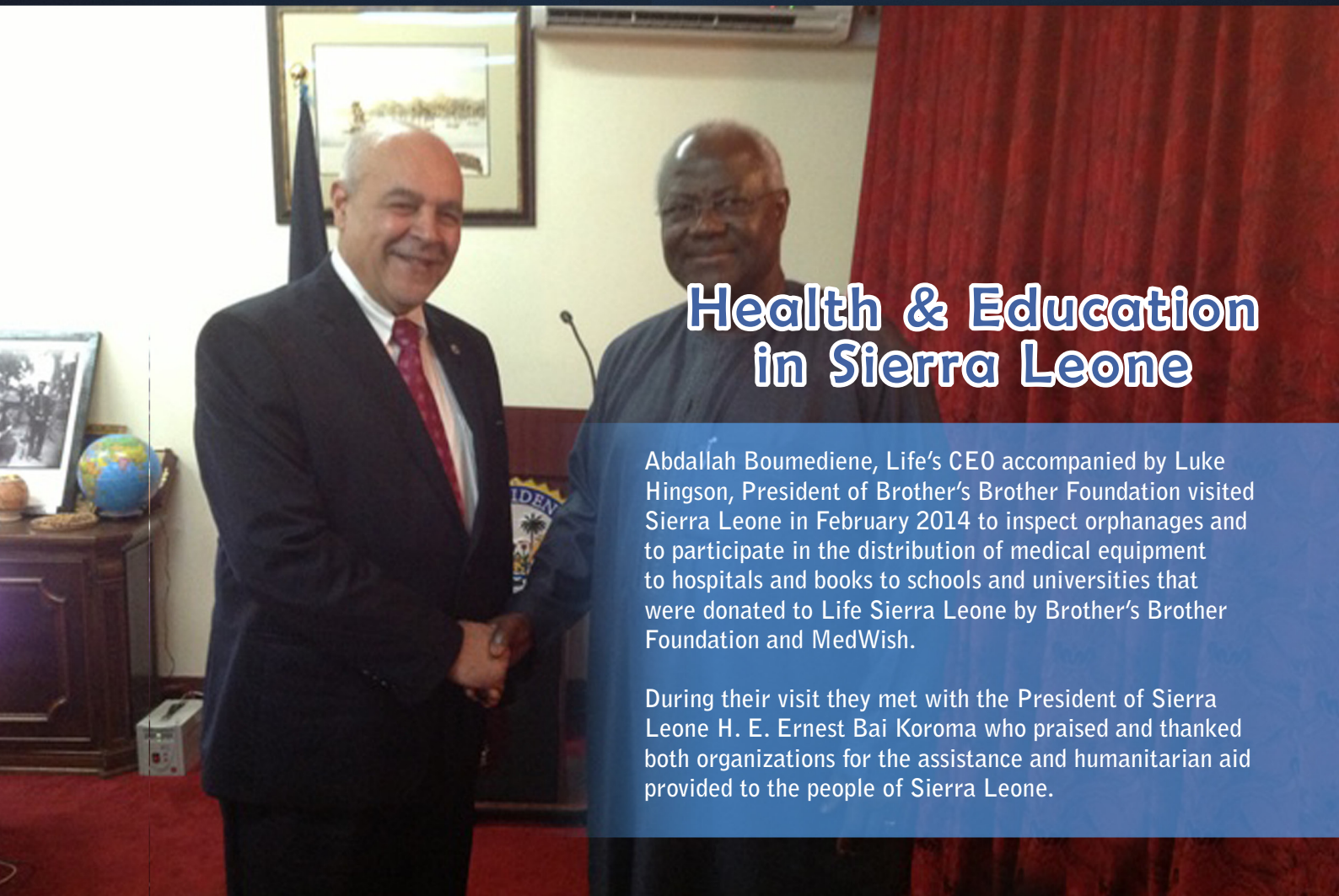




Where There is Life, There is Hope

# Life Link

## 2014 NEWSLETTER



### Health & Education in Sierra Leone

Abdallah Boumediene, Life's CEO accompanied by Luke Hingson, President of Brother's Brother Foundation visited Sierra Leone in February 2014 to inspect orphanages and to participate in the distribution of medical equipment to hospitals and books to schools and universities that were donated to Life Sierra Leone by Brother's Brother Foundation and MedWish.

During their visit they met with the President of Sierra Leone H. E. Ernest Bai Koroma who praised and thanked both organizations for the assistance and humanitarian aid provided to the people of Sierra Leone.

