.

Abdullah's daughters, Ayla* and Noor*, attend the school. Their parents have watched remarkable changes take place. The girls have learned to read and write, developed confidence, and become more responsible. Ayla loves her school uniform so much that she often refuses to change out of it until bedtime. When school is closed for holidays, the girls are disappointed and sometimes even cry because they want so badly to attend.

The school provides more than education. In a culture where many refugee girls face pressure to marry at a very young age, education offers a different path and a chance for a brighter future. The children often view school as the happiest part of their lives—a place of safety, friendship, learning, and hope.

Unto's ministry extends beyond the classroom. Cru Staff and their partners regularly visit refugee families, building relationships and sharing the love of Christ. Through these ongoing connections, the Gospel is reaching not only children but also parents and entire households. While many families have little formal education and often



struggle to understand new concepts, patient discipleship and consistent care are opening doors for meaningful conversations about faith.

Abdullah's family is one of approximately eighty families served by the ministry. Through practical assistance and faithful presence, opportunities continue to emerge for sharing the Good News with refugees who are searching for hope amid hardship.

For Abdullah, the future remains uncertain. Yet amid the challenges of displacement, poverty, and the longing for home, his family has found people who care for both their physical and spiritual needs. Through the support of Unto and the ministry taking place among Syrian refugees here, children are receiving an education, families are finding encouragement, and the message of Christ's love is reaching hearts that might otherwise never have heard it. **Names changed to protect their identities.*

photos: Abdullah; Yara outside their home; Unto CarePacks head to school; a sweet thank you card from the students!

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