ABELLA’S STORY

Sometimes, a mother just needs a kind soul to hold her baby.

Abella had fled her home in Syria. She had grabbed whatever she could and, carrying her child, began the journey to safety.

She was exhausted and heartbroken. At a train stop, she met volunteers who manned a booth stocked with food and water for refugees. One of the volunteers even held Abella’s child for a moment so she could rest.

Your donations to Baptist Global Response funded this booth. Your generosity gave this refugee mother a little solace and a picture of Jesus.

Join with BGR to care for refugees around the world.

“Please pray that we can return to our country. Pray that people will learn to love one another again.

Thank you for praying for us.” -- Anne, 14, Syrian refugee

Read more information at gobgr.org/refugees
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1. **Pray:** Pray that daily needs will be met for refugee families, and pray for their strength and endurance. Pray for conflict to end so they can return home. Pray for those on the ground meeting their needs, for wisdom, strength, resources, and that they will be clear pictures of Christ’s love for refugees.

2. **Make a friend:** Look around your hometown. You might be surprised at how many refugees you find. Pause for a moment to say “hi”, give a smile, and make a new friend. Take the opportunity to share your life with a refugee family and be the hands and feet of Christ as they navigate a new country and culture.

3. **Give:** BGR currently has several projects ministering to refugees and displaced persons overseas in relation to the Syria/Northern Iraq crisis. Since the outbreak of hostilities several years ago, we have had active projects in surrounding countries and parts of Europe. Your gifts go to provide basic necessities, like food packets, blankets, cooking sets, tarps, hygiene kits, medical care and education for these displaced families.

4. **Go:** Churches and individuals can get involved in praying, giving, and even going to selected areas as short-term volunteers. We have on-going volunteer requests for medical/health care teams (healthcare@gobgr.org), food distribution/ministry teams, refugee processing centers, and others. Check out our volunteer page at gobgr.org/volunteer for the latest open projects.

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