### Myanmar Emergency



Life provided food baskets, hygiene kits and kitchen utensils to 225 Rohingya Muslim families who were forced to leave their homes. Life implemented this project in partnership with Human Concern International. Distributions took place in the following locations; Bumay Village, Thandawli Village, Magyeemyaing Quarter of Sittwe Township, Rakhine State of Myanmar.

In addition Life assisted in the construction of new housing for the displaced families in the affected areas.

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# Letter from the CEO

Dear Respective Donors,

Over the past year, Life has been committed as ever to its mission, working reliably and dependably to serve humanity.

Although the challenges were many, our efforts nevertheless have reaped great success in bringing food, medicine, and emergency humanitarian supplies to the neediest throughout the world. Life always answers the call for help when emergencies strike.

Life's staff worldwide continuously strives to achieve the highest efficiency and maintain the utmost effectiveness in our work. With the added advantage of a renewed commitment and reenergized vision, we look forward to expanding that path towards a stronger organization in order to better serve the humanitarian cause.

On behalf of Life's Board of Directors, employees and beneficiaries, allow me to express our sincere gratitude to each donor without whom this organization would not function nor deliver the much needed assistance for those less fortunate.

I would also like to express my thanks to Life's staff world-wide, whom on a daily basis puts their lives on the line to deliver urgently needed humanitarian assistance to those in desperate need. Finally, I would like to thank all of our partner organizations that played a crucial role in the many successes of our humanitarian efforts worldwide.

Best regards,  
Mr. Abdallah Boumediene  
CEO  
Life for Relief and Development



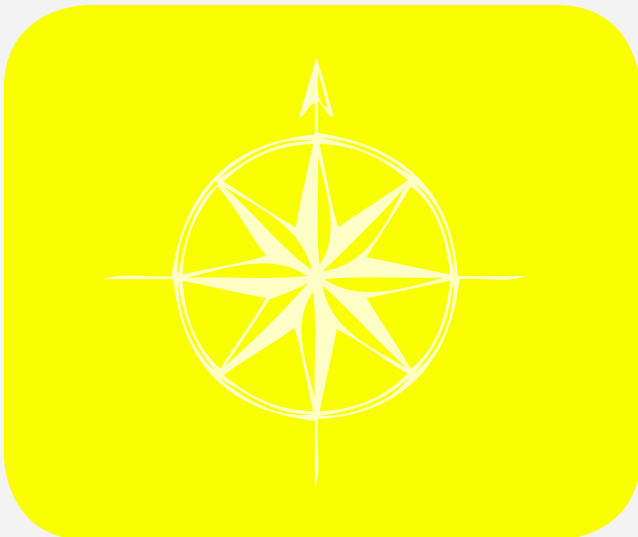
# Highlights



**Life Renews**  
its Registration with  
USAID



**Life Joined**  
The American Relief  
Coalition for Syria



**Life Successfully**  
Maintained the top 4-star  
Charity Navigator Rating



**Life Increased**  
the number of orphan  
sponsorships to over 4000

# Crisis in Syria & Iraq

## Relief Items Distributed to Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

Clothing, shoes, baby formula, toys, wheelchairs, walkers, medical supplies and equipment donated by Children of Abraham and the community in Pineville, North Carolina were sent to Lebanon. The relief items were distributed to thousands of Syrian refugee families. The wheelchairs and walkers were given to the elderly and disabled and the medical supplies and equipment were given to clinics and hospitals serving the Syrian refugee population in the Bekaa valley. Mattresses, pillows and blankets were also distributed to Syrian refugee families living in Tripoli, Lebanon.



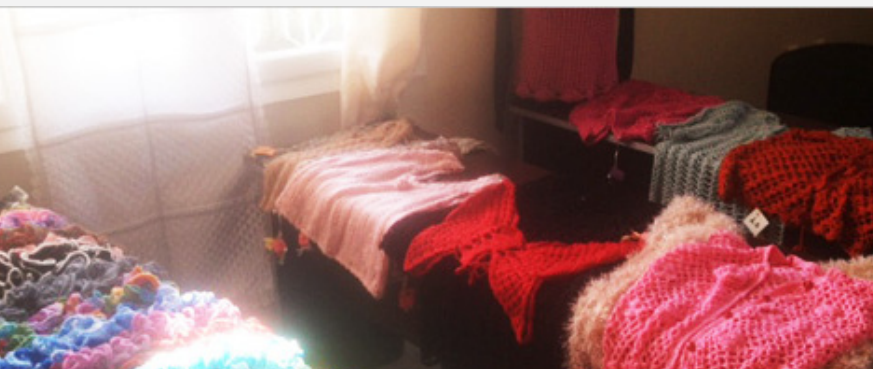
## Syrian Refugee Women Trained to Knit, Crochet and Sew in Rehanyeh Camp in Turkey

There are over 55,000 Syrian refugees living in Rehanyeh camp in Turkey and over half of them are women. Workshops in sewing, knitting, crocheting and cooking were organized for refugee women to learn skills to produce items to sell in the local market to generate income for their livelihood. This center also gave refugee women a place where they could get psycho-social support by socializing with other women.



## Relief Items Distributed to the Syrian Refugees in Jordan

Life's CEO participated in the distribution of relief items in Jordan that included food packages, hygiene kits and cleaning supplies to hundreds of Syrian refugee families living in host communities in Al-Mafraq, Jordan.



# Crisis in Syria & Iraq



## Emergency Food Baskets for Families inside Syria

Life distributed emergency food baskets to hundreds of families in Dera'a, Horan (Tufs) and Al-Mazareeb inside Syria. The food baskets contained sugar, rice, bulgar, beans, macaroni, tea, oil, halwa, cheese, flour, jam, chickpeas, lentils, dried milk powder, canned meat, broth cubes and dates.

## Relief Items distributed in Camps for Displaced Families inside Syria

Life Jordan and Helping Hand USA staff members traveled inside Syria to distribute 1,200 food baskets and cleaning/hygiene kits to displaced families in Atma, Karama and Teebah camps. The recipient families were very appreciative of this assistance.



## Life Provides Emergency Food & Health Kits to Displaced Families in Iraq

Due to ongoing violent conflicts in Iraq many families from Anbar Province fled to neighboring areas including Heet, Samarra, and Shaqlawa. Life Iraq assessed the situation of the IDP families in these areas and distributed emergency aid to hundreds of families.



# West Bank & Gaza

## Disabled Palestinian girl given a one year supply of medicine

Life provided a one year supply of medicine to a young disabled Palestinian girl from Al Jalma who was hospitalized in Jenin.



## New wheelchairs given to the disabled in the West Bank and Gaza

Life distributed 210 wheelchairs to disabled individuals throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This project brought a lot of joy, happiness, and a great degree of freedom and mobility to the men, women and children who received these wheelchairs.



## Food, school supplies, and blankets given to an Autism Center in the West Bank

Life provided food, household items, blankets and school supplies to an Autism center for Palestinian children in Jenin. This is a live-in facility for children where they also receive therapy for Autism.



## Winter blankets and food aid distributed to needy families in Gaza and the West Bank

Life distributed warm winter blankets and food items to needy Palestinian families in the Gaza strip. These families were living without electricity or heat and trying to survive the unusually harsh winter weather that struck the area last year.



# Clean Water Projects

## Twelve water wells dug in Afghanistan

Life dug 12 water wells in a number of villages in Afghanistan to provide clean water for needy families. Thousands of families and their livestock are benefitting from this project.



## Water well dug in Ghana

A water well was realized in Okanta Ghana, in the eastern region of the country. This well serves approximately 400 families living in the village and surrounding areas. The community was very thankful for having been selected to receive this gift.



## Installation of a Water Filtration Unit and 2 water coolers in Iraq

A new water filtration unit with double water coolers was installed in the Kalat girl's school in Khanaqeen, Iraq. The Directorate of Education in Khanaqeen, the school's administration, teachers and most of all the students gave a heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Life and Veterans' for Peace for funding this project and stressed the importance and need for such initiative in order to preserve the health and well being of the students.

# Clean Water Projects

## Mobile water wagons given to needy families in Somalia

Life provided mobile water wagons to seven needy families in the Banadir and Lower Shabelle regions of Somalia. These mobile water wagons serve these families as a mean of income generation. The water carts are used to transport clean water for distribution in nearby villages.

## Eight water wells dug in Somalia

Life dug 8 water wells in the Afgoi district in the lower Shabelle region in Somalia. The new wells are serving 1,845 households or about 11,070 individuals and their livestock. The overall objective of the program was to improve the water quality, sanitation and hygiene conditions in the targeted areas in order to maintain a healthy livestock population which is vital to the livelihood of the farmers in this region.





# Health

## Three containers of medical aid sent to Sierra Leone

In partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation and MedWish, Life shipped three 40 foot containers of medical supplies, equipment, surgical instruments, mattresses, exam and birthing tables and other items to 8 hospitals in Sierra Leone. Following several meetings with hospital administrators, Life's office in Kissy was instrumental in compiling a list of needs from these institutions. They were also instrumental in developing a distribution plan upon arrival of these containers.



## Two shipments of medical aid sent to Pakistan

Life in partnership with the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Decent of North America, Ohio chapter, sent two 40-foot containers of medical supplies and equipment donated by MedWish to Pakistan. They also contained hospital beds, mattresses and several wheeled carts for the disabled destined for the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplant Civil Hospital in Karachi and the Punjab Medical College Liver Center in Faisalabad, Pakistan.

## New Schools & Clinics in Iraq



Life's COO, Mohammed Alomari, and regional dignitaries inaugurate a new school and health clinic in the city of Khanaqeen, in Diyala Province, Iraq. Life in partnership with Mohammed bin Rashid Charity in the UAE, is building a total of four schools and two clinics in Iraq.



## Medical Shipment for Syrian refugees sent to Lebanon

Medical supplies and equipment donated by the Indiana based Children of Abraham was sent to the Al-Farouk Medical Clinic in Al-Bekaa, Lebanon. This is a non-profit "free" clinic that is treating Syrian refugees in the Al-Bekaa region. This clinic is a mini-hospital that is in critical need of medical supplies and equipment to perform minor surgeries and treat other illnesses. They treat over 500 patients per day, most of which are women and children.

# Education



## New Shoes Given to Thousands of School Children in Sierra Leone

Life distributed new TOMS shoes to children and students attending 219 schools in Freetown, Makeni, Magburaka, Kambia, Kono, Kenema, Mile 91, Bo and Port Loco. These new shoes help prevent foot injuries and diseases as well as improve the comfort and wellbeing of these children.



## Books donated to Native American and Non-Profit Schools and Colleges in the US

Life distributed educational books, valued at over \$3.3 million donated by McGraw-Hill and Pearson Publishing in partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation, to Native American and non-profit schools and colleges in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Delaware, Virginia, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Florida, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Montana, Nevada, California, New Mexico and Arizona.

## Book bags distributed to high school students in Aleppo, Syria

Book bags were distributed to boys and girls attending Termaneen High School in Aleppo, Syria. The students were very happy to receive the bags and they all thanked and praised the donor's.



## Books for schools and colleges sent to several countries

Life distributed Books, donated by McGraw-Hill and Pearson Publishing in partnership with Brother's Brother Foundation valued at \$13.6 million dollars to schools and colleges in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Egypt and Palestine. Books on Agriculture, Arts, Education, Social Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacology, Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Languages, Trade, Computer Science and Information Technology were distributed at colleges and universities.

# Ramadan

## Thousands of needy families received Ramadan food baskets

During Ramadan, thousands of needy families in 10 countries received food baskets. Each family received enough food for the entire month of Ramadan. The recipient families were extremely grateful for this timely assistance.



# Udhiyah / Qurbani

## Very Successful Udhiyah Season

During the last season, Life provided meat to over 102,650 families in 26 countries. Thousands of widows, orphans, elderly and the disabled benefitted from the Udhiyah program. The majority of the families that received a share of the Udhiyah can only eat meat during this season.



## Life Syria hosted a 4-day Eid-ul-Adha Party for orphans and displaced children

Life Syria organized a 4 day Eid party for 1,500 children in Berzet Hameesh, Yabrud and Azebadani. Children enjoyed puppet shows, dancing, plays, trivia games, science quizzes, movies, arts and crafts, outdoor games, flying swings, trampolines, jumping station filled with colorful balls, face painting and playdough sculpting. There were also snacks and treats such as popcorn, french fries, corn on the cob, cotton candy and chips. In addition, each child received an individual Eid gift. The happiness expressed in the smiles and eyes of these children was priceless. The parents were overjoyed to see their children enjoy this occasion despite the horrible conditions they've been living in during the last three years.



## Books gifted to students in Ohio and Michigan for Eid Al-Adha

Life distributed story books donated by First Book, to students in pre-school through 12th grade in celebration of Eid Al-Adha at the Toledo Islamic Academy, the Al-Bayan weekend school, the Al-Qalam special school in Toledo, Ohio and the Eternal Rock School in Detroit, Michigan. The books were gifts to be added to their home libraries.



Life's donors provided full year sponsorship to around **4,000** orphans in **Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan.**

We want to thank our donors for their continued support of Life's orphan sponsorship program.

There are many orphans especially in places like Iraq and Syria who are waiting for sponsorship. Full orphan sponsorship provides an orphan with food, clothing, shelter, education and healthcare for a full year.

## Sponsor an Orphan Today

For \$55 a month a donor can provide the selected orphan with food, clothing, shelter, education, and healthcare in Afghanistan, Ghana, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, and Syria.

